

The Quaker

A high school tradition for years.

Volume 93, Number 8

Salem Senior High School

April 2006

Buckeye Boys and Girls State

By Tiffany Jones

Announcement has recently been made regarding the juniors who will be participating in this year's Buckeye Boys and Girls State activities. Congratulations go out to juniors Chad Cotter, Keeton Keefer, Andy Loudon, Soph Paparodis, and Greg Woolman along with alternates Robert Hergenroder, Sean McKee, Doug Mondell, and Tom Yuhaniak. Nathan Kish was originally chosen as a delegate for Boys State but is unable to attend. Jenni Fredrick, Aryn Hissom, Maggie Reedy, and Emily Yoder have been chosen to attend Buckeye Girls' State this year. Nathan Kish was originally chosen as a delegate but is unable to attend.

Buckeye State is run by the American Legion and each student who displayed an interest had to go through a strict selection process which included an interview with a member of the Legion. Before being able to attend the program members must go through an orientation process which the boys will attend May 7 at the Calcutta American Legion

Post. The girls will be able to complete the orientation online

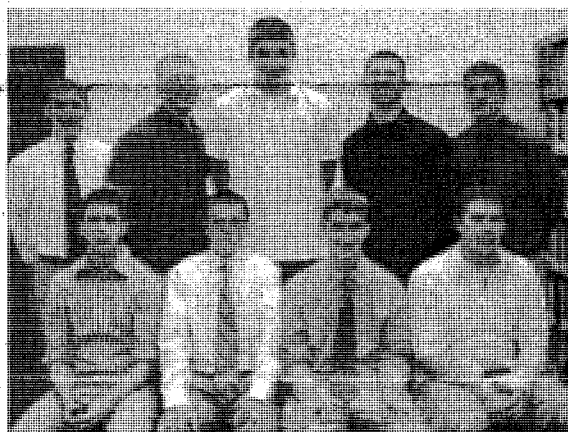
These SHS delegates will be a part of the Memorial Day Parade which this year will end at Hope Cemetery. Some of the delegates will be giving presentations. "What Is a Veteran" will be presented by Chad Cotter. Andrew Loudon will be reading "The Gettysburg Address." Emily Yoder will be reading the poem "Flanders Fields" and "Response to Flanders Field" will be presented by Maggie Reedy.

Boys State will be held June 10-18 at Bowling Green State University and Girls State will be held June 11-17 at Ashland University. During their time at each university the students will be shown the inner workings of our state and local

governments. Throughout the week there are speakers and workshops for the members to attend. Overall it is a great experience for all those attending.



Girls State delegates above include front row Emily Yoder and Maggie Reedy. Back row includes Jenni Frederick and Aryn Hissom



Boys State delegates pictured left are front row Soph Paparodis, Tom Yuhanic, Keaton Keefer, and Doug Mondell. The back row includes Nathan Kish, Chad Cotter, Greg Woolman, Sean McKee, and Andy Loudon

NHS food drive a big success

Mathus' class wins for a second year

By Paul Shivers

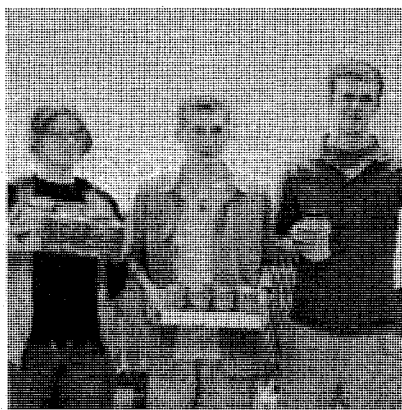
This year's food drive competition sponsored by National Honor Society was held from March 24 to April 7. Senior Josh Fast led the committee that organized the drive which collected over 2,000 non-perishable food items in the two week span.

The competition pitted each fifth period class against each other in a contest to see who could gather the most food items. The winning class, Dr. David Mathus' Latin class, brought in 832 items beating out Mr. Brian D'Angelo's social studies class (589 items) and Mr. Matt Ziegler's geometry class (292). Mathus' Latin class was rewarded with Papa John's Pizza on Friday, April 7, the last day before spring break. "It was almost as satisfying as help-

ing to carry on the Latin classes domination of the food drive," commented senior Joe Shivers of the fifth period Latin class which has won the last two years. D'Angelo's class wasn't without a consolation prize though, as their teacher exempted them from a test the day before break.

"The food drive was very successful...it will help a lot of families in our community this spring," said Josh Fast on the outcome of the drive. The food was contributed to the Salem First Methodist Church Food Pantry which is a tributary of the Second Harvest Food Bank.

The National Honor Society would like to thank all teachers and students who helped in what has become a very important and successful yearly drive.



Pictured above left to right are NHS senior members Tracey Milchick, Bryan Sebrell, and Paul Shivers as they box the food gathered in the successful spring food drive

Supporters rally for levy

By Doug Mondell

On Saturday, April 22 the Salem City Schools' levy committee held a "Walk for Salem's Future," a rally to support the 4.3-mill emergency operating levy which will appear on the May 2 ballot. This rally was held in order to raise awareness about the wonderful things happening in the Salem School System and to make the public aware of the reasons the levy needs to pass. If this levy fails the school system will fall into state receivership, and this can't happen!

The rally began at 10:30 in the morning at the Salem News parking lot, and anyone wanting to attend was invited. The supporters then began a short march around Salem. The march began on East Second Street, then proceeded left on North Ellsworth Avenue and then left again on East State Street, right on South Lincoln Avenue, and then ended at Reilly Stadium. Free red t-shirts with black lettering donated by Custom Images were given away to the first 150 students in the gate. These shirts read "My Future, Your Decision" on the front and "Vote Yes" on the back. Hot dogs, balloons, and refreshments were also provided. The featured speaker was Salem High School boys' basketball coach, Mr. Jeff Brink. Signs were also distributed to people to put in their yards to support this levy.

No one seems to understand how badly the school needs this levy. It isn't obvious to the public how dire the need is for the funds that would be generated from this levy. Falling into fiscal emergency isn't my idea of a great senior year, and I'm hoping that this rally made people see how important this levy is and how much Salem City Schools has to offer our community.

Mass media and yearbook classes attend Press Day



Members of the mass media and yearbook classes attended the annual Tri-County Journalism Association Press Day held at Youngstown State University on Tuesday, April 25. Press Day is an annual event and is open to all area high school newspaper and yearbook staffs.

In the past only the media class has traveled to the Y.S.U. campus; however, in recent years the organizers of the event have included important sessions and critiques with valuable information for yearbook staffs and their advisors. Both Mrs. Dye and

Mrs. Evans accompanied their staffs to the event.

Press Day is filled with a variety of activities. Students submit their newspapers, articles, yearbooks, or yearbook sections to be critiqued and to compete with other schools. Winners are announced during the afternoon session. The afternoon session also features a main speaker. The morning consists of informative sessions with area media personalities. Some of those included this year were the following: Frank Marzullo, Autumn Ziemba, and Dana Balash of WFMJ.

