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Floor it to D.C.

by Rosalyn Washam

Juniors Brandon and Jason Floor attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on National Security Conference last month in Washington, D.C. They attended the second session from February 19-24. The event is a six day conference that introduces students to careers in national security. Once there, students are assigned groups and given a problem to solve, similar to one that a national policy maker would encounter. Students must appoint leaders and give everyone in their group roles to ensure completion of the assignment. Groups use public speaking and teamwork to present and prove their point to their fellow peers.

Enrolling in this program

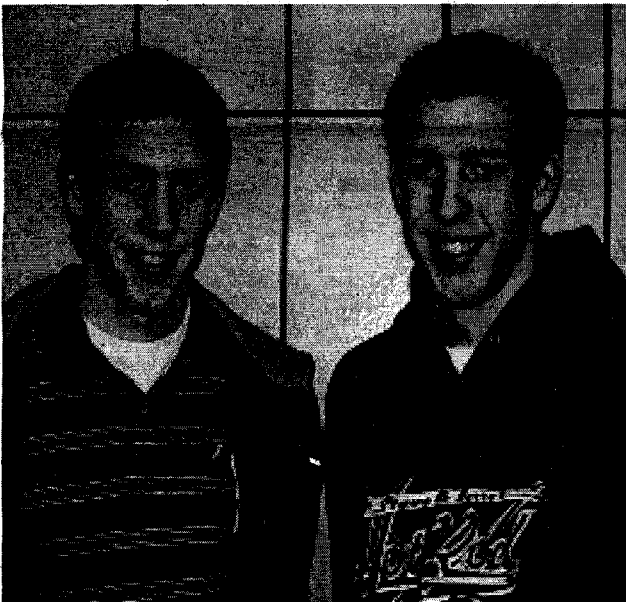
is not easy. Students are nominated by teachers, and then the student must fill out an enrollment application and send it in. All nominees must have at least a B+ average overall or a 3.75 and be in grades 9-12. Brandon and Jason were both nominated by an anonymous teacher and picked to be a part of the Forum.

On a daily basis, Brandon and Jason would have three or more National Security meetings and then talk about current events. They also listened to speakers like Aaron Miller, Stephen McDonald, and Maura Harty. Both Jason and Brandon expressed their like for Aaron Miller because of his ability to interact and relate with

the crowd. Current events discussed were happenings in the Eastern Congo in Africa. Then, they would act out a simulation of a situation from the Eastern Congo. In the simulation, each person was given a political role, and they were to act like and make decisions like that person would in real life. Jason's role was a Senate Minority Leader, who was the democratic nominee for the 2008 presidential election.

In the afternoons, when they were not in sessions, the students took time to view the sights of Washington, D.C. They visited the Capitol Building, the Jefferson and Madison Library of Congress, the House and Senate office buildings, and the Supreme Court. They also visited the Saudi Arabian Embassy, the International Spy Museum, the Lincoln Monument and the Arlington National Cemetery and saw the tomb of the unknown soldier. Jason said his favorite location was the Saudi Arabian Embassy.

Both Brandon and Jason praised the program and both said it was very beneficial to them. Jason said, "It was a great opportunity to meet people from all around the country. It taught me to become a leader and speak out comfortably in front of groups of people." Brandon said about the Forum, "This experience benefited me more than I thought possible. I learned the jobs of certain government officials, talked about current issues, and worked on public speaking in front of a crowd. If anyone has the chance to go, it is a chance of a lifetime. Don't skip out on it."



Brandon and Jason enjoyed the trip.

Four-Way Speech Contest

By Louis Scott

The Four-Way Speech Contest was held on February 26th. To give some background, the Four-Way Speech Contest was created and is also sponsored by the Rotary Club. The goals of the contest are to draw in a wide variety of participants and to also develop a moral and ethical model for high school students' behavior, decision-making, and life practice through a speech contest.

The contest is centered around four questions. The questions are the following: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? The rules are simple. The contestant's speech has to apply as either a main topic or as a standard in connection with other topics. It does not have to include all four aspects, but it must center on one or more of them and demonstrate their impact on life or society. Each participant's speech has to be original; however, it may contain references, just as long as it is an original approach. The speeches

are to be presented almost entirely from memory, neither ending in less than five minutes nor exceeding seven minutes. Doing so will end in disqualification of the contestants. Three Rotarian judges score the contestants based on their content and on how well they are delivered.

Juniors Dan Kish and Libbi Williams, Salem High School's winners, both gave their speeches on the subject of voting. Dan's speech was titled "Voting: The Power of the People." Libbi went more specifically into the subject of the increase of young voters this year. "Voting is a subject that I'm passionate about, and I am one of the young people getting involved," said Libbi. On March 4th Dan and Libbi went to the Rotary luncheon, where they continued to compete with two students from United High School. They had to deliver their speeches entirely from memory. Libbi Williams was the final winner of that contest, and she will advance on to the next level. She was awarded a \$500 prize.



Dan and Libbi delivered speeches regarding voting

A journey to the polls at SHS : Ohio Primary

By Sarah Conrad

The polls were open for the primary election on March 4th. At Salem High School there were two polls opened for registered voters. A trip to the polls led to the discovery of an abundance of opinionated voters. A range of voters were found with different outlooks on the election.

Scott, a community member, simply stated that he was voting for Hillary. The question was asked about his thoughts regarding people who doubt her ability simply because she is a woman and she might listen to ex-president Clinton too much on issues. He simply replied, "As a public official most of her life, she's qualified to make decisions on her own. Who better to have as a spouse to consult than a former president?"

