

# The Quaker

A high school tradition for years.

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## SHS bids a sad farewell to Mrs. Elaine Haddad

By Wesley Lindberg

"A parent gives life and for some it stops there. A murderer takes life and his deed stops there. A teacher affects eternity; She can never tell where her influence stops." Adapted from Henry Adams.

The quote above is from the funeral service held for Mrs. Elaine Haddad by Reverend Jack Austin on Monday, November 28. A teacher here at SHS for her entire career, Mrs. Haddad taught for thirty years; this January would have marked her thirty-first year. During her teaching career she taught the following courses: Intensive Office Education, Personal Keyboarding, Record Keeping, Multi-Media 1 and 2, and Accounting/Computerized Accounting.

Family came first to Mrs. Haddad. She was married to Mr. Bruce Haddad for thirty-three years and together they had a daughter, Tara, who is married to Dustin Stoner. Mrs.

Haddad would do anything for her family. She loved horses and owned and rode show horses with her daughter.

Mrs. Haddad was deeply loved at SHS. Mrs. Schneider loved the way Mrs. Haddad greeted everyone with a smile and, "Hi folks." Her favorite memory of Mrs. Haddad was working together as class advisors on the Jr. and Sr. Proms of 1992 and 1996. "Mrs. Haddad was an elegant, giving woman always putting others first," Mrs. Schneider stated.

Mrs. Haddad brought many memories to SHS. Mrs. Haddad, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Hayes (retired), and Mr. Shivers comprised "The Four Musketeers of the Second Floor" in the early 90's. They were split up to the four corners of the school supposedly because they made too much noise. It is said that laughing and joking could be heard throughout the upstairs hallway!

Mrs. Hayes was what many would call Mrs. Haddad's

best friend. They would meet at the duck pond and talk about shopping, something Mrs. Haddad loved to do. During



teacher in-service meetings, Mrs. Haddad would sometimes fall asleep leaning on her elbow. Mrs. Hayes would awaken her,

abruptly pushing her elbow out and causing them both to laugh and disrupt the meeting. Mrs. Hayes doubts they ever sat and listened to a speaker for the entire time.

Mrs. Haddad's influence went far. During her career at SHS, she was the favorite teacher of many students for her kind, lighthearted nature. A former student from many years ago saw her obituary in the paper and called the First Christian Church in tears, telling them that Mrs. Haddad was the best teacher she had ever had.

Many admired her for her strength, including senior Joe Shivers who said, "I admire that she came to school and continued teaching students despite her illness." Mrs. Schneider also admired her for her strength and will to go on saying, "Mrs. Haddad was my hero."

Her will to continue teaching her students and her "never be down" attitude will be remembered by many. The thought of hurting anyone else,

physically, emotionally, or mentally, appalled her. Mrs. Haddad's overall goodness will be remembered always. Salem High School will miss, with great sadness, a treasured teacher, colleague, and friend.

Poem

I loved my friend.  
He went away from me.  
There's nothing more to say.  
The poem ends,  
Soft as it began-  
I loved my friend.

Langston Hughes



Mrs. Haddad and friends

## Senior Bryan has the "Wright" stuff for Michigan

By Tim Colian

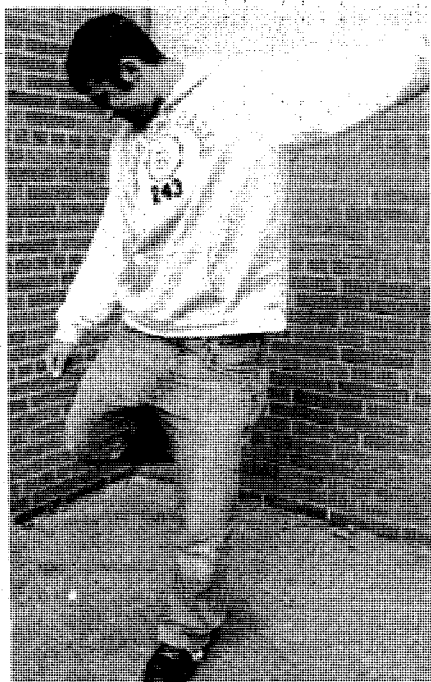
After a successful football career in Salem, senior Bryan Wright has made a commitment to accept a full ride to the University of Michigan.

During the past two seasons, Bryan has made 13 out of 17 field goals. Eighty-five percent of his kickoffs landed in the end zone, and he averaged 39 yards per punt. He was All-Sate as a junior and received first team All-Ohio this year. Bryan also kicked his way into the record books with a field goal kick of 57 yards. It also marks the second longest field goal in the state of Ohio.

It was at school where Bryan said he found out, "I received a call in school, during lunch time and I called the number back and it was the Michigan coach."

When asked about

how it feels, Bryan responded by saying, "I am very excited about



Senior Bryan Wright shows off his winning form.

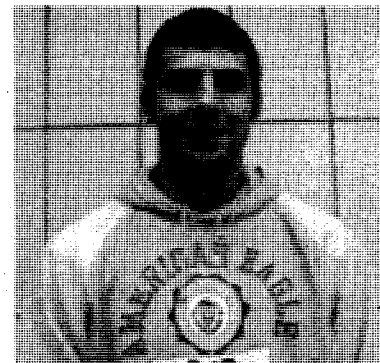
this opportunity." He also stated, "Michigan is a great school." His family is also very excited and happy for him: Coach Phillips says, "It's awesome and a tremendous opportunity." He also stated, "It's a great place for Bryan to receive a free education and to continue playing football."

Bryan says that he started to gain interest in kicking while in eighth grade. "My dad got me started in it because I could kick the ball far in soccer."

There were five other schools that offered Bryan scholarships. Those teams consisted of the following: Bowling Green, Cincinnati, Akron, West Virginia, and Marshall. He said he chose Michigan because,

"The coaching staff and the school are very nice. They have a great football program and outstanding academics. I really enjoy the campus as well."

We, here at Salem Schools, want to congratulate you on a successful four years here. We are all proud of you and wish you the best of luck in the future and while at Michigan.



Good Luck at Michigan, Bryan!

### Senior Kicks

30-39 Yards		3/3
40-49 Yards		2/4 (2 blocked)
50-59 Yards		2/3
60+ Yards		0/1
<b>Total</b>		<b>7/11</b>

# News

## Holiday consumptions

By Courtney Mercer

You might think of presents, decorations, and a new year when you hear the words *Christmas* and *New Years*. However, to some it means holiday parties. In fact New Years is the one day that almost everyone drinks, no matter what age. So it wouldn't really be a big surprise to state that New Years is the number one holiday with the highest percent of underage drinking, not to mention a higher rate of fatalities.

Underage consumption is a rather common thing for teenagers. A Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Household Survey on Drug Abuse indicates that 2.7 million 12-17 year olds have consumed alcohol about once a month or more in the past year. Some might blame this on peer pressure. Peer pressure might be the case for some wanting to fit in and be a part of the "cool crowd," but even so, 80 percent of high school students who have reached their senior year have already taken part in drinking alcohol.