News

Not quite news, but finally close enough

The Home Stretch
By Josh Bell

So here we are in the last stretch of the race. You're coming around the bend now and you can see the finish line you just have to give it that last burst of energy and get yourself across the finish line.

For us seniors this is what its like, the beginning of the year is exciting, and it feels so good to be at the top of the food chain as far as students go in the school. Then you move on and with each passing day it seems more and more like it needs to be May 26th.

Senioritis is a disease that seems to be spreading rapidly through the halls of SHS. Wikipedia (the free online encyclopedia) explains what this is:

"Senioritis is a term used to describe the laziness displayed by students nearing the end of high school and college in the United States and Canada. Its symptoms can include slowness, procrastination, apathy regarding schoolwork, and a tendency toward truancy."

This year I know for one I'm feeling these symptoms and I know many other seniors just from looking around are feeling the same way. I don't quite understand why we begin feeling this way but I think it's just the thought that, "hey the years almost over, in so many days we'll be out of this building forever and I won't be looking back."

Classes start to mean nothing, grades slip to the bare

minimum, and efforts. Oh we shouldn't even talk about efforts. To seniors things start to mean little. Once April hits and it seems especially after research papers are turned in that seniors begin to care very little about school itself.

Senioritis spreads like no other "mental disease" especially when interacting with fellow students. The general mood breaks down and seniors begin to give the totally no caring attitude about school work in general. Grades plummet, attendance falls, and attitudes, ha, that's a good one.

So seniors with less than a month of school remaining what can you do to rid yourself of this "problem"?

For some possible solutions I spoke with our imaginary and helpful doctor "Dr. Phil" (absolutely no connection what so ever with the real Dr. Phil) about what we can do to avoid senioritis and ease our way out of the school year without falling to far behind.

Here is a small list I...um, Dr. Phil came up with to help in the final month of May for seniors.

-Day dreaming is bad do all day dreaming before or after class, or maybe while you're walking through the hallway. Just remember to keep traffic patterns in mind.

-During these warm conditions within the building

your mussels are relaxed from the heat and you'll doze. Try building a device that sends roughly 300-watts of power into your arm so if you do begin to fall asleep you will be will wake quickly.

-School work should still be done but if you feel the need to "forget" to do it then I can't be blamed if the teacher forgets to give you a grade or forgets their self control.

There's a few tips for you seniors who can't seem to wait till summer hits and you can stop hitting the books. If you need more tips other than that then I suggest maybe a pyschatrist.

Well that will pretty much do it for the year folks. I'd like to thank all of you out there now who took the time to read this exciting new series in the Quaker. I've had my ups and downs in writing these this year but all in all I'd say they turned out not half bad. I hope for next year that some brave soul will continue to carry out more news but always remembering that it has to be just close enough. Good luck seniors and to the rest of the school through the next few years. (I've always wanted to say this somewhere and it looks like I've finally got my chance and my audience), this is Josh Bell signing out, thanks for the good run, goodnight folks.

Spanish websites

By Jessica Moser

Mrs. Neapolitan's Spanish IV classes are doing something a little different again. This time they're not writing plays or making piñatas, instead they're creating web pages. You may be wondering why Mrs. Neapolitan chose this; she stated, "A lot of the themes will be on the college placement tests" and that "Getting the chance to make a web page is a good experience because you might need it for college."

Each Spanish IV student chose a famous Spanish-speaking person or historical event to research. They had to use the information to write a paper in Spanish. This required a good deal of time in order to translate and to make corrections. The students are learning how to use Microsoft

FrontPage to create their web pages. This is a new but fun experience for most. Senior Josh Oliphant said "Doing the web pages in Spanish has taught me to appreciate the hard work that goes into a good website. However, I would never want to do this for an occupation." Each student's page will have at least two links, and all the pages will be linked to one page which will be accessible through the high school's web page.

After all the fun of putting together their pages, the students will have to give a presentation to the class. They will be tested over the information they present. The web pages will be up and running by early to mid May.



Art students take top honors

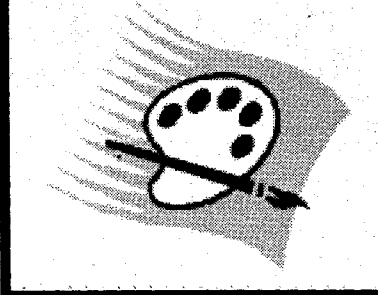
By Wes Lindberg

Miss Yereb, one of Salem High School's art instructors, has recently announced the accomplishments of two visual art students.

Scott Skiba has won the first place \$600.00 Charles E. Burchfield Scholarship Portfolio Award for Excellence.

Fernando Labra has won the second place \$400.00 Charles E. Burchfield Scholarship Portfolio Award for Excellence.

Congratulations go out to these outstanding young artists



Signs of summer

By Brittany Mercer

Super Nationals is to be held at the Canfield Fair Grounds May 31- June 2. It's a tradition carried out for twenty-four years originally in Columbiana it was called the Hot Rod Nationals. It explains on hotrod.com that "In 1987 the Super Nationals moved to the fairgrounds at Canfield, Ohio, south of Youngstown, where it remains today. The show hit nearly 2,000 cars and appeared as HOT Rod's main cover image for its 10th anniversary in 1988, and remained on the cover annually through 1992."

Super Nations often called Super Nat's is a way for people to show off their cars and drive around and just have fun. The Hot Rod Super Nations aren't just held in Canfield but are carried to Boardman where people cruise up and down the road. People sit in lawn chairs; people tape with video camera; and teens have fun. It's now not

just a place to show your cars. Super Nat's is basically a small town Mardi Gras where beads are given out, cars are raced, and music is blasted. Super Nat's is like a fair in the way that they have food stands set up everywhere you turn, and walking is just a way to see some people you recognize.

Car shows and cars that show off is just one part of Super Nationals. It's the teens, the food, the traffic, the sunroofs, the rides, the flirting, the guys, the girls; it's the fun of hundreds of people cruising at the same time.

To me the very thought of Super National is summer time due to the fact that it is the first week of summer. Super Nationals is a sign of the beginning of summer while the fairs are a sign of the end of summer. Both are similar, both are fun and both are signs.

Dances and delight

By Ashley Kaley

With the school year winding down, everyone has summer vacation on their minds, but there's always that one last thing that happens before the year is over. What's the next biggest day/night for seniors before graduation? It is their senior prom! For seniors it's their last big chance to make a great memory with all their friends while they're still in high school. For juniors, well it's a big deal since it's their first prom, and you wait pretty much all your high school career to go. Prom is a big deal for most of the people, but don't get me wrong there are still people that don't find it that big of a deal and could really go without.

