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Academic Challenge

By Robert Hergenroder II

Have you ever watched shows like Jeopardy!® or Who Wants to be a Millionaire®, and thought to yourself, "I know these questions!" Academic Challenge is perfect for you then. We answer trivia questions in various formats and on various subjects. Not only this but it is a great social outlet and quite enjoyable.

The Academic Challenge team has practices every Monday after school where we do either a verbal based contest, usually pitting upper against lowerclassmen, or a computer based collaborative effort to gain a certain amount of points. These practices are short, generally only lasting an hour, but they challenge our minds in ways other practices challenge our bodies. The leader of these practices, our principal Dr. Shivers, has commented that "working with bright kids with personality has been very enjoyable."

So far this year we have had two major competitions, the WYTV Contest and the Columbiana County Competition held this year at the high school. We have also had the first half of the Knowledge Master Open; affectionately known by the Academic Challenge members as "The Great Auk." In the WYTV competition we were pitted against schools from the tri-county region and answered an array of questions while being filmed. The Great Auk challenged us with multiple choice questions in a wide variety of subjects in a 200 question test of endurance on the computer. We are then ranked against high schools across the state and subsequently the nation.

Many different subjects are discussed, including the basis of the core classes, but also pop culture, music, law, heroes and useless trivia. The topics are so wide that anyone can join and experience an enjoyable and enlightening enterprise.

So if you like to answer random trivia, or are just an egotist, give Academic Challenge a try and come to Mr. Shivers room after school next Monday and experience what Senior Tommy Yuhaniak is calling "just great!" Hope to see you there!

Salem City Center

By Erin Griehs

Since the middle-schoolers now reside on the second floor of SHS, there remains a building vacant of smiling students on North Lincoln Avenue. Some wonder what the old middle school is being used for. Some don't know, and some just don't care.

The KSU Salem City Center is the new name of the old middle school building. It now houses Kent State University's Department of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, along with the YWCA, Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing and the Salem Campus Community Choir and Theatre. The Department of Workforce Development and Continuing Education offers classes such as Horticulture and Bridges Out of Poverty. You can also attend ACT prep workshops if you wish to improve your test score.

The Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing offers students the opportunity to obtain their licensed practical nursing degree. In forty-four weeks students will have enough classroom time and experience to be able to sit for the state board exam.

The YWCA moved into the KSU Salem City Center after moving out of the Salem Community Center. Also the Salem Campus Community Choir and Theatre found a home at the City Center. They hope to offer concerts and other performances to the public.

Whether you are interested or not, it's important to know the use of public buildings in our town. This knowledge is what makes you a well informed citizen. You never know when someone might ask you about the KSU Salem City Center, and now you'll be able to tell them all about it.

The Four-Way Contest

By Emily Washam

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to ALL concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and better friendships? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? These are the four most important questions that need to be answered when writing a 4-Way speech. This year Salem High School and United Local High School combined to participate in the 4-Way Speech Contest. The 4-Way Speech Contest is a speech contest that is put on by Rotary International. The competition is open to all high school students, who write and present an original speech. The speech can be on a multitude of topics but has to relate to everyday relationships with other people. The speeches must begin with a Bartlett-like quote but may not have more than a total of seventy-five quoted words. Each speech is to be memorized and must be longer than four minutes but shorter than six minutes. Most of the importance of the speech is placed on the mechanics of the presentation. Judges look at the speech for uniqueness and quality in addition to the characteristics of the speaker. The presenters need to be poised and confident with their audience. The speaker is supposed to "sell the speech," and make it entertaining for the judges.

The speeches are evaluated by a panel of judges. The judges are selected members of the local Rotary organization. Qualified judges are usually chosen from a selection of National Forensic League coaches, speech teachers, public speakers, trial lawyers, or broadcasters. This year the judges came to Salem High School to judge the competition. Salem and United both competed, and Salem's winners were Jeff Mellott and Ciara Cicogna. Jeff, Ciara, and two speakers from United each received one hundred dollars in scholarship money. The winner of the district contest, April 15th, will receive an additional four hundred dollars. The winner will then continue on to the state and national level. Mr. Viecek commented that this is a "...great competition. It's a good chance for bringing positive recognition to oneself, school, family and community."



SHS participants from the Rotary 4-way competition:
(L to R:) Grant Masher, Ciara Cicogna, George Smith, Brittany Withrow, Jeff Mellott

A.P. Computer Science Competition

By Brandon Yarwood

In the beginning of February the AP computer science class at our high school started work on a competition. The competition was on the programming language Java. The students split into groups to start to brainstorm ideas for what program they might write. The groups all had their ideas down and finally got started on a paper copy of the program or a rough outline of what code they would write. A java program consists of a lot of time and effort. The program had to be run on a PC running LINUX or Windows. The entries could be submitted by a group or a single individual.

The judges are really picky when it comes to looking at java code. The code has to be able to solve the problem that was given to

it by the user. Design of the code is a key step in the process of writing and judging. The code must be clean and clear to understand. Groups must make sure the code runs and works the way they designed it to without errors. The reason for having the competition is to encourage the students to be interested in computer programming and to reward excellent work that they have done.

The deadline for the program was March 1, 2007. Some of the students had problems submitting the project to the website, so they decided to let the students submit late and still judge the project. The projects had to be submitted in a zipped folder, and they needed to make sure they had the read me file in the folder as well. The winners of

the contest will be invited for recognition at Gannon's Computer Programming Contest Awards Ceremony and luncheon on April 14, 2007. The prize amounts were \$300 for first, \$150 for second, and \$100 for third. The prize money will be divided equally among group members.

Luke Shivers, Michael Adamson, Lee Fredrickson, and Tyler Evans took second place in the contest winning \$150 for their program Twenty Four. Marina Kounkel took third place and won \$100. The Deal or No Deal game created by Robert Hergenroder, Brandon Yarwood, Derek Hale, Ryan Bell, Wesley Lindberg, and Devin Sternagle received honorable mention

Opinion

War of the words

By Kaitlyn Fedyna and Anna Zimmerman

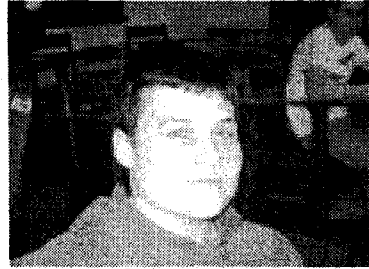
Q: What's the best April Fool's prank you've pulled or have had done to you?



Senior
Travis Holbrook
"Calling my parents and saying I got arrested."