Others might blame their reason to drink on things such as depression, saying a thing such as alcohol helps them become more active. However, this is just a ridiculous myth. Alcohol is a sedative which means that it would make you tired and relaxed, not more active. It's been shown that those who attempt suicide are also very likely to abuse alcohol, which means they might start drinking because they believe that alcohol will solve their problems. As the top drug for teenagers, it can lead to serious matters in the future. Those who start drinking at a younger age will be more likely to have future alcohol related problems.

Another reason for teenage consumption is merely bad parental influences. This is mainly via a lack of communication; those whose parents sit down and discuss alcohol will be less likely to consume than those whose parents don't communicate with their teenagers. Another case could be lack of parental support. Parents should not allow their fifteen or sixteen year old children to drink. Teenagers might be more likely to abuse alcohol if their parents don't care what they are doing, even if it is in their home.

What if that child decides to drink on his own and then dies of alcohol poisoning? What if that child decides to get behind a wheel while under the influence? A 2003 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) study showed that there were nearly 33 percent of fatalities related to alcohol on New Years of 2002. Last year this accounted for 41 percent of traffic deaths in which 17,488 people were killed.

This doesn't mean you can't have a fun holiday. It just simply means there are other ways to have fun rather than consuming alcohol and putting your and someone else's lives at risk. New Years can be a fun time; you just have to do things that don't involve drinking. Alcohol will never solve anyone's problems; it just makes them worse. It could also take someone's life in a crucial and terrible moment. So please everyone: for the holidays be safe.

## The moneymakers vs. historic beauty

By Brittany Mercer

Have you noticed how Salem is becoming a future Boardman? It's developing faster than I can say abracadabra. In just the past year we sprouted about ten new businesses. Ever since we accepted Wal-Mart, the small city of Salem is no longer small. We are no longer a nothing city but a city that's useful to everyone in neighboring communities. People from United, South Range, and even from Alliance come to do their daily shopping. Moving here my sixth grade year from South Carolina, I can remember Salem's main street and maybe an Ames store. Only six years later we have almost everything but a mall.

The fact that we have four Subways in a land area of 5.5 square miles may be convenient, but isn't it ridiculous? Many people think so. I believe the priorities of Salem are getting out of hand. What used to be a quaint little family dwelling is becoming a dog-eat-dog business developing city. The old fashioned nature of Salem (the thing that attracted me most to the town) is changing. I'm frightened that it is going to be lost to all of the moneymakers.

Salem is the kind of place where you want to raise your kids. It's the type of place where everyone knows everybody, and everyone knows everything. That can be annoying at times, but it's nice. I like knowing my neighbor down the street. I like being able to walk everywhere and being able to drive there within five minutes. The way Salem is stretching, it's no longer going to be that way, and in another six years who knows what it may be like.

Don't get me wrong. Wal-Mart is a lifesaver, Home Depot is just great, and I love Subway. It's just that I, like a lot of people, don't want the growth of our city to take away what's most important - the history and the uniqueness of Salem, Ohio.

## A letter to Santa

By Tiffany Jones

Dear Santa,

We students here at Salem City Schools have been working hard to maintain our grades, and we take pride in displaying great amounts of Salem spirit. While you're out visiting all of us Christmas Eve, could you please make a stop at our schools administration building and drop off a few items:

We would really appreciate a few thousand gallons of diesel fuel. We don't want any of our bus drivers to be laid-off during this holiday season, but what we really don't want is to have to walk two miles to school in the cold winter months. Some people are not so kind during this time of year and do not shovel their sidewalks forcing us to walk through snow drifts taller than some of our elementary school children's heads.

Another thing we would appreciate dearly is better insulated walls for our deteriorating schools. We might as well have school outside because the temperature doesn't change much from out there to in here. It's kind of hard to learn our times tables or about quantum leaps whenever we are more concerned about what the first signs of frost bite are.

Up to date technology is something we need in our schools. It's a fast growing world out there and how can our students in machine trades learn how to properly work with machines from World War 2? Or how can the photo students who want to major in photography in college be well prepared whenever the equipment they are working with seems to have been outdated since our parents used them in the 70's and 80's. Technology is a big part of our culture today, so how can we succeed in life without the correct knowledge of it from early on?

The thing we the students need the most is a levy to pass for our school system. We need money dearly to keep our school functioning properly and keep our students on a path of great education. Having a levy pass would truly be in the best interest of us students. It means not having to cut teachers which are the most vital thing in our learning process. Without our teachers we would be nowhere and if you even cut just a few it still puts a damper on our education.

Santa, we would really appreciate these items. Be safe on your travel through the night sky, and don't be afraid to be generous with each of us this Christmas.

Thank you,  
Salem City Schools' Student Body

P.S. There will a plate of cookies and glass of milk left for you in the home-ec room for all of your hard work and generosity.

## Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentoring the youth of Salem

By Doug Mondell

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America is the oldest and largest youth mentoring program in the U.S.A today. This is a great program for the youth of America. Founded in 1904, Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS for short) currently has 225,000 children ages five to eighteen involved in the program. The kids, or "Littles," needing guidance are paired with adult volunteers, or "Bigs," who have some of the same interests and hobbies. The pairing of adult and child has definite benefits. Research shows that children with "Bigs" are less likely to use drugs or alcohol, skip school or classes, or become violent.

There are two different core BB/BS programs, community-based and in-school arrangements. In the community-based program, "Bigs" take their "Littles" out to do things around the community and help them with skills to make it through everyday challenges. The school-based activities take place during the school day and the mentors try to help make learning fun for their "Little."

Salem's BB/BS program is an in-school arrangement. Juniors and seniors are recommended by teachers and are selected to be "Bigs" for elementary school students at Reilly or Buckeye Elementary Schools. The senior high students get together once a month with their "Littles" and have fun doing whatever activity might be planned for that day. In October the Big Brothers/Big Sisters met with their "Littles" and participated in recreational and educational activities. At the November meeting, the juniors and seniors had a Thanksgiving feast with their "Littles" at Buckeye School and then went outside to have fun at recess with the kids. The group will get together in December to watch a Christmas movie and exchange gifts. This program is a wonderful way to help out some of the children in our community, and it is a great activity in which to be involved.

## '05 gift giving gab

By Kellie Stewart

As the Christmas season looms nearer, there's one thing on everyone's mind - presents! Stores are in full swing, Christmas-themed commercials are on television screens across the country, and women are battering each other over the last of the toys that their kids have been hinting about since Halloween.

There are several items that are already deemed best sellers this Christmas season. The most popular of these seems to be the new iPod Nano MP3 player. For \$199.99 at Best Buy, you can purchase the pencil-thin 2GB version which can hold up to five hundred songs. The iPod Nano also stores photos, audio books, and built-in, full color games.

Digital cameras are also sought-after this season. Mr. Martinelli, who teaches photography here at SHS, recommends 35mm Cannon brand cameras. "Cannon is a quality proven camera," he commented. However, he also advises that they can be pretty expensive. If you're not looking to spend that much money, Kodak is another brand to consider. Their popular Easyshare series run as low as \$99.95 on Kodak's official website. All of the Easyshare cameras are simple to use, have digital or optical zoom lenses, and can even capture video.