The theme for this year's prom is "A Midsummer's Eve," and it will take place Friday, May 5, 2006, at the DiVieste' Banquet Center in Warren. Prom will be from 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. This year prom tickets will be \$25 per person. Prom parade is at 5:00 in the auditorium, lasting approximately a half hour. From prom parade attendees will be leaving the high school around 6:00. This year the voting for the prom queen and king will take place on the bus ride to the banquet hall. The pictures will begin at 7:00 with dinner taking place at 7:30. All the fun starts at 8:30, and the moment everyone waits for, the crowning of the king and queen will take place at 9:30. Prom will be over around 11:00, with the busses getting back into town around 12:15 A.M.

After prom this year is at Cedar Point. The bus will leave from the high school around 7:30 A.M. Obviously students will be spending the whole day and most

of the night at the park, being able to ride the rides or do whatever is there, and the students will return around 1:00 in the morning. After prom is open to any junior or senior; you don't have to go to prom to be able to attend the after prom.

To all the seniors that will be going to prom, make the night worth the while, and have as much fun as you possibly can. To all the juniors that will be going, have fun and look forward to next year's prom!

Enjoy Prom!

The prom parade begins at 5:00 P.M. in the auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Bad Rule of the Month

By Josh "The Liberty Protector" Fast

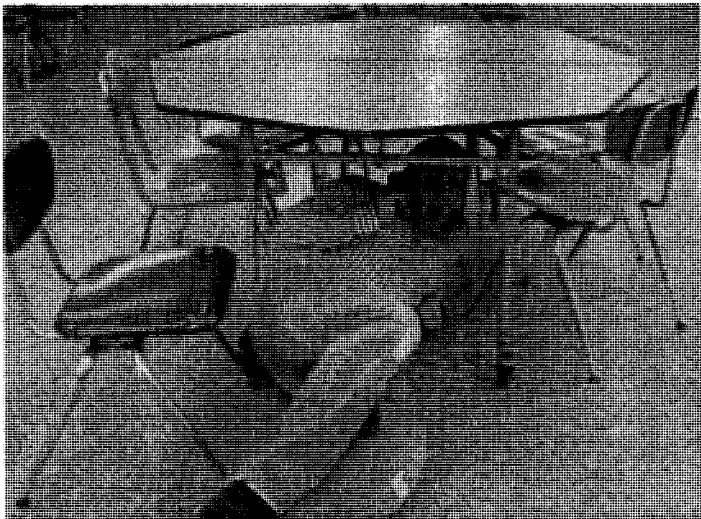


The bushes are an inviting place to hide when discussing foreign policy with British Prime Minister Tony Blair over lunch.

As I prepare for graduation and the end of my campaign as the Liberty Protector, I thought I had righted all the bad rules plaguing our school, but, alas, I hear a shrill voice from across the cafeteria. "No cell phones in school!" Now I'm aware that we should not be allowed to use our phones during class, but during our lunch break why are we not allowed to use them to text message or call our beloved friends and family? Last year the policy was changed to allow us to carry our phones as long as they are off. Why should we have to duck and cover under the lunch table to use our phone to call our parents? Isn't lunch OUR time to relax and take a break from our rigorous curriculum?? I

think it's time for another policy change! Our phones should NOT be confiscated. Who are we bothering??? Answer...NO ONE (except, of course, the people that get their "jollies" from making these outrageously illogical rules)!!!

On a side note, with the retirement of the Liberty Protector fast approaching (this being my last edition), I would like to appoint someone to take over and continue the fight on bad rules next year! If anyone is interested see me (Josh Fast) and the power and prestige of this position may be willed to you. The honored individual must be enrolled in mass media (*The Quaker* staff) next year. Goodbye and God Bless America!!



Senior Josh "The Liberty Protector" Fast ducks under the table for a quick phone call to the ACLU for support on cell phone policy.

Don't label me

By Desiree Wright

They're on the backs of cans at the store and clothes in our closets, but do they belong in school? Whether you have the latest in designer jeans or last year's thrift store finds, you're bound to come across a type of stereotyping I hate the most, labels.

Today it seems that who we are is determined by what bands we listen to, who we sit with at the lunch table, and the hobbies, sports or activities we take part in after school. There are labels on our CD's, labels on billboards, and pretty much anywhere else you can imagine, but should there be labels on people too? "Goth," "Emo," "Punk," "Scene," "Hardcore," "Straight Edge," and "Prep" are just some of the names used by our peers to describe us. Whether we agree with them or not, is it right? It seems that the person we really are is masked by the persona others have of us. When asked of her opinion concerning labels, senior Gretchen Wilms stated: "I don't agree with labels. I don't wear clothes to impress people. The way I am is because of my friends that I hang out with; that's my attitude. I wear band shirts because I like the band, not to tag along." Sophomore Andrea Dawson agreed with her saying: "People should get to know others outside of their group of friends before they judge them as someone or something they're not. Labels aggravate me."

Personally, I don't think I fit in anywhere. I have my select group of friends, but I'm careful about the way I classify myself and others. To me, we are all the same. Maybe our musical tastes are different or we shop at different stores, but that shouldn't matter because we're all people, and we don't deserve to be categorized. Rather, each of us deserves equal respect. Whether society understands us or not, save the labels for the cans.



"Who we are has been sidetracked by labels for who we aren't..."

Paula
Lowe

Point/Counterpoint: Prom

By Andy Thompson

Prom is a time which every high school student looks forward to in the upcoming years. It's a time when you get all dressed up in a tux or spend a day shopping for the perfect dress. It's always been a time when the juniors and seniors would get together and dance the night away. But, what about underclassmen going to prom? Should it be allowed? Well, in my opinion, I don't think it should be allowed. The prom is a special time which every student looks forward to during the middle school and in ninth and tenth grade.

If underclassmen were allowed to go, then it would spell disaster money wise. Cost would have to be much more expensive for everything and busing would just burn a hole in the school's pocket. Another factor about why I think underclassmen shouldn't go is the maturity level. It's the seniors' last

school dance, and we don't need anyone acting stupid. The juniors are the second oldest students in the school, and they are the ones who host it so they would have the right to go. "No matter who goes or doesn't, it is my hope that EVERYONE has an awesome time," says Mrs. Shadle who is in charge of prom this year.

There have been times when students would argue about it. They asked if it would be all right if they asked an underclassman to go with them. Still, it's the upperclassmen who are supposed to shine at prom. If underclassmen would be allowed then it would make the upperclassmen feel that prom isn't such a big deal anymore.



Andrea Mosher and J.C. Williams practice their dance moves for prom while Andy Thompson puts the moves on a lovely mystery gal.

By Josh Bell

As spring blooms into the air around Salem High School Prom begins to be a thought on many of minds. There seem to be so many things to consider, like what you're going to be wearing, where prom is, and oh who are you taking?

Problems always seem to arise when you being a junior or senior are dating a freshmen or sophomore, and you go to Salem and they are NOT ALoud to attend. But why though? Lots of other area High Schools allow the attendance of underclassmen if asked by a junior or senior to go to Prom.

We seem to be stuck in a hole as far as tradition goes with only allowing juniors and seniors to go. Now a day's many juniors many things including a broken heart in the end, and if they could take they're boyfriend or girlfriend to prom would be great.

