

# The Quaker

A high school tradition for years.

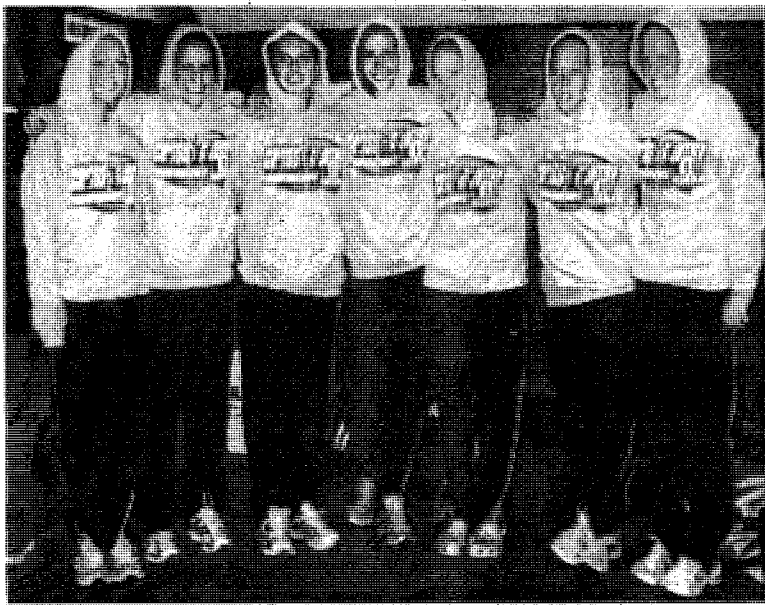
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## Quaker girls' XC place 6th at state

By Luke Shivers



The girls were easily recognizable even with their hoods up.

The Salem High School girls' cross-country team competed at the Division II State Championship Meet on November 3, 2007, at Scioto Downs racetrack. The girls finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place in team scoring, and junior Lauren Shivers received All-Ohio honors with a 25<sup>th</sup> place finish. Seniors Sarah Yerkey and Liz Shivers placed 33<sup>rd</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> respectively. Junior Alexis Thorne placed 72<sup>nd</sup>, sophomore Bethany Huston placed 83<sup>rd</sup> to round out the top five scoring places, and freshmen Betsy Yuhaniak and Lexi Shivers placed 89<sup>th</sup> and 107<sup>th</sup> respectively. The girls' cross-country team has qualified for state three consecutive years and won titles in 2005 and 2006. Sarah Yerkey expected the field to be fast but not quite as fast as it was and said, "I am extremely proud of how we finished the season." Liz Shivers, who has competed at state since her freshman year, said, "I am really proud of every single one of my team members and wish all of the underclassmen the best of luck next season." The girls' finish may seem like a disappointment after two consecutive titles, but a sixth place is no small accomplishment.

The girls took a toll on the trophy case again this year. Among invitational victories they won the county, the Metro-Athletic Conference, and the Northeast District championships. Liz Shivers, Sarah Yerkey, Alexis Thorne, Lauren Shivers, and Bethany Huston were all recognized for being Academic All-Ohio.

## Sadie Hawkins 2007

By Ciara Cicogna

The Sadie Hawkins dance was held on Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 8-11 pm in the cafeteria. Mikenzie Clark, a senior here at SHS, was the DJ. The court did a great job of entertaining everyone at the dance. There was Mike Adamson who brought back a little 'N Sync, Zack O'Brien giving us every Michael Jackson move possible, Theo Keniston showing us a side of him most have not seen, and a version of Soulja Boy most have not heard, and last but not least we had the Josh P Revolution with Josh Post and Josh Pittman, which was evolved from a video on the web called the Evolution of Dance. After they were done, Theo Keniston was crowned our Sadie Hawkins King of 2007.

Each member of the court had the chance to say a few words and tell us what the honor of being on Sadie's Court meant to them. Theo Keniston, our king, would like to say, "Don't fear the deer," and "That I can listen to all the gangster rap I want." Josh Pittman would like to say, "MADAMSON IS A STUD," and "I get to stomp the yard in front of the person's attending the dance." Zack O'Brien would like to say, "Nobody has nothing on this. So hey DJ, get ready, get set and...Drop it like it's hott!" He also said, "It's a great honor and just another way to show off these moves. Cuz' it's hard out there for a pimp." Josh Post would like to say, "I'm bringin sexy back," and "People want to see my awesomely cool dance moves." Last but not least Mike Adamson decided not to give any quotes but to say the honor of being on Sadie's Court for him meant "I can't wait for people to laugh at me as I attempt to dance."

## Salem Volleyball makes it to Dayton

By Kasey Wolfgang



The girls did not travel to Dayton in Coach Conser's BMW because there were not enough seatbelts.

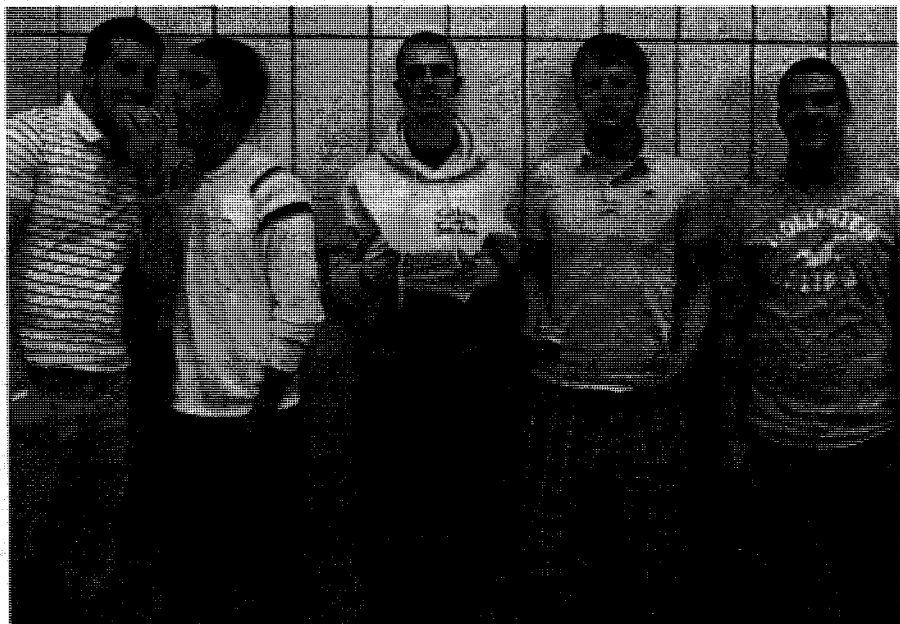
Every high school athlete dreams of making it to state and winning the state championship. For one group of girls this dream has become a reality. The Salem Varsity Volleyball team made their way to Dayton this month to continue working toward their goal of winning state.