Junior
Bryan Wiengart
"Egging somebody's house."



Sophomore
Ryan O'Donnell
"Somebody T. Ping my house"



Freshman
Nick Lesky
"T.Ping somebody's house."



Teacher
Ms. Johnson
"My neighbor had a dog, FuFu, and his owners would buy clothes for him. They bought a leather coat for FuFu. I called another neighbor and told her that FuFu drowned in the hot tub because he fell in with his leather coat on."

Bad rule of the month Leaving during an illness

By Erik Cibula

Have you ever gotten so sick that you felt like you just had to go home for the day? Maybe you are having a progressing headache or a "sick to your stomach" feeling. Whatever that "feeling" is, if you want to go home during the school day you will have to be sent to the nurse's office. After she checks you out, she will have the final say in whether you are allowed to be sent home or back to class.

I think this is a bad rule because only you know how you feel. The only thing a nurse can tell you is how sick they think you look or are. For example, if a student goes to the main office and complains that they have a stomachache, the secretaries will tell you to go to the nurse's office. From there you have to try and find the nurse's office (located across from the teachers' lounge). After you find it, you must hope that she is there. In most cases the nurse is there from 9:00 - 11:30 and 12:30 - 2:30 (unless they receive an emergency

call from another school, then they must leave here to go to that school.)

According to Dr. Shivers, approximately 90% of students that come to the main office or nurse's office due to an illness are telling the truth. However, there is that 10% of students that are just trying to find a way to leave school and go home, which is why they created this rule. The most common illnesses the office reports are students that have pink eye, strep throat, a fever, and students vomiting. He also said that of all the students that go in there, about 30% - 40% of students are actually cleared to go home.

The school nurse is a good person to have in our school system. It is good to have her here at the school when emergencies occur and for those students that become ill. However, if a student says that they don't feel well and they want to go home, that choice should be up to the student and parent(s). The student should not have to go to the nurse if they don't want to.

A time for change

By Courtney Mercer

It has been more than obvious the lack of rights women and African Americans have been given over centuries. Both of the minorities have fought for the right to vote, and even now nearing 2008 the discrimination still remains. This coming presidential election will be the first to have both a woman and an African American running for the presidency.

However, is America ready for this change? For those who are only in favor of white male presidents, which has been going on well past its prime, this idea of change seems nothing less than absurd. It might have seemed absurd when John F. Kennedy was running for Presidency and the fact of his religious background came about. Now, it is quite obvious that religion, gender, and race are completely different.

However, considering someone a bad candidate for the reasons of religion, gender, or race seems unAmerican. People who worried about Kennedy because of his Catholicism would never have guessed that he would have succeeded so incredibly well while in office. While American's are so stuck on appearance of the candidates running, they are too blind to open their eyes and see what the candidates actually stand for. Shouldn't what someone stands for be more important than what they look like? As long as our leader doesn't send us into self destruction mode, it shouldn't matter if they are black, purple, or red or whether they are male or female.

So instead of focusing on the little unimportant details, focus more on the important issues. Setting aside Hillary Clinton's lack of male parts, the following are some of the issues that she is standing for: supporting Early Childhood Education, stronger immigration laws, Social Security, and homeland security.

Now people need to set aside the issue of skin pigmentation and focus on the issues that Barack Obama stands for such as the following: ending the War in Iraq, improving school systems, and creating a healthcare system that works.

If you're interested in learning more about these issues, then you can go to www.barackobama.com or www.hillaryclinton.com.

Nurses' reply to bad rule of the month

By Patty Baker R.N.
Meghan Ferguson R.N.

Suzanne Hritz R.N.

In this day and age when the student population presents with more health issues than ever before, isn't it a comfort knowing that a school nurse is available on a daily basis to assist a student when a problem arises? Well, I guess that depends on who you ask...

If you ask a parent of an asthmatic, diabetic, or epileptic child they might express relief in knowing their child can attend school and remain in a safe environment and a nurse is available if needed.

If you ask a teacher or secretary, they might express gratitude and appreciation for lightening their load just a little when it comes to caring for sick, rash covered, injured, hungry or homesick students.

If you ask a high school student, they might wonder what the heck are we doing at their school to begin with, since everything was fine until we set up camp here, and why are we changing all the rules? To set the record straight.... We didn't change the rules!!

As nurses, our primary goal is to care for the sick. Our goal as school nurses is to make sure students are healthy because students who are not healthy cannot learn. Our other goal is to keep you in school. The majority of students we see on any given day complain of headaches or stomach aches, and more often than not it is related to poor nutrition or lack of sleep. When you have a headache, cramps, or a stomach ache sometimes a Tylenol, light snack, or a twenty minute rest is all you need, so you are able to stick it out the rest of the day. That would be much better for YOU than missing a whole day of school.

We do realize there are times when students are legitimately sick. At those times, especially with

fevers, we will suggest that you go home. Sometimes though, the illness just needs to run its course, and we see no reason for you to go home. Colds, non-strep sore throats, and coughs sometimes take a week or two until they completely resolved. There are times when we all don't feel perfectly healthy, but we still have to go on with our lives...go to school, work, or take care of our families.

We also know that students have bad days, are stressed, dislike school, are trying to avoid a class, or just want to hang out with friends the rest of the day and fake an ailment to get out of school. Unfortunately, the nurses have to sort out those students from the ones who are really ill. That's why we assess each student that comes to our office. Talk with kids from United, Leetonia, West Branch, South Range...they all have school nurses, and they all have the same policy. If a school let students call home whenever they just didn't feel like being in school, then students would miss out on a lot of education!

Yes, we agree that a student should be able to call a parent when they are not feeling well, and the parent should decide what to do then. We're sure it is frustrating for students that are really sick to have to go to the office then go to the nurse and explain everything. Please remember though - we are here to help you. When the nurse is available, we can help you decide if it's really necessary for you to go home or if you could "stick it out" the rest of the day. We can also give you advice on when to see the doctor, answer health questions you may have, and give you a place to rest.

But if you do end up being sent to the nurse's office please leave your attitudes at the door, and remember... we get headaches too!!!



Junior Eric Cibula says "Awww" for Mrs. Meghan Ferguson, R.N.

Battle of the Bands Hed PE

By Sarah Humphrey

Who wouldn't want to hear music made by a group of punk and hip-hop junkies? That's just what the members of the band Hed PE have become known as. These guys throw together all types of music to create a crazy mixture of sound that no music fan can ignore.