Many teens are adding new cell phones to their Christmas wish lists this year. Camera phones have become very popular, and text messaging brings a new meaning to talking on the phone. With all the accessories and special features to look at, it's a hard decision. From Nokia to Samsung, there are a ton of companies out there to choose from. Not to mention the millions of minute plans that go with them.

We've all got our lists of people to buy for, and you'd think it would be easy to shop for someone you see everyday. However, eight out of thirty high school students surveyed say that they have a hard time buying presents for their own family. A whopping fifteen out of thirty said that they have the most trouble shopping for their significant others. Usually, you can tell what a person would like for Christmas by a his or her interests. Unfortunately, not everyone seems to work that way. This year senior Josh Fast wishes for "...world peace and harmony among all living creatures," while fellow senior Josh Bell would rather have, "A toilet made out of solid gold." Who could've guessed?

## Welcome to the jungle

By Josh Bell

Every student in the entire school has probably had the chance to step into our school library. Have you noticed that we have not only a large variety of books but also a vast quantity of plants? When you think about it, the library looks like a set out of a Tarzan movie with a lot more books. As the years have dragged on, I have noticed that the plants seem to be multiplying and that now they're making their way into the hallway outside the library. The plants have waged a war so to say on our school and are slowly taking over from the library and moving into the halls. I asked Mrs. Wrask for her take on this "Jungle War" that has been waged. She commented that the plants help us feel better, and they create a positive atmosphere and a tropical feel. Should students be worried of a possible attack? I hope not. The plants keep to themselves for the most part and just go with the breeze. But if by chance you find yourself going head-to-leaf with one of these tropical beasts I've prepared a small list that just might save your life:

-Consider your surroundings and wait for all faculty to leave the area. Then chuck the plant out the door and watch it suffer and

freeze (don't forget the evil laugh as you watch it wither).

-If you are attacked and left with only one hand to use, reach out and break off its neck. Follow with loud maniacal laughter while waving the top of the plant around.

-Tempt the plant with Miracle-Gro; once it is drawn out of its surroundings, attack it with a machete (if you could somehow have a machete in school).

-DON'T EVER turn your back when surrounded by a group of tropical trees! They have been known to attack at random.

-Curse and swear at the plant and explain your plans for world domination of the rainforests by using a garden hose and a rubber ducky (this tends to draw a crowd of plants around as well as people).

- If you feel yourself being taunted by a plant in the library, simply knock it over spilling its dirt across the floor and repeatedly taunt it.

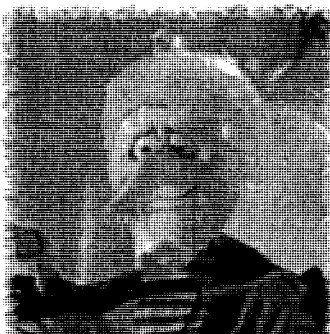
For the most part the plants will stay on their turf and mind their own business, but if you find yourself going round and round with one of these tropical demons be prepared for many detentions and a nice long talk with one of our guidance counselors.

## BURRRR

By Hannah Johnson

Some may have noticed and others may not noticed, but it is cold in our beloved Salem High School. As winter is creeping up on the city of Salem, it is very important to keep the school heated. Students will soon be experiencing the annual sniffles, and what better way to encourage sickness than to not turn on the heat?

It is a well known fact that gas prices are rising and it is a growing problem, but we can not put up with these conditions. There have been numerous complaints of how cold the gym is. Being a workout station, it is quite obviously not a good idea in terms of keeping healthy.



Snow Miser sings in the Salem High School auditorium while the thermometer plummets.

The gym room temperature is at about sixty degrees! Not acceptable. It must be hard to keep such large areas warm, but if rooms such as the choir room, auditorium, and gym will be used then they must be at appropriate temperatures!

Students walk the halls shivering cold or else with heavy winter coats on. Although Mr.

Hays is not in charge of temperature or billing, he reported that in previous years the school has always been at about seventy-two degrees, a reasonable temperature.

When contacted Mr. Larcomb, Salem City Schools newest superintendent, reported that he has heard of problems concerning the gym heating but hasn't heard of other complaints anywhere else around the school. He has heard the complaints and assures there has been no directive to turn down heat to preserve money. It was assured that when the problem was brought to

Mr. Larcomb's attention Mr. Hardy was contacted through e-mail.

Mr. Ken Hardy is Salem City Schools' Maintenance Supervisor. Despite repeated efforts to contact him regarding the heat situation, there was no response at the time this issue went to print. All that can be said is, "Zip up kids!"

## Best or worst Christmas gift

By Ryan Newell

Christmas is closer than ever, and that means everyone will be getting the best gifts under their tree come December 25. In the real world, however, not all gifts turn out as planned for. Everyone at one point has probably received that one present they hope grandma saved the receipt for. Then again, not all gifts are bad ones after all. Some Salem students and teachers were asked what their best or worst Christmas gift was. These are a few of the responses.

"The best Christmas present ever was one that came from my own pocket. My \$1400 computer that I built myself." - Justice Pash

"My television and my XBOX." - Brandon Yarwood

"My mom came home from being in the hospital on Christmas." - Sarah Skiba

"The worst Christmas present that I ever got was socks and briefs from my mom." - Fernando Labra

"I never had a Christmas present that would fit into the category of the 'worst present.' My family makes homemade ornaments and sends them to other members of our family. That would be one of my best gifts." - Mrs. Dye

"I got a box full of random garage sale items from one of my relatives." - Kellie Stewart

"For Christmas one year, I received a homemade sweater. The sweater itself was one color, and then there were other designs on the sweater that were a different color." - Meredith Shivers

"One year my crazy grandfather gave me his used underwear. The bad thing was they didn't fit." - Travis Smith

## Bad rule of the month

By Josh "the Liberty Protector" Fast

Happy eighteenth birthday!! Oh wait, it doesn't really matter! This bad rule was brought to my attention when filling out my computer permission slip. Regardless of whether you are eighteen or not, you can not sign permission for yourself to do things in school. I can vote, register for the draft, decide if I want to pollute my body by smoking cigarettes, apply for a credit card, apply for a loan, enter the military, and purchase lottery tickets, but I had better ask my mommy before I sit down in front of a school computer to write this article!

The exact rule taken directly from the student handbook in the front of the agenda is as follows, "The position of the eighteen-year-old student will be treated the same as all other students. You are expected to con-

form to all school rules and regulations. Failure to conform may result in counseling, suspension, expulsion, or exercising their option to leave the school."

Now this particular rule doesn't seem to mention anything about filling out permission forms, but there seems to be a problem with us doing that. I understand that all students should be treated equally, and I'm not suggesting that eighteen-year-old students can disregard the rules. However, I feel that if we are responsible enough to do all these other "mature" things that it would not be unreasonable to be allowed to give ourselves permission to do something or to sign ourselves out if we are not feeling well. We are legally adults... please give us the opportunity to act like it!



Seniors Tommy Jesko, Mike Manypenny, and Buddy Cramer express their different emotions as senior Josh Fast blows out the candles on his eighteenth birthday cake.

## Sick about vouchers

By Nikki Jackson

Look around you while you're at school, and you'll see students coughing and sniffing because they are sick. You have to be wondering why these students that are sick are here at school. Ask any one of them, and they will tell you that it's because they don't want to lose their vouchers.