After losing in the regional semi-finals last year, each of the girls had one thing on their mind—revenge. And revenge they did get. Once again they made it to the Regional round of tournaments and faced Walsh Jesuit, the team that shattered their hopes of state last year. This time, though, the only tears that came were tears of joy. The girls won in five intense matches. On they went to the regional finals. They beat Parma Padua in four games clinching the title and advancing to the final four.

On Friday, November 9, 2007, Salem fans packed the gym at Wright State University. Four spirit busses arrived, and the Salem students were thunderous with their chants. Salem took the court at 11 AM in pursuit of making it to the state finals the next day. The girls dominated the first two games, and it looked like they were going to the finals; however, Toledo Central Catholic rallied back and won the next three games assuring them a spot in the finals the next day. They went on to beat Bishop Hartley and win the tournament.

Even though the season did not end the way many hoped it would, there were still a profound number of achievements during the season. The team was MAC champs, District Champs, and Regional Champions. The volleyball team had many players receive distinct honors this year. Three of the starters were named All-Ohio. Amy Scullion was the lone sophomore to make first team All-State. Her sister, Katie Scullion, received third team All-State, and Sarah Brobeck received the Honorable Mention All-State honor. Coach Don Conser was named 2007 Coach of the Year for Division II and the County Coach of the Year. Amy Scullion was the County Player of the Year. Many of the girls received first, second, and honorable mention honors in the county also.

Congratulations Salem Volleyball team. Even though you lost one game you won in many more aspects. Remember the positives of your season, and congratulations on all of your successes.



The court poses for the camera while Theo yearns for Josh Post's bagel.

## War of the Words

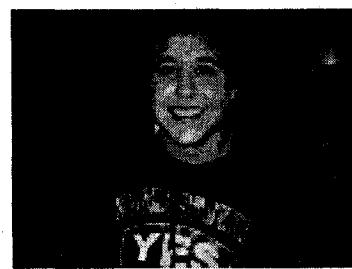
By Erik Cibula

What is your craziest Thanksgiving story?



**Caitlin Costal  
Senior**

"Two years ago our garbage disposal broke, so my mom had to wash the Thanksgiving dishes in the bathtub. Another year, my senile grandmother unannouncedly puked on the carpet."



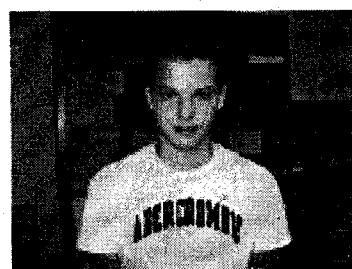
**Steph Paporodis  
Junior**

"A couple of years ago my family was about to sit down and enjoy our Thanksgiving meal when we found our dog on top of the table eating the turkey."



**Justin Adams  
Sophomore**

"A few years back, I went to my aunts for Thanksgiving and as we were sitting down to eat, all of the kids started a giant food fight."



**Alex Stone  
Freshman**

"One year my grandparents burnt the turkey. That Thanksgiving we had pizza!"

## Point Counter Point Should drinks be allowed in classrooms?

By  
Bridget Szabat

At Salem High School many may wonder why the staff members are such sticklers when it comes to cracking down on any drinks in the school. If it's anything besides water and a teacher sees you, sure enough you will be asked to throw it away. Many students are frustrated with the concept of no drinks allowed in the building and classrooms and wish for this rule to be changed.

Why is it a good idea that they have banned this? Suspending drinks helps to obtain a healthier environment. With flu season coming up, it's a good idea that students don't share drinks. Limiting drinks in school helps to reduce the amount of students sharing drinks. Yes, you still can share with water and other drinks at lunch, but it reduces the risk by a greater amount. Many times students like to chug or even slurp drinks. This could cause a great distraction to other students. Having drinks could even distract your own mind from paying attention to the lesson the teachers are giving. So what? Disease and distractions - how are they a big deal, many may be wondering. Well, the containers the drinks are held in are also a leading factor to a rapidly spreading trend of chewing. You may not notice, but many times students will use the leftover bottles to store their snuff filled spit in. Even though you may not see this much anymore, students sometimes would slip alcohol or other combinations in their drinks and just put them in a container. Having no drinks helps to abolish this. Many teachers will agree in saying that drinks other than water that are spilled cause a huge mess. The juices cause ants and other bugs to flood the rooms especially in the spring. It also causes the janitors or other students to have to clean up the annoying sticky mess. A lot of times people are extremely lazy and like to leave trash everywhere. The hallways used to be filled with bottles lying around everywhere.

Yes, sometimes it would be nice to have your daily dose of coffee or drink some PowerAde to get your day going, but if excluding these helps to keep the school looking clean and the students staying healthy than I find that it isn't too much of a sacrifice, do you?

### Coaching Confusion

By Jordyn Hissom and Bridget Szabat

As some of you may know, Mrs. Page, the girls' softball coach will be taking leave due to the birth of her child in December. Her leave would extend from time of birth until sometime in April. The team members have concern because normally they would start open gyms in November, start tryouts in February, and start the season in March. With all of this upheaval and unexpected turn of events, they are not sure when they will even be able to begin conditioning.

Mrs. Page has coached for the past four years and was hoping to add this year also, but it looks like she will not be able to. She has currently hit a road block and is trying her best to get around it. She was told Thursday, October 11 that she would not be allowed to continue as head coach while on maternity leave. Mrs. Page was given two options: one being to take her maternity leave and return in April as co-head coach, and the other suggested that she not take leave at all. Medically speaking, two is not recommended.

Coach Page says it is "unfair" and she feels like she is "being punished for having a baby." If she is unable to keep her position as head coach, she doesn't plan on coaching. Currently she is trying every means possible to overturn this decision. She wants the team to know she is very proud of them and appreciates all the support.

Superintendent Ramunno made it clear that Mrs. Page could be a co-head coach and coach prior to and after her leave of absence. "Everyone needs to understand that childbirth is both a miracle and a blessing. But with this oftentimes comes complications for the mother, the newborn, or both. I can't take a chance on jeopardizing the season of our kids with that possibility hanging out there. That would be irresponsible on my part—it is my responsibility to look at the big picture." He also stated, "This is not personal nor is it unfair. I made my decision with much thought and consideration of Coach Page's program and the stability of the team."

All of the girls will not give up and will continue to fight for what they believe is right. They have not worked this hard for nothing. Coach Page always told them "To keep battling out until the last inning," and they plan to do just that.

By  
Jess Watson

Why should we not be allowed to have drinks? We pay for them; let us drink them. We're in high school now; most of us are responsible enough not to spill anything. Even if an accident happens and a drink is spilled, we clean it up right away. Really, what is the big deal about drinks other than water?