Another woman who preferred to be anonymous was a democrat who gave her support for effort and courage and believes party affiliation should not matter. She felt that it is character, accolades, and qualifications that matter most. "I think all parties can change America, big or little. Anyone who runs for office is very dedicated because they're putting themselves out there. I'm really pleased that someone else is doing that. People say 'I'm this party or that party,' but I base it on who's the best to vote for"

An additional woman was simply just puzzled, which most Americans are. This election is very close, and with McCain being the Republican

candidate but not being as far right as most conservatives would like,



some conservatives have swayed toward being independent during this confusing time. She simply stated, "I haven't made up my mind actually. I'm a Republican, but I don't know if I feel the Re-

publican candidate is competent for what he's running for. It's really a hard election. How do you know who to vote for and if they're the right candidate? I guess you just have to research it." When asked if Obama will truly have an edge over Hillary with the young crowd, this woman believed it is over exaggerated. However Jen Stamp, a Salem High senior, thinks differently. She believes Obama does have the edge with the young voters. Jen has experienced the hype in the senior class stating that Mr. Spack has provided the seniors with information on both parties and passed out voting registration forms. She said, "Some say they are excited, but Mr. Spack gave us papers to register and some never turned them

in." Scott's outlook on young voters had nothing to do with Obama's edge, but was purely optimism. "The best thing to happen to America is to have young people involved in the election process. They are the future of America."

The best quote received was from Scott, which should apply to every American; and if every American did see this view his way, who knows how elections would turn out. He stated, "I think it's pathetic that only 40% of voters will turn out today. 40% is high for a primary too. People die for me to vote and it's my duty as an American citizen to vote." It could not be better put.

Opinion

War of the Words

By Erik Cibula

Question: What did you do during all of the snow days we had off?



Shanleigh Hart
Senior

"Definitely sleeping and shopping!"



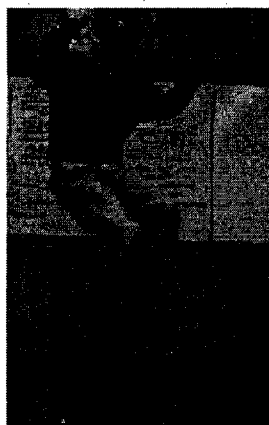
Pete Eritz
Junior

"I built an igloo, then a snowman, then I spent the night in my igloo with my snowman."



Alicia McGee
Sophomore

"I hang out with friends and BF's."



Mr. D'Angelo
Teacher

"I spent the time catching up on my ninja-warrior re-runs!"

Good rule of the month

By Derek Hale

When I walk the halls, I hear the cries of my fellow students bemoaning their supposed loss of rights while in this fine establishment. I am here to highlight one of the better rules, the great rules, the solid-gold rules that keep us safe and keep anarchy from showing its very ugly face.

No running in the halls. - When I hear the yell of a teacher directed at a running deviant, I can't help but smile. Studies have shown that running through the hallways is the number one cause of all hallway-running related injuries. This rule may not affect you as much because you just don't have the motivation to

run down the halls, but it sure does affect the middle school children. If you have been walking down the hallways with your eyes closed and your ears plugged, then you probably haven't noticed the little tikes zooming down the halls, but most of us have. And most of us have at one point thought about tripping one. If we were to trip one it could cause a middle school rebellion. Anarchy would be everywhere. It would be on the walls, the ceiling, the floor, and even your favorite sweater-vest! This is why the great architects formulated this rule with their bare hands for our safety! So remember - No running in the halls!

Point Counter Point: Vending machines in the cafeteria Leave them on

By Brittney McCollum

Most of the student body thinks it is unfair that the drink machines are turned off. From 11:22am to 1:00pm the drinks are unavailable. Most students think it's just because the school can't compete. If the drink machines were open at that time, the school would lose a lot of money. It seems selfish to not allow students to get a vitamin water with their lunch if they want.

When asked, nineteen out of twenty-one students said if they were available they would use the drink machines for their lunch. Students should have the power to choose what they would like to drink with their lunch. When I asked a few staff members, they said "as long as it doesn't hurt the cafeteria too much it would be a good idea to give students the options." It was also brought up that it could be a time saver. You shouldn't have to waste half of your lunch period by standing in line just waiting to get a drink.

It used to be that the machines were shut off during lunch because they sold pop, and it was against the wellness plan.

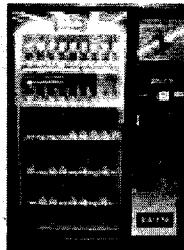
Turn them off

By Jordyn Hissom

Everyone knows that the drink machines are turned off during lunches, but what you don't know is why. This is not the cafeteria being stingy and making you drink what they offer, and it's not something that students have forced into action because of their behavior.

But it is a rule, a state rule actually. Many students, myself included, often buy drinks from the machines in the hall. But from around 11:22 am until 1:00 pm they are unavailable to the students to purchase. This is due to an agreement with Nutrition Inc, the company providing the school food and drinks. They won't compete with the machines. It is also part of the Wellness Plan and the state plan. Dr. Shivers said it's a rule, and no school in the state of Ohio can sell carbonated beverages. Although he understands and he himself has mixed feelings, he can't have them running during lunch hours. He wishes he could because some of the money does go to the principal's fund which would allow him to do more for school dances and other school activities.

So even though many students wish they would be able to purchase the various drinks during lunch, it isn't an option. It is simply what has to be, and we have to live with it.



Family Video

By Chad Dotson

If you have been down town lately then you have probably noticed a new addition to our town. Sitting where the old BP gas station used to reside is where the new Family Video is now standing. Before Family Video was there, we had two other video stores in Salem. There was Iggle Video that was connected to the Giant Eagle, and then there is Movie Gallery that is located down the street by Wal-Mart. But Iggle Video went out of business a couple months ago.

If you have not made the time to stop by and look around the new Family Video, I would definitely suggest that you do so some time real soon. They have some very good deals. New

members rent their movies for 50% off for the first thirty days. They also have new and used movies there that you can buy for very little. People are saying that they see Movie Gallery going out of business within the next year. Family Video is so much cheaper than Movie Gallery. I went and spoke to a Movie Gallery employee, and they told me that since Family Video had opened they have lost over half of their customers. And that's all in the first month of Family Video being open.

So stop in and get some great deals at Family Video. They are cheap and are located on the corner of State Street and Lincoln right next to KFC.

