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Academic Challenge

By Rosalyn Washam

Academic Challenge is a club that puts your knowledge of subjects such as literature, math, sciences, history and, of course, random trivia to the test. The team meets once a week after school to practice questions. The questions used to practice have been in previous competitions, found online, or ones that Dr. Shivers has constructed. Twice a year the team meets on a Sunday to do a Knowledge Master Open or KMO.

Lead by Dr. Shivers, the Varsity team consists of five seniors: Derek Hale, Caitlin Roberts, Luke Shivers, Ian Penix, and Peter Dufrense. There are also five juniors: Dan Kish, Brian Shivers, Rick Samu, Max While, and Rosalyn Washam. On January 19, the Varsity Salem Academic Challenge team was victorious over area teams in East Palestine. Teams competing in the Columbiana County Varsity Academic Challenge Competition included Beaver Local, Crestview, Leetonia, Lisbon,

Southern Local, East Liverpool, East Palestine and United. Both the Lisbon and East Palestine matches were especially close and came down to the last few questions, but Salem proved to be the better team and finished in first place. Salem Academic Challenge also appeared on WYTV. They were victorious over Champion on October 20, and to see how they did against Boardman in the second round, tune in to WYTV on March 15 at 7:30pm.

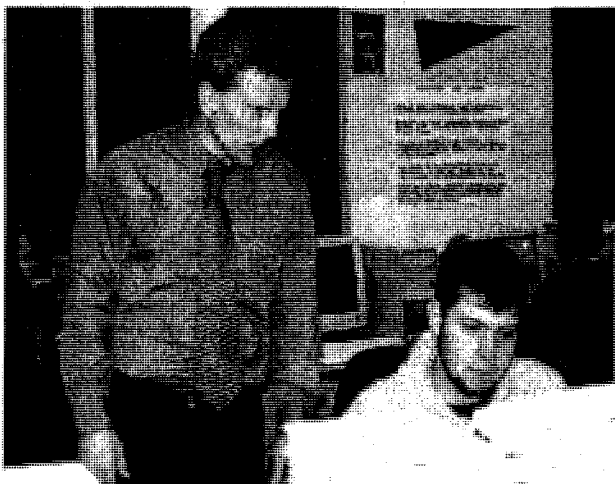
The next step for the team is to compete in Steubenville at the Regional Competition. Teams competing are from the East Central Region including schools from Columbiana, Stark, Mahoning, Tuscarawas and Jefferson counties. After Steubenville, teams will compete in Columbus for the state title. Dr. Shivers said, "It has been a good year and I hope it continues for a while."

Mr. Gill wins award

By Kathy Ellis

Mr. Gill recently received the Industrial Information Institute for Education Outstanding Educators Award. He received this award due to the success of his AP Calculus and AP Computer Science students on the AP exams. Mr. Gill was nominated for this award by Dr. Shivers. The requirements to receive this award were some type of evidence of successful instruction and/or intervention. The number of teachers that are nominated to receive this award are thirty in the five county area. Miss Mary Beth Shivers, who teaches at Southeast Elementary School, also received this award.

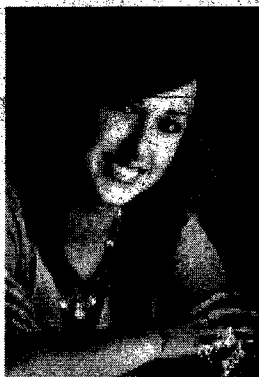
The ceremony that Mr. Gill attended was held at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman. He received a very nice dinner and a brass and silver bowl. Mr. Gill commented by saying, "Salem High School has some very capable and hard-working students who can compete well against other students throughout the country."



Mr. Gill answers a question for the puzzled Justin Seguin.



Jess Matthews is the daughter of Dr. Eric and Mrs. Sharon Matthews. Her high school activities include Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Varsity soccer, softball, and track. Jess plans on attending Mount Union College and majoring in Business and Health Care Administration and to continue playing soccer. Her escort was Josh Cosgrove, son of Michael and Wendy Cosgrove.

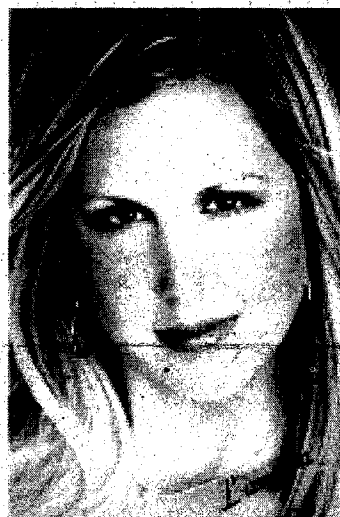
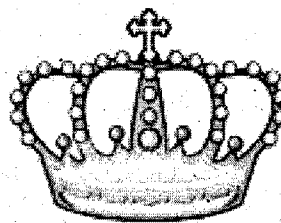


Paige Kenreigh is the daughter of Tim and Tricia Kenreigh. Her high school activities include Spanish Club, TACT, Choir, Varsity volleyball, and Softball. Paige plans on attending Mount Union College and majoring in Athletic Training. Her escort was Will Shutler, son of Bill and Tami Shutler.



Emily Winn is the daughter of Mark and Julie Winn. Her high school activities include Student Council, National Honor Society, Varsity volleyball, Interact, and TACT. Emily plans on attending college and majoring in chemistry. Her escort was Jim Armeni, son of Jim and Lorrie Armeni.

Like a rolling Stone



Lauren Stone is the daughter of Ed and Beckie Stone. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Interact, Spanish Club, Girls' Varsity tennis, and Boys' Varsity tennis. Lauren plans on attending Miami of Ohio and majoring in International Studies. Her escort was Mike Adamson, son of Dan and Cathy Adamson.

Homecoming 2008

By Sarah Conrad

On Friday, February 8 senior Lauren Stone was crowned winter homecoming queen. Stone was escorted by fellow senior Mike Adamson. Crowning took place at halftime during the varsity basketball game against the East Liverpool Pottery. The Salem Quakers were victorious. The crowning was performed by last year's winter homecoming queen, Alisha Fata. Lauren was also presented with a basketball signed by all varsity members, and she also received a necklace.