We all know what vouchers are, and they are our best friends. For those freshmen who do not know what they are, vouchers are waivers that can get you out of taking a final exam at the end of the year. However, they are based on your grades, your behavior, and your attendance! Freshman are eligible to receive three, sophomores four, juniors five, and seniors six, and you can only use them in a class if the teacher allows it.

Personally, I can understand vouchers being rewarded for good grades and good behavior, but the problem is with the attendance part. Students want these vouchers so that they don't have to take finals in a hard class plus they get to stay at home and sleep. These students do not want to lose them especially because of attendance, and they come to school sick.

These students are coming to school sick and spreading illnesses around to everyone, students and teachers alike. It's not healthy, and before you know it sickness is going to be going around because of the winter months. We are going to have a school full of sick students and teachers or half the school not here and home sick.

I don't think that vouchers should be done away with completely, but the restrictions on earning them do need to change. I already said that it's good to grant vouchers for good grades and good behavior, but I think the attendance policy should be done away with. Therefore, there will be less sickness going around the school and more students staying home because they are sick. It will significantly reduce the number of students coming to school sick and spreading it around.



Seniors Ashley Kaley, Veronica Waite, Josh Fast, and Andy Thompson are making themselves sick over the Salem High School voucher program.

# Feature

## SHS vocalists in the spotlight

By Ashley Kaley

Lou Rawls, a gospel and jazz artist, once stated: "Music is the greatest communication in the world. Even if people don't understand the language that you're singing in, they still know good music when they hear it." All over the world people sing: some on a daily basis, some just for fun, and some because it's their career. We can all agree that everyone has the ability to sing, but it takes some talent to make it anywhere. Whether you have natural talent or you take lessons to improve your voice, it is hard work.

At school it's pretty easy to tell who the students are that excel in academics or in sports, but usually no one knows about the people that have talent

in other areas such as singing or theater unless you are constantly attending performances. We can all agree that school work, sports, clubs, and jobs take up a lot of a student's time, but doing things on the outside just for fun can also make for a pretty tough schedule. This is the case for two girls who are both students here at Salem High School and enjoy singing, theater, and dancing.

Kasey Wolfgang, a sophomore, has been singing since second grade when she joined her church choir. She's always loved to sing, but one thing that really helped her was getting the lead in the Christmas pageant at her church. Although she's been singing for quite some time, she didn't

start taking lessons until sixth grade. After high school she plans to minor in vocal performance and wants to continue singing at church and at weddings. Besides singing, Kasey loves the theater; her first show was *Gyps & Dolls Jr.* when she was in fourth grade. She was asked if singing helps her express herself or if it is just something she does in her spare time. Kasey replied by saying, "I think singing helps me to express myself. Every song I sing I try and relate it to something in my life. Singing is part of who I am. I just wouldn't be me without it."

Kaitlin Schoch, a junior, began singing in her church, and she also sang with her mother at a

mother-daughter banquet when she was four. Watching *Star Search* sparked her interest in singing and also the simple fact that both of her parents sing. Kaitlin has been singing for a while, but she didn't start taking lessons until her freshman year. This passion for singing is coupled with her passion for dancing. She has participated in dance shows for thirteen years now including school musicals and church plays. After school Kaitlin plans to continue singing in performances or just for fun, and she also wants to minor in vocal performance. Kaitlin also believes that singing is a big part of her life and without singing she just wouldn't be herself.



Pictured are Katlin Schoch (left) and Kasey Wolfgang

## Deck the halls with bouts of hostility

By Tracey Milchick

"What about Thanksgiving?"

"No, I actually want to relax on my day off."

"The third then. It's a Saturday and nothing's on the calendar."

"Yeah, ok. Wait! That's the day of the toy convention. I promised your brother I'd help out." At this point I let my head fall onto the tabletop, scaring a cat with the thud. My forehead rests on my agenda, my eyes wide, staring at the December pages.

"Then when are we going to decorate for Christmas, Mom? We're running out of days!"

She sighs and goes back to the laundry. "We'll think of something."

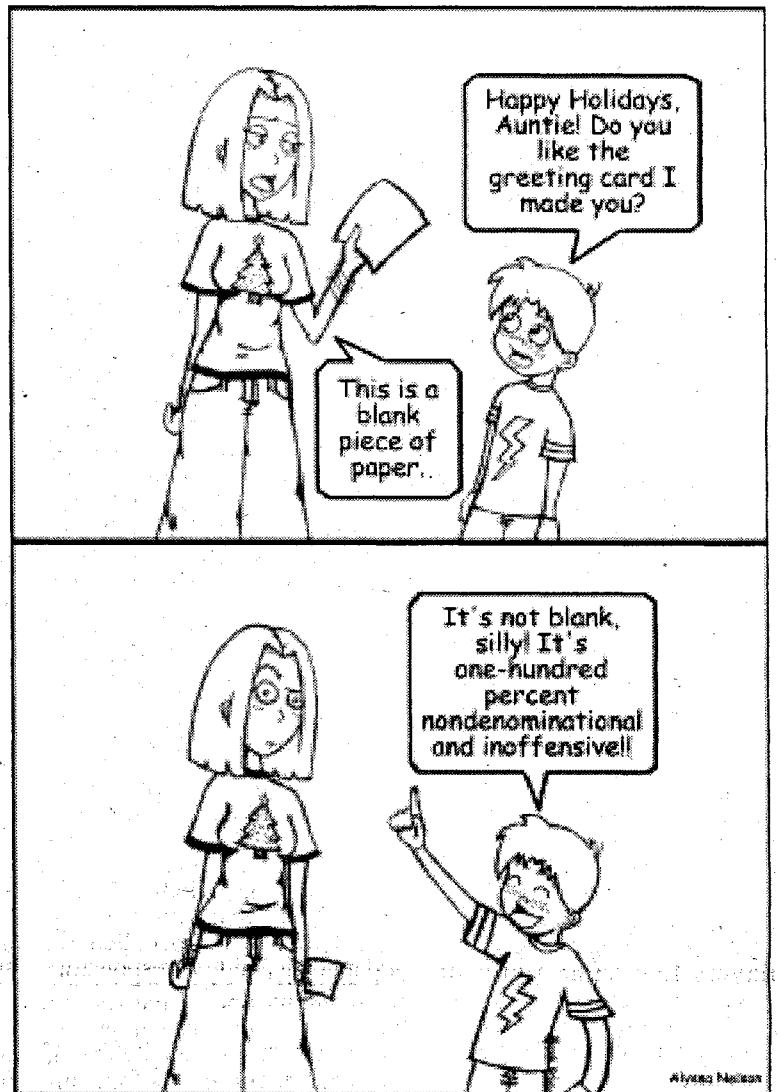
I'm sure that at many homes, decorating for the big holiday is as simple as taking out a knick-knack and putting it on a shelf but not at my house. First, we gather the novelties we display the other eleven months of the year and place them in boxes from the basement, the garage, or Aldi's. Then we must dust the shelves, vacuum the floor, rearrange the furniture, add on a spare bedroom, fix the computer, and throw away old leftovers before we can even touch the chipped Santa salt shakers, the evaporating snow globes, and melted candles. My mother seems to think I cannot figure out how to properly arrange the decorations. I'll arrange a shelf, and five minutes later there mom will be, "You have to keep the blue angels together!" Several hours and a couple Advil later, Mom and I are about to strangle each other with garland.

