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# National Honor Society induction

Are you a good student vho exhibits traits such as service. eadership, and character? Chances re, if you met these requirements,

ou were selected to be a member f Salem High School's National lonor Society. This year's induction cer-

mony was held on Monday March 26, 2007, at seven o'clock in the Saem High School auditorium. Nathan ish, Tom Yuhaniak, Kaitlin Schoch, nd Keaton Keefer all delivered rief speeches on the importance of cholarship, service, leadership, and haracter in a National Honor Socity member. Kaitlin Schoch and Dan luston sang "The Prayer" and "A Vhole New World." The special peakers of the evening were Revrend Thomas McCarthy, David

#### By Erin Griehs Markovich, Sister Mary Ann McFadden and James Prislipski, who talked about their mission trip to El Salvador and also provided

a slide show. As per tradition, the new members held lit candles throughout the ceremony. Each member was required to sign their name in a book and in return each member received a certificate. Refreshments were provided at the end

of the ceremony. The new members look forward to participating in the various activities sponsored by National Honor Society. They hope to uphold the National Honor Society's tradition of excellence and make our school system and city proud.



Amiors Luke Kastenhuber James Armeni, and Barry Hinchcliff

#### By Sarah Conrad

**Buckeye Boys and Girls State** 

Buckeye Boys State will be held at Bowling Green University on June 9-June 17. The 2007 Boys State

delegates are James Armeni, Jr., Barry Hinchliff, and Luke Kastenhuber. Luke states, "Being involved in the government is something I aspire to do when I am older, so I naturally feel honored about the opportunity to attend Boys State. It is imperative that we as a generation better understand how the United States government functions so we may more effectively improve upon it and restore the traditions on which it was established.

Buckeye Girls State will be held at Ashland College on June 17-23. The 2007 Girls State Delegates are Sarah Conrad, Annie Gano, Erika Smith, Emily Winn, and Kasey Wolfgang. Annie said, "I am very excited about attending Girls State. It will be a great experience and I hope to learn more about how our government functions. It is a privilege to be chosen as one of the few girls attending."

Five delegates are chosen to participate in Buckeye Boys and Girls State. There are not many requirements to attend this function. Stu-

dents must fill out a questionnaire; once that is turned in then he/she proceeds onto a mandatory interview. He/she must possess leadership qualities, have above average scholastic abilities, be interested in government, be a junior in high school, and must also believe in the ideas of "God and Country.

At Buckeye Boys and Girls State the delegates learn about city, county, and state government through a non-partisan, objective education approach. They pick a field of interest, attend seminars, campaign, and then run for their position. They live on their designated campus for about a week and are separated from their fellow Salem delegates. The delegates can throw city parties and run for city, county, or state positions. The delegates also will attend speeches, seminars, learn campaign strategies, and also have ceremonies to induct the winning candidates.

Although in real politics there are two parties, the Democrats and Republicans, at Buckeye Girls and Boys State, delegates are divided randomly into two parties without a say. These parties are called the Federalists and the Nationalists. The girls in the parties have a meeting and decide what their parties will represent. Delegates attend city meetings, state party cau-

cuses, workshops that deal with the field and position they are running for, debates, city rallies, county rallies, and many other functions. Erika's feelings on this situation were summarized when she stated, "I feel very privileged to be chosen to go to Girls State, and I am excited to meet new people and lean more about our government." Buckeye Boys and Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.



Top: Annie Gano, Sarah Conrad, Kasey Wolfgang, Bottom: Erika Smith, Emily Winn



Pictured above are newly inducted members of Salem High School's chapter of the National Honor Society. The induction was held on March 26 in the school auditorium.

Website Competition By Brandon Yarwood

Press Day 2007 By Bridget Szabat

On March 29, 2007, the Salem Web Design class went to Kent State, East Liverpool campus to a web site ompetition. This is the second year that Salem has competed in the competition. Salem entered two teams of four eople to compete. Team one consisted of Ryan Bell, Aaron Clunk, Victor Dufresne, and Derek Hale. Team two as comprised of Brandon Yarwood, Adam Lang, Adam Swiger, and Erik Cibula. The other schools involved in the vent were East Liverpool, Southside, Wellsville, and Columbiana County Career and Technical Center.

Each team was responsible for creating a web page on a subject that they did not know until seconds rior to the start of the competition. The topic last year ended up being shoes, so it was a little difficult to do. This ear they picked a topic that every student in the competition could relate to, video games. Teams were not given



Too: Mike Mahouski, Ryan Pizzola, Brandon 'arwood, Victor Đufresne, Aaron Clunk, Derek Hale, Adam Lang. Bottom: Adam Swiger. Ryan Bell.

a guideline as to what had to be on the site. The few guidelines that they did have to follow were that they could bring books and reconstructed code but not allowed to download or install any new programs on the computers. The students were given two Dell laptops to use in creating the websites.

The second place team in the competition was Wellsville's Team two. Their team made a very impressive flash animation of the game Tetris. Their site was hard to navigate and did not have enough information. Salem's team two made a very impressive site constructed in Adobe Fireworks. The site was easy to navigate, and it had very flashy parts that jumped out at you while you browsed the site. Ryan Bell, Aaron Clunk, Victor Dufrensne, and Derek Hale walked away with a PNY Kent State Edition flash drive. The students also received a two thousand dollar scholarship from New Life Academy of Information Technology and a five hundred dollar book scholarship for Kent State University. You may view the websites at shawngolden.com/contest/winners.htm.

On luesday, April 1/th Mrs. Dye's Mass Media class headed to YSU to attend Press Day.

Press Day is an annual event where many of the surrounding area schools come together and compete against one another. Student writers submit articles, poems, stories, and photos which are udged by area journalists and teachers. There are also competitions for yearbook, s, websites, literary magazines, and videos.

Press Day included a select group of guest speakers who talked about various subjects involving the newspaper. Some of the speakers included WYTV's Gina Marinelli, Jeff Levkulich, and Bill Castrovince. Also WKBN's Tiffany Patterson, Tricia Perry and Paul Wetzel attended.

While at Press Day the students got to pick sessions they wanted to sit in on and listen to. It was not just about writing and journalism. Press Day also included what

it would be like to be a television news producer and a news anchor. There were also other categories for sessions, all involving the media.