Erika Smith is the daughter of Shelly Smith. Her high school activities include CHEM Club, TACT, Interact, Computer Club, and Varsity volleyball. Erika plans on attending college and majoring in biology. Her escort was Luke Kastenhuber, son of Steve and Kim Kastenhuber.



Kasey Wolfgang is the daughter of Clyde and Susan Wolfgang. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Interact, Varsity basketball, Varsity soccer, and Varsity cheerleading. Kasey plans on attending Ohio State University with a double major in Medicine and Musical Theatre. Her escort was Austin Fredrickson, son of Lee and Lauren Fredrickson.



Heather Ann Hergenroder is the daughter of Henry Hergenroder. Her high school activities include Varsity cheerleading, Interact, National Honor Society, Pep Club, and Spanish Club. She is also a member of the TGS Shocks All-Star Cheerleading squad. Heather plans on attending college to major in pre-med. Her escort was Tyler Evans, son of Gary and Gina Evans.

Opinion

War of the Words

By Erik Cibula

Question: **What do you eat for lunch on a regular school day?**



Bridget Szabat
Senior

"Usually some pepperoni pizza and some frenchy fries!"



Lilli Bagley
Junior

"Pizza and chocolate milk."



Patrick Bush
Sophomore

"I normally have a sandwich and chips with some water."



Alyssa Myers
Freshman

"I usually eat bread and water."

The race to the White House

By Erin Griehs

It seems like all we've heard about since early 2007 was the 2008 presidential election. Filled with petty arguments and big promises, the upcoming election seems to be bigger than ever. However, most voters really aren't aware of the issues that the candidates stand for. In order to select the candidate that best reflects what you, the voter, support, you need to be aware of their stance on the issues. The early frontrunners appear to be Republican hopefuls John McCain, Mike Huckabee, and Mitt Romney and Democratic hopefuls Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama.

A huge moral issue that weighs on the minds of every American is abortion. Typically Republicans are pro-life and Democrats are pro-choice. John McCain, Mike Huckabee, and Mitt Romney would all like to have Roe V. Wade overturned. Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama have all expressed their pro-choice opinions, and they are also all for partial birth abortion.

With gas prices soaring like never before and the threat of global warming, how the next president can change the United States' environmental situation is very important. Every candidate, whether liberal or conservative, has expressed their desire to cap emissions and set new fuel efficiency standards for automobiles. Candidates such as Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney support drilling in Alaska; whereas, Hilary Clinton is entirely against it.

Another important issue that the next president will have to tackle is immigration. It is estimated that as of 2007 there are approximately twenty-seven mil-

lion illegal immigrants in the United States. The question is how can the United States enforce its borders? Every candidate supports a better security fence along America's southern border. Clinton, Obama, Huckabee, and McCain all support a process that would eventually allow illegal immigrants to obtain legal status. Romney would like to see National Guard troops stationed along the border and also to see penalties enacted for employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

Probably the biggest issue that the next president faces is how to deal with the situation in Iraq. Clinton and Obama are against the war entirely and would like to see our troops come home. McCain, Romney, and Huckabee think that having the presence of the troops is the best thing for Iraq's stability. However, no candidate has defined what his or her plan will be to be successful in Iraq. By withdrawing the troops, that sends the message that America is giving up and going home with its tail between its legs. Staying for the long term, though, will result in more troops being killed and more money needed to keep up the effort.

Overall, knowing what the candidates stand for is key to choosing which one that you will vote for. If you want to see change happen and you are old enough to vote, it's very important to cast your ballot. You might not think voting is important, but every ballot counts. Whether you choose to vote Democrat or Republican, make sure you show up at the polls for Ohio's primary on March 4th and for the election on November 4th.

By Kasey Wolfgang

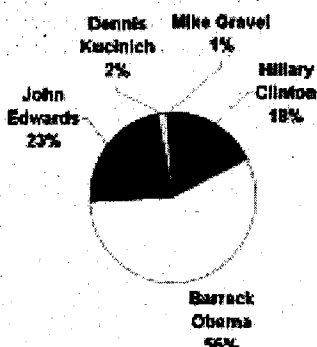
As everyone knows, the race to becoming president is well under way. With presidential primaries popping up all over the country the competition is getting fiercer. This is an important year for both Democrats and Republicans. Ohio plays a large role when it is time for the final decision, and with Ohio primaries coming up the battle to win our state is beginning.

The Ohio primary election will be held on March 4, 2008. Most people don't understand what the primary election is held for and why it is such a big deal. Primary elections are held to see which candidate from each party is more popular and has a better chance to win when it comes to the actual presidential election. These elections lead up to conferences held by the Democratic and Republican parties where a candidate is chosen from each party.

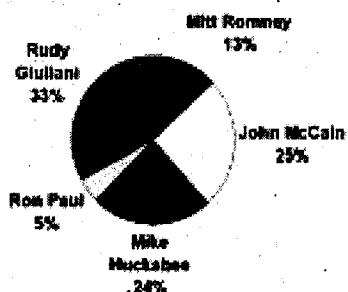
A survey was given to each student taking Mr. Spack's History of Government class asking students whether or not they planned to vote in the primaries, and if so, for whom would they vote. The results show that if it were up to Salem High School, Barack Obama would represent the Democratic Party and John McCain would represent the Republican Party.



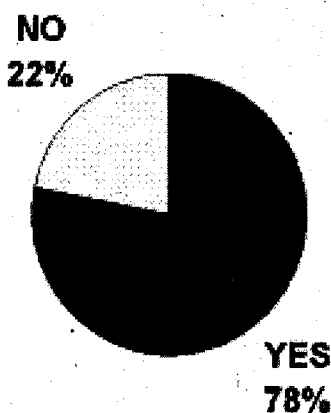
Democrats



Republicans



Will You Vote in the Presidential Primary? Student Responses



Stereotypes at SHS

By Sarah Conrad and Kasey Wolfgang

"Stereotypes are generalizations, or assumptions, that people make about the characteristics of all members of a group, based on an image (often wrong) about what people in that group are like." This is the definition of a stereotype. The key word in this definition is "assumptions." We have all heard the saying "Don't Assume!" but do we all take it and live by it? The answer is no. Every single person has assumed at one time or another.