Hailing from Huntington Beach, California, the band was founded in 1994 by front man Jahred Shane and guitarist Wesstyle (Wes Gear). The two had often seen each other at local underground music shows. After recruiting Mawk (Mark Young) on bass guitar, Chizad (Chad Benekos) on guitar, and DJ Product (Doug Boyce) on turntables, the songs started to flow.

Their first self-released album was revealed in 1995. It was produced by Wesstyle, and it was entitled *Church of Realities*. Shortly

after the release, the band signed their first major record deal with Jive Records. After this came their first self-titled record release under a major record deal. In 2006 Hed PE released their next major record titled *Broke*. The album featured special guests including Serj Tankian (System of a Down) and Morgan Lenders (Kittie). This album also included their single called "Bartender."

In 2003 the band released their next album titled *Blackout*. Pressured by their record company, the album had more of a mainstream sound to it. Therefore, it did not sell as well as the previous albums. This caused a few of the band members to quit. Hed PE lost Chizad, Wesstyle, and DJ. The band went through a real rough patch when they decided to drop their record company.

Hed PE decided to get back in the flow with their new record deal held with Koch Records. The band also started fresh with a few new members. These included Moke (Mark Bistany) and drums and Jaxon (Jackson Benge) on guitar. The band released *Only in Amerika* in 2005.

At the end of 2005, Hed PE switched record labels again. Their current holders are Suburban Noise Records. Their album *Back 2 Base X* was released on June 6, 2006. The album had gritty, striking, and intense energy to it. The band went on tour for their new album drawing a great number of new and old fans. They plan on coming out with a new album in April 2007.



Hed PE



Ventana

However, the band music doesn't sound like any one band in particular.

Band members include Dave James on bass, Dan Fox on drums, Jonny "Vegas" Sayre as vocals, Jason Knotek on guitar and Rick "ST1CH" Thomas from Mushroomhead as the sampler/DJ.

Scene is a Cleveland based newspaper that has been writing about their city's events since the 1970's and snatched national competition awards as it grew. Today it not only reports on music but also includes restaurants, entertainment, movies and other events in Cleveland. There are dozens of categories where awards are given

to the band they feel is the best in their category. Last year, Ventana won the Cleveland Scene Music Award for best Industrial\Goth band.

There is an energy that is presented throughout their performances that leaves a lasting impression on whoever sees them. Check out Ventana on the internet; they also have a Myspace page as well.

Ventana: blending the elements By Katy Birtalan

Translated from Spanish, Ventana means window. The band describes the significance of their name as "an interval of time during which certain conditions or an opportunity exists."

Ventana is a relatively new band, starting in the winter of 2004, from Cleveland, Ohio. A critic once wrote "[Ventana is] a new breed of industrial music that brings-out the anger in even the most compassionate." Their sound, which is a little hard to classify so bear with me, is described as metal\hardcore techno\industrial\etc. Some of their influences include Marilyn Manson, Mushroomhead, NIN, Ministry, and Mindless Self Indulgence.

Oscar Winners, *Departed* takes the gold By Ryan Newell

It was a good night to be Martin Scorsese. This was, of course, the night of the Oscars, February 25 when the Scorsese-directed film, *The Departed*, won the honors of Best Picture and Best Director. In addition to the two top awards, *The Departed* also won the awards of Best Adapted Screenplay for Bill Monahan and Best Film Editing for Thelma Schoonmaker. *The Departed* beat out the other four nominated films in what was seen as anybody's game.

After months of awards and critical praise, Forest Whitaker finally won the Oscar for Best Actor for his performance as Idi Amin in *The Last King of Scotland*. The exact same words can be said about Helen Mirren, the winner of the Best Actress award for *The Queen*. Both actors spent months of hype surrounding their possible Oscar wins,

only to walk away on top of the two highest acting categories.

The stunner of the night came in the Best Supporting Actor category. The winner was Alan Arkin for his performance as a drug addicted and foul mouthed grandfather in *Little Miss Sunshine*. Arkin beat out the man who was favored to win, *Dreamgirls*' Eddie Murphy. This came as a shock after Murphy's wins at the Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild. Less than surprising was Jennifer Hudson's win for Best Supporting Actress in *Dreamgirls* because this was her film debut.

Other wins included *Little Miss Sunshine* picking up Best Original Screenplay, *The Lives of Others* for Best Foreign Language Film, and *An Inconvenient Truth* for Best Documentary and Best Original Song. In one of the night's few

laughs, Al Gore made a joke at his own expense during what seemed to be an announcement for a run for president in 2008. Gore was played off by the orchestra before he could finish his announcement, laughing off the rumors that he was going to run.

The awards wrap up the long process to get to the Oscars. This year, however, was an especially hard year for some to predict; I myself knew it would be *The Departed* from the moment I first saw the film. The end results were the following: the National Board of Review giving their top film prize to *Letters from Iwo Jima*, the Producer Guild of America prize to *Little Miss Sunshine*, and the Golden Globe going to *Babel*. Despite their wins, none of these films could compete with Martin Scorsese's *The Departed*. With a new year and a new string of movies, it's time for the long Oscar race to begin once again.

The film reviews

By Ryan Newell

Letters from Iwo Jima - A-

It can be said once again that Clint Eastwood has made a masterpiece. *Letters from Iwo Jima* follows his film *Flags of Our Fathers* which tells the story of the battle of Iwo Jima from the American perspective. *Letters* then tells the same story, only this time from the Japanese perspective. A visual gem, thanks again to cinematographer Tom Stern, comes to life with help from Iris Yamashita's brilliant screenplay and Eastwood's incomparable directing. Oscar winner Paul Haggis who co-wrote *Flags of Our Fathers*, assisted in the story for *Letters*. Both Haggis and Yamashita earned the Oscar nomination for Best Original Screenplay. In addition, the film earned three other Academy Award nominations including Best Picture, Best Director for Eastwood, and Best Sound Editing. The sound editors Alan Robert Murray and Bub Asman won the Best Sound Editing award, the only Oscar win for the film.

Ken Watanabe, Oscar nominee for 2003's *The Last Samurai*, leads the all Japanese cast as General Tadamichi Kuribayashi. The audience follows Kuribayashi, the new General sent to the island of Iwo Jima only days before the U.S. invasion. Once again Watanabe steals the show in yet another Oscar worthy performance, after being passed over a Best Supporting Actor nomination for 2005's *Memoirs of a Geisha*. The story also follows a young baker named Saigo, played by Kazunari Ninomiya, who is torn from his pregnant wife to fight in the impossible battle at Iwo Jima. Both Watanabe and Ninomiya hold the cast brilliantly together, the same way Ryan Phillippe and Adam Beach did for *Flags of Our Fathers*.