Later in the week the whole family treks out to get a tree. This is something my brother likes, but sees no point in doing: "Why are we looking for a live tree? Remember, over the summer I found that fake one on the road in Alliance. Can't we use that as a Festivus pole or something?" No, David. No, we can't. We eventually get the tree home; we drag it up the stairs, and (ta-da!) it doesn't fit. Dad cuts it smaller - it looks crooked, not to mention the gaping hole between the branches ("put it in the back"). Mom and I are left to decorate once again, garland and plastic icicles at the ready, and I don't mean for the tree.

At 11:30 p.m. I flop onto the couch with more Advil and a bottle of Dasani for my head that throbs in pain. "Tracey," my mother says, tired and annoyed, "when do you want to take down the decorations?"

## Cartoon Corner

By Alyssa Nelson



## 'Tis the season...but for what?

By Alyssa Nelson

Supposedly, it all began with a very special little boy. One frigid night in a Bethlehem stable, a blessed virgin gave birth to a tiny baby who was destined to become mankind's savior. His birthday, Christmas, marks the time of year when millions worldwide celebrate the goodwill and peace this child's birth brought to the world. Those who come from a Jewish descent, however, would rather celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Instead of pine trees and jolly, jiggling figures, they indulge in an eight day festival full of candlelight and reverence over their ancient victory against the oppression of Greek religion. We also have Kwanzaa which, while not a substitute for Christmas and established very recently, takes place around the same time and celebrates the African culture and "nguzo saba," or the seven guiding principles of life. There are also several different ways of celebrating Christmas itself that have nothing to do with religion. For instance, only one percent of Japanese people believe in Christ, yet almost everyone spends time doing nice things for others or putting up decorations.

Out of all these unique and multicultural celebrations, very few blatantly support shoveling money into buying expensive gifts for others or hoping you receive everything you ever dreamed of upon awakening one snowy morning in December. But this is the only tradition most people put focus on; take for example, Black Friday. The very next day after Thanksgiving, people literally claw their way through shopping malls and department

stores, hoping to grab that very last doll on the shelf that not only their child, but apparently everyone else's, simply must have for their own. And on that note, how many kids have been heartbroken when they've torn open all their gifts only to find that a certain videogame or a pair of expensive shoes is nowhere to be found?

Kwanzaa, Christmas, and Hanukkah - when you get right down to it, all advocate one fundamental thing: the unity of people and kindness toward others. This is what the "holiday season" was intended for, not angry housewives crawling over each other to reach toys or show-offish suburban fathers seeing who can cram the most lights onto their own house. The modern-day perception of Christmas spirit - *holiday spirit* - seems to have distanced itself from the elemental rules of "goodwill towards men," "Nguzo Saba," or simply the celebration of one's own heritage. The warm, fuzzy feeling so often romanticized during this time of year seems to have been dulled to a slight tingle only amplified by the receiving of presents and over-stuffed stockings. True, archetypal "holiday spirit" has all but disappeared.

So think, the next time you hear a caroler singing or a Salvation Army member ringing bells to help the poor, take a few minutes to ponder their reasons before you write your Christmas list. Call a distant relative and wish him or her good tidings before you send Santa your letter. It may be more rewarding than you think.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Latest fantasy sports craze sweeps Salem High School

By Joseph Shivers

Aide League (FOAL) lets Salem High School students live out their dreams of running their very own office staff. Players take the role of "secretaries," who must assemble a five-person "squad" from the existing office aides. Each week secretaries choose three of their five aides to represent the squad: one aide answers the office phone, another takes attendance slips from the school's classrooms, and the third delivers messages.

I am sure that FOAL will become an overnight sensation, and if it is anything like fantasy football, it will inspire heated competition among its participants. Since everyone involved will be clambering for some kind of edge, I have provided a brief scouting report. The opinions that follow are my own, and I mean no criticism to any of the office aides. Just as I know that I cannot play in the NFL, I do not pretend that I could do the demanding work of an office aide.

**Phone Answerer (PA): +1 point for each call taken, -1 for every 3 calls taken by secretary.**

During periods 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Mrs. Headland works in the cafeteria or Prospect School, and an office aide is responsible for manning one of the room's telephones. He or she greets the caller with, "Salem High School, student speaking," before answering a question, taking a message, or transferring to another line. So who should you pick for your squad?

Obviously the aide should be polite, but courtesy doesn't score any points in FOAL. The key ability of a PA is simply being in the hot seat

when a call comes in. Freshman William Beagle, a first period aide, seems like a good pick. First period is nearly always the busiest for phone calls because that's the time parents give excuses for sick students. And as Beagle admits, "I just take my time" when making a delivery, so his fellow aides (seniors Ali Calvin and Katie Winn) often let him stay in the office. But he, Calvin, and Winn alternate days of being PA, so Beagle really only answers a little more than a third of the incoming calls. I'd choose Aiman Scullion, a senior with plenty of talent and motivation. Says the self-effacing Scullion: "I'm sweet. I love being an office aide." Most importantly, he sits at the phone during 5A and 5B, giving him more time at the post than any other PA.

**Slip Taker (ST): +1 for every ten slips taken, -1 for every minute over five it takes to return to the office.**

In all but first period, one or more aides are responsible for traveling the hallways and grabbing the attendance slips that teachers fill out at the beginning of class. When the aide(s) return to the office, the slips are matched up against the daily attendance sheet to make sure no one is cutting class.

The best STs are the ones who do their job quickly and without any competition from the other aides serving with them. The seventh period aides exemplify this specialization. "We have," explains senior Bunk Mull with a note of pride, "this little team thing that we do." Bunk himself delivers notes, junior Evin Webb answers the phone, and sophomore Austen Hutten processes the slips after junior

Natalie Davidson has brought them to the office. This division of labor benefits Davidson, and makes her one of the best prospects for ST. Sophomore Jenny Cappuzzello thrives on the opposite strategy. She grabs slips only from the first floor, while junior Abi Seguin and freshmen Taylor Toothman and Stephanie Paporodis fan out to the more remote parts of the school. While Cappuzzello may not bring in as many slips as some STs, the other third period aides ensure that all the slips are returned fast.

**Message Deliverer (MD): +1 for every message delivered, -3 for each time recipient isn't in room, and +10 for every lunch delivered.**

The most embarrassing moment for office aides has to be handing a message to a teacher, only to learn that they have gone to the wrong classroom. On the other hand, office aides are at the peak of their powers when they deliver a packed lunch to a student during class. All of the recipients' classmates smirk at him or her, the teacher might toss off a smart remark, and the one getting the lunch can only smile. The office aide walks away responsible for lightening the class's mood, and creating one of those happy moments that carry us normal, non-office aides through our days at SHS. What's more, the aide single-handedly scores a whopping ten points. For this reason, the MD has the potential to be the highest-scoring member of your squad.