An interview sheet was distributed randomly to a number of students asking them how they think people perceive them. They were then asked to explain why they checked the group that they did. Here is what some of the students we interviewed have to say about being stereotyped and stereotypes in general.

Bridget Szabat, a senior at SHS, has been wrongly stereotyped many times. She feels that she should be able to wear what she wants without being judged and put into a group. "Just because I wear band shirts and listen to various types of music doesn't make me emo. I find myself to be a fun loving easy to get along with person who just so happens to like wearing converse shoes and random clothes. I'm definitely not a sad person, so there's no way I'm emo." Bridget, like many others, is looked at as one of the "emo" kids in our school. Jasmine Steffey is another girl who feels that because she wears certain clothes people automatically assume that she is part of that "group." "Sometimes I dress a little emo or preppy. But maybe I just like the shirt. I really don't think you can label someone by how they look." Preppy, this is a word that has a very negative connotation. Preppy to most people is a stuck-up, rich, and snobby person. But just because someone wears a Ralph Lauren polo doesn't mean any of those sorts of ideas.

One of our choices on the paper was "Other." We put this because not everyone feels that they are part of a group. This is true for the majority of our interviewed students.

In conclusion, stereotypes can be found everywhere we look. Sometimes they can be harmful and misleading, yet other times they are completely true and positive. Stereotypes will never fully leave our lives, but if we can be non-judgmental and see people for who they really are the stereotypes will become less of a problem for all of us.

What's happening at SHS

- Feb 17 - April 17** Wizard of Oz play practice
- Feb 21** Band/Choir POPS concert
- Feb 23** Reilly Stadium - Locker room/Track/Practice Field for Police Physical Agility
- Feb 28** Salem Softball Boosters
- Mar 1** Annual Governor's Regional Visual Art Competition
- Mar 3 - Aug 31** HS Locker Room, Weight Area, Football Locker Facilities for Meetings and Weight Lifting for Mahoning Valley Thunder
- Mar 8** Band Spaghetti Dinner

Project Prom is back

Sarah Conrad

Prom time is coming up, and it can get very expensive. Some dresses are \$250, your hair will be about \$30-\$90, and if you choose to get your nails done it's about an extra \$20. Of course, a girl must have accessories. Jewelry and shoes and a clutch purse could all cost you an additional \$150. If you don't want to spend four paychecks on your prom attire, Project Prom will be hosted again on April 5th from noon to five at the Salem Community Center. The drop off date is March 1 from 8 a.m. until noon which is also at the Community Center. If you can not attend that day you may drop off dresses at Mrs. Bosheff's office at any time. Dresses, shoes, accessories, and access to a seamstress will all be available.

The Project Prom committee was started by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Salem. The schools that are involved are Salem, Sebring, United, and West Branch, and they are currently trying to get Columbiana involved as well, too. The committee has been diligently at work and is trying their best to spread the word to the community. The committee is trying to have a drop off day at the Southern Park Mall to get more dresses from sur-

rounding areas. The committee has even talked to Mr. Spack in hopes to get seniors involved. Of course, all seniors must have five hours of community service every nine weeks. Sometimes the committee needs people to drive to pick up dresses from the elderly who can't drive. Sometimes the distance is far; sometimes it is close. However, if you are a senior and you can drive then you can earn community service for this. The committee is also getting together after school meetings for those who can not attend late at night. The only rules are one dress per girl, and alterations are only performed on dresses received at Project Prom.

This is a great time for everyone to get involved in something great. Everyone should donate dresses that they won't use in the future, especially seniors. The committee is trying very hard to get more dresses this year. A lot of the dresses last year were out dated and they would like to get more modern ones this year. If you have a parent who excels in sewing and has extra time you should inform them that the Project Prom committee doesn't have a seamstress and that their help is always welcomed and always appreciated.

Career day

Bekah Dolan

On December 17, 2007, all juniors were supposed to go to a Career Day that would give them insight about the careers they were interested in, but the weather would not permit them to do so. Our school, like many others, had a two hour delay, causing them to postpone the Career Day. The rescheduled Career Day was February 22, 2008. It started at 9:00 AM and ended at 12:45 PM. It was at the Salem branch of Kent State, and it gave basic help to students who are interested in college information and certain careers.

The Career Day is sponsored by the Salem Rotary Club, the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education, and KSU Salem. This program provides general career information and the students could receive first hand information about a

career interest. This Career Day was planned by the staff of KSU and many people from the community volunteered to help out. The day was divided into different sessions, and the students chose which ones they wanted to attend.

I asked Mrs. Crum a number of questions about the Career Day, and she provided me with all of the information that I needed. I asked her if she had any other comments about the Career Day and she said, "KSU-Salem and the Salem Rotary provide the program and lunch for this program. This is a great career program for our juniors who must think about a career after high school for some and after college for others. Career Day is of no charge to the school district."

DOCTORZ BATTLE OF THE BANDS DR. CLAW

By Jessica Watson

Straight from Monroe, Michigan, is a band that has a sound of their own. Dr. Claw combines a couple different genres including metal, electronica, and death metal. Unlike most death metal bands, it is not all growling and screaming. In fact, when listening to Dr. Claw, I don't even hear the vocals sometimes. I get completely caught up in the beat. Trust me, I do not usually get into bands that you can hardcore dance to, but this band is different.

Dr. Claw consists of only two people making this unique sound. Nate Richardson does vocals, electric drums, and synth programming, and Adam Waterhouse plays the bass. Dr. Claw first combined their love for music on February 20, 2007. Nate started it all with his love of tech-death, grindcore, and cybergrind. He decided to try to create something out of three genres of music. This is when Dr. Claw was found.