Though ultimately in the end, *Letters from Iwo Jima* overshadowed *Flags of Our Fathers* after being named Best Picture of the Year by the National Board of Review. Eastwood went on to earn two Golden Globe nominations for Best Director for *Letters* and another coincidentally for *Flags of Our Fathers*. This acclaim helped build up the momentum that lead to Oscar night. *Letters from Iwo Jima* is an excellent Oscar winning film that stands out as one of the best films from the year 2006.



Ken Watanabe (right) in Clint Eastwood's *Letter from Iwo Jima*

Man of La Mancha

By Will Fithian

As spring is approaching, most of us are outside frolicking in the sunshine. Other students at Salem High are busy preparing for the upcoming spring production. *Man of La Mancha* is the name

of the musical chosen this year. The story was written by Dale Wasserman, music by Mitch Leigh and lyrics by Joe Darion. It is under the auspices of Tams-Witmark, Inc of New York. The cast will be performing the musical Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at 8:00 o'clock pm., under the production of Mr. Martinelli and the direction of Mr. Viencek. Tickets will cost \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$2.00 for students along with children.

Man of La Mancha is the story of a well-rounded man named Miguel de Cervantes. He and his closest servant are taken to sea and put on trial. After pleading guilty,

he and his servant must put on the production of the story of Don Quixote for The Governor, The Duke, and the rest of the prisoners, explaining the life of a noble knight's life.

The audition process for this year's musical was similar to most productions. Students were asked to prepare and sing a song of their own choice. There was an audition pianist lined up, but school was cancelled that day. "We had many exceptional people audition," said Mr. Viencek.

Mr. Viencek and Mr. Martinelli discussed a variety of plays before making the final decision to produce and direct *Man of La Mancha*. It is a classic in the American Theatre and shows how much one can do in a lifetime.



Feature

Inner Nerd: Case modding

By Wesley Lindberg

Ever seen a tricked-out car drive down the street? A lot of work has been put into it. It involves hours of construction, thousands of dollars, and a lot of frustration to get the appearance the owner wanted, a truly one-of-a-kind car. A mechanic can become an artist and create something beautiful. The same thing can be said about computer nerds. Like the mechanic, they can purely focus on specs, or they can become artists and take something completely ordinary like a computer case and create something extraordinary.

The nerdy equivalent of tricking out a car is called Case Modding. In its simplest form it's just painting a PC case. But when taken to the limit the computer case might not even be recognizable as a computer. Case modding provides nothing to the user, except perhaps the warm feeling that their PC is different from the thousands of others sold every day.

The most often performed case mods are Window mods, light mods, and paint. If you've ever looked at high end gaming computers, you've probably seen all of them. Often enough a fresh coat of paint is the first thing to go on a custom PC after a window has been cut in the side. Then later a few lights will probably be added to the inside. Those with a little more experience may use decals and fiberglass to enhance the case even further.

Given time and money, a user could build their PC from scratch or use something not usually used for a computer as the case. Several people have written tutorials for cramming PC's in old Nintendos, and others have been shown to put computers in microwaves, books, and even a wine bottle.

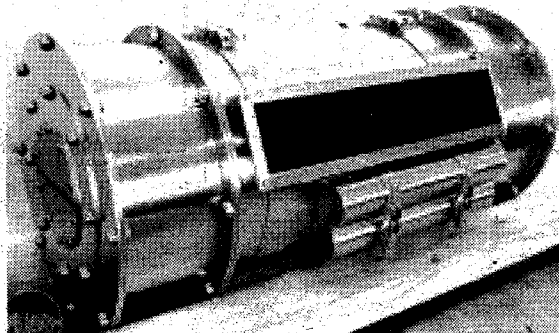
Case modding started back in the days when home PC's were just beginning to become popular. Manufacturers mass produced what have become known as the Beige Box PC. It's because of this that when you think of an older computer, you really picture the same thing that's out now, only in dirty beige. The color choice was most likely to lower costs.

Many computer users of the time found their computer to be boring, so the more artistic (and willing to void warranty) decided to make their computer a little more exciting, and many still do. Case modding has become big business. Case modding competitions award prizes (including cash) for things such as Most Original Mod or Most Colorful Design.

If you're interested in case modding; <http://www.modders-inc.com/> provides a good start with tutorials and other information regarding modding; both for cases and other hardware. Case modding is, of course, the simplest of mods you can perform, but you can also mod your keyboard, mouse, etc., and you can mod almost all popular video game systems.

Of course, I know most of you aren't interested in voiding your Dell's warranty or spending months of work just to make your computer look pretty. There are several other ways of making your computer or video game look a little more unique without tearing it apart to paint it. While it's not really considered modding, you can buy/create your own decals and use them on the case to change its appearance. You can also use stickers if you want (though it'd look really, really lame).

Case modding isn't for everyone. It's not for those unwilling to break warranties or those who are inept with power tools. It's also not for the budget conscious, but for those who are interested and with a fairly decent budget there can be amazing results. If perhaps you want to get into it without voiding warranties, start small. Perhaps use an older computer that nobody cares about. It won't help you in the long run, or even the short run, but at least it will be unique.



This is one of the more notable case mods. This computer has been fitted into a custom case made to look like a movie prop nuke.

How to get away without getting away

By Caitlin Costal

In the weeks leading up to spring break, everything and everyone around the school seem to undergo a subtle change. The overachievers begin to slack off, the teachers seem to dish out less homework, and even the weather begins to brighten up (oh, I forgot — we live in *Ohio*). Our conversations with friends have a tendency to focus on our plans for break. They'll ask, if they haven't already, how we intend to spend our vacation. Only few will have the privilege of announcing their long-awaited, exotic getaway to paradise. The rest of us, however, will have no fascinating trip to tell of or striking departure to announce. Instead, we will sadly admit to being stuck in the dreary, mundane town of Salem, Ohio — the same city in which the sole thrill of the public comes from visiting the local Wal-Mart.

If this sad tale sounds vaguely familiar, I'm offering you a way out from under your apathetic views about spring break. I've included in this article some simple, yet fun ways to spend your spring break. This year put your lowly expectations to rest and do something worthwhile. Allow yourself to *get away without getting away*.

Idea #1: Get Organized. Spring is all about cleaning, so why not work on tackling that messy closet that you've tried to ignore all winter? Set a goal for yourself and stick with it. Don't limit yourself just to cleaning, however. If you're a senior, make a list of all the things that need done before you make the transition to college in the fall. There are plenty of ways to get organized; take advantage of break to get them done.