I think we should be allowed to have drinks other than water in class because some people have medical problems, and they need to keep sugar in their systems or they get ill. Another reason is that some classes such as foreign languages have small parties or fiestas. That results in maybe not finishing a coffee or a juice, and you have to throw it away the next period. I don't think that's fair. Many classes have those parties to reward their students for good test grades, finishing a hard chapter, or anything like that. I think the students should be able to finish their drinks or snacks because they deserved it.

Some teachers seem to think that we shouldn't be allowed to have drinks because it causes a distraction. How does it cause a distraction? Getting up every five minutes and asking to leave the room to get something to drink is distracting. Another thing some teachers think that the students are going to do is sneak alcohol into school. Seriously, half of Salem High School students don't wake up in time to get ready for school without rushing let alone trying to figure out how to sneak alcohol into school. We're allowed to have water in water bottles. Correct me if I'm wrong, but is there or is there not alcohol that is clear like water?

One more thing that I'm not very happy with is coffee in the mornings. Why are we not allowed having coffee in first period? Teachers are constantly complaining that their students are falling asleep, but we're not allowed to have coffee or anything to wake us up in the morning. Everyone knows that when you're disinterested in something you tend to doze off. Let's face it - school classes are not very interesting, so we need something to keep us awake in the morning.

To all the teachers - I think you should allow at least your first and second period class to have a coffee so that they can stay awake for your lesson. Some students have to work and get home late the night before, so they don't get much sleep at night. They're tired in the morning. Just let them have a little boost in the morning to help out.



### Webwasher: friend or foe?

By Erik Cibula

Now that the first nine weeks is over, and everyone is well into the routine of school, by now, you have probably logged onto the school's computers and gotten onto the internet. Also, the chances are pretty good that if you've gotten on the internet at school, you have gone to (or attempted to go to) a website that has been blocked by "Webwasher."

Webwasher is the school's new internet filtering system which replaced Bess, utilized in previous year. Most users would say that this new system is too aggressive in what it filters. "It blocks sites that it should not block, which I think is stupid," according to SHS senior, Ryan Golden. A perfect example would be that the seniors are working with an epic poem in Mrs. Dye's and Mrs. McCracken's classes, called *Beowulf*. But when students go to the *Beowulf* website (Beowulf.com), it comes up blocked.

Most users think that this is the school's evil doing. But the fact is that Webwasher has nothing to do with the school. In fact, the school actually has no control over what you can and can not access. Webwasher is actually the idea of ACCESS, which is the company that provides the internet to the school. ACCESS also provides internet access to several other schools in Ohio. So even if you go to another school in northeast Ohio, the Webwasher logo will still pop up on the computer.

## The Odd Couple

By Sarah Conrad

The play *The Odd Couple* was performed on Thursday, October 25 and Saturday, October 27 in the high school auditorium. Tickets were only three dollars a piece. If you're one of those girls who have a "girls' day" and sit around and gossip and talk about your relationships, you would have surely loved this play.

The play was all set in Olive's house (Chelsee Campbell). Olive was a slob who would have a girls' night once a week where five friends (Wolfgang, Maroscher, Cicogna, Cambell, Rudibaugh) would sit around the table, play trivial pursuit, smoke, gossip, and drink. Everything was going normal until Florence's (Libbi Williams) husband split from her. Florence showed up moping around during the girls' game. Florence, a neat freak, ended up moving in with Olive who was a huge slob. While Florence cooked and cleaned, Olive couldn't stand her constant complaining about her husband and talking about how sad she was. Olive invited over two Spaniards from their building. Florence spilled her heart to the Spaniards who found great sympathy for a woman who is that compassionate with such a big heart. Olive reached her breaking point and kicked Florence out because of her uptight, hysterical attitude. While the four

usual girls are sitting around their table playing and smoking, they get a knock at the door. It's the Spaniards getting Florence's clothes so she can stay with them.

Chelsee Campbell was brilliant as the lead of the show along with the rest of the cast. Each individual brought a certain personality to the stage that clicked. Ciara Cicogna, Mickey, played a cop who is hard-nosed and down to earth with a husband that seems quite easy to please. Kasey Wolfgang played a character named Renee who could have easily passed as a sassy character from "Sex and the City." She would toss away boys like they were garbage. Meg Maroscher played Sylvie, a sarcastic southern girl who smokes like a chimney. Some cliques have friends who seem to be naive to every situation possible. Victoria Rudibaugh perfected this role of "the ditz housewife." Libbi Williams played the perfect "I just got dumped" role. With moping around, complaining, and crying, she hit the role just right. Max While perfected his Spanish accent which surely added a comic effect to the whole play. If you didn't go see this hysterical play, you really missed out.

## Rodney Atkins

By E.J. Kataro

Rodney Atkins is a Tennessee native that was adopted as a child. He was so sick that two couples who had adopted him took him back. What a humble beginning for such an amazing singer. The third couple that adopted him kept him. Even though his ailments worsened the couple refused to give him up. During high school Atkins learned to play guitar, and he did so at festivals and other such events around his Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, home. He eventually went to Tennessee Tech while working several jobs including songwriting and other such gigs in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rodney's first single came from his self-titled album (1997) when he signed to Curb Records. Curb Records is well known for signing such artists as Tim McGraw, Garth Brooks and Blake Shelton. He released another album called *Honesty* in 2003 but neither album reached any significant feats. After five dismal singles, Atkins recorded his third and most recent album titled *If You're Going Through Hell*. The first three singles "If You're Going Through

Hell," "Watching You," and "These are My People" all reached number one on the US Country top 100, and they also reached the top 50 in the US Hot 100. The album as a whole peaked at number one on the US Country top list and



number three on the US Hot 100. Atkins also won the 2006 Top New Male Vocalist from the Academy of Country Music.

Rodney Atkins is currently touring with Brad Paisley and Taylor Swift. He's an excellent artist, and he's on an astounding tour that's coming our way on December first when he comes to the Schottenstein Center in Columbus, Ohio. Check out Rodney Atkins. His music is worth the effort if you have a taste for country music.

## Battle of the Bands

By Theo Keniston

### Good Guys vs. Bad Guys

Good Guys: The String Quartet Tribute



The String Quartet Tribute (String Quartet) can only be described as a plethora of genius. The String Quartet itself isn't any single group but is instead an ongoing series of musical covers produced by Vitamin Records utilizing a plethora of different groups of musicians. Each record focuses on one primary artist or band and is given a classical spin on their songs. Though following the cover songs note for note, the instruments that are mainly focused on are violins, violas, and cellos. To date The String Quartet Tribute has produced 232 albums with works different in range from 2pac, to The Beatles, to U2, and even to the likes of hardcore-indie Christian band Underoath. Many that have desponded toward alternative music, as well as some rap artists, may find String Quartet tribute albums to be more than amazing music to their ears because all String Quartet songs are done a cappella, and the lyrical melodies are done with instruments. The Rush tribute album (*Exit...Stage Right*) was actually nominated for a Grammy because of its stellar rendition of a great band's work. Overall, the String Quartet is a mind-blowing alternative to one's musical norm and an incredible way to broaden your scope of music to include a classical aspect.