With looking at things from the view of prom attendance from not only our school but others, atti-

tudes improving about the over all opinion of prom what's not to like about it?

Besides for the fact that freshmen and sophomores would be aloud to go to a function of only juniors and seniors if asked to be their date there would be no problems. We are mature enough to take classes to one another, attend a school, and eat lunch with one another I don't think there should be any reason why we couldn't all spend one night together. It would not only benefit prom itself but the school in the long run.

So dance to a different tune like many other area schools and boost attendance, morale, and spirit by letting your date be an underclassmen if you so choose too.

Feature

Cancer- a devastating disease that affects us all.

Part 3 Final
By Alyssa Nelson

Human beings are some of the most resilient creatures on Earth; we are adaptable, intelligent, and very, very stubborn. However, though a good portion of our success as a species may well be due to things like genetics and physical prowess, one of our most incredible and helpful traits is our emotional ability to overcome almost anything life throws at us.

A run-in with cancer, either as a patient or as a loved one of a patient, can deal a crushing blow to one's emotions. It may make a person feel confused, angry, afraid, or just plain depressed. Motivation and mood plummet, and life may look considerably less enticing. These feelings are perfectly natural and often can be resolved with help from friends and family. There are several ways of coping with cancer for cancer patients and their loved ones.

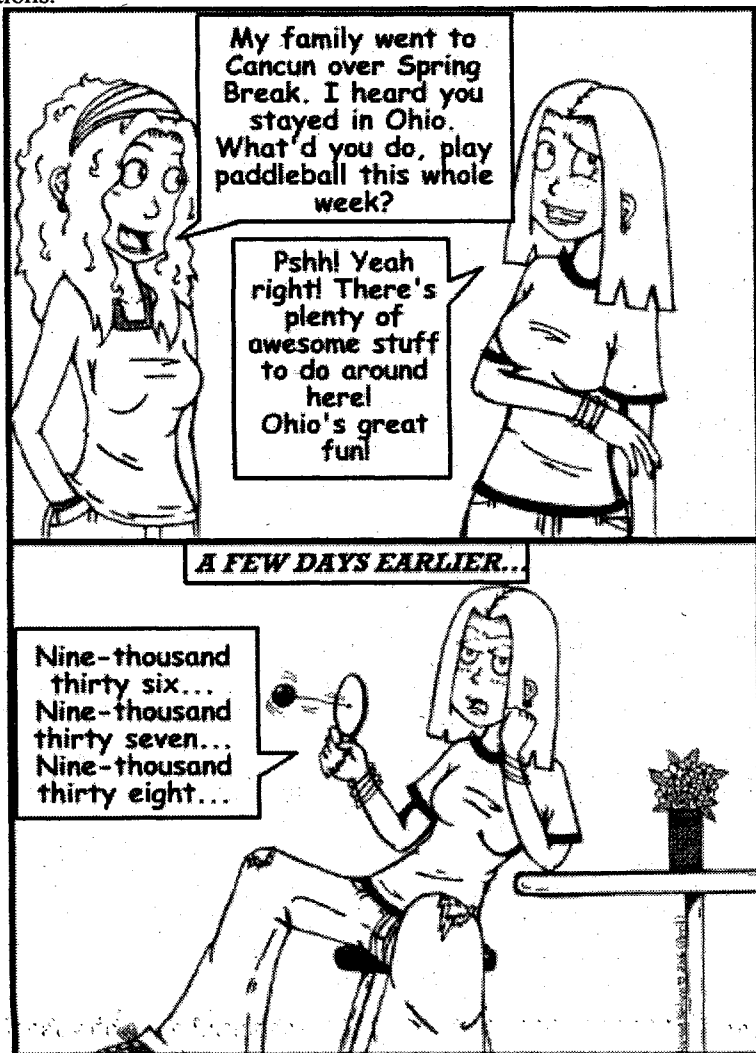
Talk to others about how you feel. There's no shame in having negative emotions in situations involving illness and loss. Most people are very considerate and caring when dealing with a topic like cancer, and being able to share your feelings with an understanding person is very comforting.

Listen to the advice that others have to give, especially if they've dealt with losses before. Your family members probably feel the same way you do; there's a good chance they've got some good advice on coping. Knowing that others feel the way you do can also help eliminate any feelings of loneliness or of being singled out.

Learn all you can about how cancer is affecting you or your loved one as an illness. The proper information is vital in coming to terms with the probable effects of cancer. There's nothing scarier than not knowing what you're dealing with, so arming yourself with knowledge is extremely beneficial in overcoming some of your fears and worries about cancer.

Spend time with your friends and family, do the things you've always loved to do, and don't be afraid to live your life to the fullest. Being active will help you feel better emotionally and less confined by cancer itself.

Remember, you don't have to let cancer rule your life. You are still a person, not just another patient or bystander. Take charge, and don't be afraid to confront your feelings. The first step to solving a problem is to recognize what it is, and accepting how you feel the way you do is crucial to being able to deal with negative emotions.



Rain, rain, go away

By Alyssa Nelson

There's rain outside, heavy and cold. Dark clouds hang overhead, opaque and oppressive. And throughout every home, people sigh, waiting for the weather to clear so that they could spend at least some of their time not watching daytime television. To some, this scenario is reminiscent of a dreary autumn day. To long-time students of Salem, Ohio, the setting is just as easily associated with their annual Spring Break; each year, our chance at having a break from the doldrums is spoiled by the crummy weather found in dear old Ohio.

That is, the depressing regional weather *usually* spoils one's vacation fun, for not until the later portion of May do we citizens of Salem typically receive enjoyable weather. But this Spring Break, Salem students found joy in the pleasant conditions offered by April's lovely warm weather. True, we had to wait a little longer than we're used to for our spring vacation. The comfy temperatures and full week of no school pretty much made up for it, though.

Many students complained about the long wait, but in retrospect, can you really begrudge the fantastic, rain-free climate we enjoyed for the majority of the time? I don't know about you, but due to my experience with the moody attitude Ohio's weather usually has, I'm more than willing to wait a few weeks for Spring Break. After all, there's nothing worse than waiting for a break all year, just to spend your days inside with Oprah and Jerry Springer while a storm rages along outside. It's much nicer to go out while the weather's calm, and save the midday talk shows for one of the dozens of rainy weekends you're sure to experience living in Ohio.

COUNT-DOWN TO FREEDOM!

Seniors
20 days

Underclassmen
23 days

Teachers
24 days

Earth Day

By Kellie Stewart

Imagine a generation that can't remember what it's like to experience clean, cool air or refreshingly clear water. Instead, the skies would be filled with smog and dust while the lakes and rivers were polluted to the point that trees can't even grow near their banks. How could anyone possibly want a future like that? One of the ways we try to prevent this from happening is by celebrating Earth Day.

There are actually two separate Earth Days. The majority of countries celebrate Earth Day on the vernal equinox or March 21. On this day, night and day are of equal length anywhere on the planet. Since a proclamation signed in 1971, the United Nations has rung the Peace Bell in New York every March 21.