Giving blood and saving lives

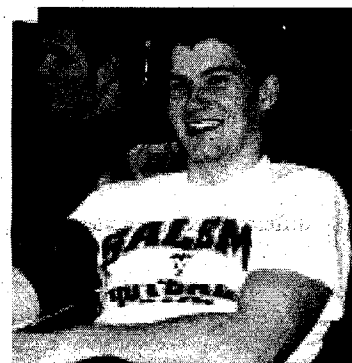
By Erin Griehs

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. For the second time this year, Salem High School students gave of themselves in order to help others.

National Honor Society, in affiliation with the Red Cross, hosted a blood drive on Thursday, February 28, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Caitlin Costal and Sarah Yerkey served as the drive's co-chairmen.

Overall there were seventy-three donors; twenty-one were first time donors. The goal for the drive was to collect sixty pints of blood. Forty-seven productive pints were collected. A productive pint is one in which the donor was able to fill the bag completely and was not deferred for medical reasons. The forty-seven productive pints will be able to help approximately one hundred forty-one people.

Overall the day ran smoothly. Caitlin said, "I think that as a whole the blood drive went incredibly well. Everything ran efficiently and according to plan." Also, Sarah qualified to receive a two hundred fifty dollar scholarship because the drive collected at least twenty-five productive pints. Caitlin and Sarah would like to thank the students and faculty for their cooperation in making the blood drive a success.



Junior Zach Carlisle takes time out



Senior Kasey Wolfgang gives the thumbs up for a good cause as she donates blood at the NHS drive



Senior girls nervously await their turn to give blood

Spring play Coming Your Way

By Bridget Szabat

Every year Salem performs an annual spring musical. *The Wizard of Oz* is this year's spring play. *The Wizard of Oz* is based on a girl named Dorothy who gets lost in a magical place. All she wants to do is find her way home back to Kansas. She meets up with a scarecrow who only wants a brain, a tin man who needs a heart, and a lion who just would like some courage, along with many other interesting characters. Come see what happens as they make their way to Emerald City to meet with the almighty Wizard of Oz.

This year's performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday April 18th and Saturday April 19th. There will also be an afternoon show performed at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 20th. Tickets can be purchased at the door before the show. The director of this play is Salem's very own Mr. Samu. Come out and see a great show. Who can pass up the melodies of those singing munchkins? So come join the fascinating fun in the Salem High School auditorium this coming April.



SHS Starring Actors

Cassie Utt: Dorothy
Adam Jones: Tin Man
Drew Bostwick: Scarecrow
Connor Bezeredi: Cowardly Lion

Humpfest: A New Abelfest?

By Jessica Watson

Most of everyone in Salem that listens to heavy metal music knows of Steve Abel and his shows. Steve does so many different shows for so many different people including his little sister, his friends, and now his girlfriend, Sarah Humphrey. Some people may get the wrong idea about this show, but I assure you that it is just pure music. The headline of the show is "Humpfest" referring to Sarah. Everyone that knows Sarah knows that her nick name is Hump because of her last name. Even school officials, including teachers, knew this while she was attending here. It was on her senior locker. The headline is just pure nickname, nothing inappropriate.

While asking Sarah when the show would be she was not definite on any of the answers because there is nothing set in stone yet. Not all of the bands have replied to the invite yet, but so far there is And The Weak Lie Frail, All That Matters and Lost Souls Divided. "There will be lots more of course," says Sarah. The show will be on April 19th, tickets will be \$5 each, and it is going to be held at The Union Hall (547 Prospect Street). The time is not yet set and is waiting to be determined, but once I find out I will be sure to do a follow up article and let everyone know.

All that is left to say is get to the Union Hall and rock out with some of the best local bands in or around Salem.

Jumper review

By Justin Evancho

If you want to see a fiction movie that has great action, incredible animation, don't mine a little foul language (which caused the PG-13 rating), like action, adventure, sci-fi, and thriller - then *Jumper* is the movie for you to watch. It started with David being a normal fifteen year old kid and nearly drowning which unlocks his ability to teleport. At fifteen years old his family and all of his friends thought he was dead, so he ran and started a new life. With this great ability he could do anything, so he robbed a few banks. Little did he know he had entered a war zone between Jumpers, and Paladins! Paladins are people who are sworn to kill all those who have the ability to jump. Roland (played by Samuel L. Jackson) is the main Paladin and one of the many that believes only God should have this power, "the power to be every where at any time."

After meeting another Jumper named Griffin (played by Jamie Bell), all the pieces to the puzzle start to come together, and he learned quickly that no matter what he does there is always going to be a fight. If you like the short summary of this movie and have not yet watched this movie, I demand you to go watch it.

The main actors and actresses are the following:
 Hayden Christensen as David Rice; Samuel L. Jackson as Roland;
 Diane Lane as Mary Rice; Jamie Bell as Griffin; Rachel Bilson as Millie;
 Michael Rooker as William Rice; Anna Sophia Robb as Young Millie; Max Thieriot as Young David; and Jesse James as Young Mark.

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

GOOD GUYS



DONOVAN



By Derek Hale



Donovan. No name is more monolithic. No other Scottish jazz/psychedelic rock singer songwriter is more noticeable. What more can't I not say of him? Not but one thing. He is Donovan.

Who would have thought that the caber tossing natives of Scotland could have given us such a man -- such a man that gave us such a song. Actually it's more like a couple of songs. Even though you might not have heard of him, and even though we will never know what mellow yellow really is, what a singer songwriter Donovan was. You can still enjoy the entrancing tune of the Sunshine Superman, Donovan.

Donovan came from Scotland to become an international superstar. He topped the charts in the 60s with several songs but most people have only heard his song

"Mellow Yellow." You may not know it but somewhere in the back of your head "Mellow Yellow" is playing on a loop and rightfully so! It is an amazing song.

If you have never heard of Donovan but want to put lyrics to the song playing in your head just pick up a record, buy a CD, or download the mp3. Whatever you do it will be worth it.