Bad Guys: Scary Kids Scaring Kids



Hailing from Gilbert, Arizona, Scary Kids Scaring Kids (Scary Kids for short) is a post-hardcore band that had first seemed doomed to follow the same path as many a band before them: to break into the local and underground scene and then fizzle and pop out of existence. It was the senior year of high school for vocalist Tyson Stevens, guitarists Chad Crawford and DJ Wilson, and drummer Peter Costa, when they released their first EP and produced it on their own. Though finding local success, all of the members doubted the future of the band (whose name was borrowed from a song title by the emo band Cap'n Jazz), and Scary Kids went into hiatus as each member went his separate way. Unbeknownst to them, the popularity of their more famous songs had been booming thanks largely in part to the internet with such outlets as Myspace and Purevolume. Soon the young twenty something's had record labels knocking at their doors. Once signing with Immortal Records, Scary Kids released their first full length debut album, "The City Sleeps in Flames" on June 28, 2005. After numerous tours with larger acts as well as headlining their own tours, Scary Kids has recently released their second self-titled album on August 28, 2007. The new album definitely showcases Scary Kids maturity as well as musical diversity in combining "new wave's careless spirit, post-hard core's lacerated dynamics, as well as the mood and spirit of heavy guitar rock bands." Scary Kids Scaring Kids is definitely a band worth giving a listen to, unless of course you're scared.

#### NOVEMBER CHAMPION:

Based entirely on an unbiased opinion, this month's winner for the battle of the bands is the Good Guys. While both musical groups are among the best today, The String Quartet Tributes win based on the large number of genres they cover, thus reaching a much broader audience. However, I think both will eventually be winners because I'm sure there's bound to be a Scary Kids Scaring Kids tribute in the future.



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# Feature

## Help win the fight

By Brittney McCollum

Cancer doesn't have an age limit. It has no prejudice or discrimination. It can affect anyone big or small.

One member of our school knows that all too well. Fifteen year old Nick Reed is battling it right now. The treatment for cancer is a long term process and can be very expensive. Most families need assistance. Key Club is doing their part

selling the rubber bracelets. Help the Reed family by purchasing a bracelet for three dollars and a key chain for four dollars.

They can be purchased in Mrs. Cochran's room, science wing 165. You can also go online to [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com) and go to Nick's page "Nickshouseofcheese." All the proceeds go to the Reed family. So do your part to help.

## Thanksgiving traditions

By Matt Faulkner

For most people Thanksgiving is about turkey and football. For Christians, Thanksgiving is to remember how the Pilgrims invited their Indian friends to have dinner to thank God for his provision. The Pilgrims were wedged into "tween decks" (cargo space) for two months. The first Thanksgiving was said to take place at Plymouth Rock in autumn of 1621.

I asked the following people about their Thanksgiving traditions and what they are thankful for.

### Justin Evancho

**What are you thankful for?**

My friends and family.

**How do you spend Thanksgiving?**

I spend Thanksgiving with relatives that I don't see often and then another one with close family.

**How do you believe Thanksgiving should be celebrated?**

I think it should be just close family because if relatives don't spend time other than holidays then it's no point during holidays.

### Liz Dorn

**What are you thankful for?**

I am thankful for my family and friends.

**How do you spend Thanksgiving?**

I spend my Thanksgiving with my family. We go to my aunt's house and eat with the family.

**How do you believe Thanksgiving should be celebrated?**

Thanksgiving should be celebrated with family... have dinner and watch football, play some games and have fun.

### Lauri Dotson

**What are you thankful for?**

I'm thankful for my friends and family. Also for my freedom

**How do you spend Thanksgiving?**

We usually go to my grandma's in the early afternoon; then in the evening we go to my aunt's for another dinner.

**How do you believe Thanksgiving should be celebrated?**

I believe Thanksgiving should be celebrated with friends and family. Family is very important to me, so it is very important to spend the holidays with them.

### Mariah Halleck

**What are you thankful for?**

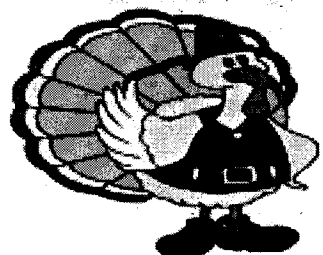
I'm thankful for my friends and my family.

**How do you spend Thanksgiving?**

This year I'll spend Thanksgiving in Virginia with my dad's family.

**How do you believe Thanksgiving should be celebrated?**

I believe Thanksgiving should be celebrated with your family or closest friends and really good food.:



# Happy Thanksgiving

## Goodwill

By Jordyn Hissom

Dialysis is used for patients that have temporarily lost kidney functions or stable patients that have lost kidney functions permanently. One study estimates that the cost for long term dialysis could cost up to \$9,019 each year, and that's exactly why Mrs. Ricker has began collecting pop tabs in the office. She began in October and plans to continue until the bin is full. For each tab, one minute of free dialysis goes to a child. One student gave over a thousand. "That's over a week of free dialysis," she stated. Mrs. Ricker said she started because of a friend and she "thought it was a simple thing to do and doesn't cost anything." Donations can be made in the high school office.

Another goodwill activity currently taking place in school is the collection of cans for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat For Humanity has built more than 225,000 homes, giving over a million people a place to call home. The Key Club, began collecting pop cans in September, and they plan to carry it through-out the school year. Barb Lowden contacted them, and they agreed to take on the task. Mrs. Cochran, the advisor, hopes that the students and staff rinse out their empty cans and make a donation. Tall, white boxes have been placed around the school in places such as outside of Mrs. Cochran's door, outside the junior high office, and one will be placed in the cafeteria soon.

## Habitat for Humanity

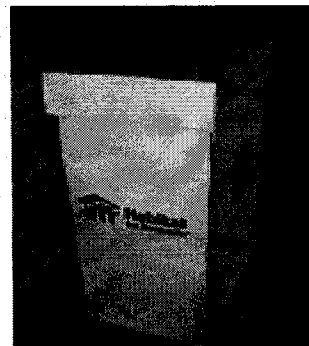
By Tim Howard

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that donates houses to the homeless in order to eliminate poverty and poverty housing. People of all races, religions, and beliefs can help or donate. More than 225,000 homes have been built, giving 1,000,000 people in more than 3,000 communities across the world that were once homeless, safe and well-built homes in which to live. The price to build one of these homes is on an average of 60,000 in the United States. HFHI, (Habitat for Humanity International), headquarters is located in Americas, Georgia, and the administrative headquarters is located in Atlanta, Georgia.