The Earth Day that we celebrate, however, occurs on April 22 and was first held in 1970. Across the US, thousands of colleges, elementary and high schools, and communities participated, leading the event to become a yearly "holiday."

The huge success of Earth Day 1970 began to bring about changes both politically and in the way people thought of the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was soon created, and important laws were passed including the Clean Air Act.

Earth Day can be celebrated by everyone year-round. Conserve water by actions as simple as taking shorter showers or fixing a leaky faucet. Save energy easily by remembering to turn off all the lights when they're not needed and by watching your thermostat during cold weather. You can reduce trash by recycling as much as possible. Did you know that the average family of four throws out more than three tons of trash every year?

There are so many ways to give a little bit back to the Earth. Plant a garden, remember to turn off the TV before you go to bed, and maybe recycle something while you're at it. If everyone tried just a little bit, the world could be an even more wonderful place in which to live.

Stormy weather

By Keri Blackburn

It's definitely springtime. Despite the fact that the first official day of spring is March 20, there are other more obvious ways that spring has arrived. For one, there are birds! You can see them flying and hear them chirping, which I certainly didn't notice in the dead of winter. Also, the grass is no longer that dead, crunchy, brown color; it's now a lush green, and some people have even started to mow. To me though, the spring storms are a distinct sign that the weather has changed. Whether it's a light shower or a crazy thunderstorm, I love them.

It came as a surprise to me that not all people like thunderstorms. Senior Ashley Kaley stated, "Thunderstorms are not my favorite things in the world. I've never liked them for the simple reason that I don't like the noise of the thunder and seeing the lightning scares me, even the little ones are horrid." I guess that I can understand why some are afraid or don't like the storms because some are quite frightening.

For me, I am complexly relaxed by the storms. The thunder and lightning seem to wash out all the dirty things that day-to-day life brings and to rejuvenate nature. I love to lie in my bed at night and listen to the anger of the storms and watch the flashes of light, knowing that I am mostly safe in my bed. I don't have one particular reason for loving storms;

they're kind of like that thing that can cause a lot of danger but are so exciting because of that factor. Junior Doug Mondell also shares my love for storms. He commented, "I don't know why I love thunderstorms. Maybe it's because of the rolling crashing thunder or the flashes of lightning or maybe even the rain. But I get excited whenever I hear a thunderstorm is predicted."

Whether you also love storms or you absolutely detest them, it's a sure sign that spring is here. So, either take cover under your parent's bed or relax in a comfortable chair because it's spring and the stormy weather is coming.



18- is it a magical number?

By Nikki Jackson

The magical number of eighteen. I'm not talking about "lucky seven" or anything like that. I'm talking about age and turning eighteen years old. At the age of thirteen most teens look forward to their "sweet sixteenth" birthday. After they turn sixteen they begin looking forward to and counting down the days until they turn eighteen. *Eighteen.* This is the number that for most young teens sings like heavens' angels. It's like a soft lullaby to their ears. It's the number that makes them a legal adult.

But, is it really a magical number? Ask anyone who has yet to turn eighteen and they will tell you yes, it's magical. Sophomore Dani Jackson said, "I think turning eighteen will be a nice treat since I can vote and all." After asking several underage teens I figured out they mostly can't wait until they're eighteen because they will be legal, they can buy tobacco products, they can buy lottery tickets, they can gamble, they can get into "inappropriate" clubs, they can get tattoos and piercings their parents wouldn't let them have before, they can vote, and they can move out and live on their own.

Now is it really all that great? Ask anyone who has already turned eighteen and most of them will tell you no. According to senior Ashley Kaley, "Everyone makes such a big deal about turning eighteen because there's so much you can supposedly go out and do, but when it comes time there really isn't anything special about it. It's just another year."

I, personally, used to be one of the many teens who thought turning eighteen would

be magical, great, and different. And let me tell you, I was so disappointed when I finally turned eighteen. It wasn't any different from any other day or birthday. I felt the same as the day before. I didn't perceive things differently or anything. I wasn't any smarter than before. Nothing had changed; nothing was different. I got to thinking about it. Honestly, why was I looking forward to that day so much? What was it I was expecting? A miracle?

I couldn't keep myself from thinking about it. I don't smoke so I wasn't going to be buying tobacco products and the new privilege meant nothing to me. I could buy lottery tickets and gamble, but I wouldn't want to waste all my money away on that. I could move out on my own, but I'd be leaving and walking out on my family and that wasn't going to happen. Besides I'll be leaving for college in August anyway. The only thing that I could really do was vote and make a difference that way. I was really surprised and disappointed when turning eighteen ended up not being what I had imagined.

I never realized how much I had yet to grow up and mature. Things that normally weren't anything real big, I could now spend time in jail for. The simplest things suddenly became big things, and I had to learn to be careful.

Now, don't get me wrong; turning eighteen is a big deal and has some advantages. However, it sure wasn't how I had always pictured things. Things changed a little bit, but no huge changes took place. I was just another year older, and that was pretty much all.

Bunnies, candy, eggs, oh my!

By Ashley Kaley

Bunnies, eggs, candy, baskets - as we all know, these are all signs of Easter or spring festival which some like to call it. The Easter egg is used as a symbol which shows rebirth in most of the cultures, and thanks to the Germans, we now have the Easter bunny as the most popular symbol related to Easter. It was brought to America during the Civil War. Many Americans ignored this symbol until after the war, which also relates to the slow Easter celebrations until after the war.

The typical Easter day would most likely consist of children finding eggs and possibly their baskets which are usually filled with all kinds of candy and treats. Easter is also a time when the family gets together to have a wonderful Easter dinner and occasionally do more Easter ac-

tivities. Although different types of people see Easter in different ways, the more religious people view Easter as the time to reaffirm their faith. Others like to treat it as a great celebration to the end of the long winter months and a welcome to spring. Like any other holiday, Easter has its share of colors; the most well known colors are the pastels, which are typically found on the Easter eggs and the baskets themselves.

Believe it or not, this spring festival hasn't always been called "Easter." At one time they simply just called it the spring festival where it was celebrated all over the world. The word Easter originated from the Saxon Eostre, which is the name of the Phoenician Goddess of the Moon, Astarte.

E3, unless you're obsessed about video games, you probably have no idea what it is. E3 stands for the Electronic Entertainment Expo, the largest video game event of the year. This is where all of tomorrow's games are revealed and played by the press and those lucky fans who manage to get in. This year will be one of the biggest yet with all three major gaming companies dishing out their next gen hardware.

S o n y, Nintendo, and Microsoft are all showing off their next gen game systems. Microsoft is the only one to make it to market; however, the price of the Xbox 360 has driven many potential consumers away. Sony and Nintendo have both promised for their next gen systems to be playable at E3, which signals the true start of the next gen console wars.

Nintendo is said to be the largest attraction at this year's E3 by many large gaming websites. Everyone is curious as to how Nintendo's new controller will work for gaming. Nintendo owns the largest floor space at E3 this year and will be showcasing games for four different consoles. Nintendo has been very secretive about their next system, with the controller only being revealed a few months ago. E3 2006 is where Nintendo is expected to reveal much if not all information about the Revolution.