BAD GUYS

From the suburban cradle of Davison, Michigan, comes one of the greatest post-hardcore bands arguably of all time. Chiodos, comprised of its six members (Craig Owens - vocals, Bradley Bell - keyboard, Pat McManaman - guitar, Jason Hale - guitar, Matt Goddard - bass, and Derick Frost - drums), has taken the alternative music scene by storm in recent years, quickly evolving from underground nobodies to pop icon status.

Originally known as The Chiodos Bros, which was a tribute to filmmakers Stephen, Charles, and Edward Chiodo, who were the minds behind such cult favorites as *Killer Klowns from Outer Space*, Chiodos released their first hit album in June of 2005. It was titled *All's Well That Ends Well*, which topped out at 164 on the Billboard Top 200. This alone seemed an indefeatable accomplishment by an alternative, and even slightly hardcore, band until their follow-up album, the much anticipated *Bone Palace Ballet*, was released in September of 2007. *Bone Palace Ballet* debuted at number 1 on the Top Independent Albums chart and set an astonishing record by topping out at number 5 in the Billboard Top 200.

Bringing together Owens' controlled high pitched singing with his emotionally soaked screams has become Chiodos' signature sound, along with catchy choruses and energetic music that makes even those most apposed to post-hardcore music want to jump. With Chiodos' two major albums has come a great leap in lyrical diversity as well. Tracks on *All's Well That Ends Well* are heavily laden with emotionally driven lyrics, as seen in the track "Baby, you wouldn't last a minute on the creek," and with lyrics such as "this is probably the best, not to mention the worst, idea that I have ever had". *Bone Palace Ballet* showcases Chiodos' maturity, not only as musicians, but in their lyrics as well, with the powerful track "Bulls make money, bears make money, pigs get slaughtered" bringing lyrics contradicting of their first album, such as "Stand in heaven, in love, let's try this out together. Worlds are ruined this way, and we've all been there time and time again." There is also the song "teeth the size of piano keys," whose lyrics are loosely, and at times direct quotes, from the Charles Bukowski poem "I'm in love."

Chiodos is not only an incredible band, but if anyone ever has the opportunity to see them live, they put on a show that is nearly "life-changing," in every cheesy sense of the word. Go out and pick up one of their albums, or check them out at your nearest music listening resource as soon as you can. You'll be thankful you did.

March Winner



The award for March was quite a tough one to hand out. Both artists are significantly unique in their own right, as well as have amazing music. Chiodos is a stellar group of musicians who've mastered their genre, and bring something new and unheard of every time they write something, but where they lack is in nostalgia. While their sound is incredible and interesting today, it's not likely that most of the people who think so will feel the same in fifty years. This brings us to Donovan. With his rhythmic jazzadelic sound, Donovan has already lasted nearly five decades, and with catchy tracks like "mellow yellow" bringing lyrical dimension such as "electrical banana... it's soon to be the next craze," Donovan's music is both relaxing as well as fun, and will be so for many generations to come.

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Feature

Woodshop bonanza

By David Price

How much would you sacrifice to help support people who need eye care but are financially unstable? Mr. Peters and some of his class are teaming up with the Lions Club to support this cause.

The Lions Club is an organization that works with the com-

playhouse will be built, and he is looking for some students who have a good work ethic and attitude to be involved in the project.

Some of the other things Mr. Peters has done for the community with the help of the students is the food drive (2002-2007), built giving trees for gloves and hats, and other things to soon be donated. The first year brought in over two-thousand items for the community, and the second year brought in over twenty-thousand items for needy families and adults. They also built five foot sail boats that were a big success. The students did co-op projects with the special needs students. They have made candy dispensers, Halloween lanterns, and cutting boards. There have been many memorable moments for Mr. Peters and his students. One was when the students had a pine wood derby that was hosted by a

drag racing champion. Another very memorable moment was winning the Minwax Award that was given to the woodshop; the award had a worth of over nine-thousand dollars. That money helped go toward new equipment for the woodshop.

I also asked Mr. Peters if he had any other comments to add about the whole playhouse project. He said from a student quote, "Those who want to will. Those who don't will make excuses." It's more about students finding out how to be successful than anything else. Mr. Peters also pointed out that the students put in a lot of time working on this project when they could be doing other things. They have come in on Thanksgiving, over Christmas break, New Years Eve and on Saturdays and Sundays. Another quote from Mr. Peters states, "My students are among some of the most successful young adults I've ever met. I've learned a great deal from them."



Mr. Peters and his wood shop class with their playhouse.

munity and gives families and adults that are in need items that can help them with everyday life. They also donate to charitable groups to help pay for and build playground equipment to keep kids out of trouble.

Recently the Lions Club looked to Salem High School's very own, Mr. Ken Peters, and asked for his and his students' assistance to help build a 5x5 playhouse. This playhouse will be raffled off and the funds will be used to buy and give glasses to children and adults who need them but cannot afford them.

I recently asked Mr. Peters some questions about the playhouse and some of the other work he has done for the community since his 2002 debut at Salem Senior High. I first asked if any one person was allowed to work on this project. He calmly responded "no" but gave a good reason for this answer. "In the past anyone could join the projects, but a smaller group was used for better organization in a way of time and management." However, word has been given that another

Spring break Salem or abroad?

By Ciara Cicogna

Been thinking of what you're going to do over spring break or for that matter where you're going to go? For most of us, especially athletes, we'll be right here in good old Salem, Ohio. According to a few statistics on the Internet, most high school students, if they go anywhere, it's a family vacation. The real Spring break starts when you get to college.

I sent out some interview sheets to a few students here at SHS to see how their opinions or experiences differed. Senior Sarah Conrad said, "I think any student would look forward to a week off school!" She already has a trip planned for this break to go to San Antonio, and her ideal vacation is, of course, somewhere warm on the beach. Junior Shane Endicott looks forward to his time off every year. He had plans for a beach house in Panama City, but unfortunately his plans got cancelled. Shane says his ideal vacation is "Beach, Girls, and Beverages," and he would also like to send out the message to his fellow students, "Be safe. Don't do anything I wouldn't do." And last but not least is freshman Corey Wellendorf. Corey is also looking forward to his Spring Break, although he will be spending it here. Corey's ideal vacation is going to Montana.