When talking to Nate, I asked why this type of music, why make music this way? Well, I got the answer that I was looking for. He said, "I've always loved heavy music that used drum machines instead of a live drummer, so I figured I would give it a shot and try to make music like that. I also really like electronic music, groups like Squarepusher, Venetian Snares, The Flashbulbs, Aphex Twins, stuff like that. I thought it would be cool to take aspects of both kinds of music and combine them into something original all while keeping a sense of humor about it and writing songs that are comical yet complex."

For just a two man group, they have a sound that is one of a kind. While I was talking to Nate, he said that soon they were thinking about getting a live drummer, so check them out before they make any changes. You can go to their Myspace and hear their music, look at their pictures, or even just talk to them. www.myspace.com/drclawband.

GOOD GUYS BAD GUYS?

DR. ACULA

By Bridget Szabat

Dr. Acula is a very unique sounding grindcore/experimental/metal band. Though they are not yet well known, a few may recognize them from Myspace or even a local show. They bring quite a "pig like sounding" tone with deep intense lyrics. Just recently formed in September of 2005, this six person group came straight from Long Island, New York and is slowly making a name for themselves. The members of this band include Bert on vocals, Rob on guitar and backup vocals, Bill also on guitar, Lou Dawg bass, Billy bashing the drums, and Pete keyboarding away.

Dr. Acula got its name from a stand up routine performance by the late Mitch Hedberg and has been known as Dr. Acula ever since. When this five member band was coincidentally brought together, each member was already in a different band and somehow through fate combined together to form an intense metal band.

Finally after hard work and determination, Dr. Acula was a newly signed member to Indie Record label. In 2006 their first album was finally released known as "Chillogy." So far this is their most famous album including songs like "Lets Get Invisible" and "Shocker on Shock Street." Dr. Acula keeps spitting out new music enjoyable to listeners ready for deep screams and techno background music.

Though these men are not yet famous, they bring it all. If you are sick of original metal and ready for some fun, Dr. Acula is the band for you. Their odd yet intense lyrics are catching. I guarantee you can practice their piggish screams, but no one can do it quite like they can. Hop onto Myspace and check out their songs and tour dates because they tour near us at various times. Be prepared for a ridiculously fun sound!



While both of this month's bands have quite an original sound in a genre that otherwise doesn't know what it means to be so, Dr. Claw takes the win this month. It's hard enough for a full band to make an impression in a type of music stagnant with copied sounds, let alone for two people to do so. Dr. Claw is, in fact, a surprisingly fresh vacation from the same old metal sound time and time again and brings the fun back into listening to such bands.

Good things come to those who behave...in the cafeteria

By Brittney McCollum and Jordyn Hissom

It is the general opinion of the student body that the cafeteria food doesn't earn five stars. Yes, that may be true, but have you ever stopped to think why there have been no changes or upgrades? Most people might just assume that the cafeteria workers are just lazy or they don't care. That is not the case here. The blame lies solely in the hands of the students. The cafeteria staff would like to offer mobile salad bars all over the cafeteria. That is not possible at our school. Why, you ask? It is a very big problem. One that many of you probably have no clue; it has made such an impact on our options.

One word sums it up, mutilation. When it comes down to it, Mr. Straley (food service director) said, "We aim to please 60% of the whole district. You can't please everyone. We can't give more options to students because of food mutilation."

When we use the word mutilation it is referring to the students licking the forks then returning them to the fork cup, spitting in food, removing food from containers, destroying decorations and even forming them into obscene jesters. These are just a handful of the things preventing students from getting the utmost quality of food and service.

When asked about the issues, the "lunch ladies" (most of you know them as Sandy, Terrie, and Shirley) said, "It's not as big of a problem in the high school but more in the junior high." Respect is also a big issue. The cafeteria workers deserve every bit of respect that you would give to your teachers and others. They said that over all most of the high school students are respectful, but the same can not be said for the junior high.

To be specific the respect issues addressed were the following: indecent exposure (someone once this year dropped their pants), foul

language (not everyone cares to hear it), mind your p's and q's, keeping hands to oneself (not just in lunch, but everywhere), and pay before consuming.

Theft of food such as yogurt, fruits, milk, chicken fingers, and sandwiches force the cafeteria workers to cut back on what is put out. They simply have to, and it's out of their control.



The lunch ladies work hard and deserve our respect.

Feature

Student theft

By Richard Myers

One of the biggest problems at Salem High School is students stealing things from other students. There isn't much that the principal can do but let it happen unless he knows who or what happened. It has happened all over the school in the lockers, hallways, and right in the classrooms. The stolen items include wood from the woodshop, calculators, books, and sometimes staplers. It has gotten so bad that one of the teachers even offered a cash reward for the person who turned in the student or students that had committed the crime. That helped the teacher find out who did it faster than normally. They gave the cash reward like they promised. They also got the student that stole the objects suspended and kicked out of their class. The student is never allowed back in that class. I asked some students what they would do if they had something stolen from their lockers and what if they knew who it was.

Louis Scott, a senior, said this, "If someone stole something from my locker and I knew for a fact who it was, I'd go get it back. No comment as to how but it'd be back in my possession by the end of the day."

Corey McElroy, a junior, said this, "I would find them after school and beat them down. Then get back whatever they took."

Jon Meissner, a sophomore, said, "I would probably confront them. If that didn't work, I would be forced to take my own action."

Jordan Young, a freshman, said, "I'd beat them with a stick and take it back."

If you do get caught stealing, the student handbook states that the punishment is five days suspension (restitution pending each case). So if you think of stealing something - don't. That would be a very bad idea. And if the principal or any SHS staff member catches you, they will do something about it. DON'T STEAL!



Senior Joe Hamilton throws up his arms in dismay as he and Savannah Klass discover that all of his books are missing.

The Power Returns

By Shane Endicott

As you may have heard or are hearing, Mr. "Coach" Brock is returning to Salem High School.