Sony is expected to be the second largest attraction at E3 2006, with the PS3 finally getting

E3 2006 preview

By Wesley Lindberg

some playable demos. The finalized PS3 controller is also expected to be revealed at E3, after a year of people laughing at the boomerang shape of the original prototype controller. The big game for the PS3, a new GTA, is not expected to be shown at E3 this year. Rockstar has no booth on the show floor, and a private meeting room is only a rumor. Firmware updates are expected for the PSP, something that the tech savvy PSP owners are not happy about.

Microsoft is expected to be low key at E3 this year showing off some games for the Xbox 360 and not much else. However, much speculation is going around the internet of Microsoft revealing Halo 3 as a surprise to draw in some crowds. However, nothing has been confirmed. Gears of War is one of the big games at Microsoft's

booth, with incredible graphics and an FPS fanbase waiting for anything to play it is sure to draw a crowd.

As always, rumors are everywhere about E3 ranging from the business possible to the fanboy insane. Halo 3 is a big possibility at E3 2006; however, Sega fanboys predictions of another Sega console are nowhere near likely.

E3 2006 will be an E3 to remember. Those looking for more information as it approaches May 10 can find news at nearly any major gaming website or pick up any major gaming magazine a month or so later.



Something smells at SHS

By Tracey Milchick

It's the end of April: only one month of school left until absolute freedom. Spring has sprung, and the scent of summer is nearing. Wait a minute... those are definitely *not* the smells of pools and fresh-cut grass creeping up my nostrils. Could that smell be YOU!?

After four years, I am all too well experienced with the many smells, however unpleasant they may be, of Salem High School. I've broken down the types of smells you may encounter for the remainder of your high school career and how best to avoid these foul fragrances.

Body Odor: This is the most problematic of all stench. Body odor is caused by two main things (in high school at least), and neither are all too lovely. The first reason seems to be caused by the simple fact that some students are simply not bathing as often as they should. Now with the warm weather approaching...let's face it, those sweat glands are pretty active. A daily bath or shower is very much needed. Rubber Ducky misses you, so I'm sure if you search, you'll find that bathtub again, and maybe some soap and shampoo too. The other reason for this famous B.O. is one of which I am sure we are all guilty: re-wearing clothes. I'll give some benefit of the doubt on this because sometimes there just isn't time to get clothes washed before you need them again. That doesn't mean, however, that you can wear the pair of jeans with the ketchup stain and that crusty shirt for two weeks.

"You-need-an-Altoid" Breath: This problem is more controllable than others. Classmates will only notice this when you speak directly to them at a close distance. The easiest solution is to

cover your head and stop talking. But for all of you gabbers out there, be sure to brush your tongue. Yeah, you read it right. Most bad breath is caused by germs on your tongue, not your teeth. (That doesn't mean to forget about them.) You can carry some Altoids or Orbit with you too. And for those of you who must deal with friends ignorant of disagreeable aromas, try to nonchalantly offer gum not only to the offender, but others as well, so as not to cause any hurt feelings.

Flip-Flop Feet: Where's the Odor-Eater when you need it? Fine weather may have blessed our corner of Ohio, and no one will think it odd that flip-flops be worn by everyone and his brother. Keep in mind, though, that sandals are smelly business. Your feet are bound to sweat after being cooped up in your Chuck Taylor's all winter, and it's likely someone is bound to notice. Give your feet some pampering with pumice stone and powder before strutting out the door in the morning, and your feet will dazzle from under your desk.

The Perfumes: I am a girl. And being such, I, not unlike the rest of the female population of SHS, like to smell "pretty." A nice scent is most easily obtained by the use of body sprays and perfumes. And while some of these sprays help to alleviate any ghastly odors that may be lurking in the classrooms, way too many of these sprays not only choke out other scents but also anyone catching a whiff of it. Some girls practically bathe in every product that Bath & Body Works has to offer and have succeeded in killing all sense of smell they had left causing them to lay the perfume on even thicker. For nostril's sake stop this nonsense.

Entertainment

Actors spotlight: Kevin Spacey

By Ryan Newell

In today's society, great actors are never given the credit they deserve. I'm sure everyone has seen at least one movie that has featured Kevin Spacey, but after the movie ends, nobody seems to care who the actor was. Without a doubt, Kevin Spacey is one of the greatest actors of all time, and most people would agree with this statement (I believe his two Oscars speak for themselves).

Kevin Spacey was born Kevin Spacey Fowler on July 26, 1959, in South Orange, New Jersey. As a child he was sent to Northridge Military Academy after burning down his sister's tree house. Only a few months had past when he was then kicked out of the academy for throwing a tire at a fellow student's head. Luckily during his senior year Kevin got the lead role in his school's production of *The Sound of Music*.

After two years at Julliard, Spacey left the school to join the New York Shakespeare Festival. In 1981 he appeared as a messenger in a production of *Henry VI*. Spacey made his feature film debut in the 1986 film *Heartburn*, which he then followed with several television and stage appearances. His greatest stage achievement came when he won a Tony Award for his performance on Broadway in Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers*.

The early 1990's featured Kevin in many supporting parts in films including *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *Consenting Adults*, and *The Ref*. In 1994, he gained critical attention in the film *Swimming with Sharks*. This success was followed by a phenomenal year in 1995 with three outstanding performances. In *Outbreak* he had another good supporting part; in *Seven* and *The Usual Suspects* he shocked audiences with the two surprise endings. For his performance as Verbal Kent in *The Usual Suspects*, Spacey won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.



Kevin Spacey

The rest of the 90's proved to be a great year for Spacey. He followed his Oscar winning role with the films *A Time to Kill*, *L.A. Confidential*, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, *The Negotiator*, *Hurlyburly*, *A Bug's Life*, and *The Big Kahuna*. However, he returned to the Oscar's spotlight with his amazingly stunning performance in the 1999 film *American Beauty*. In addition to the film's wins including Best Picture, Spacey won his second Oscar, this time for Best Actor. The same year he received a Tony Award nomination for his performance in the play *The Iceman Cometh*.

Kevin started out the New Year in 2000 with the films *Ordinary Decent Criminal* and *Pay It Forward*. He followed those with more recent performances in *The Shipping News*, *The United States of Leland*, and *The Life of David Gale*. My personal favorite, however, was the 2004 film *Beyond the Sea* in which Kevin played the great singer Bobby Darin (most famous for "Mack the Knife").

Next up for Spacey is the long waited film *Superman Returns*, in which he plays the villain Lex Luthor. After that look for the film *Edison* that co-stars Morgan Freeman. In the future it's most likely Spacey will return to the stage, being that he is a frequent performer at London's Old Vic Theatre. As for more Oscar-worthy roles, don't count out the great Kevin Spacey anytime soon.