According to Kathleen Crislip on www.about.com regarding student travel, the Top 10 Spring Break Hot Spots are the following: 1. Acapulco; 2. Cancun; 3. Negril, Jamaica; 4. Panama City, Florida; 5. Lake Havasu, Arizona; 6. Daytona Beach, Florida; 7. South Padre Island; Texas; 8. Nassau, Bahamas; 9. Las Vegas, Nevada; and finally 10. Steamboat Springs Crested Butte and Winter Park-Colorado Ski Resorts. I have yet to visit any of these places, but they must be worth visiting if they are the Top 10.

So wherever you decide to go for Spring Break, whether it is to the beach or just sitting on your couch, it is on your time off, so enjoy it!

Have a great Spring Break!

Scholastic Art Award Winners



Cassie Tanley, Theo Keniston, Matthais Glasmacher, Sarah Brobeck Alyssa Myers, Hannah Dorn, Brooke Skiba, Savanna Klass

PDA at SHS is not OK

By Colton Jones

We see it everywhere we go, and here in the high school it's almost impossible to avoid seeing a passionate lip lock good bye as a cute couple split their separate ways to head to class. These situations are all acts of public displays of affection, more commonly known as PDA.

But is PDA really that big of a deal? Some teachers think otherwise, at least to an extent. Some teachers agree that they don't see any harm in kids sharing a hug or even a little peck on the cheek. As long as students aren't sharing one of those juicy movie screen make out sessions, then it shouldn't be that big of a problem. Students say that's the way it should be. When asking for people's input on PDA, junior Billy Rasul said, "I think it's dumb that students get yelled at for giving a small hug or peck to show a little affection, but I have seen my fair share of middle schoolers making out in the senior hallway, which is a bit much."

"I think it's gross," says senior Jessica Watson. "It's mainly the middle school kids that we always see making out in the hall. If the high school kids can keep their hands off each other in school, then there's no excuse why the middle school kids can't."

Most high schoolers I asked agreed that the middle school kids were the main problem, but that's not completely true. "I see kids kissing through the halls everyday, and it's not just kids in the junior high," says junior Kate Phillips. "I see a lot of freshman and sophomores getting yelled at all the time, but I've seen the occasional upperclassmen get busted for a pre-class kiss."

Everyone's favorite librarian, Mrs. Wrask, agrees that it's not just the junior high students. "PDA was a problem way before they brought the junior high here to the high school, and it's still a problem now."

There is really not much more to say about PDA other than it needs to stop. Sure a hug or a peck is harmless, but as long as there are students making out through the halls, then that will never be allowed. My very best advice is to just save it for after school, and keep our halls rated G.

Cartoon Corner
By Theo



THEO

March student of the month

By Luke Shivers

The integrity of Student of the Month has been blemished. The recipients of the award certainly have been model citizens, but the diversity has been lacking. The ratio of men to women for SOM is four to one. That is inexcusable. There are plenty of qualified women for Student of the Month, and I intend to disprove allegations of chauvinism within this organization. The Student of the Month committee does not discriminate on basis of gender, only on basis of awesomeness. So there are two SOM for March, Megan Boyle and Taylor Kastenhuber.



Do not think that these sophomores were picked just to prove a point. They are more than qualified to be Student of the Month. Both Taylor and Megan knew that becoming a SOM would put them in good company. "Chance is definitely my favorite Student of the Month," said Megan and Taylor agreed, "He's really sweet." One of Chance's flaws is that he does not always get his daily value of vitamin C, but Megan and Taylor are always sure to get the antioxidant. Taylor looks to orange juice for vitamin C, but Megan prefers V8 Pomegranate Blueberry fusion for her vitamin C fixing. If you have not tried the V8 Fusion line of juices you should because it is now the official beverage of the Student of the Month.

March is a month of transition from winter to spring but there is a much more wondrous phenomenon

happening in Salem High School: Mike Adamson's beard. "I bumped into Mike Adamson in the hallway, and I looked up and was stunned," recalled Taylor. Megan likes the new-look Mike and said, "I like Mike's beard; I think it makes him look husky." Mike's beard coincidentally led into the discussion of cats, an animal rather disliked by the three of us. "Cats are annoying," said Megan and Taylor added, "They always shed and are very mean." We agreed that the Broadway play *Cats* is also terrible. "I think it's stupid," asserted Megan, and Taylor declined comment because she could not articulate her feelings about *Cats* without using profanity.

Taylor and Megan concurred that zebras are white with black stripes. Megan's favorite book is *Accident* by Danielle Steel and Taylor avowed, "I think I need to read more." Taylor said "A lot of people make me mad," referring to her peers at SHS, but Megan appended to her statement, "but there's no place we'd rather be."

Changing times since the seventies

By Tim Howard

This article is to evaluate how times have changed since the twenties. Times have changed ridiculously since the twenties. I mean, the twenties were when the television was invented, and back then they were extremely small boxes that had mostly black and white pictures. Now we have a new TV that has a great resolution and is one-hundred and fifty inches. That alone lets you know how much has changed. Back in the twenties, jazz was a very popular type of music. Now we have about a hundred different types of rock, hip hop, rap, pop, and about a million other song genres I could name. The Ku Klux Klan was at its peak back then, and now they're a rapidly dissolving society that hardly exists any more.

By the thirties, the Great Depression had hit, and the USA had never seen a worse time economically for its citizens. The thirties were a big time for radio, as it had become a major mass media unit in the news reporting area. World War II and the Cold War were both major things happening in the for-

ties, and in the fifties the rock and roll phase had just started, which would eventually turn into about a million other variations of the music genre.

The sixties contained a MAJOR influence from European culture in America, and are viewed by many as a time of "hippies, drugs, and the anti-war movement."