Once again Salem came home with some awards. Editor in chief, senior Wes Lindberg was awarded the prestigous "Staff Member of the Year Award," Senior Alyssa Nelson received second place for her political cartoon, and junior Caitlin Costal won third place in the indepth series category.



Caitlin Costal, Wes Lindberg, and Alyssa Nelson received honors at the recent Press Day held at Y.S.U.

# Opinion

### War of the words By Kaitlyn Fedyna and Anna Zimmerman

Q: What are your plans for summer



**Senior** Alec Johnson 'My plan for this summer is to just have

fun with the crew for the few months that I have left. I'm moving to North Carolina to attend UTL



Junior Mikenzie Clark I plan on playing a lot of softball."



Sophomore Brandon Simmons "I'm going to sleep in and play bas ketball.

# Point/Counterpoint Seven or eight period days

#### By Adam Swiger

If you remember back in the days of our middle school (not junior high) years, we had eight period days. I can't speak for everybody, but I know that having eight periods can be a hassle for many students. It is very difficult to remember eight different subjects and having a more restricted amount of time to learn. With eight periods, every class would be fortytwo minutes. With seven periods, all classes are fifty minutes, which allows more time to get things accomplished. Most people say that a shorter period would help because the attention span of a teenager is only about twenty-five to thirty minutes long. They can easily become distracted during a class.

An advantage to a fifty minute class would be for the types of students who don't fully understand the things they went over in class. They have more time to ask the teacher for one-on-one help without having to worry about being late for another class or having to come in after school when they have an extra curricular activity or an emergency that needs to be taken care of immediately.

I know of a student who currently has a full day of school, athletic practice, and work. This student doesn't get home until around 9:30 at night. Adding another period to a school day, this student could very easily miss one assignment or more due to the lack of time he has. This student could have had time to finish the assignment in class if they had those extra eight minutes at the end of class instead of possibly getting no credit or only partial credit.

My colleague and I sent out a questionnaire to all high school teachers, guidance counselors, and principals. We got a total of twelve back out of forty. Of the twelve we got back, only one was in favor of a seven period day, and one was mixed. While the teachers have made their opinions known, the decision lies in the hands of five people in this school system.

## Bathroom lockdown

#### By Erik Cibula

Any male student that has a science class and has asked to go to the bathroom has probably noticed by now that you have to walk a little bit further then you used to. The men's restroom has been closed down and locked. Some say it's because students were smoking in the bathroom; some say it's because people were skipping class and hiding in there. Let's put the

bathroom. It was also a problem when some students got ill, they could not make it to the bathroom in time, and they were forced to vomit in the hallway because the bathroom that they were closest to was locked. Another issue addressed was that since the entire school was forced into using only two bathrooms, they were getting over-used.

When I sat down with him,

### By EJ Kataro

The recent buzz about the school is the rumor of an eight period long day. I, along with most of the teachers that responded to our poll, believe it would be a good idea to extend our school day from the current seven period schedules to eight periods.

Most predominantly it would give the students more classes per year. This would be good for college bound students who wish to get in as many credits per year as possible. The majority of the responding teachers believe that eight period days would open up for more electives and shrink the current size of some classes.

To quote Mrs. Conti, "It is almost impossible to do quality chemistry, physics, or biology labs in fifty minutes. These classes need a double period of about forty minutes apiece two times a week. An eight period day would enhance students' proficiency in upper level classes.'

From my other studies it would be better for the students because wikipedia says that a person's attention span is two to five minutes time their age. That sets a typical high school student's attention span to about thirty to forty minutes. My Algebra II teacher told us that he teaches the first half of the period and lets us work on our homework assigned that day the second half. This schedule works quite well because it applies to our attention span.

I have yet to get any responses from the school board and all other responses were anonymous. I still think that our poll speaks for itself. Nine out of the ten slips that were returned were in favor of eight period days.

# Bad rule of the month No games on the computers

#### By Erik Cibula

Any student that has gotten on a computer at Salem High School has heard by now, "NO GAMES," whether it's coming from a teacher, administrator, or the librarians. At first you think, "I know, I've heard this a thousand times." but still some students feel the need to get on the computers and play games, get caught, and ruin it for the rest of us.

According to the librarians (whom students say are the most

thing they shouldn't be." The most common problems

that teachers have with students using the computers is that they are playing games, but according to most students, they do not see that as much of a problem. "If we don't have homework or anything else to do, we should be allowed to play games," says Thomas Adams, a freshman at SHS. Most students in the school would agree that if there is



Freshman Sam Schuster "My plans for this summer are having fun for the little time we have off and attending football practice."



Teacher Miss Johnson "I I plan on visiting my fiance for six weeks in Singapore. We hope to visit Australia and Thailand. Hopefully I will bring back some great food ideas for my classes!"

rumors to rest. According to Mr. Kirkland, the real reason the bathroom has been locked up is because the bathroom was vandalized.

For the upper classmen, this might remind you of when the bathrooms



there. This upset a lot of students because they said it was invading their privacy by having to tell someone how long they were in the

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long

were

Mr. Kirkland said that he thinks this strategy is effective. He used the example of when the restrooms were locked down because of the smoking problem two years ago. The problem stopped. He says that the same idea is being used here. He says that it has

been a common problem for most of the year, and now that it is locked, the problem has stopped. Another effective strategy is student honesty. He said that if there are

strict about the rule) the computers in the school are for educational use only. They also used the example of how if a student is getting on the computers to play games, they are taking up that computer, which might be needed by another student who actually needs to do school work. They say this is a growing problem because with the addition of all the new students in the building this year and the same amount of computers, there is a higher demand for them. If a student is playing games, that is taking away from a student who needs it, which according to the librarians, is "a waste." They also say "When you are done on the computers, GET OFF!" Also, according to Mrs. Schneider, who is the computer lab teacher, "It's embarrassing to have to receive a call from Mr. Roller saying that someone is doing some-

nobody on a waiting list and there is nothing else to do, the teachers and librarians should just let them be.

The debate on this issue could last forever. But students did sign an agreement at the beginning of the year saying that they would not play games or misuse the computers in any way. So if you find yourself in a disagreement between the librarians, just remember that more then likely, they will win.



When it comes to playing games, even Erik can't get past Mrs. Wrask.