Silent Hill, the horror movie adaptation of the video games of the same name, made \$20.2 million at the box office the weekend it was released. I saw it myself, and it is terrifying as the games, and succeeds in recreating the games' unique and

eerie atmosphere. If anything, see it only for the terror known as Pyramid Head, pictured above. -Bryan Sebrell

The battle of the bands

The Academy Is...

By Tiffany Jones

The Academy Is - is an alternative rock band coming from Chicago, Illinois. Before TAI was started lead singer William Beckett and guitarist Mike Carden were in rival bands and couldn't stand being around one another. However, their other bands died out and William and Mike wanted to get serious with their music so they put their differences aside, got an apartment, and started writing. After writing amazing lyrics they added Tom Conrad on guitar, Adam Siska on bass, and Andy "the butcher" Mrotek on drums and The Academy was formed. They came out with their self-titled EP in 2003 and were signed to Fueled By Ramen Records. In mid 2005 they released *Almost Here*. The guys have been on tour non-stop since then and plan to play on the main stage at Warped Tour this summer. They recently wrapped up the Truckstops and Statelines tour and while on the road they released an EP titled *From the Carpet*. After Warped this summer TAI plans to sit down and create their next album. For more information go to www.theacademyis.com and for Warped Tour dates go to www.warpedtour.com.

Hoods

By Desiree Wright

Hoods is a hardcore band from Sacramento, California, who set out a decade ago to prove that they could outlast the misleading ideals which have originated within the hardcore scene today. Hoods conveys a message of angst which most people can relate to and encourages their listeners to believe in themselves, not any certain religion or faith. To date, the band has released six CD's; their latest entitled *The King Is Dead* concentrates on the recent exploitation of the hardcore scene. Other albums such as *Pray For Death* speak of the negative impact of alcohol and drug addiction as well as betrayal and corruption. The band is made up of vocalist Ben Garcia, guitarist Mike Hood, bassist Nate Vicious, and drummer "White Boy" Ben. In May, Hoods will travel to Belgium, Holland, and Germany to continue the spread of their outlasting legacy. For tour dates, pictures and everything Hoods has to offer, visit www.myspace.com/sacthoods.

Fads in teen music

Fads in teen music

By Courtney Mercer

Remember the days when you worshiped Backstreet Boys, the days when they were so popular? You had all of their posters, told all of your friends that Nick was like so totally yours. Don't lie; you know you did. Now when anyone mentions them you swear up and down "Omg, I never listened to the Backstreet Boys!!" The Backstreet Boys, the band that sold over 14 million CD's in 1997, are now ridiculed and made fun of. Now it seems in America as soon as you become famous you become infamous. Music fame never lasts past two years because as soon as it comes in it comes out. Why is it that in such a short period of at least ten years the taste of our music has changed so incredibly much? We seem to have moved from country to pop to rap to punk rock.

How can one keep up with the fads that are changing in such a fast rate? Who's behind the decision making on what type of music is "in" anyway, and why do so many people feel the need to follow? These are the questions that I have been asking myself over the years; after all I believe when you like a certain type of music you should stick to it. You shouldn't hop from one genre to another genre depending on what is most popular. If you like country or jazz or even heavy metal music, you shouldn't let other people influence your opinions. I don't like the word poser because, after all, I don't believe anyone nowadays is what they pretend to be. However, doesn't it seem like everyone is well "posing," pretending to like a certain types of music? For whatever reason, the main reason even possibly being the need to fit in?

I believe that one shouldn't be ashamed on what they happen to like. I'm not ashamed of what type of music I like. With or without your opinions my favorite band will always be my favorite band until at least I find my own reason to quit liking them as a band. I'm not going to deny listening to certain types of music back in the day. It shouldn't matter what is "in" or what isn't. In a couple of years just watch; your favorite type of music will be in again, and those who claimed to not listen to it will then claim to completely adore it. Don't be a part of these routines. Be an individual, and stick to what you like not what the majority claims to like.

Silver screen reviews

By Bryan Sebrell

The Benchwarmers is a movie centered around the age-old conflict between wimpy nerds and the tough bullies who torment them every day at schools with wedgies, wet willies, and swirlies. After defending a helpless kid from a bunch of ruthless pre-teen baseball players, three adult friends get caught up in a game against the bullies. Tommy and Clark (played by David Spade and Jon Heder) are the ultimate geeks: Tommy is half the age of *The Forty Year Old Virgin* and twice as pathetic, complete with a bowl haircut and snappy, lame comebacks. Clark is *Napoleon Dynamite*'s twin. The third friend, Gus (Rob Schneider), is the only normal one and is athletic enough to annihilate the kids at baseball on his own.

The three form a team with the help of the rich nerd-who-grew-up father of the kid they defended from the bullies. A billionaire with seemingly unlimited pools of money, a mansion full of high-tech Star Wars gadgets, and a robotic butler with a sense of humor, the father (played by Jon Lovitz) sponsors the team to participate in a little league baseball tournament. Whoever wins the tournament

wins a brand new stadium.

The plot is obviously not sophisticated or creative at all, and luckily it's not the focus of the movie. Instead the characters and jokes are emphasized. Clark is almost exactly the same as Napoleon Dynamite: same actor, same dumb facial expression, same pathetic social abilities. He always wears a helmet and picks his nose all the time. Along with Tommy and his attempts to act cool around women and quick, yet terrible comebacks, they provide cheap laughs throughout the film. And that's what the movie relies entirely on - cheap, numerous acts of slapstick comedy. If *Napoleon Dynamite* made you laugh hysterically, then so will *The Benchwarmers*. But unlike *Napoleon*, this film actually has a point: the importance of the elimination of the wall between nerds and jocks. And because most of you are either students or staff in high school, you all can most likely relate to this wall.

Pros: Good slapstick humor, likable characters, light-hearted, theme everyone can relate to

Cons: Uncreative plot

Rating: B

Sport shorts a review of Salem sports

By Tim Colian

Baseball- The team jumped out to a quick start going 4-0 and 1-0 in the MAC. In the first four games they were led by Bill Ellis, Josh Dankovich, and Ben Miller at the plate. Unfortunately the season took a turn for the worse. The Quakers dropped 7 out of the next 8. The team is at 5-8 and 1-5 in the MAC as of right now. Marcus Grimm and Jarin Heath have also been hitting the ball well. Zack O'Brien has stepped up big also. In a 20-7 win over Columbiana, Bryan Wright had a grand slam and Ben Miller added a 2, run home run. In a 10-9 loss to Beaver Local, four Quakers went deep: Bill Ellis, David Wright, Ben Miller, and Bryan Wright.