The seventies, as you might already know, was a huge time for disco, which eventually "supposedly" died. The seventies was also the time when many of the different genres of rock were created including punk, heavy metal, progressive, and new wave.

The eighties were a time when many popular, current forms of technology were invented including video game consoles, portable music players, and CD's. This was also when Microsoft finally became a major company, as they released the first edition of the Windows operating system for computers.

The nineties are extremely hard to describe by a few major happenings because so much hap-

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently attended the Student of the Month luncheon, an enjoyable experience to the say the least. This was my first official time taking the test, and I did quite well. While I was there, the president and chief executive of Student of the Month, Luke Shivers, informed the attendees that a female would be chosen for the month of March. I was delighted by this because I was the only female that came to this month's luncheon.

Now like I said, this was my first official time taking the test. To be even considered, the candidate must attend the luncheon to have a chance at the award. Last month I

A letter to the editor

received my invitation after the luncheon occurred, but I was allowed to take the test for practice purposes only. This month I did receive my invitation a few days before the luncheon, and Mr. Shivers preached to me on the fairness of his system. Now knowing all of this information, I would like to know why I was overlooked for Student of the Month during the month of March. I did everything correctly and was definitely in the Top Two with my answers, the other person being a male obviously. Please inform me as to why this injustice happened and what I will receive as compensation for this traumatizing

experience.

Sincerely,
Jenny Cappuzzello



Jenny is thoroughly disgusted for not receiving "Student of the Month."

Disco: dead?

By Derek Hale

As I hear the music of today, I cry. It is bad. It makes me wish I were born in a different time, the time of the Disco! A thought pops up in my head: What if I didn't need to be born in the 50s to be raised in the 60s to appreciate the music of the 70s? What if Disco was still around? If Disco is around I plan on finding it!

I arrived at the Salem Senior High School (a.k.a. Party Central) at 7 a.m. sharp to see if I could find Disco. As I asked around, it seemed as if I would never find Disco. Everywhere I went I found that this startling rumor wasn't a rumor but more of a fact. I kept hearing that Disco was dead! I refused to believe it, and as I carried on my investigative journalism I started losing hope. I started giving in to the idea that Disco was, in fact, dead. By the end of the day I was a mess. Left was right, up was down, my mascara was running, and I lost all hope of ever getting lost in a disco inferno. When I got home I found a mysterious letter attached to my door: The letter read: *Old Funky Warehouse 7 p.m.* I went.

When I arrived I was greeted by a mysterious 'froed man. He looked a lot like Salem's own Theo Keniston, but I knew it wasn't. This person had an afro. As I talked to him, I learned that after an epic battle between Classic Rock, Disco, Emocore, and Rap, Disco was forced underground. It is still practiced, but it is practiced in secret.

Modern Disco is best practiced in the privacy and secrecy of one's home probably because there are no more roller discos. The death of Disco could be the cause of global warming. As Disco dies the threat of global warming increases. The only way to practice Disco safely, and you should, is to play a record and dance to it. I personally am not trained in the ancient art, but if one really wanted to know then I would refer them to Emily Washam's article "Dance Fev-ah!" It is right down there. No, not that one, the one to the right of that. Yep, that's the one.



Dance Fev-ah!

By Emily Washam

Are you fantasizing about the perfect prom, but are unsure of how to dance? Prom is going to be really fun, but we do not want anyone to ruin it by dancing like "Elaine" from *Seinfeld*. So with a little help from Mrs. Dye, we will explain some dances that are sure to impress.

The Monster Mash-when the "Monster Mash" is played dancers first grind their right foot into the ground while dragging it backwards, and then do the same thing with the left foot. It's similar to moon walking except you are swiveling your feet at the same time. Don't forget to keep your arms out straight ahead of you to complete the ghoulish look!

The Hitchhiker-when the song "Hitch Hike" comes on, break out your thumb and hit the road! For this dance start in a crouched position while wiggling your hips. Make the hitchhiker's thumb with your hands and thrust your fists over your shoulder as if hitchhiking. Alternate fists while keeping your hips moving and jumping from side-to-side.

The Bunny Hop-when Ray Anthony begins to blare over the speakers, hop into a line for the bunny hop. Everyone forms a line and holds the hips of the person in front of them. Start by tapping the floor twice with your right foot and then twice with you left. Hop forward once, backwards once, and then forward again three times. Repeat the entire sequence until the song is over.

As we head toward Salem High School's annual spring prom, which will be held on Friday, May 2 at The Links clubhouse in Columbiana, stay tuned to *The Quaker* for all of your rockin' moves!

Sports

March Senior Spotlight

By Lauren Stone

Bobby Spaulding-Baseball



How long have you been playing this sport?
Eleven years

Is this your favorite sport?
Yes

Do you have a favorite warm-up song?
Any Tom Petty song

What position do you play?
Pitcher/ Third Base/ Outfield



Lauren Stone- Tennis



How long have you been playing this sport?
Four years

What is your favorite sports memory?
Screaming at the West Branch coach when she was heckling me during my whole match.

Do you continue playing in the off season?
Yes, I play up in Boardman.

Have you received any sports awards?
Yes, Net League 1st team (Junior and Sophomore), most improved (Junior and Sophomore), and MAC honorable mention (Junior).

Katie Malloy-Softball



What is your favorite sports memory?
Columbus trips and early morning practices with Big Papa!

What position do you play?
First base and pitcher when I have to.

How did you become interested in this sport?
Eric Matthews talked me into coming to one practice and I instantly fell in love with the game.

Who is your team's biggest rival?
Well, last year that one game against Warren Harding...

Mikenzie Clark-Softball



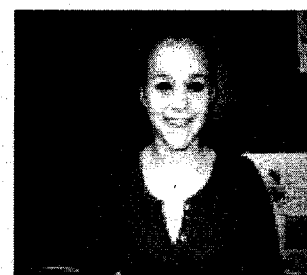
How long have you been playing this sport?
14 years

What is your favorite sports memory?
STRAWBERRY and Big Papa Practices.