Idea #2: Spend time with your family. What better time than break to spend time with the most important people in your life — your family. Whether it be a game of putt-putt, a late-night movie, or even game night, make a note of it to spend a little extra time with your loved ones. It will help to not only brighten their day but yours also.

Idea #3: Go Summer Shopping. Hardly anyone can resist the idea of shopping, including myself. Spring demands new beginnings, so take advantage of it and work on your summer wardrobe. Celebrate the warm weather by buying those flip-flops you've missed all winter, or treat yourself to a bright, patterned beach bag just because you can. Shopping is guaranteed to make anyone's break a better one.

Idea #4: Volunteer. Give back to the community by spending time helping out around town. There are so many ways to be involved, whether it be volunteering at the hospital, picking up trash in the park, or even visiting a local nursing home. Spring is one of the best times to let your character shine and be a volunteer in our community.

As you can see, there are plenty of ways to avoid the spring break blues and make your break a great one. Take advantage of your time off and flower yourself with fun this spring (pun intended by Kathy Ellis). With that being said, have a great break and a wonderful spring!

What's going on with foreign language?

By Jessica Watson

Many people have been talking about the foreign language department lately because of all the activities taking place. Activities in foreign language are not only for fun experiences, they are also for learning. For example, the International Café, which was held on March 29, 2007, in the library from 3:00-5:00 p.m., was held for fun but also to get together with the other students involved with foreign language. All foreign language students were invited to have dessert and coffee. When asked, Mademoiselle (Ms.) Romeo stated that "the foreign language teachers wanted to teach the students more about the culture they're studying and introduce other foreign language students to their language and culture through coffee and dessert.

All foreign language students were invited to the International Café. The only guidelines were that the students had to bring a dessert that they made at home; they could either bake by themselves or make it with someone else in their language. The language teachers want the foreign language students to have fun and socialize but learn at the same time.

Another activity that just passed was the 3-on-3 basketball game. It was held on March 20, 2007, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All foreign language students were also permitted to attend this, too. This activity, on the other hand, was primarily just for fun. The rules of the basketball game stated that the

teams would consist of no more than three or four players, and these teams could not have more than two professionals (high school students currently on the high school basketball team) on the lineup.

In addition to these two fun activities, there were also three foreign films shown after school. Also, March 22, 2007, there was a guest speaker talking to the students. Maybe the underclassmen will think about the fun advantages of being in a foreign language, and they will join one while they still have a few years left. There are many awesome experiences when you are involved in a foreign language like new foods, language, and students you never thought you would talk to.

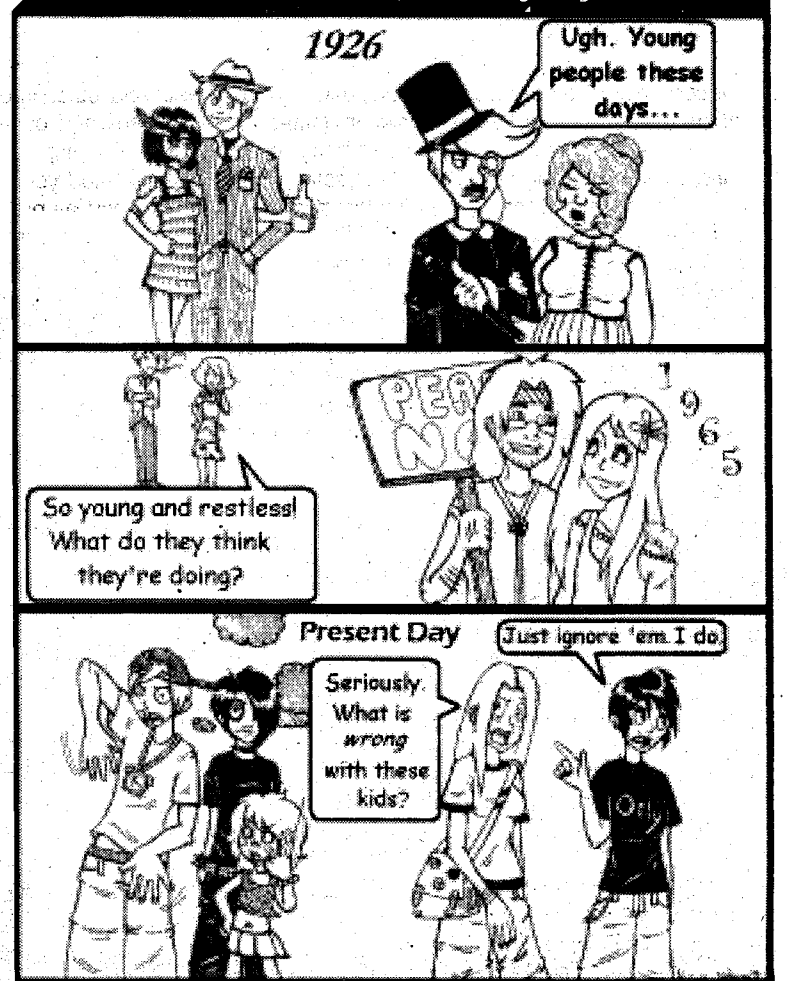


Sophomore Savannah Klass won the poster competition during foreign language month.

Feature

Cartoon Corner

By Alyssa Nelson



Leapin' leprechauns

By David Price

Did you know St. Patrick was really not Irish? How is it, you might ask, that he is part of an Irish holiday? Well, some of the things Patrick did for Ireland made him stick with that part of culture for that time to come. There are many different birthdays that people say Patrick was born on, but I'm saying his birth was in the fourth century A.D.

During Patrick's boyhood, pirates came to his colony and kidnapped many children. After the kidnapping, the pirates had taken the children and had sold them into slavery. For six years Patrick was held in captivity in what was basically a jail cell. When Patrick had gotten older he had finally escaped on a getaway ship and fled to Britain.



Junior David Price sits with a pot of gold as his lucky leprechaun looks on.

him to come to their country to teach about God. Patrick traveled the continent meeting national leaders. Over the years Patrick was put in jail over twenty times but managed to escape. Twenty years later Patrick was still traveling throughout Ireland teaching his beliefs and customs.

Some people had thought that Patrick had put a curse on Ireland that made poisonous snakes come to the colony and ravage the town. It is said that Patrick had driven the snakes into the ocean and drowned them all. Many do not believe this theory though because snakes are not native to that land and have never lived in the land before.

On March 17, 461 A.D., St. Patrick passed away and his legacy has been considered a holiday ever since. The day in Ireland is a day when people should get baptized. In America this day is also celebrated and hailed as "Become an Irish Day."