Recent local HFH info includes the house built for the Cross Family, and construction at the Weingart family's home has begun

and is expected to be ready by early spring 2007. A cookbook is also being made. Homes are expected to start in Lisbon and Salem in 2007.

If anyone is interested in finding out more info about HFH, wants to donate or help in some way, or wants to make an online donation, the e-mail for HFH is [habitatncc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:habitatncc@sbcglobal.net). Other than construction help, other ways to contribute include volunteer development, public relations, family support, special events, resource development and church relations. Other than this info, if you or someone you know is in dire need of quality housing and is interested in having HFH help them, call the HFH office at 330-337-1003. Habitat for Humanity is helping eliminate poverty and to improve the average living quality of every human being.



You can place your pop cans in this box.

## White Christmas Dance

By Kasey Wolfgang

Tradition at Salem High School has dwindled some since our parents went to school. One tradition that the Spanish Club is trying to renew is the White Christmas dance.

Surely grandparents have told their grandchildren that in their day one had to be specially invited to attend this dance, and the girls in charge decided who their escort would be. The Spanish Club, though, is opening the dance to all juniors and seniors. When asked how the idea came up senior Spanish Club president Jenny Cappuzzello said, "The Spanish Club members were discussing ideas for the school year and remembered that White Christmas was always fun and a big success." The members of the committee have been working very hard with fundraising to defray the costs of the tickets for this dance. They made nine gift baskets, valued at well over \$500, to be raffled off at sporting events at the high school. A fundraiser that is still in the beginning stages is also coming up.

This semi-formal dance will be held at the Salem Golf Club, and dinner will be provided. The dance is set for December 22, 2007. The DJ for this dance will be the Salem Cross-Country coach Mr. Hopple. At this time tickets are priced around \$18.00, but with all the fundraising the committee has done the ticket price should go down to \$15.00 per person.

White Christmas was a wonderful tradition before it died. Jenny says, "The dance will be a good chance to have a great time and have some fun during the holidays." With all the efforts from the Spanish Club, it should be a wonderful and fun-filled night. So get your dancing shoes ready because White Christmas is back!

## Beware of Black Friday!

By Jessica Watson

Just about everyone knows what Black Friday is, but just in case you don't - it consists of crazy crowds competing to get the most discounted expensive item. It's known as one of the busiest days of the year in stores, the day after Thanksgiving. A question that runs through many people's minds is "Why do we call it Black Friday?" It is called Black Friday because many have learned in history class about "Black Tuesday" also known as the stock market crash and how the crowds panicked and went crazy because of what was going on. That is where the term Black Friday came from. Its huge crowds running around trying to get items that are greatly discounted reminded people of the crowds going crazy during the stockmarket crash.

When the Black Friday sales began, the main purpose was for Christmas shopping. It was to help families that didn't have much money to afford nice things for Christmas. You can go to just about any store the day after Thanksgiving, and it will be packed wall to wall with people with not even enough room to turn around and grab something to buy. That's not because people are shopping for

Christmas either. Many people go and buy very expensive things for really cheap prices and resell them on eBay. That's not what Black Friday was for. It was to help families in need during the Christmas holidays. Black Friday has completely lost its meaning during the Christmas season.

Now every Black Friday stores and retailers open at about 5 a.m. to begin their day of madness. Black Friday discounts are found in many different stores ranging from Old Navy to Home Depot. Just about everything has a discount on it.

Beware if you're going out shopping for those amazing sales; then watch out for the crowds. People get angry and mean, so be careful.



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## Student of the Month

By Luke Shivers

The Student of the Month Committee once again had a hard time choosing a marvelous student for the honor. We researched the student body relentlessly but no one person seemed more extraordinary than the next. Sarah and I bickered over who should be the next student of the month and I even contemplated resigning from the committee. Jaded and frustrated, I realized that I needed help. I thought of polling the students, but then gamblers and bookies might get involved in the voting process. I decided to ask Mrs. Bosheff for help. Mrs. Bosheff, formerly a math teacher, is now a guidance counselor at Salem High School. Her enthusiasm and broad knowledge of Salem's students makes her a wonderful addition to the Student of the Month Committee. She said, "I really like Candace Halter."

Candace Halter is a junior at Salem High School. She plays softball and is not too worried about the future of the program. "I think there will be softball this year," said Candace. She is in her third year of Spanish and would like to travel to a Spanish speaking country someday. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Wilson who said, "Candace was a diligent worker who was a joy to have in class!" Beyond high school,

she is considering pursuing a career in nursing. "I want to go to Ohio Northern or Akron for nursing," said Candace.

Candace has many qualities that define a student of the month. Her favorite ice cream flavor is strawberry, which coincidentally is also mine. She said dogs are

her favorite animals. Despite being partial to the canine family, she recently got two parakeets. "They haven't learned to copy people yet," and Candace characterized them as "annoying" because of their incoherent mumbling. The parakeets might not realize that Candace is a softball player otherwise they would cease their yapping.

When I asked Candace how her life would change from being Student of the Month she responded by saying, "I will try a little bit more in school." Candace's kind personality embodies the qualities of a Student of the Month. She is indifferent to the outcome of "Hansel and Gretel" and is a big fan of isosceles triangles. At the end of her interview she offered a sentiment to the students (and potential future students of the month). "Everybody should try their best and never give up." I think it is apparent that Candace is doing her best.

## New face in music

By Colton Jones

Since the beginning of the school year, we've seen a new face around the music department. This is the music loving student teacher, Mr. Cassano. He has been helping band director Mr. Krauss.

Mr. Cassano is graduating from Kent State University in December of 2007 and, like Mr. Krauss, has hopes of becoming a band director. With family everywhere from Hawaii to Washington D.C., Mr. Cassano is still undecided as to where he plans on teaching when he graduates from college.

"My goal is to move out of Ohio and become a teacher in D.C., Philadelphia/ Eastern Pennsylvania, or maybe even New Jersey," says Cassano.

Fifth grade was the first time the young Mr. Cassano picked up a trumpet, and since then he knew teaching was what he wanted to do. Teaching is what he loves to do which makes it a perfect occupation for him.

Although his time's running short at Salem High School, Mr. Cassano says he's had an amazing experience. The students, faculty, and staff have made him feel right at home which made adjusting very easy for him. We wish Mr. Cassano good luck in the future, and we'll leave it with a quote from the music loving student teacher himself: "As each day passes in the road of life we face new issues, good and bad. Don't let the bad issues get in the way. Conquer them, and move on. Life is way too short."