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other students in the bathrooms, then that individual will be less likely to do anything bad in fear that they will get turned in.

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# Entertainment

#### Honestly, how many rock nd metal bands do you know who ave made their own instruments? lell, I can tell you at least one. The etal band known as Motograter ade their own instrument out of dustrial cable and guitar pieces. st me tell you, it sounds pretty aweme. The band hails from Santa arbara, California. The founder is rater (Bruce Butler) who is in charge playing the Motograter instruent. He formed the band in 1995. ortly after, in 1999 and 2000, the and released two independent cords. The fans loved them.

By 2002 Motograter gned a record deal with Elektra ecords. Their first self-titled album as released on June 24, 2003. This cord earned them a spot on the zzfest 2003 second stage. The

From Orange County Calirnia, Bleed The Sky is trying to uild respect of Metal by musicianip. Their sound is best described s groove metal. Popular influences clude bands like Pantera, Alice in hains, Deftones, Sevendust, Ledappelin and White Zombie.

Bleed The Sky consists of ve members including vocalist oah Robinson, guitarists Kyle loorman and Wayne Miller, bassist asey Kulek, and drummer Austin 'Amond.

In 2003, Bleed The Sky ot their "big break." With gained spect after opening for Opeth,

### Battle of the Bands Motograter By Sarah Humphrey

fans, new and old, loved the band's personality. Not only did they have a few homemade instruments that gave them a unique sound, they also covered themselves in body paint. Motograter also took great pleasure in splashing body paint on their loyal fans. Ozzfest gave Motograter the publicity they needed to continue with several major tours.

Later in 2003 Motograter was invited to tour with 40 Below Summer and Mushroomhead. The tour did very well. In October of 2004 the band teamed up with Dope and Twisted Method to do a small US tour. This is where they met Jager sponsored Dry Kill Logic. Motograter was then asked to join "The New Level of Aggression" tour with DKL. This also did very well.

### Bleed The Sky By Katy Birtalan

Bleed The Sky recorded their first demo just one month after the show. Soon afterward one of their songs was featured on a video called "This is Skateboarding," which was released in twenty countries around the world. The next year their song "Killtank" was being played on the radio nationwide.

In 2004 Bleed The Sky headlined their first coast-to-coast tour. Currently they are signed with Nuclear B'ast records, which also records In Flames and recorded their first full-length album "Paradigm in Entropy" in 2005. Bleed The Sky has been working on their The band is still technically together, but many of them are now doing some side projects. Motograter said they hope for a new album soon, but they don't know when.



Motograter



#### Bleed The Sky

#### newest album

"With a clear vision of longterm goals uninhibited by public opinion, Bleed the Sky are claiming their place in the industry by expanding the boundaries of their genre. Combined with a drive to achieve and a dedication to consistency that is evaded by most, Bleed the Sky is well on their way to ravaging the status quo."

## By Ryan Newell

#### Grindhouse

In reviewing the film *Grindhouse*, the simplest way of doing so is to review both segments of the three hour film. One review for Robert Rodriguez's *Planet Terror* and one for Quentin Tarantino's *Death Proof* are included.

The film reviews

#### Planet Terror - B-

For the first film in the twopart film *Grindhouse*, writer/director Robert Rodriguez dishes out the zombie film *Planet Terror*. Leading the cast are Rose McGowan as Cherry (who has a machine gun for one leg) and Freddy Rodriguez as Wray. Also featured in the cast is Bruce Willis, who is becoming a rather Rodriguez regular following his appearance in 2005's *Sin City*.

Planet Terror is in classic zombie movie mode, tons of blood, gore, and shooting. With Rodriguez's wonderful directing, this wild idea of a film comes off the screen just like any other past Rodriguez film. The majority of entertainment comes from the witty humor, stylized action, and unexpected cameos of actors like Willis and Quentin Tarantino. All this adds to the style that Robert Rodriguez brings to his films.

In addition to *Planet Terror*, Rodriguez also directed the fake trailer for a fake movie called *Machete*. The trailer was more like a short film, with another Robert Rodriguez regular, Danny Trejo, playing a man out to kill. The trailer also featured regular Cheech Marin in a hilarious part as a priest. Coincidentally it appears Rodriguez is planning on making *Machete* into a full length film, scheduled for 2008. Together, *Planet Terror* and the short trailer *Machete* are the true winning parts of *Grindhouse*.

#### Death Proof – F



Quentin Tarantino, where did you go wrong? The massively talented writer and director who made such classics as *Pulp Fiction* and *Reservoir Dogs* failed miserably with this horrible second half to *Grindhouse*. The main flaw of this film is the talking; it's all talk and no action, not a great way to pull in an audience who are coming to see an action film. *Death Proof* lags on for about twenty minutes before anything worthwhile



Most of us haven't really pticed the digital movement in artooning. Most modern cartoons re made using computer generated hagery. CGI is in almost every ovie we see these days. It's truly mazing how far it has come since pinception into Hollywood in 1973.

Westworld was the origial movie to first use CGI. The first ox office hits to use CGI were the ovies Star Wars Episode IV: A New ope (1977) and Alien (1979). The rst CGI human was created in the 981 movie Looker. Many more ovies have such as The Last tarfighter (1984), Labyrinth 986), Terminator 2: Judgment Day 991), Jurassic Park (1993), The latrix (1999), The Lord of the Rings rilogy (2001-2003), The Polar Exress (2004), and most recently 300 2007). There have also been great lares of CGI cartoon series and ovies such as Reboot (1994-2001), he Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: pril 2007

Boy Genius (2002-2006), Beast Wars (1995-1999), Shrek (2001) and Toy Story (1995)

Computer generated imagery

By EJ Kataro

CGI has come a long way since its inception. Now almost all cartoon movies released are CGI. Almost all of the major box office full length cartoons of the past few years have been CGI. Open Season, Over the Hedge, Happy Feet, Flushed Away and Barnyard were all full length computer generated cartoons. The number of classically animated cartoons to hit the box office has greatly diminished. One of the last fully animated movies was Disney's Home on the Range (2004) which had a budget of about \$110 million, but only grossed \$50 million.