Who is your favorite professional athlete?
Kellie Page! Jessie Dillon is an amazing Jockey too!

Do you have a favorite warm-up song?
Party Boy theme song, Jump On It...mmmtah

Jordyn Hissom- Softball

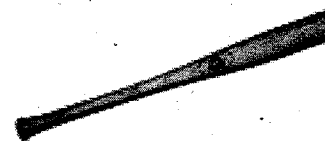


How long have you been playing this sport?
Nine years

What is your favorite sports memory?
Big Papa, Kenzie, and Coach playing guns in the gym.

Who is your favorite professional athlete?
Kellie Page

What position do you play?
Second base



One more chance

By Joe Hamilton

So let me start this off by saying my senior wrestling season was amazing. I had a lot of ups; there were not so many downs, but there were some. As a senior coming in pre-season, I was pumped. I couldn't wait till the end of season because that's when you get your chance to make it to state.

So the season came and flew by and I couldn't believe looking back. Now I wish it was still there. So I finished my regular season 31-5. I was a sectional champ district placer (5th) which made me a state alternate. I missed qualifying for the state tournament by two points. But I ended my season not only with a win but a pin, and just to make it better it was against West Branch.

So my experience at the state tournament was amazing.

I have never been there, and to go and see it and have a chance to wrestle... I couldn't believe it. It was an enormous arena with ten mats and probably enough seats for 100,000 people. I saw it for the first time, and I was in disbelief. If I did not see it with my own eyes, I would have doubted it to the fullest.

Then when we went to weigh in, there were about six scales and close to 800 wrestlers who wanted to weigh in. Everybody in my weight class made weight, so that was a little disappointing. I wish I could have had one more chance then just maybe I could have qualified. I was a little disappointed at first but now that I think about it, I'm pretty satisfied. I never gave up once, and I wrestled hard to make it where I did.

Got iron?

By Matt Faulkner

March 1, 2008, was the date for the annual power meet held at Columbiana High School. This event is open to all schools that want to come and try their best at bench, squat, and dead lift. This event has been held at Columbiana High School for eleven years. In this event, the top six place in each weight class. There are thirteen weight classes ranging from 115 pounds to unlimited. They also have a middle school division.

For Salem the two lifters that each got a medal were Jim King and Matt Faulkner. Jim got 6th place in the unlimited class, and; Matt got 4th place in the unlimited class.

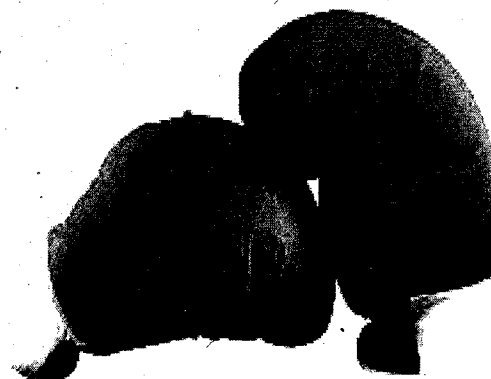
Golden gloves

By David Price

In 1927 the first official Golden Gloves tournament was held in New York City. What is the Golden Gloves, you might ask? The Golden Gloves is a boxing tournament held every year since 1927 for amateur boxers from the ages 16-34 years of age. Most big cities such as Cleveland, Chicago, and New York host these tournaments every year with great results. These tournaments are not like the usual professional boxing rules. Amateur boxing has its own point system, one point for every head punch thrown and no points for body shots and two points each knockdown.

Joining the tournament is fairly simple. You must have an amateur booklet which allows you to fight and must be a trained fighter from a gym. Lots of gyms from all over the country bring the best of the best to fight and see who the superior is from the towns. I myself have been included into this year's tournament to fight out of one of the newest gyms in Youngstown. Dates of the fights are every Saturday in the month of April. Preliminaries are April 5, quarter-finals are April 12, and semi-finals are April 19. Then on April 26 finals will be held at the Cleveland Browns Stadium. All of the fights start around 6:00 p.m. sharp. Tickets are sold at the door and will cost \$15.00 a person. All winners from the finals will then move on to Regional tournament and then Nationals tournaments which are held in Las Vegas.

Some big names have come out of these tournaments such as Mohammad Ali, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Youngstown's finest Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik. Also a lot of people who have won the tournaments are then drafted to the United States Olympic boxing team.



Goodbye MAC?

By Shane Endicott

For those of you that don't know, Salem is relocating into a different conference. Salem will no longer be in the Metro Athletic Conference. As we all know, that's where we're placed right now.

Salem has been in the MAC since 1993 when the conference was formed. The first game was played in the fall of 1994. Salem is not leaving the MAC because the teams are too tough, big, or physical. It's because the Metro Athletic Con-

ference will no longer be in play. All teams from the MAC which include Salem Quakers, Howland Tigers, Canfield Cardinals, Poland Bulldogs, Niles Red Dragons, Struthers Wildcats, Campbell Memorial Red Devils, and East Liverpool Poters will be relocating to a new conference either with or without us.

Salem will be stationed in the All-American Conference (a tiered conference), meaning there are several teams and dif-

ferent divisions. In the new conference there are three tiers - red, white, and blue (red-top, white-middle, blue-bottom). One school isn't put into a set division like it used to be. The All-American Conference has the three tier league with flexibility to move dependent upon strength of program (ie. girls volleyball). The All-American Conference will go into effect this fall, August 2008.

The Quaker

What is Lent?

By Richard Myers

Lent, what is it? For starters Lent is a forty-day session of fasting and prayer before Easter. This is supposed to represent Jesus while he was in the desert. According to the Bible, he was being tempted by the Devil the whole time. The purpose of Lent is to prepare the person through prayer, penitence, almsgiving, and self-denial. They also celebrate the holy week during Lent. That is the week before Easter including Palm Monday, Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), and Good Friday. For the Byzantine tradition Lent starts on clean Monday and goes to Easter Sunday. Sundays are included in the count. But in the Western Christianity it starts on Ash Wednesday and goes to Holy Saturday. The six Sundays during Lent are not included because they represent a "Mini-Easter" or a celebration of Jesus' triumph over sin and death.