Coach Brock came to Salem High School about six years ago. Coach Brock was a Sports Nutrition teacher as well as a strength trainer for the Salem Quakers in many of their sports for the past several years. He is best known for his knowledge of sports nutrition and wellness. Brock was in the classroom as well as the weight room before he left Salem High School due to staff cuts.

Coach Brock lost his job at the end of last school year due to cuts and need of money. He took over a job at East Palestine for this year. A rumor has it that the School Board and school officials have asked to have him return to Salem for a job. The Board of Education is rumored to be rehiring Coach Brock for the discipline of students. Discipline for students includes detentions, suspensions, and taking care of all discipline actions. Also, as always, he will be helping at what he's best known for - lifting weights and being a big help to Salem sporting teams.

Coach Brock will not be back working for the Salem staff until the 2008-2009 school year. He currently is the weight room supervisor and is volunteering his time to the Salem football team for winter lifting.

Starfish dance a big success

By Rosalyn Washam

The Starfish program is a renewed program at Salem Junior and Senior High School that works with students to deter bullying and encourages all students to be more accepting. On Thursday, January 14, the



Mr. Washinko and Mr. Barger

Starfish members sponsored a dance during periods six and seven in the cafeteria for the special needs students. Sixty students, about nineteen special needs kids and forty Starfish members, attended the dance. Student members of the program donated snacks for the dance. High school guidance counselor, Mrs. Crum said about the dance, "It was awesome, terrific. The kids loved it." Sponsors for the junior high include Mr. Warren, Mr. Washinko, Mrs. Rothbauer and Mrs. Cochran. High school sponsors are Mrs. Crum, Mrs. Bosheff, Mrs. Frederick and Mrs. Powell. These individuals donate their time in chaperoning events and working with the student mentors.

We credit the start of the program to Mr. Denny Barger, a motivational speaker. He came to Salem High to encourage students to be more accepting and loving of their fellow peers. As a result of his speech, students at the high school have joined up with adults to make the school a better place. Mr. Barger made a special appearance at the dance on Thursday, much to the surprise of the students. Another special appearance was made by Dr. Shivers who promised to show his skills dancing the electric slide.

The Banquet in Salem

By Colton Jones

Salem High School's National Honor Society hosted the "Banquet in Salem" on Monday February 4th. The Banquet in Salem is a program that helps provide meals for people in financial, emotional, and social need. Members of various churches throughout Salem help sponsor this weekly program, along with other small businesses and clubs.

This is only the third time that N.H.S. students have been involved with the program, but they will also be helping with it on March 17th for the St. Patrick's Day dinner. All the members of N.H.S. will be helping with the event. National Honor Society advisor, Mr. Viencsek, stated: "This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to become involved in the community. The 'Banquet in Salem' provides a special need for those individuals in our town in search of food and fellowship."

Every week a particular group hosts and prepares the meals, and the menu varies week to week. The founders of the Salem group say that they serve anywhere from 180 to 200 people per week. The Valentine's menu consisted of minestrone soup, spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, sandwiches, assorted fruit, beverages, and a Valentine's Day cake.

You may have missed the National Honor Society's hosting of the banquet, but it's never too late to give it a shot. The Banquet in Salem has dinners every Monday evening, and it's completely free. Whether you're having some problems at home or just want something new to do, The Banquet in Salem welcomes you.

An investment for the future

By Drew Jones

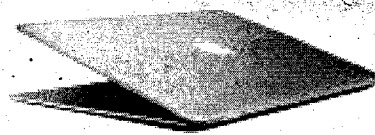
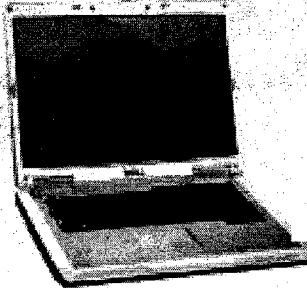
With only two nine weeks left, all you seniors out there are frantically trying to apply for scholarships and making sure all of your college details are planned. One of the most important things you need for college is a laptop. They are good for everything from typing a ten page essay to finding out where the next big bash is. But with the economic situation that we are in these days, many students don't know which laptop will last them the longest.

Only a few weeks ago Steve Jobs of Apple Computers announced the new Mac book Air, the world's thinnest laptop. Measuring in at 12.8 x 8.94 inches and weighing a measly three pounds, this laptop is one of the best small laptops on the market. The system comes with a 80GB 4200-rpm Parallel ATA hard disk drive, optional 64GB solid-state drive, and an optional external USB Mac Book Air SuperDrive to run CDs and DVDs. The backlit keyboard is fitted with ambient light sensors for automatic adjustment of keyboard illumination and screen brightness. It also comes packed with the new solid-state track pad with multi-touch gesture

support for precise cursor control. This laptop supports two-finger scrolling, pinch, rotate, swipe, tap, double-tap, and drag capabilities. The Mac Book Air is a great alternative to anyone who wants a light and stylish laptop to take into their lecture and will only run you \$1399.99.

Another great choice is the Dell Inspiron 1501. It is designed for students looking for a notebook for everyday productivity and entertainment. With its large 15.4 widescreen display featuring optional True-Life technology, you can view documents side-by-side and enjoy favorite movies and multimedia content. The integrated 3-in-1 memory card reader makes transferring digital photos and music a snap. This great choice of a laptop runs for about \$699.00-\$1,099.00 depending on what the buyer chooses to ship it with.

There are many different laptops that may accommodate what students need for the college experience. Both of the choices above are great and will get students through those wild college days. Laptops are hefty investments that in the long run will help write those ten page essays.



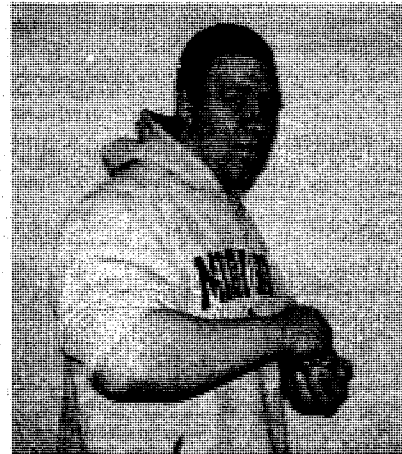
The Dell Inspiron 1501 (L) and the Macbook Air (R).