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## National Portfolio Day held at Cleveland Institute

By Savanna Klass

On September 29 Mrs. Frederick selected three of her art students to attend to the Cleveland Institute of Art for National Portfolio Day. Cassie Tanley, Theo Keniston (who was unable to attend) and I put together portfolios and in return received valuable feedback from college representatives. There were nearly forty colleges at the event, all with at least one representative available to evaluate each students' work. The art schools looked at every detail involved in each piece of art and offered advice afterward. Mrs. Frederick said that she thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for the students to meet and share their work with other art specialists. This way a student can see what can be offered to a individual interested in the visual arts.

The event gave each student a better understanding of what they needed to work on and what each school required. The program not only gave students an idea of the educational half of art, but it also offered encouragement and inspiration. Cassie Tanley summed up the entire day by saying, "It was an overall amazing and rewarding experience."

## The Crystal Ball

By Erin Griehs

The Crystal Ball, sponsored by The Salem Storybook Museum, was held on Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 6 until 11:30 pm. This event served as a benefit to raise money for The Storybook Museum.

The Storybook Museum was started after a group of patrons visited a similar museum in Finley, Ohio. This group decided to open up a museum like it in Salem that would be dedicated to the illustrations in children's books.

The money raised at The Crystal Ball will be used to renovate the house recently purchased on North Lincoln Avenue which The Storybook Museum will be moving into. Mr. Viencek thought of the idea of the 49ers Club. "Rather than asking a few people for a large sum of

money, we chose to ask one thousand people to donate \$49.00 and thus be able to raise \$49,000. Donors will have their names placed on an engraved plaque and placed in the entrance hall of the museum."

The Salem Golf Club was turned into a sparkling wonderland to house The Crystal Ball. A silent auction, Chinese auction, and 50/50 raffle were held. Dinner was provided, and The Jim Frank Trio played outstanding music so the guests could dance the night away. A guest appearance was made by Cinderella and Prince Charming was also made. Overall The Crystal Ball was a success, and it provided a night of good food and entertainment while raising money for a worthy cause.

## Foreign exchange students

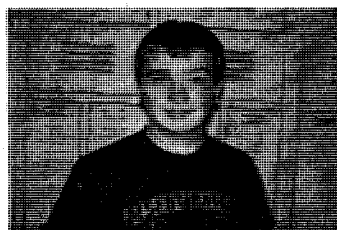
By Rosalyn Washam

One of the foreign exchange students this year is Guilherme Peschl or Gil. He is an only child and lives in São Bento do Sul, Brazil. While visiting the United States, Gil is staying with Mr. and Mrs. John Dermotta. Gil enjoys playing tennis and participated on the Salem soccer team this year. He has traveled to Florida and Pennsylvania, Argentina, and Paraguay. Gil said that the food is almost the same, so he doesn't have a problem with it. Although the food in Brazil is similar to what Americans eat daily, Brazilians do not eat this type of food as frequently.

Another new face Salem is Matthias Albert Glasmacher. He has two brothers, Johannes and Lukas, and one sister, Anna. He lives in the city of Balve, which is located on the western side of Germany. His favorite activity to attend in Germany is Schützenfest, which is similar to Oktoberfest. Matthias is staying with the Hanks while he is visiting. Matthias has visited New York, Louisiana, Texas, and Mexico as well as countries in Europe and Africa (England, France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Poland, Greece, Egypt, Turkey, the Vatican, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Mexico, Denmark, and Czech Republic). Matthias played soccer for Salem this year. He said that his

favorite food is Wendy's.

Another exchange student at Salem High School is Tomas Faix. He has one sibling, a brother Peter. He lives in Spišská Nová Ves, Slovakia. Tomas is staying with the Drotleff family while visiting the United States. Tomas enjoys basketball and playing on the computer. He also enjoys playing soccer and participated on our soccer team here at Salem. Tomas has been to Cleveland and Pittsburgh and is looking forward to going to Washington, D.C. and New York with the Rotary at the end of his stay. Other countries that Tomas has visited include Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Croatia, and the Czech Republic. Tomas likes to eat hot dogs, tacos and spaghetti but does not care for green beans. When he returns to Slovakia next year, Tomas must finish the last two years of his high school career.



Tomas Faix



Junior Savanna Klass, senior Cassie Tanley and art teacher Mrs. Frederick pose outside of the Cleveland Institute at National Portfolio Day.

## Poet's Corner

### A heart's goodbye

By Ciara Cicogna

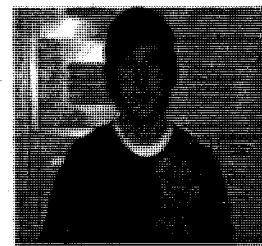
How can your heart say goodbye,  
When something is taken with a wink of an eye.

How can you let go of someone you love  
When you know they're never coming down from above.

How can you mend from something so painful,  
When all you ask for is life to be simple.

In an instant, everything changes.  
You look just like him,  
Your family can't stand it.

I wish he could see me now,  
watch me finish the race  
This one is for you  
Resto Nel Daddy Die Pace



Matthias Glasmacher



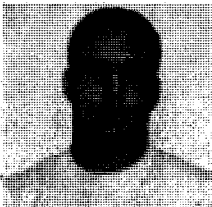
Guilherme Peschl

# Sports

## November Senior Spotlight

By Lauren Stone

**Derek Ball**  
Football



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Six years

**What is your favorite sports memory?**

Beating West Branch our sophomore year.

**What position do you play?**

Fullback/ Linebacker

**Do you play any other sports?**

Baseball

**Josh Cosgrove**  
Football



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Four years

**What position do you play?**

Outside linebacker and guard

**Do you play any other sports?**

No

**How did you become interested in this sport?**

I was never interested. I was always a wrestler, but with encouragement from friends and coaches I decided to play freshman year and I've played ever since.

**Annie Gano**  
Soccer



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Thirteen years

**Who is your team's biggest rival?**

Canfield and Poland

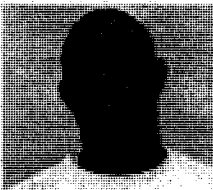
**What position do you play?**

Right fullback

**How did you become interested in this sport?**

My sister played when we were younger.

**Ryan Golden**  
Football



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Eleven years

**What is your favorite sports memory?**

Stomping on that kid from Howland my sophomore year.

**What position do you play?**

D line

**Do you have a favorite warm-up song?**

CDC- Crowd War  
Bury Your Dead- The Color of Money

**Dan Rudibugh**  
Golf



**What is your favorite sports memory?**

My favorite memory is playing at East Liverpool and breaking my putter over my head.

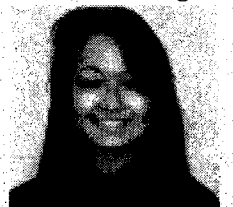
**Who is your favorite professional athlete?**

Angel Cabrera because he is a fat guy that smokes on the course and still beat Tiger Woods who is built like a free safety.