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College and money

By Victor Dufrense

The school year is coming to an end and college is right around the corner for many students. The biggest exasperation about college is paying for it. Financial aid is an important step in going to college. Also scholarships are a huge help for paying the fees. Every month in the guidance office there are new scholarships available for the students to fill out and maybe receive some money. There are many scholarships out there. All you have to do is find them and take the time to fill them out. Even if you deplore the kind of scholarship you signed up for, you might get some money out of it just for completing the form.

The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is a federal student aid that may help you get free money to help you out through college depending on your family income. Almost all schools encourage students to complete this form because it will help you a great deal if you have trouble paying for college. It is best to sign up for scholarships every year to help you through all your college years. The easy part is applying for colleges, but once you get accepted and wish to attend that college, you have to pay for it as well. You will most likely have to pay for your place to stay and utilities if you are renting an apartment while attending college far away from home, school books, classes, food, and transportation. Getting a job may require a large sum of time and effort and may interfere with your college work. If you receive scholarships and grants, this may lessen the hours you may need to work and help you focus on more of your college work.

One problem you may come across if you are looking for scholarships online is that there are quite a few fake scholarship providers. As CollegeBoard.com states, "Since students and parents are so eager to find these funds, it's no wonder that they become easy targets for financial aid con artists." This website has the most frequent tips on how you may avoid scholarship scams. While searching online, CollegeBoard.com says to avoid scholarship advertising which claims the following: "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."; "You can't get this information anywhere else."; "I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."; "We'll do all the work."; and "The scholarship will cost money." These attention grabbing ads are most likely to be fraud because none of these quotes may be true. Listed below are a few sites to help you understand and what to look for to help you not give out your information insecurely:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/pay/scholarships-aid/21400.html>
<http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams/>
<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml>

Just remember to apply for scholarships every month so that you may receive money to help you gain your education beyond high school. Free money isn't a bad thing at all.

Have a great Spring Break!

The ice breaker: words from the new kid

By Tabatha Parrish

My name is Tabatha Parrish. I am seventeen going on eighteen, and a senior this year. I started school here at Salem on Wednesday, February 27, the day after interims. After being out of school for about a couple of months, going back was a little weird especially since I was going to a new school. Well, Salem is one that is new to me.

Southern Local is so small everyone knows everyone else. It is a K-12 school, but it is divided into two sections. Half the school is K-6, and the other half is 7-12, but that is split also. The junior high school is one part, and the senior high school is another part. Salem's cafeteria is the size of Southern's cafeteria, gym, lobby, and three of the class rooms combined. Southern's gym and auditorium are the same room with a basketball court and bleachers. Our school plays are performed in the cafeteria with no props or fancy decorations.

The first thing everyone does at Southern is they try to corrupt the new kid. First it is twenty questions and you are classified into groups. You sit with your group, eat with your group, and dress like your group with some exceptions. One thing I noticed is there are some groups at Salem, but they are not as noticeable as at Southern. People act so differently here at Salem compared to Southern. I felt like Southern was friendlier at first because everyone wants to be your friend, but if you do one thing wrong it's done. Nothing

was a secret at Southern, not even your personal information.

I like Salem High School better than Southern Local when it comes to the credits. But when it comes to size, Southern gets the props. Southern Local is K-12 and all one level. Now I have to take classes that I don't need like sign language and Fitness/Nutrition, but then again I don't have to take psychology or drawing any more, and I have all easy classes. In my English class at Southern, I was reading and memorizing Shakespeare, and I didn't have to pay for my English class. Here, the hardest thing I have to do is pass my tests and dish out money. I mean how much easier can it get? I don't even have to take government like most seniors. I have 22 3/4 credits right now and I will graduate with 26 3/4 credits

I don't think that it is fair that the only class I have to pass I also have to pay for. It is kind of

stupid. I mean I understand low funds but come on. If our elders want us to finish high school and get a good education then why do we have to pay to take English? One thing I really love about Southern is how cheap everything is. Yearbooks are ten dollars unless you get free and reduced lunch, and then they are free. Also we didn't have to pay for a parking pass or our classes.

Even though Salem City Schools are all new to me, I will say overall it is a pretty nice school, and it's not like I have a long time to spend here.

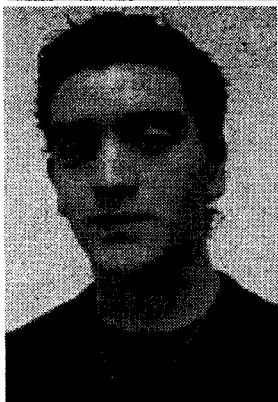


Senior Tabatha Parrish comes to Salem from Southern Local.

Sports

Senior Spotlight

By Chelsy Kaley



Diego De La Rivera
Tennis

How long have you played tennis?

- Three and a half years.

What influenced you to start playing?

- Watching TV and because I like all kinds of sports.

What is your most memorable moment while playing tennis?

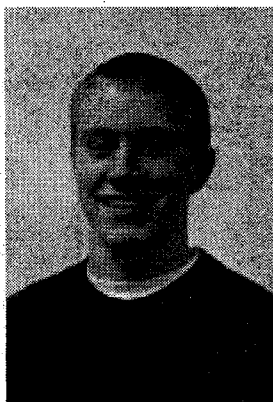
- When I won one of the tournaments back in Chile.

Is there any difference between playing in Chile as opposed to America?

- I don't think there is any because the rules are the same.

How does it feel to be a senior leader?

- It feels great.



Josh Lutz
Track

How long have you participated in track?

- For six years.

What influenced you to start running?

- It like the wind in my hair.

What is your most memorable moment while being on the track team?

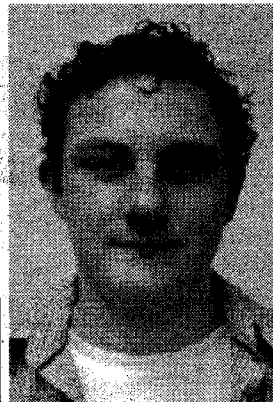
- Running at Regionals, crawling across the field, and Huda telling Stone to quit hanging out with Beeson and me because we were "bad influences."

Do you want to continue after high school?

- I would like get a sweet track jacket...

How does it feel to be a senior leader?

- It's nice.



Jon Kane
Tennis

How long have you played tennis?

- Only two years.

What influenced you to start playing?

- It seemed like fun, and I had nothing else to do with my life.

What is your most memorable moment while playing tennis?