Seventh period's Mull has the advantage of being the only MD in his period, but most messages (and all lunches) have

been delivered by the end of the day. The ladies of third period each deliver notes to a certain part of the building, so none of them emerges as a star. It's hard to go wrong with the only four-year office aide in the high school, senior Kayla Niederhiser. She and the other senior girls (Katie Winn and Ali Calvin) will probably go early in the draft. The girls of second period (freshmen Kaelin Eshelman, Mistee Shadle, and Alli Ward) run a low-key operation, and they may stay under the radar. Grab one of them as a backup.

Of course, every game has its flaws. Critics say fantasy football places too much emphasis on individual statistics, and FOAL is equally susceptible to such criticism. How can anyone measure the intangible benefits an aide provides when she greets her comrades with a smile? How can anyone quantify politeness to someone on the phone? And what value can be placed on the dedication that characterizes the truly great office aides?

For instance, freshman Meg Marosher has the makings of a great office aide; she could have a solid four year career. But because she splits her time between answering the phone and delivering messages, she scores fewer points in each area than she would if she focused on only it. I'll be the last to say that the format is perfect, but I'm sure that that won't stop hordes of eager prognosticators from signing up via e-mail at [officeaideleague@sbcglobal.net](mailto:officeaideleague@sbcglobal.net).

Americans love the NFL, Americans love the internet, and Americans love fantasy football. The game's formula is simple: competitors select real-world NFL players to make up a "team," and the athletes earn their fantasy team points with their performances in real-world games. For example, Brett Favre scores one point for every twenty yards he passes, but loses a point whenever he throws an interception. That simple formula has given rise to a roughly \$100 million-per-year industry that includes not only fantasy football but also baseball, golf, and rugby.

I believe that the appeal of fantasy games comes from the way participants seemingly control sports stars. There is something emboldening about being the "owner" of a team full of professional athletes. Everyday fans can pretend to have power over the millionaire demigods they see on television. Nor is the fantasy concept limited to the world of sports: this September the Fantasy Fashion League joined other leagues based on film and music. Fantasy games can be based on anything, as long as they give players that same sense of power over their superiors. There is a group of people at Salem High School who could make for a blockbuster fantasy game, a group of people who inspire awe with their superhuman abilities. Students and teachers alike can only look on in envy as these people wander freely through the halls. "These people," of course, are the office aides.

The Fantasy Office

## 'Tis the season for family

By Keri Blackburn

It's that time of year again. Christmas break is almost here! Holiday decorations are being hung; endless holiday music is heard everywhere; and plenty of money is being spent. These are just a few examples of American traditions around the holidays. Without these holiday traditions would it actually feel like one? Imagine, it's December; There are no houses lit up with lights, no Christmas trees in the windows, no holiday music, and no shopping. It seems bleak, but do we really need all these things to celebrate the holidays? What should every holiday include?

Family and friends are something that should be included with every celebration. If you stop to think about it, our family and friends really are the center of the holidays. If every one of us were forced to give up these holiday traditions - the expensive gifts, the last minute shopping

and the Christmas trees - we still could celebrate with our families. We should use the holidays to take time to realize what really, truly is important. All around the world holidays have different traditions, but every country includes their families and friends. You don't need loads of money to enjoy this season or to make it "perfect"; just relax with your friends and family. Soak up the stories your elderly relatives tell and enjoy the time you have with them.

This season make sure you have a safe and happy holiday. Take time to think about what's really important, and show those who mean so much to you the appreciation they deserve. Each of us may celebrate differently, but in the end it all means the same. Happy Holidays! Glückliche Feiertage! Vacance felici! ¡Vacaciones felices! Vacances heureuses! Mele Kalikamaka!

## So This is Christmas

By Josh Bell

Ah, so this is Christmas, not a snowflake in the air  
Blinding Christmas bulbs, salesmen without a care  
Cranium pounding from all those repetitive tunes  
Driving you crazy forty-five days too soon  
Eggnog illegal, if you're under twenty-one  
Forgetting your girlfriend's present, now that's no fun  
Gambling away the shopping days that remain  
Hugs from the mall Santa, as security has you restrained  
Ignorant people doing drive by snowballings  
Jingling bells everywhere as you answer insanities' calling  
Kringle they call him, being all fat and merry  
Loves all the children, later arrested for being scary  
"Mercy!" screams little Jimmy from within the snow  
"Never!" cries big Susie as she kisses him under the mistletoe  
Opening Christmas cards from your favorite stores  
Pretending you're an elf in front of the midget next door  
Quiet at night, but not for long  
Revengeful neighbors torment Frosty on your lawn  
Snow finally falling, some feet at a time  
The carolers all singing, it should all be a crime  
Uninteresting conversation as the whole family is over  
Venturing out in the snow to find your frozen dog Rover  
Wondering and cursing why the millions of colored bulbs won't ignite  
\*Excitement from little Johnny as he gets the shock of his life  
You've done it now; you've gone too far  
Zesting and laughing away you tell the kids you hit Rudolph with the car.

LAST DAY!  
WEDNESDAY,  
DEC. 21

SCHOOL STARTS  
NEXT YEAR,  
TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 3

HAVE A  
HAPPY  
HOLIDAY!

# Entertainment

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

By Jessica Moser

It's the day before Christmas break, and everyone is in high spirits and talking louder than usual between classes. Above all this chatter is another unusual sound; it's the brassy sound of the pep band. When passing through the alcove, one sees the pep band playing familiar holiday tunes for all to hear.

When did this fun tradition begin? The pep band itself was formed in 1964 by students and is still student-run today. This year's group is comprised of Nick Anderson, James Drotleff, David Johnston, Brian Christensen, Damian Menning, Jessica Moser, Dan Huston, Beth Shasteen, Jessica Potesta, Steve Brown, Heidi Wilhelm, Connor Shivers, Kirsten Brayn, Jason Stewart and Ali Calvin. It has helped to entertain crowds at basketball games during down-time and to get them excited for the game with cheers and music. The tradition of playing carols in the halls began just nine years ago in 1998. The reasoning behind this was to help everyone at SHS get into the holiday spirit, which is somewhat similar to the original intentions at basketball games. It certainly seems to be effective, too. "It's just a fun change for a day. It also gets everyone excited for Christmas break!" states junior Jess Potesta. Fellow junior Abi Seguin agrees, "Having the pep band play Christmas music in the halls is a great idea." Teachers and students alike seem to appreciate in-class performances as well as when they are in the hall. Mr. Purrington says, "It's a great tradition to spread joy and holiday cheer to all the staff and students during the last day of school!"

Be sure to keep your ears and eyes open for the pep band on December 21. Hopefully they'll keep you humming carols all day long.

## Battle of the bands

### The Arcade Fire

By Tiffany Jones

The Arcade Fire is unlike any other band you will ever hear. They are best categorized as indie and hail from Montreal/Quebec Canada. The band consists of Win Butler, Régine Chassagne, Richard Parry, Tim Kingsbury, Will Butler, Sarah Neufeld, and Jeremy Gara. The group came together with the marriage of Win and Régine. Each of the members plays a number of instruments which makes their sound even more unique. They released a self-titled EP in 2003 and released their first full-length album *Funeral* in September of 2004. The band is not on a major record label but has had huge success through the internet. The band toured throughout the past year and plans on touring again in 2006. For more tour information and to listen to tracks off of their new and old albums go to [www.arcadefire.net](http://www.arcadefire.net).