**Do you continue playing in the off season?**

I can't because I broke all of my clubs.

**Suzu Merryman**  
Cheerleading



**How long have you been playing this sport?**

Five years

**What is your favorite sports memory?**

Having those great times with all of the cheerleaders at cheerleading camp.

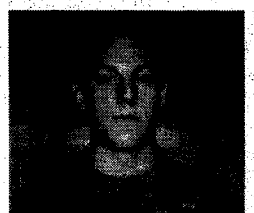
**Do you play any other sports?**

Track

**What is your goal for the season?**

To unite more as a squad and to make this year a memorable one!

**Jorden Rhodes**  
Golf



**Is this your favorite sport?**

Yes

**What is your favorite warm-up song?**

Tyler "Nite" Evans

**Do you continue playing in the off season?**

Yes, until it snows.

**How did you become interested in this sport?**

My dad gave me a set of clubs.



### Inside the game: November sports commentary

By Justin Evancho  
Richard Myers

#### How do you feel your season went?

"All together I thought the season went very well. We started out not knowing what to do and not knowing our positions, but after our camps and all the practice we came out strong. As intervals and as a team we improved a lot!"

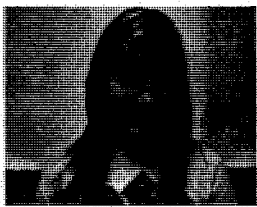
**-Macy McKinney**  
Soccer

"This season was a lot of fun. We played some good teams but we never gave up and always fought hard. And it felt pretty good to end the season with a win at East Liverpool..."

**-Zach Grimm**  
Football

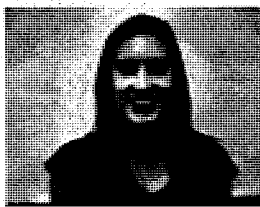
"I thought our season went fairly well we were a better team than what our record showed. I have made a lot of improvements during the season along with the team."

**-Derek Erskine**  
Football



"The only thing I think we, as a team, need to realize is that the support we give to each other shouldn't end with each practice or game is over. You should always want to be there for your team, win or lose."

**-Meg Maroscher**  
Tennis



"This was my best season so far. I improved a lot..."

**-Cassandra Utt**  
Golf

#### Is there anything you feel you need to work on as a team or as an individual?

"We're losing a talented group of seniors. But, I think next year's seniors will step up to the plate and do the job. I feel that if we work hard in the off season then we can win our conference, from there hopefully to district finals."

**-Derek Erskine**  
Football

"I think that for the next season, as a team, we need to get a lot more players. It is tough going against teams that have fifty plus players when you only have thirty. Individually, I need to train hard in the off season and step up as a senior leader."

**-Zach Grimm**  
Football

### Boot camp without the green

By Joe Hamilton

It's about that time of year again, wrestling season. For all you students who don't know it's a sport that requires commitment, dedication, and vigorous training, day in and day out. Our coaching staff contains Head Coach Ralph Smalley and Volunteer Coach Mike Douglas. I know there's a name missing. We are desperately missing and needing Assistant Coach Derek Beck.

Practice has already started. We practice hard for three days a week until season officially starts. Our Mondays consist of about a one hour to two hour run. Wednesday's are the fun practice: we wrestle hard for about two hours. Then Saturday morning practices are running. The time varies, but we always try to have some fun. For instance, if we are running we will try to have a type of a competition. For example, we split up the team and the first to complete three obstacles and get there first wins. The obstacles we have will challenge us mentally and physically.

So our lineup this year is nice, but we would like to recruit some more wrestlers. If you are out there wondering, thinking you can't do it you can;

don't doubt yourself. If you want to make friends and have the pride of belonging, then this sport is for you. We are all very close friends. We all help each other, and are all willing to take time to stay after or come in before to help someone.

We have a lot of returning lettermen. We have the three-time varsity lettermen: Josh Pittman, Steamin Willie Beamish (Shutler), Joe Hamilton (Hammy), and Greg (Fatbert) Lambert. We have two-time returning lettermen: Patrick (Trick) Simpson, Josh Lankford, William Beagle, Scot (Skooter) Gardner, and Clint Hubbard. We have many one-time returning varsity lettermen: Miguel Labra, Hannah Hallelwell, and Brandon Toothman.

The season's right around the corner. With conditioning we will be in shape in no time. Over all this year we should be good we have a lot of great wrestlers.

We have a tough hard nose senior class that does nothing but work hard and put their nose to the grindstone. So you have heard it or read it somewhere around the school whether it is versonation over heard. H.W.P.O. HARD WORK PAYS OFF!!!!



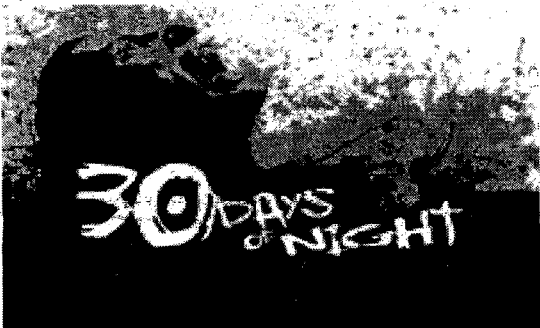
# Quaker Board

## 30 Days of Night By Louis Scott

For those who haven't seen it, *30 Days of Night* is a new, comic-based vampire movie that is drawing in large audiences everywhere. The cast includes Josh Hartnett as a sheriff in the small town of Barrow, Alaska, near the Arctic Circle. As the town enters winter, it prepares for its annual "30 days of night," which is a time during winter in which the sun is completely hidden away from the town for thirty days casting complete darkness all around. But the day before, a stranger severs all connections the town has to the outside world, along with slaying every dog in town. When captured by Hartnett, the stranger (played by Ben Foster) keeps on talking about *them* and how *they* are coming. Who are *they* exactly? Slowly the vampires begin to reveal themselves, killing off the townspeople one by one.

I personally liked the new look of the vampire, which diverted away from the classic gothic style of dress that has haunted our nightmares since childhood. Who needs two fangs when you could have an entire mouth full of them? The visual effects weren't half bad, a bit gory but alright. And there was plenty of suspense. However, after having seen the movie, I felt that it lacked in scare factor. But it was still entertaining.

The movie is currently number one in the box office, pulling a tidy amount of almost twenty-seven and a half million dollars. People all around are saying that *30 Days of Night* is the best vampire thriller to hit the theaters in a long time. So if you like a lot of gore and you like vampires, definitely consider going to see this movie.



## S.H.S. donates blood By Kathy Ellis



Senior Zach O'Brien gave blood at the recent NHS blood drive.



Seniors Erin Griehs, Caitlin Costal, and Jordan Gottschling volunteered their time to work at the recent blood drive. Caitlin served as a blood drive co-chairman.