Chaw in Skoal

By Justin Evancho

The outbreak of chewing tobacco in Salem High School has become a major problem. As a freshman, I never saw anyone that chewed in

school. Now I am a junior, and in two year's time it seems over half of Salem male students chew. For people that don't know what chew is, it's a smokeless tobacco that you chew and then spit out the juices. This tobacco came from the natives of North and South America. The word "snuff" comes from the Scandinavian word "snus." Chewing in America is associated the most with baseball players. The players use the spit to break down the leather in their gloves. The pitcher uses the spit for a pitch called a spitball, causing the ball to spin differently off the tip of their fingers. This pitch was banned in 1920. Chewing has become a problem in Salem and not just because it's illegal for most kids to have; it's also how and where they dispose of their snuff. I have no problem with people that chew, but some people make this problem worse for everyone by tossing their dip in sinks, drinking fountains, on the floor, or in lockers. For the people that do chew, here is one tip - chew has almost two times more chemicals and substances that can cause cancer.



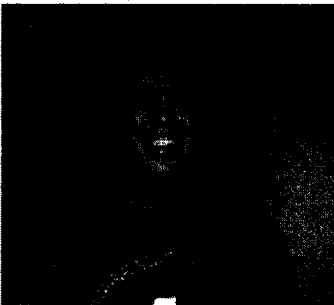
Dipping in school isn't permitted.

Sports

February Senior Spotlight

By Lauren Stone

Ciara Cicogna-Cheerleading



How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years

What is your favorite memory?

Almost getting beat up by this McKinley cheerleader only to find out she just wanted to tell me her name was Ciara, too, and she loved meeting people with the same name. Oh, and, of course, winning the banana.

Do you have a favorite warm-up song?

Not really, and it's definitely **NOT** the UCA warm-up!

Have you ever received any other sports awards?

I don't know if most people would consider getting the "Crazy Girl" award at camp an actual award, but yeah I received that.

Kasey Wolfgang-Cheerleading/ Basketball



How long have you been playing this sport?

I've been playing basketball for eleven years and cheerleading for three years.

What is your favorite sports memory?

Beating the third ranked team in the state this year, Canfield!

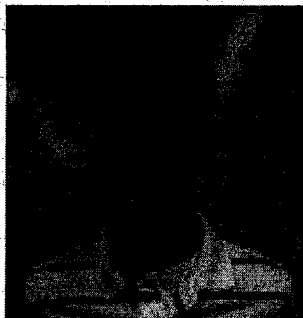
What position do you play?

Point-guard

How did you become interested in this sport?

My mom always loved basketball and had me try it when I was young, and I ended up loving it. Cheerleading was just something I have never tried, so I wanted to give it a shot.

Luke Shivers- Indoor Track



How long have you been playing this sport?

Three years

What is your favorite sports memory?

Salem winning the MAC title junior year

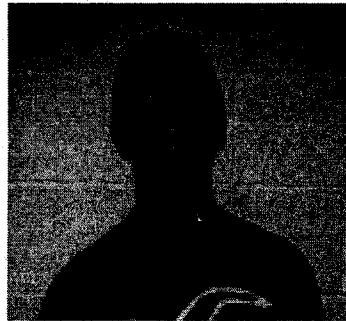
Who is your favorite professional athlete?

Chuck Knoblauch

Who is your team's biggest rival?

Dan the Man from Niles McKinley

Will Shutler-wrestling



How long have you been playing this sport?

Six years

What is your favorite sports memory?

Probably sophomore year we wrestled East Liverpool and I got punched in the face. That was fun.

How did you become interested in this sport?

All of my friends did it, and some people I looked up to did it, so I gave it a try and have done it year round ever since

Nick Anderson- Basketball



How long have you been playing this sport?

Eleven years

Do you have a favorite warm-up song?

"Back in Black" -ACDC

What position do you play?

Power-Forward

Who is your team's biggest rival?

West Branch

Zack O'Brian-Basketball



How long have you been playing this sport?

Eleven years

Do you have a favorite warm-up song?

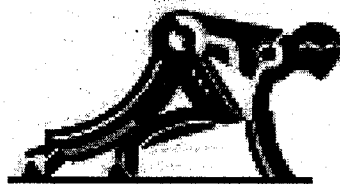
"Rocket Man" - Elton John

What position do you play?

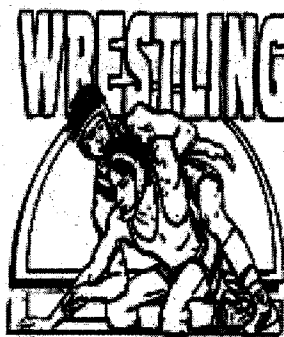
Small Forward

Do you play any other sports?

Football, baseball



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Mahoning Valley Thunder

By Matt Faulkner

You might have noticed that the football locker room is being redone, and most of you are wondering why. The answer to that is the Mahoning Valley Thunder Arena football team is coming to use the locker room and use Salem Community Center for their training. I e-mailed Adam Tokash, the general manager of the Mahoning Valley Thunder. These are the questions I asked him and his responses:

Q: Why did the team decide to come to Salem for their training and not any other city?

A: The Salem Community Center is a fantastic facility and has a state of the art field in the field house that we will be utilizing for practice.

Q: Who is funding the reconstruction of the high school locker room?

A: Not sure at this point.(According to information from Mr. Steffey, the locker room is being reconstructed with permanent improvement monies.)

Q: When do you start your training?

A: Training camp begins on March 9.

Q: Will it be open to the public?

A: The public is welcome to attend practices at any time.



Kelly Roelen breaks school record

By Matt Faulkner

On January 26, 2008, at Niles High School, a school record was broken by one of the players of the girls' team. Senior Kelly Roelen set a girls' basketball record for the most three pointers in a game in school history when she hit seven from beyond the arc. The previous record was set at five by Allison Cotter in 2004.