Pictured above is The Arcade Fire; pictured to the right is Minus the Bear

### Minus the Bear

By Desiree Wright

Formed from former bands Botch, Kill Sadie, and Sharks Keep Moving, Minus the Bear, an indie band from Seattle, has gained massive amounts of attention from their catchy song titles and math rock beats. Members of the band include David Knudson, Erin Tate, Jake Snider, Cory Murchy, and Matt Bayles. Though you may not be familiar with them, these guys have toured with bands such as These Arms are Snakes, Cursive, and Piebald. Since 2001 Minus the Bear has released two EP's and three albums and are pretty serious musicians, but you'd never know it by skimming over a list of their song titles some of which include "Pantsuit... Uggghhh" and "Just Kickin' it Like a Wild Donkey." As of now, the band is touring in and around the Seattle area, but you can check them out [www.minusthebear.com](http://www.minusthebear.com), or at [www.purevolume.com/minusthebear](http://www.purevolume.com/minusthebear).



## Christmas en Español

By Tracey Milchick

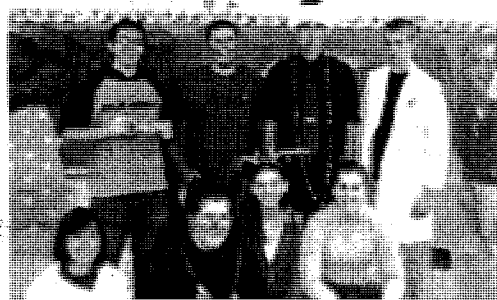
Many of my friends are taking Spanish IV this year, and I had heard talk of performing Christmas plays for a couple weeks. I decided to break from my usual study hall to visit Señora Neapolitan and her fourth period Spanish IV class. What I encountered was nothing short of interesting.

First I spoke with Señora about the project. Her two senior Spanish classes have been split into three groups to write, produce, and perform all-Spanish Christmas skits. The plays must be ten minutes long and will be performed in the school library for the other Spanish classes all day December 20. "It's a good project; they (the students) have to write and memorize the script in Spanish. It's a lot of hard work, but I think it's fun," says Señora.

I then turned my attention to the class: Josh Oliphant, Ron Louk, Cramer, Mike Manypenny, Emily Yang, Tiffany Jones, Chelsey

Heath, and Amanda Thorne. They were all working hard on their skit, "Rudolph," a re-telling of the classic story. Tiffany and Emily were busy duct-taping packing peanuts onto a white shirt for Emily's "Bumble" costume. Mike and Buddy were making a prop Parcheesi board. Josh was making the Bumble's cave, about which he commented, "Duct tape is a life-saver." The rest were painting snow onto their hand-made set. "Flicking paint onto the set is fun!" said Chelsey, who flicked some on herself as well. When I asked the group what they thought about the project Tiffany said, "We've been working really hard on the set and our lines. It should be a fun show."

The two other shows to be performed are an interpretation of Dr. Seuss's "The Grinch" and "A Gift to Change the World" written by senior Connor Shivers.



Fourth period Spanish IV takes a break to show off parts of their "Rudolph" outfits and their set.

## Silver screen reviews

By Bryan Sebrell

*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

It seems 2005 is a year full of movie remakes of books, comics, and older movies. Some were fantastic, such as *Sin City*, *Batman Begins*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Others, not so much. One of this year's last remakes, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, is a spectacular film with directing and visuals on-par with *The Lord of the Rings*. If you're completely out of the loop, this film is based on C.S. Lewis' first book of *The Chronicles of Narnia* series of the 1950's of the same title. And for those of you who have read the book, whether in fourth grade or just last week, you'll be pleased to know the film rarely strays at all from the book's storyline.

The film starts in London, which is currently being bombed by German planes during World War II. Four children, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, and their mother flee to their shelter. Like many English children during this period of constant aerial blitzkriegs, they are sent to a safe location at a professor's mansion in the countryside.

While playing hide-and-seek, Lucy stumbles across a room containing a huge wooden wardrobe and hides in it. Trying to find the back of it, she finds herself standing in another world: the beautiful, snow-covered fantasy world of Narnia. The scenery is nothing short of breath-taking and is quite a contrast to the dreary tone of the mansion Lucy once stood in. She meets Mr. Tumnus, a quaint simple faun who eventually mentions an evil witch who wants to rule over Narnia completely. After a few failed attempts, Lucy finally gets the other children into Narnia. It's not long before a married pair of beavers reveals to them a prophecy they must fulfill. With the help of a magnificent lion called Aslan and numerous other talking animals and mystical creatures, the Pevensie children begin their prophesized quest: to save Narnia from the rule of the ice queen.

Pros: Accurate to the book, realistic detailed CGI, excellent directing, beautiful scenery

Cons: Children's acting is sometimes dull and uninspired

Rating: A

## Tattooed with talent

By Desiree Wright

Meet Jason Irey, the man who claims Crayola's have been his best friend since he first started drawing at the age of four. His squiggles on the walls and paper would soon morph into drawings of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, women, and motorcycles; however, the real fun didn't start until he entered high school. He attended art classes that weren't even on his schedule, all for the sake of learning each of the different techniques. Instead of doing homework, he'd draw comic book characters and skulls on the walls of his bedroom which is something most parents would freak out about, but not his. "My parent's were actually impressed and used to show their friends all the time," Jason stated.

Jason and the other employees from Bad Boy Tattooing & Piercing have attended tattoo conventions in New York, Tennessee, New Orleans, and Florida. When asked what inspires him the most, Jason replied, "To see famous artists at the conventions, and to know if I try hard enough, I can do just as well." Currently, Jason has eleven piercings and a number of different tattoos which are connected to form one large design, but he plans on getting more of both in the future.

The aspect Jason likes best about his job is putting his artwork on people. However, in his spare time he also enjoys airbrushing, riding his dirt bike, and street bike. Jason thinks the art of self expression within society is accepted more today than it ever was before. Among his airbrushed paintings which are displayed in the shop, there are also others located in Friend's Roastery of downtown Salem.

For more information about Jason and his work, check out [www.badboytattoo.com](http://www.badboytattoo.com). A \$10 off coupon is also available if printed in color and used towards a tattoo of \$100 or more. Bad Boy is located on West State Street in Alliance.