CGI has revolutionized the movie industry making it increasingly easier to do bigger, crazier things in movies. These effects include things like making dinosaurs and monsters look real to making entire sets and editing actors onto them. I believe CGI will continue to grow until being replaced by some kind of three dimensional hologramlike technology.

E.J. poses with some popular CGI characters

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actually happens in it, even then nobody cares.

Kurt Russell stars as Stuntman Mike, a man who simply kills women with his car. Russell, a typically bad actor who occasionally does good movies like *Vanilla Sky*, is horribly miscast in a role Mickey Rourke should have kept. Even the always wonderful Rosario Dawson, who finally appears after about a half hour,

fails in saving this horrid film. After Tarantino's success of the *Kill Bill* series, I was under the belief that Tarantino was back on track; I was wrong. Let's just hope there is a chance for Tarantino to redeem himself by returning as a special guest director on 2008's *Sin City 2*, as he did with the first one.

All in all, *Grindhouse* is a rather large disappointment as a film. The concept of two films for the price of one isn't a bad idea; it's just that both movies need to actually both be good. With the current success of *Sin City* and its two upcoming sequels, this little hiccup shouldn't hurt Robert Rodriguez. As for Quentin Tarantino, who has been struggling to regain the *Pulp Fiction/ Reservoir Dogs* days, he has seen the flop of 1997's *Jackie Brown* and the underperforming *Kill Bill* series ruin his chances of a comeback. This flop has again damaged his chances of a comeback. My final say on *Grindhouse* - definitely stay for *Planet Terror*, but don't waste your time with *Death Proof*.

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# Feature

## The stork makes a very special trip to China By Will Fithian

As Mrs. Gill and her son Ethan stood with balloons in the terminal at Pittsburgh International Airport, they waited anxiously for the newest addition to the Gill family - Chloe, their sixteen month old daughter from China. As Mr. Gill and Chloe approached their family, Chloe's tired body quickly turned into an elated one as soon as she laid eyes on the colorful bouquet of balloons. She immediately reached out to her new mom.



Mr. Gill and his new daughter Chloe.

When Mr. and Mrs. Gill decided to adopt from China, they began by speaking with people who had adopted from China before as well as search for information on the web. Through all of their research, they found that China only works through international adoption agencies that have been accredited by the Chinese Government. The accredited agency the Gills chose provided them with information about the requirements of international adoption such as how long and how many visits must be made to China, whether or not both parents must be there, the cost of adoption, approximate waiting period, etc. The process took roughly two years to complete altogether. It took sixteen months from when China accepted the Gills as adoptive parents, known as the "login date," until they received their referral. A referral is information on the child assigned to the adopting parents by the CCAA (China Center of Adoptive Affairs) which is the government agency that sets up international adoptions. Currently the waiting period is two and a half years from the login date to receiving the referral. Mr. Gill traveled to China to pick up Chloe six weeks after receiving their referral. Since there is no social security system in China, when girls marry they become part of their husband's family and do nothing to help their own aging parents. It is very important to have a boy in China to take care of the aging parents in a family; therefore, unwanted baby girls are dropped off in the doorway of hospitals, churches, and police stations and parents try again for a boy. In regard to their adoptive child, the Gill's could only rely on the pictures and information sent to them by the orphanage. China has little HIV, alcoholism, or Page 4

drug abuse, so they were confident that their baby would be healthy. The Chinese mothers also take very good care of themselves during their pregnancies because they don't know the sex of their baby until birth.

Mr. Gill traveled along with nine other families to China. He said that most of the families consisted only of the mother and father, but one family took their son who is in sixth grade and another family consisted of parents, paternal grandparents, and a five year old

daughter who had been adopted from China four years prior. Mr. Gill traveled alone so that his wife could stay home and care for Ethan. "Some of the parents had trouble dealing with the baby when she bonded to one parent and did not like the other one holding her, especially the first time parents," said Mr. Gill. The girls were all in good health with a few cases of bronchitis and colds that cleared up quickly.

The Gills have one son, Ethan. He is very excited to have a little sister whom he can teach how to do things. He finds her very entertaining, and, according to Mr. Gill, she laughs at her big brother more than anyone or anything else.

I asked Mr. Gill to compare life in the United States to life in China as he saw it. His responses were very insightful. He mentioned that people were much more focused and subdued in China than people in the U.S. They were much quieter during work or even just walking along the sidewalk but very friendly when he spoke to them. "People would walk up to me and pull down the pant legs of my daughter if they had raised up while I was



## How to prepare for leaving the nest By Caitlin Costal

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, a quarter of our high school population waits anxiously in anticipation for the day all students, regardless of age, eagerly look forward to - graduation. This long-awaited day is the day when each of our graduates will move on to pursue his or her own dreams and goals. The majority will move away from home, at which point they'll either enter college or head straight into a career. Each will start a new chapter in their lives, but I wonder if all our graduates are truly ready to leave the nest. After being told about a magazine article entitled, "The Top 5 Things to Do before Heading off to College," | became inspired to write this article. There are an abundance of things to do before leaving home and heading out into the real world. So for all my senior readers, I would like to provide you with a few suggestions of things that may make living on your own a whole lot easier. Learn how to manage your money. It is always surprising to me 13 just how many students have little or no clue as to how they should handle their money. Most high schoolers have jobs that earn them a small income, but they seem to know only how to manage spending their money, not how to save it. Honestly, though, the truth of the matter is that most of us don't get many opportunities to practice. The majority of us don't have to worry about paying for the rent, car payments, food, etc. Because of this, however, high school is one of the best times to get a handle on dealing with your finances. I would highly recommend opening a checking account and/or savings account if you don't have one already. They are usually free and are both great ways to practice saving and efficiently managing your money.

2.) Learn how to manage your time. This is another *extremely* important thing to get a hold on before entering into the real world. Unlike money management, however, high school does <u>not</u> offer a very effective playing ground for time management. Of course there are *some* forms of punishment for absences and tardiness (not that I would know, of course). But, unlike college, the responsibility that comes with self does not apply – we are forced by law to go to school. In the real world, there *are* no enforcements for attendance. Professors and employers will not make excuses for your irresponsibility. You will only end up with a loss of a job or a failing grade. Make sure to take this point seriously. It will end up helping you not only now, but for the rest of your life.