In an interview, Coach Andres was asked what it meant to him as a coach and the team when Kelly had one of her best games so far this year. He replied, "Although definitely a great individual accomplishment, I really felt that it was a great team effort. Kelly's teammates got her the basketball when she was open, and she obviously shot extremely well. Our team is really coming together at the right time of the year, and it is because of the way that we are playing as a unit. It's truly an honor for



Senior Kelly Roelen's smile says it all. She now holds the record for three-pointers at Salem Senior High School.

Kelly to have her name in the record books. For her to break a record is a great achievement, especially since it was a record that was previously set by a great player in Allison Cotter. Since it was just five before, hopefully her new record of seven will stand for some time!"

When asked what it meant to her when she broke the record, Kelly said, "I didn't even realize I had broken the record until Coach told me. When I found out, I was really excited!"

Congratulations Kelly!

What to do about your first car?

By EJ Kataro

Buying your first car is a big deal, an especially big deal at this time and place in our young lives. And it's also an especially big deal if one is misinformed or ignorant to the topic of auto mechanics. This could be a big problem when it comes to your budget. Finding something cheap is easy, but finding something that's reliable and cheap is another story.

What kind of vehicle are you looking for? This all depends on your needs and your budget. If you can afford a big vehicle that uses a lot of gas like an SUV or a big truck, go for it. That's not what is really needed for a daily drive, but if that's what tickles your fancy, buy it. It's your money. If you need to be able to haul something, buy a truck. If you need to haul people around, buy a van, an SUV or something of that sort. In general students don't do much other than run friends around town, go to athletic events and go back and forth to school. For this type of general driving the best thing is a smaller car, possibly something like a Cavalier, Grand Am, Sunfire, Monte Carlo or some other coupe (two door) or sedan (four door).

How old should the car you look at be? A good place to start when determining how old the car you're looking at should be is the availability of parts. Older cars don't always have parts available either at a junk yard or at your local NAPA or Autozone. If parts aren't rare they're going to be cheap. For example, if you choose to buy a 1980's, foreign car with a rotary motor, parts wouldn't be cheap because they'd be very hard to find. Maintenance is a big thing to consider while car shopping. Coming up with the money to buy a car is one thing, but coming up with the money to pay for repairs is another.

Where do you want to look for a car? According to our resident shop teacher, Mr. Peters, people should start off by looking through connections such as friends and family for a private owner that is selling a reasonably priced car that they have taken reasonably good care of. Overall Mr. Peters suggests that private owners are the place to start. He says "car salesmen have a reputation for being sleazy for a reason." Dealerships and other small car lots are another place to look for a reasonably priced car that will fit your needs as well. Good places to get great deals on used cars are police auctions where impounded cars are resold. The downfall from this road to your car is the fact that what you buy at an auction is what you get. It's as simple as that.

It's a sad, sad circumstance but it's not uncommon for students to get "ripped off" by people selling cars. For example, Senior Seth Harding went to an undisclosed local, small dealership and found a car he liked. Since he wasn't allowed to drive the car because he was seventeen at the time and his mother,

who had brought him to buy his car, didn't know how to drive a standard (stick shift, manual) transmission, the mechanic at the garage drove it for him. Seth noticed he was skipping a gear while shifting but didn't really think much about it. He bought the car and took it home only to find out that it had a bad transmission. The repairs ended up putting him back about \$2,000 dollars.

Seriously consider your budget before you go off buying a car. Do you have the money to pay for the things that you need and possible things that could fail such as your breaks and tires? What about insurance? The type of vehicle you choose will greatly affect your insurance; also having turbo affects your insurance drastically.

After you buy your vehicle you're going to want to pimp your ride out with a banging system and a sweet interior, but unfortunately that's not what keeps your car rolling. The best thing to do after buying your car is to take it to a mechanic and have it checked over to see the status of all the various parts of your vehicle. This kind of stuff falls into basic maintenance such as brakes, tires, air filters, and other similar things. Buying a new air filter can actually drastically affect your fuel efficiency. It helps when you know how to do things for your own car so try and ask your parents or a friend that knows something about cars to teach you how to change and bleed your breaks, change your oil and oil filter, change your air filter, check your transmission fluid, check and drain your radiator fluid and other necessary maintenance tasks. In other words, if you want to be cost affective don't buy a car if you can't change a tire.

For the environmental nuts out there the basic idea is to get something fuel efficient and cost affective. Honestly, to face the facts, hybrid cars aren't exactly cost affective for teenagers. For example, a used Toyota Prius is available on eBay motors for as low as 7,000 dollars, but parents and students alike aren't going to pay that much for a car that's going to end up ruined. A good alternative is to buy a diesel powered vehicle and buy a kit to run it off of natural oils such as used frying oil and used vegetable oil. You can run anything from a heavy diesel motor all the way down to a small car. The basic kits cost anywhere from about one grand in a small Volkswagen Beetle to close to three grand for a Ford F-350. These kits are available at www.greasecar.com.

In general, cars are a big deal in a teenagers' life whether dealt with in the right way or the wrong way. If you get sold a lemon or not you're going to remember that first car. I hope these tips help you in finding and buying your first car or any car for that fact.

Standing up for yourself

By Louis Scott

Let's say there was this student that never gave anybody any trouble. Every morning this kid would come to school, and every morning there'd be these three other kids that would give him a hard time. Most of the time it was just verbal abuse; sometimes it would get a little physical. The same thing happened every morning until one day the student just couldn't take it anymore. That morning when they started to hassle him, he dropped his books and laid out the leader of the pack with one punch. The other two were too stunned to even do anything. However, a teacher had witnessed the punch and *both* the victimized student and his bully were suspended for fighting.

Most people would hear this story and say that the one kid had it coming, so why was the other boy suspended? In our high school student agendas the rules on fighting are very clear. The agenda states that no fighting, despite who starts it, is permitted. No matter if it's self defense or not, the students involved *will* be looking for a suspension.