Jason Irey

## Fall sports achievements

By Veronica Waite

**QUINTON TEAM**  
**OYS' SOCCER:** Brandon Benson, Justice Pash and Drew Matak  
**HONORABLE MENTION**  
**OYS' SOCCER:** Kent Paulini  
**AC TEAM**  
**OYS' SOCCER:** Brandon Benson  
**IRLS' SOCCER:** Zahra Scullion  
**OLLEYBALL:** Brittany Gregory  
**IRLS' GOLF:** Von Goll  
**FOOTBALL:** Jarin Heath, Bill Ellis, Marcus Grimm, Matt Jenkins, Johnson, Bryan Wright, Zach Kennedy and Boe Endicott  
**OYS' CROSS COUNTRY:** Aiman Scullion, Patrick Gorby, Paul Shivers and Mike Overholser  
**IRLS' CROSS COUNTRY:** Deidra Clary, Liz Shivers, Alexis Thorne, Lauren Shivers and Erin Murphy  
**4 TEAM**  
**OYS' SOCCER:** Craig McElroy and Drew Matak  
**IRLS' SOCCER:** Sam Yeager and Laci Meals  
**OLLEYBALL:** Booie Ravelli and Taylor Toothman  
**FOOTBALL:** Tyler Pierce, Tom Jesko, Ryan Mullins and Cory Wickman  
**HONORABLE MENTION**  
**OYS' SOCCER:** Jordan Nannah  
**IRLS' SOCCER:** Kasey Wolfgang  
**IRLS' TENNIS:** Rebekka Horn  
**OLLEYBALL:** Katie Winn  
**FOOTBALL:** John Lantz and Jake Pastore  
**DISTRICTS TEAM**  
**OYS' SOCCER:** Justice Pash (16<sup>th</sup>)  
**IRLS' SOCCER:** Zahra Scullion  
**4 TEAM**  
**IRLS' SOCCER:** Laci Meals  
**TATE TEAM**  
**OYS' CROSS COUNTRY:** Aiman Scullion  
**IRLS' CROSS COUNTRY:** Alexis Thorne  
**FOOTBALL:** Bryan Wright and Jarin Heath  
**4 TEAM**  
**OYS' CROSS COUNTRY:** Paul Shivers and Patrick Gorby  
**IRLS' CROSS COUNTRY:** Deidra Clary and Liz Shivers  
**SPECIAL MENTION**  
**FOOTBALL:** JJ Johnson

## High school runners compete at Footlocker Regionals

By Veronica Waite

On the weekend of November 25, eight cross country runners, who chose to continue training after season, traveled to Kenosha, Wisconsin, to participate in the Footlocker Regional. The eight runners consisted of Alexis Thorne, Aiman Scullion, Patrick Gorby, J.D. Winkler, Joe Shivers, Jason Stewart, Justin Roberts, and Ryan Griffith.

Our athletes participated in numerous races. Joe, Ryan, Justin, and Jason all participated in the Junior/Senior race. J.D. ran individually in the Freshman/Sophomore race, as did Alexis Thorne. Aiman and Patrick ran together in the Seeded Race. In order to qualify for the seeded race, runners must have run a time of 16:20 sometime throughout the season. Aiman commented, "The races host the most talented runners from thirteen states."

Patrick said, "The course is now one of my all time favorite courses, mostly because 80% of it was in the woods."

"In the early races of the day, snow covered the ground," commented Joe. By the time Joe, Ryan, Jason, Justin, and Alexis ran, the snow had begun to melt. "Fortunately the ground had not yet thawed, so the conditions did not become too muddy," said Joe. Aiman then added, "The spirit of this event, both on and off the course, was superb. For most runners, temperatures in the forties are perfect racing weather. With less than an inch of snow, the course was in really good shape. The course was fun to run."

It seems Salem wasn't the only group of runners to enjoy the race and its surroundings. Joe mentioned, "Participants in my race included a

group of bare-chested boys in Santa hats, as well as somebody eating a bag of potato chips as he ran."

"While on the trip, we went to a Nike Outlet, Nike Town in Chicago, and various places to eat, and we also got to walk around Chicago and see many high quality stores," said Patrick. The runners had the luxury of staying at two hotels and enjoying themselves in the hotel pools. Jason commented, "We really just had a lot of time to bond." All runners agreed that the trip was a blast, a great experience. "Although cabin fever began to set in on the way back to Salem on Sunday," remarked Joe.

Aiman placed 33<sup>rd</sup> and Patrick places 166<sup>th</sup> in the seeded race, which consisted of 362 participants. Joe placed 102, Ryan placed 117 and Justin followed placing 120<sup>th</sup> in a race that consisted of 337 runners. J.D. placed 143<sup>rd</sup> in a race among 311 other runners. Alexis received a trophy for her 19<sup>th</sup> place finish against 118 other runners.

As a senior, Jason commented, "I can't imagine a better end to my high school running career." Joe made a similar comment, "We got to end our high school cross country careers with a fun run."

Salem Cross Country members continue to make a name for themselves. Now back from their trip, many still continue to run waiting for their next opportunity to compete whether it be indoor track, track and field, or another unforgettable race such as Footlocker. Congratulations to those athletes who competed.

## Good luck to all of the winter athletes

From the staff of *The Quaker*

## Salem athletes break school records

By Veronica Waite and Tim Colian

This past fall season for Salem athletics was an unforgettable one. Eleven school records were broken between six athletes.

Senior Jarin Heath set four new career records this season. He set the longest punt return for touchdowns at 91 yards and had 17 interceptions and 16 receptions. Jarin totaled 1,677 receiving yards while at Salem. Junior JJ Johnson set two new single season records with 21 rushing touchdowns and 1,708 rushing yards. Senior Bryan Wright kicked a 57 yard field goal setting a record for the longest field goal.

At the Salem Early Bird, senior Aiman Scullion out ran Jason Julian's old record. Scullion ran a time of 15:39 beating Julian's time of 15:54.

Like brother, like sister - junior Zahra Scullion also

**Congratulations to all fall athletes and record breakers!**

destroyed a school record. She assisted nine goals this season breaking Kim Kilgore's record of eight in girls' soccer.

Senior golfer Von Goll shot a score of 36 at Canfield defeating her defending record of 38.

With a season record in tennis of 19/3, senior Annie Dombroski broke the school record of 18/2.

Congratulations to all six athletes who have broken records so far this year.

(( iS ))

By Andy Thompson

For the past four years, Salem Senior Josh Bell has gotten people together to form an indoor soccer team. This year the team is called the Intoxicated Squirrels. The team plays other local teams and clubs at the Sport Zone in Alliance behind the Carnation Mall. They play on Monday nights at 7 pm. The team does it for fun, but just like any other team, they like to win. "We're looked at like the really bad Harlem Globe Trotters; we like to mess around but we also get things done," said senior and head coach of the team, Josh Bell. You might have seen some of the team members wear their jerseys on Mondays. The shirts have the letters "iS" on the front of them. Seniors on the team are the following: Josh Bell, Andy Thompson, Brady Hank, Tyler Bender, Jarrod Flinn, Allen Bland, Nick Righetti, and Kyle Hartman. Underclassmen on the team are Nick Anderson, Dan Anderson, and Josh Mayer.

The members of this indoor team play in a variety of positions. Josh Bell is a starting forward and also plays defender. Andy Thompson is a starting mid-fielder and forward. Brady Hank is the starting goalie and plays defense as well. Tyler Bender is a starting forward and plays mid-field. Jarrod Flinn and Nick Righetti are starting defenders. Other player's positions are Kyle Hartman and Allen Bland as defenders. Nick Anderson is a forward and the back-up goalie. Dan Anderson is a forward and mid-fielder, and Josh Mayer is a defender. The team's record is 4-0 right now. They hope to keep up the good work.

# Quaker Clips