3.) Learn how to manage household chores. Although this is not as crucial as the rest, learning how to tackle the main household chores are important to get a grasp on before doing life on your own. For those of you who haven't figured out what I'm talking about, this means *learning how to do laundry* and at least *making an attempt at cooking* (the microwave is an excellent alternative to an oven if you're anything like me). Of course there are the sickening few of you readers who have already conquered the title of "Suzy Homemaker," but for the rest of us normal people, it is crucial that we learn (at least somewhat) the basics of every-day chores before leaving the house.

4.) Settle all of your grudges and arguments. This suggestion comes



carrying her, and if they spoke English they would tell me to be sure I keep her warm," said Mr. Gill. "I could tell how much they cared about their children, but they did not have the concerns about people hurting them like we do here in the U.S."

The Gill's are looking forward to the memories that are sure to come from this exciting and life-changing experience.

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down to your own personal convictions, but if it was up to my opinion, I would tell you to make all major wrongs right before graduation. Some of you are probably thinking, "Well, it doesn't really matter what someone thinks of me because I probably won't see them ever again," and quite frankly you're right. *This is what makes this point so important.* You *won't* see most of your fellow graduates again, which is exactly why you should apologize *now.* Just because you don't feel remorseful about something now doesn't mean that you won't feel bad about it a few years down the road. So then the next question arises, "What if they don't accept my apology?" Well, then it's on their head. At least you'll be the one able to sleep peacefully at night.

So, as you can now see, there are *many* things that should be accomplished before heading out into the real world. It's such a great idea to get a head start on these things. Really, though, most of these ideas will have to be learned sconer or later, so why not save yourself the hassle and get a handle on them *now*? You'll find that you will be just *that much more* 

School Countdown! Seniors: 24 Days Underclassmen: 28 Days



## Machine shop madness

#### By Anna Zimmerman & Kaitlyn Fedyna

Welcome to the other side of the school where no one's afraid to get their hands a little dirty. This is machine shop. So what do they really do down there in that secluded hallway which seems so separated from the rest of the school? According to a few of the boys, they make things such as hammers, clamps as class projects, and make separate things like the jeep. But most of all, they enjoy what they are doing.

These boys, accompanied with Mr. Peters, have been featured in "Low-Range" magazine two to three times for the jeep they built. They have also been in "Crawl" magazine. The jeep that they put so much time and energy into is being raffled off next month. The raffle starts on April 13 and will end in September after their last competition. These tickets will cost \$20.00 a piece, but it's well worth it consider-



Members of the machine shop class proudly display the trophies they have earned at competition.

ing the jeep is worth more than \$40,000.00. Constructin of the jeep began in October of last year. The jeep was just a project on the side and was not part of the machine shop criteria. In the words of Mr. Peters, "This project put the skills learned in machine shop to the test in a pro-series competition. We finished as high as second place." He just about sums up how much hard work and intelligence he and the boys put into making the jeep happen.

They have placed in many competitions which they have entered. They placed third over all in the UROC Pro Atlantic series. Their next competition will be WE-ROCK which is this season. For more information on the UROC Pro Atlantic Series, log onto www.UROC.com and for further information on the WE-ROCK competition, log onto www.WE-ROCK.cc.

\*This article is dedicated to everyone in the machine shop so that their hard work and efforts do not go unnoticed.

### Zune V. iPod By Ryan Bell

Here we go; we have the biggest dual of the MP3 players that we have seen in a very long time. What we have is the iPod that was made by Apple that has been out for a few years. Now we have the new MP3 player that is out called the Zune that was made by Microsoft. What MP3 player will come out on top to be the best? This is one of the questions that we all want to know. We have the iPod that is the number one selling MP3 player out in the United States today. It has been out in the production field now for about six years. iPod, like every other piece of equipment, has its ups and downs. The iPod is known for some really bad sets of ear buds. The screen is easy to scratch and very easy to leave fingerprints on. It does have some good points like the interface is easy to get around. The screen is nice and bright and easy to read. The battery life is pretty long and keeps getting longer. Then we have the wheel that the iPod came out with that everyone really loves. The iPod takes nothing to put songs on; the iTunes does it all for you. Those are a few nice things that iPod can do. Now we will get to

see what Apple will come out with next that will make their product better than everyone else's.

Now new to the market we have the Zune. The Zune is supposed to be the MP3 player that is going to kill the ipod. Zune also has its problems. The Zune is not known for its battery life which is not especially big. The one thing that people do not like is the fact the zune is not a portable hard drive; it is just an MP3 player. There are a few that do not like the fact that you need to buy everything for the Zune since it does not come with really anything. Evervone that has bought a Zune has been very happy with what they have purchased. They are very happy about the nice big screen that they have which is very clear. Everyone likes the FM tuner that is in the Zune so that you can also listen to the radio if you get tired of your music.

## Humanitarians

#### By Robert Hergenroder

Of the many philosophies amidst the world today, humanism is one embraced by many scholars and commoners alike. It revolves around rational thought, is powered by technology and science, and motivated by compassion. It asserts that man must take responsibility for its own destiny, rather then rely on the metaphysical and supernatural. This philosophical movement has been around for almost a century, and has greatly affected liberal society.

Harvard recently held a convention celebrating the thirtieth year of the Humanist Chapel at the famous college. The convention, titled "The New Humanism," was attended by a plethora of humanist leaders. Included were four recent winners of "American Humanist of the Year," put forth by the AHA or American Humanist Association: Dar Williams, an acclaimed folk/ rock star; The Secular Student Alliance, the largest organization for helping secularist high school and college students; Bobby Henderson, prophet and founder of Pastafarism; and the group leader of the Atheist and Agnostic group on Myspace.

The event was in memory of Kurt Vonnegut, an "American Humanist of the Year" winner who died early this month. The height of the weekend was a seventy-five dollar a plate dinner on Saturday followed by an award presentation and a live band.



Feature

## Inner nerd: Homebrew By Wesley Lindberg

How many times have you heard a phrase like this, "Video games, cell phones, iPods have no use in school; put it away or I'll take it away." I'm certain all of us who carry around any kind of modern device have heard this statement or something similar from a teacher before. But what if you could turn around and say, "Yes, it does and I can prove it." Usually, the look received is hilarious. Sometimes you can do this with the default features of the device such as the calculator or the notepad in cell phones, but more often than not they say that's not enough as you've already got a normal calculator. When that happens, now what? Homebrew is the answer.