The National Honor Society held a blood drive on Wednesday, October 31 for Salem High School students. It was hosted in the wrestling room next to the gymnasium for the entire school day. National Honor Society was running this blood drive with the American Red Cross. There were volunteer students from the school that helped out with the blood drive even if they did not give blood. Many students volunteered and also gave blood.

The donors had to weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be at least seventeen years of age, and in general good health. Students also needed to bring a photo I.D. to be able to get their blood taken. The amount of blood that each student was to give was one pint. Also, students that had a tattoo or piercing were still allowed to donate blood. Donors were given a free t-shirt from the American Red Cross and also food and beverages to keep the students hydrated and their energy levels up. N.H.S. provided pizza for the students that gave blood.

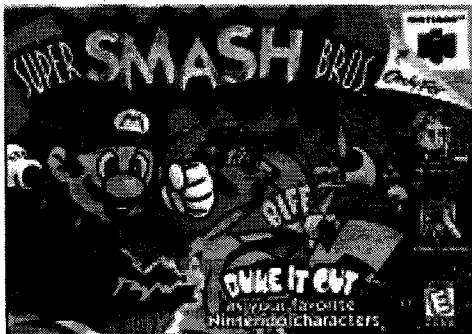
Caitlin Costal and Luke Kastenhuber were co-chairpersons for the event. They can receive a scholarship if they achieved the goal of sixty-five donors for the blood drive. Also, two blood drives have to be hosted during the school year for the scholarship to be available. There was a total of 72 students that gave blood on Wednesday, which was more than the asking amount. It is very generous of students to help out and donate their blood for those who truly need it. The amount of blood donated has increased from the amount donated in the fall of last year. Last year there was 65 pints of blood donated compared to the 72 pints this year. Hopefully more and more students will start donating blood and allow that number to grow even more.

## Retro review: Super Smash Brothers By E J Kataro

Mario versus Pikachu - is that really possible? People used to sit around and ponder upon that question before the creation of the game *Super Smash Brothers* for the Nintendo 64. *Super Smash Brothers* throws your favorite video game characters into a battle arena and lets them fight hand-to-hand or in some cases power-to-power. *Smash Brothers* turned the gaming world upside down when they released information that told people of a fighting game that included video game characters such as Mario, Luigi, Yoshi, Donkey Kong, Samus Aran, Link, Captain Falcon, Pikachu, Ness, Fox McCloud and Kirby. All, of course, are Nintendo characters but at the time Playstation had just begun and Nintendo was in its prime. *Smash Brothers* has a great deal of multiplayer gaming fun packed into it along with a reasonably challenging single player game.

Multiplayer gaming is a big part of this game. Many hours can be spent switching between characters and whipping your friends in every way possible. Speaking from personal experience, one can stay up all night playing matches over and over again. You can pick up items, throw people, hit people, shock people, and blow up. You can do just about anything possible within the different characters' worlds. The single player mode pits you against each of the other characters including a copy of yourself, a metal Mario, a "fighting polygon team," and a massive hand as the final boss. As far as unlockables go, this game is lacking. There are eight characters and eight worlds when the game starts, and you can only unlock four more characters and one world.

*Smash Brothers* is the ultimate party game, and that's where all the entertainment lies. Tournaments amongst friends and just plain messing around are what make this game amazing along with the idea of facing totally different characters against each other. Since its inception there have been two sequels in the series - *Super Smash Brothers Melee* (Gamecube), and *Super Smash Brothers: Brawl* (Wii). This game is worthy of your attention. It is tons of gaming fun for all ages.



## The Big Lebowski By Derek Hale

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*Big Lebowski*, simply put, is one of the best movies overlooked by the general population. The main character, Jeff Lebowski (The Dude to his friends), is probably the single most American character in film to date. He doesn't save the world, he doesn't have muscles on top of muscles, and he doesn't kill an army of genetically modified ninjas under the command of a former U.S.S.R. marshal. He is pretty much a bum who embarks on an epic journey after a couple of thugs urinate on his rug. His band of bowling friends is made up of a naïve ex-surfer (Steve Buscemi) and a security consultant whose extreme paranoia is a product of 'Nam (John Goodman). Even if the 'f word' is heard roughly 2.3 times a minute this movie should be seen by everybody. Everybody means men, women, and children. Many people don't follow or like this movie the first time they see it, but if you give it two tries then you will probably join me in calling it one of the best movies ever made.



## The man behind the gloves By David Price

Imagine standing in a squared circle with your opponent on the canvas with the man in white and black standing over him. Now imagine that the crowd is screaming your name, "Kelly, Kelly, Kelly." For one Youngstown man this was just the case.

For Kelly Pavlik his whole life had been building up for what was about to come - "The new middle weight champion of the world." In his early years Kelly wanted to go into martial arts, but his mindset changed after a visit to the local boxing club. After meeting Harry Arroyo (at the time he did not realize who he was) it made him want to start boxing. That trip to Southside Boxing club where Kelly has trained all of his life with trainer Jack Loew truly made boxing Kelly's career.

In Kelly's amateur career his record was 89-9. After being invited to the Olympic tryouts, Kelly then faced a person he would not soon forget, Jermain Taylor. He lost the tryouts to him, and Jermain ended up taking the bronze medal. Kelly didn't lose hope. At the age of seventeen Kelly soon turned pro to prove that he was good and that he would be a big threat in the middle weight class.

All throughout his professional career Kelly has had to deal with his girlfriend, a baby, and training all at the same time. Kelly needed to make his presence known to get to the top ranks. He did that just by winning and knocking out just about every opponent he has fought over his seven year journey to the top. His record now stands at 32-0 with 29 knock outs.

Then one night Kelly was offered to fight the second ranked fighter in the world, Edison Miranda, who was also on Jermain Taylor's fight card that night. That fight was for the next contendership for the middle weight championship of the world. After knocking out Edison Miranda, every one knew what Kelly was going to do.

On September 29, 2007, the fight was on. Taylor was promising to punish Kelly like he did in the amateur league, and Kelly was promising a good fight because there was an old score to settle. The fight was brutal. Most people could have said Kelly was finished as Taylor landed a tremendous shot on Kelly knocking him down in the second round. More rounds passed, and Pavlik seemed as to be getting more comfortable in the ring. Then in the seventh round, boom, a looping right hand and then an uppercut slammed into Jermain sending him stunned and stumbling into the corner where it was over at two minutes and fourteen seconds into the round with five rounds to go.

Kelly was ecstatic, and Jermain couldn't believe what had just happened to him. The judges' scores were shown. At the time of the knockout all the judges had Taylor up three points ahead of Kelly. Jermain has pursued his automatic rematch clause which will be given to him on January 26 at the Boardwalk Convention Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey.



Kelly Pavlik Vs Jermain Taylor

# Quaker Clips