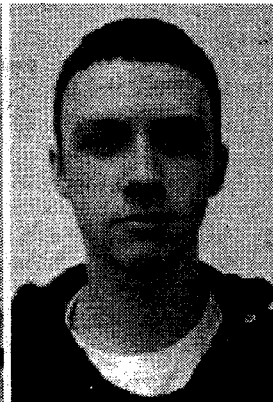
- The one and only, Jerry Cannon.

Do you want to continue playing after high school?

- Ya, I would like to.

How does it feel to be a senior leader?

- I feel like a superstar. ;)



Patrick Gorby
Track

How long have you participated in track?

- Since seventh grade.

What influenced you to start running?

- I always liked to run around the playground in elementary school, so in middle school it seemed like a good idea.

What is your most memorable moment while being on the track team?

- The state track meet of 2006 - Running the 4x800 in a downpour.

Do you want to continue after high school?

- Most definitely.

How does it feel to be a senior leader?

- Grand.



Jeremiah Folger
Track

How long have you participated in track?

- This is my sixth year.

What influenced you to start throwing?

- Watching the Olympic throwers as a kid.

What is your most memorable moment while being on the track team?

- The state track meets indoor and outdoor my junior and senior year.

Do you want to continue after high school?

- Yea I plan to continue throwing shot put and start throwing hammer at the University of Akron.

How does it feel to be a senior leader?

- Pretty cool. It feels good to return the favors that previous seniors provided me.

Winter award winners

By Sarah Conrad

Boys' Basketball:

Honorable Mention- Zack O'Brien

Girls' Basketball:

Honorable Mention- Natalie Davidson

2nd team- Leah Perry

Katie Scullion

1st Team- Amy Scullion

Zahra Scullion

Wrestling::

Wrestling does not have MAC awards

due to lack of schools with wrestling teams in the

MAC. Personal team awards were the following:

Academic Award- Soph Paporadis (3.84)

Fastest pin- Patrick Simpson (.21)

Mark Stewart (.21)

Most Improved- Greg Lambert

Most Pins- Joe Hamilton (16)

Most Takedowns- Joe Hamilton (73)

Most Team Points- Joe Hamilton (152)

Most Valuable Player- Joe Hamilton



NCAA March Madness

By: Ryan Bell

The March Madness has begun. It's time to go fill out those brackets to see if your favorite team will win the Final Four championship. It's time for the fans who just like to fill out the brackets to see how good their luck really is. It's also time for those sports fans who love this game to place their bets to see who knows the game the best. This is the March Madness that every sports fan looks forward to at the end of the college basketball season.

There has been a lot of excitement going into this year's Final Four tournament. There are some teams out there that have the ability to pull off some big upsets to change entire brackets. We as sports fan can only sit and wait to see how things will turn out on the court.

Will Florida, the number one seeded returning champs, be able to regain their title for a second season in a row? There is a great deal of talent out in the teams this year. There's a chance that they might lose their chance to defend that title. They are looking at everything from good number one seeded teams to good eighth and ninth seeded teams. We will just have to wait to see how it all turns out.

The number one seeds in the brackets are Florida, Ohio State, Kansas, and North Carolina. These four teams are going to have their work cut out for them as they go through the brackets. There are some teams that have the ability to knock any of them out of the shot for the championship. Good luck to all the teams. Let the best team win.

East

1. North Carolina
2. Georgetown
3. Washington State
4. Texas
5. Southern California
6. Vanderbilt
7. Boston College
8. Marquette
9. Michigan State
10. Texas Tech.
11. George Washington
12. Arkansas
13. New Mexico State
14. Oral Roberts
15. Belmont
16. Eastern Kentucky

South

1. Ohio State
2. Memphis
3. Texas A&M
4. Virginia
5. Tennessee
6. Louisville
7. Nevada
8. Brigham Young
9. Xavier
10. Creighton
11. Stanford
12. Long Beach State
13. Albany (N.Y)
14. Penn
15. North Texas
16. Central Conn. State

Midwest

1. Florida
2. Wisconsin
3. Oregon
4. Maryland
5. Butler
6. Notre Dame
7. UNLV
8. Arizona
9. Purdue
10. Georgia Tech
11. Winthrop
12. Old Dominion
13. Davidson
14. Miami (Ohio)
15. Texas A&M C.C
16. Jackson State

West

1. Kansas
2. UCLA
3. Pittsburgh
4. Southern Ill.
5. Virginia Tech
6. Duke
7. Indiana
8. Kentucky
9. Villanova
10. Gonzaga
11. VCU
12. Illinois
13. Holy Cross
14. Wright State
15. Weber State
16. Niagra

Power Lift Competition

By: Sarah Conrad

On Saturday March 2 the Columbiana Power Meet took place at Columbiana High School. Salem's football team participated in the power meet, but only those with a 90% attendance for the first part of the 2006-2007 lifting season got to participate. Schools that participated were Ursuline, Mooney, Columbiana, West Branch, United, South Range, East Tech, Chaney, and Campbell. The entrance fee was \$15.00 which was paid for all eligible lifters.

In an interview, Coach Brock was asked about the outcome of the meet. He replied: "Although we were low on numbers, we lifted very well. In the sport of power lifting, you need four lifters in each division to place the top four places. We did not have that luxury. However, those lifters who had the courage to compete did so very intensely and competitively." When asking what he hoped the boys got out of the competition he stated, "I hope they realize that their hard work, attention to detail, and mental perseverance are paying off." You would think one who trains these young men should feel accomplishment; after all he is training them not only physically but mentally too. Coach Brock is also an educator, so he gets to watch these young students grow as individuals. Upon asking Coach Brock how he feels about accomplishment, he simply replied, "I feel accomplishment as I see young men and women grow not only in the chronological sense but in the areas of strength, power, maturity, and work ethic."

Overall Salem placed fifth in the Columbiana Power Meet. Individual placers were Dustin Hoffman at the 115 weight class for best dead lift with 280 lbs. Josh Cosgrove was at the 185 weight class; he came in second in his class and got best squat with 410 lbs. Mark Stewart was at the 250 pound weight class; he was ranked fifth in his class. Mike Boggs was at the 250 weight class and received best dead lift with 565 lbs. Matt Faulkner was at the unlimited weight class and received best squat with 515 lbs.

The Quaker Board

The voucher system

By Brandon Yarwood

I don't know about all of you out there, but I get sick every winter. Most of the time I will miss a few days of school so that I don't get worse while sitting in class, but a lot of students don't miss because of the all powerful vouchers. Everyday in class I sit and watch people cough and blow their noses all day. They go and then touch the keyboards and the desks potentially giving their germs to the next people to use that item. It never fails though, that students don't miss because they don't want to have to take those finals. It is not even a big deal the finals actually give you a chance to better your grade.