Homebrew code is unlicensed, unofficial, usually fan made code to run on many modern devices; video game systems, cell phones, and iPods are the most common targets of people looking to run homebrew code. It usually isn't supported by the original creators of the device, and it is not surprising that many companies will go to great measures to keep homebrew code from being run because it takes away from business (though some companies do allow you limited homebrew code support, such as the PS3's Linux support and the Xbox 360's XNA Studio.) You might be thinking after that little explanation that homebrew is illegal; however, it isn't. The only circumstance where a certain piece of homebrew is illegal is when that code violates a copyright law. In the past, some exploits for the use of homebrew code required illegally copied files from the device's internal code. If this was included with the download of the homebrew code then legal action could be taken. However, there are instances where homebrew code is legal, but what the user does with it isn't. Such an example would be console emulation, e.a. running Nintendo game files on the PC. Emulation is legal; however, the possession and use of the game files without a license to the original game is not.

devices homebrew code will **void** the warranty. With home video game systems, in most cases what is involved is purchasing and installing a mod chip. Installing such a chip is not for the faint of heart, as you must open up the system (automatically voiding the warranty) and most often solder another PCB (Printed System Board) directly to the motherboard of the system. Without proper knowledge and precautions this can easily destroy a game system. Once that is done, you can sometimes connect the console to the computer to transfer the code, or use a CD or DVD burned on the computer. Usually, mod chips also provide the ability to play homemade or downloaded backups of commercial games. With emulators, the chip is legal, the files are not.

With handheld game systems, cell phones, and iPods it depends on the make, model, and system firmware of the device. Most handheld devices do not have enough space in them for mod chip installation, so homebrew code is run by taking advantage of an exploit of the system software. To combat this, companies will often release software updates to prevent you from using these exploits, at the same time promising something new to convince those who are using the exploits to upgrade. I cannot possibly go into the details of how to run homebrew code on any and every device you might possibly have. To do so would take up this whole paper and more. However, I can lead you to places where you can learn. There are many websites that cover homebrew content; http://www.qj.net reports on many subjects including homebrew code in the sections it's most fit; http://www.cellphonehacks.com/ covers With this, I say goodbye to Inner Nerd. It's been a good year for me at SHS. I'm glad I took a chance writing something that not everyone would be interested in with Inner Nerd. I know there aren't many teenagers out there that care about Linux, modding their PC, or knowing about hacking, but it was interesting to hear some of the few reactions I got regarding Inner Nerd. And with that, go out, be a little "White and Nerdy," and "Live long and prosper."

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So there you have it - the ups and downs about the top two MP3 players. Now you can make a good decision regarding what you want. Good luck. There is no such thing as a bad decision, but there is a thing called a warranty.

Now that we know what homebrew code is and the basic legalities of it, how do we use it? Well, this is where it really gets complicated. It all depends on the device. Remember this, however; with almost all

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# Sports



**Justin Skiba** Tennis How long have you played tennis?

-This will be my second vear. What influenced you to

start playing? -I guess it was the fact that I wanted to be in a sport and tennis looked pretty fun and also my older sister played.

What is your most memorable moment while playing tennis?

-Every time coach yells at some players becomes an instant memorable moment for me. Do you want to continue playing after high school?

-If you were to look at me square in the face, I could tell ya straight out that I'm the best ever. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I'd like to if the coaches could contain "all this" (as I point to myself).

How does it feel to be a senior leader?

-Okay.



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## **Aaron Clunk**

Tennis How long have you played tennis? -Three years.

What influenced you to start playing?

-I just played for fun then I decided to play. What is your most memorable moment while playing tennis? -Last year at sectionals I went to catch a serve during warm-ups with Poland and I caught it but my hand went numb and I couldn't feel my hand during the match. Do you want to continue playing after high school? -Yes

How does it feel to be a senior leader? -It feels great.

# Matt Moffett

**Senior Spotlight** 

Track How long have you par-

ticipated in track? -Since the eighth grade. What influenced you to start running?

-I was one of the fastest kids in elementary school. So I joined the track team my eighth grade year and kept running ever since.

What is your most memorable moment while being on the track team? -Winning County and MAC three years in a row, and running at the Regional Meet my sophomore and junior year. Do you want to continue after high school? -I plan to, but I will have

to wait and see what happens.. How does it feel to be a senior leader? -Okay.



# **Adam Stone**

Track

How long have you participated in track?

What influenced you to start running?

-I was always pretty interested in track, and was pretty fast.

What is your most memorable moment while being on the track team? -Standing on the podium this year at indoor state. Do you want to continue after high school?

-I would like to, but it is unlikely it will happen. How does it feel to be a senior leader?

-l don't really consider myself a leader, but of those select few who may look up to me, it feels pretty good.

dominate.

# Bring on the baseball!

#### By Emily Washam

As of March 20th spring has officially sprung. Of course, you can hardly tell that in Ohio since we have been having endless rain and the occasional snow fall. However, one sport has arisen that proves that it <u>is</u> spring: baseball. The boys varsity baseball team has a new coach this year, Mr. Alejars. Most of us know him from teaching math or coaching the girls' basketball team, but this year he is coaching baseball too. Mr. Alejars played high school baseball, and he also played for Mercyhurst College. He says that he decided to take the job at Salem because he loved coaching and baseball. He enjoys being able to positively influence athletes and being able to share his knowledge about a variety of sports. When asked if he would rather coach boys or girls, he said that he enjoys both, although he did comment that at times it seems easier to coach girls. When coaching basketball, he said he doesn't treat his players like girls, he treats them like athletes and coached them the same way he would coach boys. Coach Alejars said that he hopes to compete and get better in every game.

As a whole, Coach Alejars believes his team's strongest area is defense, and that will be tested against their toughest opponent, Canfield. The varsity team consists of one senior Sean McKee; years and coaching for eight juniors, Zac O'Brien, Brandon Holland, Derek Ball, David Wright, Bobby Spaulding, Jimmy Armeni, Chip Hank, and Dan Rudibaugh; one sophomore, Dan Fortney; and one freshman, Nick Lesky. Coach Alejars commented: "Our team is young so we lack experience; however, we will lose, these girls will be anot use that as an excuse. We believe we can win and should win." Junior David Wright also commented on his outlook of the season saying, "This year will be a good learning experience with a new coach and only three returning letterman, so we're going to look to the underclassmen to step up this season."