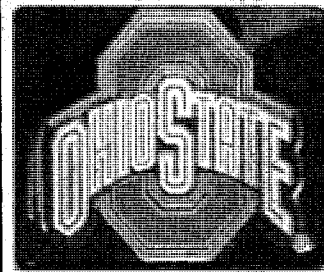
Softball- The girls also jumped out to a quick start. Just like the guys' team they fell behind a bit too. They have already passed their win total from last season. They are improving a game at a time. Their record is 5-6 overall and 3-3 in the MAC. They have big wins against Campbell and Warren Harding. Against a tough Lisbon team who is 13-0, Brittany Gregory had 10 strike outs. Katie Malloy added a triple. Katie Malloy, Jess Mathews, and Stephanie Szabat had a nice 4-6-3 double play to end a hard inning against Lisbon. Jessie Dillon had a home run for the Lady Quakers in their game against Campbell. The second time around against Campbell Jessie went 3-3 with a triple, home run, and single. Against St. Thomas the team was down by 5 runs and never gave up and came back to win.

Boys' and Girls' Track- In the county meet in East Palestine the boys finished first and the girls finished second. The boys were led by Jon Lee. He was named the running MVP. He had a wonderful day in which he won four events. He was also a part of the record breaking 4x200 team. Tom Jesko, Tyler Pierce, and Josh Lutz were also the others who helped break the record with Lee. Tyler earned the field MVP. He got first place in the high jump with 6-2 and second in the long jump. Paul Shivers won the 1600 and 3200. Aiman Scullion won the 800 and Jeremiah Folger also won the shot put. For the girls, Charity Montford won MVP rights for the running events and Sarah Brobeck received the field MVP. Charity got first place in four events: the 100, 200, 400, and help with the 4x400. Sarah won the discus with 111-4. Alexis Thorne won the 1600 and Liz Shivers won the 3200.

Tennis- The tennis squad is sitting at 3-6 overall and 2-5 in the MAC. They have won their matches over Alliance, Beaver Local, and Niles. The team has 3 matches this upcoming week against Lisbon, United, and West Branch which they are heading into very confident that they will come out winners.

A dream come true

By Veronica Waite



After five seasons as Salem High School's head football coach, Coach Doug Phillips accepted the position of quality control assistant for the defensive coordinator at The Ohio State University. His position will require him to do many jobs for defensive coordinator Jim Heacock and the Buckeye defense.

As a control assistant, Phillips will be in charge of breaking down film, develop scouting reports on opponents and self-scouting the OSU defense to see what opponents see and watch for tendencies.

The job at OSU will re-unite Phillips with one of his mentors, head coach Jim Tressel. When asked about working with Tressel, Phillips commented, "It is a tremendous opportunity. I was very fortunate to begin my coaching career under his leadership in the early 90's. That experience provided me the foundation for my coaching philosophy over the past 10 years. I look forward to building upon that foundation especially with such a great mentor like Coach

Tressel.

As we all know Michigan is OSU's biggest rival and Phillips's former player, Bryan Wright, has joined Michigan's football team, therefore Phillips will be forced to compete against Wright. Phillips said, "A perfect scenario, Bryan goes 5 for 5 against OSU but Michigan loses 18-15!"

For now, Phillips will head to Columbus "as much as possible" when he's not working and will attempt to learn all he can about the program. Then in June he will officially start at OSU.

"I have tried to live my life by not going through life, but by growing through life. I want to become a better person and coach. OSU offers me the opportunity to expand in both those areas. It also provides me the opportunity to get back into college football. I will make the most out of my time at Ohio State," responded Phillips when asked what he hopes to accomplish at OSU.

Good luck spring athletes

SHS says goodbye to girls basketball coaches Ziegler and Stewart

By Joseph Shivers

On April 3, Head Girls' Basketball Coach Steve Stewart held a brief meeting after school to make an announcement to his players: he would not be returning as head coach next year. The Lady Quakers were mostly silent; Sophomore Katie Scullion says the mood was "shocked." Stewart is staying on as the school district's technology coordinator, but he wants more time to visit family etc. Assistant Coach Roger Zeigler, retired Middle School Guidance Counselor and current substitute teacher, also intends to leave the game.

Their departure is a buzz that ends a long and successful period of basketball collaboration. One of the men has been head girls' coach at Salem for the past 18 years: Zeigler from 1989 to 2000 and Stewart from 2000 on. Stewart assisted for nine of the twelve years that Zeigler was in charge, and now Zeigler has worked under Stewart for the past five years.

"Our roles were pretty much the same in either case," said Stewart of his sometimes superior,

sometimes subordinate. "He's the best you could ever ask for to work with." Zeigler echoed his colleague's comments: "We've always worked very well together." It's not much of a leap to assume that the two men planned to retire simultaneously, but apparently the timing was just coincidence. "We both had talked to each other during the season," admits Zeigler, but "I had decided earlier." Each had his own reasons; Stewart "wanted to get a little more time back," and Zeigler "thought it might be time to get out of [coaching]... [and] let somebody else get into it." But neither Stewart, with 26 years of coaching behind him, nor Zeigler, with 37, has put his whistle in a glass display case. Stewart gives "a good chance" that he will return to the game, though "I don't see myself as a head coach." Zeigler too might coach as early as next season, even if he's not planning on it. As Stewart says, "Never say no."

Nevertheless, he thinks his days as head coach are past.

He has no love for the after-hours commitments that are necessary to lead a winning team today: off-season camps, open gyms, and scouting trips, fundraisers and booster club meetings. Stewart estimates that coaching requires double the time commitment it did when he was the girls' head coach at Lisbon, and the trend toward a virtually non-stop season is "not a direction I think is favorable." "If you do anything constantly, you get tired of it," explains Zeigler. In the early '90s the season was largely limited to four months of games and practices, but now the girls must play basketball to some degree for ten or eleven months. "I think," Zeigler opines, "it would be better to give them some time off."

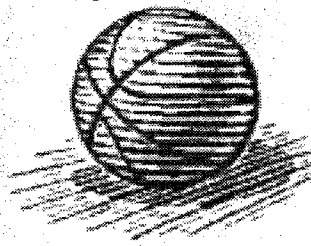
As the two men themselves take time off from the game, they take with them innumerable memories. Stewart recalls two games in particular, the 2004 Regional Championship in Barberton and the 2005 home victory against West Branch, "just a tremendously exciting atmosphere." Zeigler can

count off the milestones the Lady Quakers passed under his guidance (first season beating Canfield three times, first home game with the gym filled, first trip to State), but at the same time he'll remember "all the young ladies that have been through the program." Something was special about the team here. One or both of the men have coached middle school and JV, girls and boys, but their favorite experience was varsity girls. Zeigler praises the Lady Quakers' determination and enthusiasm, and Stewart cites a "strong work ethic" as a distinguishing feature of the Salem program.

If hard work defines the Lady Quakers, surely that is due in some part to the labor of their coaches. Zeigler feels that he's built "a pretty good program here at Salem," and Stewart feels the team has "a strong foundation." The walls and roof aren't too rickety either: next year the Lady Quakers will return six letter-winners and gain a freshman class that went 15-1 as eighth graders. Stewart says the

team's talent made his decision to leave harder, but he's not worried about how the young women will fare in his absence. As for the coach that takes his place? "Remember what Salem is really about: tradition, the kids, and a good strong work ethic, and I think they'll be successful."

Thanks for
everything



Quaker Clips