The school is using the voucher system to try and keep attendance up so that the students get the most out of the experience that they have at the high school. I have no problem with that. It is not fair though if a student were to bring in a doctor's excuse saying that they are sick, and they may not return to school until a certain date that they still take the student's vouchers away. They also say that seniors get a certain amount of days that they can use to go and visit colleges, but if you were to use those days they also count against your vouchers. I have no problem with the discipline part of the rules because if you do have problems with that then you should have things taken away from you.

Sickness is slowly getting worse and the field of medicine is slowly making improvements to try to help with that. They offer flu shots and sinus infection shots that I am aware of because I have had them both. For some reason, people that get these shots think they are not vulnerable to getting those ailments. The fact is it only tries to stop you from getting the sickness. The shots are not a miracle cure. The medicine that might be given from the doctor to the student might also have a certain ingredient in it that would make it hard to concentrate on your school work. It takes a student longer to get over a sickness if they don't stay home and get rest.

A revival on the West End

By Jessi Howells

I am not going to lie; I am a theatre geek. I love plays and musicals and everything about them. So naturally all the hype about this play called *Equus* caught my attention. I wanted to do some research and find out what it is about, but ninety percent of all the articles and websites I found were dedicated to *Harry Potter* star Daniel Radcliffe and how he appears on stage au naturel. After a long and thoroughly agonizing search, I finally compiled enough information to make heads or tails of the plotline.

Alan Strang seems like a perfectly normal, happy and obedient teen with a passionate fascination for horses. That is until one night he sneaks out and blinds six horses with a hoof pick. Still everything seems normal for the seventeen-year-old, his family ever loving and supportive, his daily



Richard Griffiths and Daniel Radcliffe, co-stars of both *Harry Potter* and *Equus*.

pursuits harmless, except that he has been placed under psychiatric surveillance, and he is plagued by nightmares. Only one man, psychiatrist Martin Dysart, seems to understand the puzzle that is Alan's mind. But in the process of coming to understand his young patient, Mr. Dysart discovers his own sense of purpose.

Written by Peter Schaffer in 1973, *Equus* was originally staged at the Royal National Theatre in that

same year. Though acclaimed by critics and audiences for its dramatic craftsmanship, staging, and performances, the show only ran for one season on the West End, London's Broadway. Over the years, *Equus* has been revived and even made into a movie in 1977. Now, over thirty years later, *Equus* returns to the West End with a whole new cast, including two

Harry Potter co-stars: Daniel Radcliffe (*Harry Potter*) as Alan Strang and Richard Griffiths (*Vernon Dursley*) as Martin Dysart.

Preview audiences have been raving about the revival from the beginning, saying the groundbreaking show is just as stunning as the original. *Equus* is only showing at the Gielgud Theatre in London for now, but it may be making its way to the Great White Way within a few years.

Get a head start with PSEO

By Alyssa Nelson

Some people are intimidated by the thought of going to college directly after graduation. It sounds imposing, sounds like too much work, too much effort. Many people would rather not deal with several hours of coursework every week both in and out of the classroom. That's understandable – most students would rather not deal with all the coursework they have right now. But there is a large amount of students – like myself – who thoroughly enjoy the thought of college life and have been given the option to experience it through the school's Post-Secondary Enrollment program.



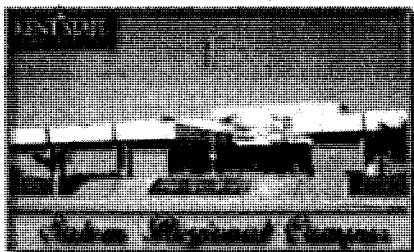
Seniors Jenny Frederick and Alyssa Nelson study for a Kent State exam.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Option, or PSEO, is a program offering college courses to high school students via the Kent State Salem campus. Participating students take their regular classes here at Salem Junior/Senior High School as well as taking college-level courses, which may either factor into their cumulative GPA or be used as actual college credit should the student pursue a higher education at Kent State Salem after high school graduation (it should be noted that the second option requires the student to pay for their classes and books). Not

only can it prove to be useful for getting some of the more basic credits out of the way, but it also helps one to prepare for the way college classes function. The student is treated just as the other college students, and must follow the same curriculum. College work is very different from high school work and does take some getting used to; there is little or no opportunity to work in class,

so to speak, as most of the time is spent taking notes or engaging in discussion. Classes meet fewer times during the week, and there is more pressure to get things done on your own instead of with the instructor. It seems a little hectic at first, but it helps to build one's self-reliance and sense of responsibility.

I found the PSEO experience to be both enjoyable and enriching. It taught me a lot about how to deal with college work, and it helped me to further prepare for the process of furthering my education. It is a good way to give yourself an example of how well you will be able to manage your college classes; it's more difficult to work your schedule around them than you'd think. All in all, one should seriously consider Post-Secondary classes if given the opportunity. It's very helpful and well worth the extra effort. One can never be too prepared.



Project Prom update

By Kathy Ellis

Project Prom was held on March 3 at the Salem Community Center from one to five p.m. This was a service project to try and obtain as many prom dresses as possible. There were some dresses that were also available to be borrowed. If a dress was borrowed, all that was asked was that it be returned to the owner dry cleaned after being worn. Some of the dresses that were available still had the tags on them. Girls could come and see if they could find a dress that they would like to wear to the prom this year. This was a great idea because some girls may have felt that they couldn't have gone to the prom due to not having the extra money to pay for a dress. Other girls may have felt like they didn't want to spend a lot of money on their dress, so Project Prom was a great way for them to not have to do so.

There were 360 dresses available to be picked out at the Community Center. There were about forty dresses that were taken to be worn to the prom. Mrs. Bosheff said that there were about 150 people that attended. She said that the vouchers worked out excellently. They held drawings for the follow-

ing vouchers: four McLaughlin's up-do's, two McLaughlin's manicures, two Professional Touch manicures, dozens of Kolby's vouchers for tuxedo rentals, and Images Salon & Spa manicure and up-do. Mrs. Bosheff stated, "Everyone was so pleased to be able to help dozens of girls find a prom dress. The girls were so appreciative."

Because the project is planning on being continued in years to come, the dresses will be stored for following years. Mrs. Bosheff would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this project a huge success.

Event Calendar

- April 1 – April Fools Day
- April 2-9 – Spring Break
- April 8 – Easter
- April 10 – Classes Resume
- April 14 – ACT Testing
- April 17 – Press Day at YSU
- April 20-21 – Spring Musical

Quaker Clips