With the first selection...

coached, Kalie and Andrea tackled me. Has coaching Powder Puff influenced you to keep coaching after high school?

-Yes, am looking forward to coming back in a few Salem.

Justin Johnson

Powder Puff -

Coach

How long have you

-This is going to be my

Who inspired you to

What's your favorite mo-

First year when I

coached Powder Puff?

second year.

- Doug Phillips.

ment so far?

coach?

What do you think about this Sunday's game? - I'm looking forward to a

good time. Either win or winners in my heart.

P.S.- I know my girls will

Powder puff game

Six years.

#### By Adam Swiger

On April 28th and 29th, the National Football League will be holding its 71st annual draft. Every year since 1936, the NFL has held a draft for college seniors and juniors that declared themselves eligible for the draft. Some teams will trade picks and players they just drafted. Others will trade draft picks before the draft begins. The draft consists of seven rounds in which every team chooses in order of record, except the Super Bowl teams, loser 31st and winner 32nd. If two or more teams end up with the same record, the NFL will use the team's strength of schedule as a tie breaker. If teams have the same strength of schedule, the NFL will then go to a simple coinflip which happens at the NFL Scouting Combine.

The NFL Scouting Combine happens every year toward the end of February. The Combine lasts for six days in the Indianapolis Colts' stadium, the RCA Dome. During these six days, all prospects, as the players are called, are tested in several different areas. These include the 40 yard dash, bench press, vertical jump, broad jump, 20-yard shuttle, three cone drill, 60-yard shuttle, position-specific drills, interviews, physical measurements, injury evaluation, drug screening, the Cybex test, and the Wonderlic Test. The Cybex test is a test to see how well all the joints in the body move. The Wonderlic test is a twelve-minute, fifty-question exam to assess aptitude for learning a job and adapting to solve problems for employees in a wide range of occupations.

The draft class of 2007, which is headlined by LSU QB JaMarcus Russell, Georgia Tech WR Calvin Johnson, and nineteen-year-old Louisville DT Amobi Okoye are anxiously awaiting the draft. The Oakland Raiders have the first overall pick this year. The draft experts, such as ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr., have JaMarcus Russell being the first overall pick, while others have Calvin Johnson going first overall.

Just out of local interest, most experts have Oklahoma RB, Adrian Petersen going to the Cleveland Browns with the third overall pick. The Steelers are projected to take Florida State OLB Lawrence Timmons with the fifteenth overall pick. This is, of course, barring any late trades on or between draft day.

We will not know who the number one pick is until the draft. So until then, all we can do is speculate.

#### Kathy Ellis

The game of football is a game that is usually specifically for males. The powder puff game was then made for females who wanted to play the game as well. The term "powder puff" originated from when girls would use the cosmetic powder puff and mirror. This was the usual female behavior of girls when the first powder puff games began. A lot of schools create t-shirts that are to be worn during the game. The game consists of junior and senior girls playing a game of touch football or flag football as rivals.

The practices for the annual powder puff game were at Southeast School at 5:30 on Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19. The junior vs. senior powder puff game was held on April 22 at Reilly Stadium at 2:00 p.m. The junior girls were coached by Zack O'Brien, Josh Cosgrove, Austen Hutton, Seth Harding, Josh Post, Derek Ball, David Wright, and Mike Adamson. The senior girls were coached by Justin Johnson, Ben Hendershott, Greg Woolman, Sean McKee, and Cory Rickman. The t-shirt colors that the senior girls wore were black with pink. The junior girls' shirts were purple with yellow.

The score of the powder puff game was 31(seniors) to 6(juniors). Jenny Cappuzzello scored the touchdown for the juniors in the third quarter. The senior touchdowns were scored by Natalie Davidson, Zahra Scullion, Morgan Hiltbrand, Abi Seguin, and Chelsy Kaley. Although the seniors womped the juniors, the juniors still had a positive attitude about the game and are looking forward to next year! After all, it is all fun and games...right?

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# The April curse

By Courtney Mercer

It's time to put away your snow boots and say hello to your flip flops. Well that's what you think when April rolls around. The thought of sitting outside and tanning over spring break enters your head, and nothing could sound more relaxing. This year, however, instead of looking around and seeing green grass and birds chirping, there was still snow on the ground. Instead of going out and enjoying the sunny weather for spring break, you were forced inside your house still sipping on your hot chocolate you thought was packed away for good with your boots. It seems as if Mother Nature decided to skip summer this year and go straight back to winter. "It was trash. I personally was hoping for a nice warm vacation, But nooo!" exclaimed a disappointed senior Sarah Humphrey.

Now this curse of weather did more damage than just ruining your spring break. Due to the extreme drop of temperatures many crops were damaged, such as in Tennessee which had damage in ninety-five counties. In North Carolina the agriculture commissioner estimated that the freezing temperatures caused a jaw dropping \$112 million damage. Due to the extreme changes in weather, many people begin to ask if this could be the start of global warming. "Yes, but it is also because of El Nino. It's a combination of both," stated Katy Birtalan. El Nino is defined as a global coupled ocean-atmosphere phenomenon which fluctuates the temperatures and spreads warm waters from the west Pacific and Indian Ocean to the east Pacific and then takes rain with it. This then causes rainfall in normally dry places and no rainfall in the eastern regions. Some times when El Nino will take place it will occur for only a couple of weeks or a month.

The weather lately could be a mixture of the end of the last El Nino, which was recorded to end at the beginning of this year. Or it even could be the start of what some believe to be global warming. This would increase the warming of the surface and lowering of the atmosphere. Whichever reason, we can only hope that this unpleasant weather will quickly change so that we can finally start our summer.

## Is prom all there is? By Jessica Watson and Tabbie Parrish

"Before Night Falls" is the theme for prom which will be held on May 4. Be ready to enjoy dancing with DJ Richie D., delicious dinning, and more fun at the Stambaugh Auditorium. The cost is twenty dollars per person. After-prom will be at the University of Akron Student Rec Center where you can enjoy the hypnotist, smoothies, games and additional fun. The cost will be fifteen dollars per person.