So fighting is out of the question. What else is there to do? Mr. Washinko, junior high school guidance counselor, had this to say on the matter: "The student must tell a trusted adult/teacher about the matter. Harassments and putdowns from bullies are not right and need to be confronted. There are a number of different strategies to do such as using assertive body language, ignoring them, laughing, using sarcasm, and others. But the student must choose a strategy that fits his/her personality and he/she is comfortable with it."

The fact of the matter is that nobody deserves being bullied or teased. So if anybody has a situation involving bullying or that kind of matter, hopefully these tips can help. And just remember that if a fight is inevitable, don't do it on school property.



Best friend's club

By Joe Hamilton

What is the Best Friends Club? Well, let me tell you it's only the most exclusive club Salem High School has to offer its students. You can't really just join, trust me. I have been in it and then kicked out various times for numerous things. You must verbally ask the president that you want to join or fill out an application. Of course, the president has total dictatorship over the club, so if you say something nasty and he doesn't like it then guess what -- you're out of the Best Friends Club.

Well, the club has a lot to offer. For instance, the club always has your back no matter what the circumstance. As an example, I remember when the lady at Burger King ripped the president of our club of two dollars in the line. All he did was yell, "Best Friends Club assemble," and out of nowhere there were like ten - fifteen members chucking french fries at her until she gave the money back. It was a messy situation; some had hot sauce on their french fries, and it was getting in the lady's eyes, so after a few of those she coughed it up.

Well, any who, I am sure you have been wondering who started this club, and it was the president. The authority of the club is as follows: President, Josh Pittman; Vice President, Joe Hamilton; and other cabinet members. So, now I am going to sit down with the boss himself, President Pittman, and ask him a few questions.

1) **What made you think to start a club like this?** I believe that I could use my leadership skills for a greater good. Thus the Best Friends Club was established.

2) **Why is this the best club Salem has to offer maybe even Ohio?** Why, because it's very exclusive and very hard to get into. There is an induction procedure that makes sure I get the best Salem has to offer and eventually the U.S. and the world.

3) **Why do you only let certain people in the club, and is this a total dictatorship?** Why, because I want a perfect club. Imperfection will simply and is simply not tolerated. There is a lower level brother club to the Best Friends Club called the Friends Club. The Friends Club builds its members into better members and sometimes candidates for best friend's status. It's not a total dictatorship per say. I consult my cabinet and sometimes take a vote on important issues; however, I have the final say.

Third in a series

Don't sneeze on me!

By Savannah Klass

Staph bacteria has always been a part of our bodies, but it has now become immune to most antibiotics. The administration and custodial staff have been taking extra steps to avoid this bacteria in our school district, but the only people that can truly prevent it is us. Practicing good hygiene, washing hands, and not sharing items is our best defense against this bacteria.

It is not an "on the other side of the world" problem - it is a problem that has reached our backyard. On October 24, a football player at Niles High School was identified as having a drug-resistant staph bacteria infection. The Niles School District handled the problem in a professional manner. And on October 26, Niles played a football game against Howland.

Our own custodial staff has also been taking additional steps to avoid this bacteria. Mr. Hays had this to say, "We have always taken precautions, but now we are taking even more. The bathrooms, drinking fountains, and any other frequently used surface is covered with a strong dis-

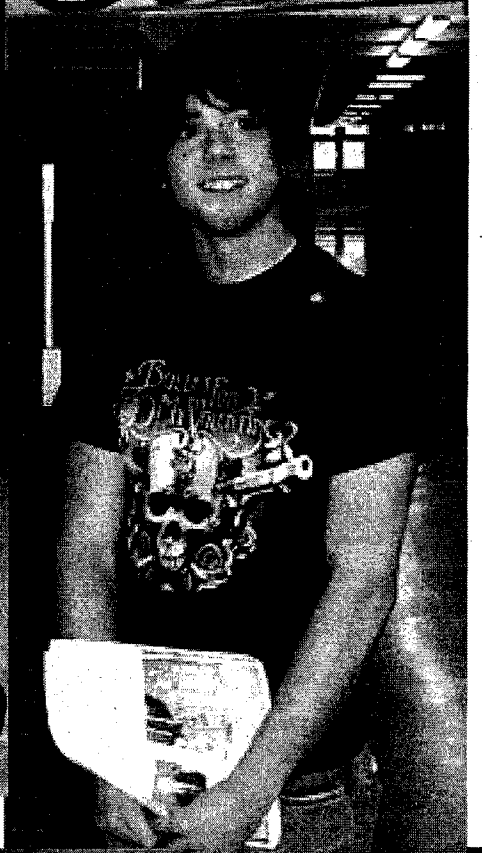
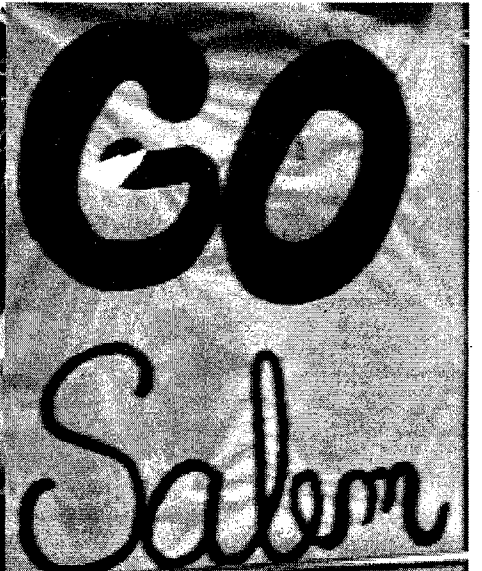
infectant daily."

In an interview Mr. Shivers (science dept.) said, "This bacteria is everywhere that there are humans. In extreme cases there is no cure, only prevention." Being careful and cautious is key now. We must accept that our teenage "it won't happen to me" notion is not a reality. The threat of this bacteria is on everybody and on every surface - on door knobs, in bathrooms, and even on the cafeteria key pads. The chance of staph reaching our school is unlikely, but all precautions should be taken seriously.



Junior Savannah Klass is disgusted by the state of the lunchline's keypad.

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