Next is the sophomore class. Sophomore Social is just right around the corner. It is going to be held on May 19 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Sophomore Social is mainly to hang out and have fun with your friends. The class comes up with a crazy theme for the dance, and you dress up or what not and have fun. My class, last year, got to dress up as superheroes of our choice. It could be an actual comic book su-

## Senior meeting By Jessi Howells

Seniors, if you missed the meeting Monday April 16, you missed some important reminders. If you don't have your cap/gown for graduation get them. If you have unpaid fees or library fines get them paid. Make sure to have an emergency medical form on file if you want to attend the senior picnic on May 29. Don't play any pranks or our picnic will get taken away from us. If you have any ideas in regard to the senior gift, please share them with your class officers. Finally, check in the guidance office for any scholarship forms, including any from alumni for which you may be eligible.

# Every day is Earth Day

By David Price On April 22 every country celebrates Earth Day ,but do we know what it is all really about?

In 1970 the Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson established the date April twenty-second as Earth Day. The idea came to him as a result of his trip to the Barbara oil spill of 1969.

The oil spill claimed many lives of the wildlife in that surrounding area. Over four-thousand, birds alone were killed. Later in the year Nelson proposed the date be changed from March 22 to April 22 that year. Now over twenty million people and one-hundred and seventy-five different countries celebrate the day every year.

Before the date was changed to April twenty-second, Larth Day was need on March 20 the spring equinox (aka) the first day of spring. Most people still believe that March 20 is still and still should be the Earth Day they had before. Some people are so crazy about Earth Day they would write songs about it "What Are We Gonna Do" (The Dramarama's). In the end Earth Day is a world renowned holiday that everybody can celebrate together without all of the fighting. It just goes to show you that one major tragedy to the animal race could cause a man of steel to become a man frail of heart in a mere second. Whatever may happen in the world with wars, genocide, and world hunger we will all still stand and as one equal world. Now Earth Day basically stands upon protests for "Stopping Global Warming" and cleaning up the area in your neighbor hood and recycling to make the environment much cleaner.

# Dependence on technology By Victor Dufresne

The world has changed about its dependence on technology. We depend on technology for almost just about anything we do such as schools, banks, stores, and credit card companies. If a store such as Wal-Mart did not have cash registers, half the people who work them most likely would not be able to make change without looking at the screen to see how much change is needed. We so much depend on technology to keep track of our records, like credit card companies, if the technology failed at those companies, there would be so much conflict.

Mrs. Schneider quoted, "I think it has increased dramatically, today I spend much more time relying on technology." Mrs. McCracken guoted, "I think it's important that we all know how to use technology and understand it, however we should not fully depend on technology." (Mrs. McCracken in the past had a conflict with technology. She was in Staples while a storm was happening and the electricity failed in the building and the sliding doors would not function. During this she was pregnant.) Mrs. Wrask quoted, "Everything revolves around technology. As soon as you graduate, colleges, jobs, and just about anyone will look on how well you can use technology.

How much should we depend on technology? Schools, teachers, and students are relying more on technology. The internet is a whole eworld which is limitless and can be accessed by a click of a mouse. There are many positives and many negatives about depending on technology.

A few on the many positives about depending on technology is in the field of medicine, finding new cures and using technology to create these medicines. Another positive is businesses like Sony, Phillips, and Microsoft improving on speed of their computers and electronics.

A few negatives about depending on technology are that we may tend to depend on it too much. A lot of jobs in the world today rely on all technology and without technology today thousands would lose their jobs. Also, if something were to fail most people would have no other alternative to completing their jobs.

In the future will we rely one-hundred percent on technology? Will technology take over our lives and let it do everything for us? At the rate that technology is improving everyday, it just might happen.

### A little Irish jig By Jenni Frederick

The marching band traveled to New York to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. I got to participate in this event and the

lovely weekend which we

enjoyed.

We saw Beauty and the Beast which was phenomenal! It was the Caribbean vacation in the dead of winter.

> Now on to the pa-

rade

Everyone in high school knows about prom, but, of course, it's only for juniors and seniors. So what does the school have in store for the rest of the students and staff? The upper classmen know what to expect, but underclassmen have no idea what's in store for them. There is Freshman Formal, which Mrs. Batton is the advisor of, and there is also the Sophomore Social, which Mrs. Hippley is the advisor of. There are also, two other dances that not everyone is aware of. There is the Spring Fling and the Senior Citizen Prom.

The Freshman Formal will be held on May 5 at 7:30. This is a dance open to all of the freshmen class. In my mind it is a small version of prom for freshmen. From what. some juniors and seniors told me, they really enjoyed Freshman Formal. So, freshman if you miss this you are missing just about the biggest thing in your freshman year.

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per nero or one that we thought of on our own. Word to the wise, sophomores, you should really go to Sophomore Social because it's a blast, and if you don't you may just regret it.

On Thursday, April 26 during fifth period a special event was held in the library for the special needs students in association with Project support. These same students have been invited to "Paradise Island" which is the special needs prom 2007 being held at Canfield High School. Many of our students wil be attending this specal event.

Finally, there is the Senior Citizen Prom. This is an annual event sponsored by the Interact Club which is advised by Mrs. Hutson. This special event is sponosored to benefit the senior citizens of Salem. It will be held on May 12 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m in the cafeteria. There will be live music and refreshements.

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Though the weather was rather frightful there was a lot of fun activities we enjoyed. This was a very entertaining trip with a lot of memories and indescribable sights.

Let us first talk about the trip itself which was a good time minus the snow/ice that fell at us the entire time. There are priceless skylines and sights that we beheld and we got to see a fair amount of historical sights. These included Ellis Island, The Statue of Liberty, and we also toured The Rock, Radio City Music Hall, and NBC. My favorite part had to be our Broadway show.

which we were the first ever out of state band perform in it many years ago. Other Jessica Potesta, Dan Huston, and Emily than the Bennett happily pose with their award. fact that

> the buildings create a tunnel of wind the weather that day wasn't too bad. It was a really fun experience seeing all the people cheering you on. Clapping for you and actually hearing them call you by the city name. The New York people are really fun to march for or at least the ones at the parade were. I had a good time entertaining the masses in the celebration for the great St. Patrick.

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