The forty days are not specific to what they represent, but some people have ideas about what they represent. Some think it represents the forty days that Moses spent with God on Mount Sinai. Others think it is the forty days and nights that God made it rain during Noah's Ark. It could also be because Jesus fasted forty days while in the desert. But the traditional thought is the time when Jesus spent forty hours in his tomb. That led to a forty-hour fast in the church.

During Lent people give up both foods and festivities. These days people don't give up all of their

food, they just give up their favorite foods or activities. As a replacement they do charitable things for the community or the world. It is a session of grief that ends in a celebration that is Easter. The whole thing of just giving up their favorite foods started in the old west. The westerners would store their food for the winter then eat it all before it went bad in storage. Also they didn't know if there were any new crops coming from the plains. Back in the ancient times they couldn't eat meats, but in other countries they would allow it but not fish. Other countries wouldn't allow any fruits or eggs. Still people would only eat bread. Then when you did eat you had to wait until three o'clock and only eat one meal. The other way it was done is they ate only one meal but any time during the day. Today's Catholic religions only bind people eighteen through fifty-nine.

Some of the students at the high school celebrate Lent and I asked them what they gave up. Phil Bennett said that he gave up soda and sweets for Lent. Another student, Rosalyn Washam, gave up gum. Even senior Jim Armeni said he celebrates Lent and gave up one of the high schools favorite foods, Taco Bell. Jason Floor also celebrates Lent, and he gave up video games which includes Playstation, computer, or any other games. Even members of the staff celebrate Lent. Sir gave up sweets.

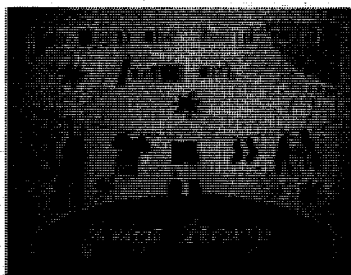
St. Patrick's Day

By Randy Woods

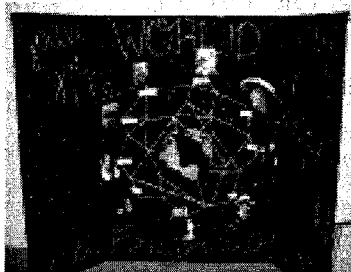
St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated worldwide for many years by the Irish and by some non-Irish. It is celebrated on March 17. It is an annual feast day. It is a national holiday that is widely celebrated but not an official holiday. At one time St. Patrick's Day was only celebrated as a religious holiday but became a public holiday in 1903. For Irish people it is also called a bank holiday in Ireland. This holiday is celebrated the most in Australia, North America, and Ireland. This holiday is generally themed around the color green.

St. Patrick was once believed to have driven the snakes from Ireland. This holiday is based on the original Christians saints feast day, also thought to be the date of the saint's death in the fifteenth century. Now the tradition continues with people from all walks of the world by wearing green, eating Irish food, and going to parades. It is a big thing from the leprechaun to the shamrock and to pinching each other for not wearing green.

The Irish have observed this holiday for thousands of years. Irish families would traditionally go to church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. The traditional meal of the Irish is cabbage and bacon.



A variety of creative posters were made for language month



The language posters can be viewed in the

The iPhone unmasked

By Andrew Jones

Ever since the first cell phone was released, people have found better and better ways to use them for different everyday activities. Everything from email to listening to music and watching videos can be done these days. One of the most popular phones to be released in recent years would have to be the Apple Branded iPhone. The iPhone was introduced in the United States on June 29, 2007, and has been selling ever since.

So you ask what's so good about the iPhone? Well, for one thing it is an all-in-one device. Not only can you call and text all your friends, but it also comes standard with a 2 megapixel camera. The iPhone also lets you access all of your favorite songs and even videos. There are several applications located on the "Home" screen of the iPhone: text (SMS messaging), calendar, photos, camera, YouTube, stocks, maps (Google Maps), weather, clock, calculator, notes, settings, and iTunes. Four other applications are located on the iPhones user bar: phone, mail, Safari (Web Access), and iPod. In recent months a new undercover hacking group has developed a new software and an act called Jailbreaking. Jailbreaking, as defined by many online webistes, is modifying the software to comply with basic hardware. In laymen's terms, you are allowing applications such as AIM, games, and you can even use it to read ebooks (online books downloaded onto your phone). The only problem with the jailbreaking process is that it will void your Apple warranty. But if you are in the know how and can figure out what you are doing, this long process will let you get more out of your purchase.

The next point about the iPhone is the pricing points, both the hardware and the contract you have to sign up for service. There are two different models that are now available; both are pricey. The eight gigabyte system will run you \$399.99, and the sixteen gigabyte version is \$499.99. If you were to add up the items on the iPhone you would certainly surpass the iPhone price points. A Canon Power Shot A40 Digital Camera will run you \$349.99. An Apple iPod would run anywhere from \$99.99 to \$199.99. Then you have to factor in the phone; assuming that you are going for a semi decent phone with a contract, it will run you \$99.99 to \$199.99. If you take those figures, and I am not even incorporating the different web and email features, you would come out at about \$500.00 to keep all those devices with you. They are both great phones, but with a contract they still will cost you an arm and a leg. The contracts run anywhere from \$59.99 to \$99.99 and can be uped to unlimited messaging with a \$40.00 a month add-on.

The final verdict on the iPhone is a good one; in fact, it is a great one. The iPhone allows you to do most of the things a computer can do. The truth of the matter is most kids these days carry around an MP3 player, camera, and phone. But why carry all those if you can get them all in one device? It is a great investment for the future, but be careful because knowing the way electronics are these days there will be another, better, faster, stronger phone in the next few months.

In a shadow

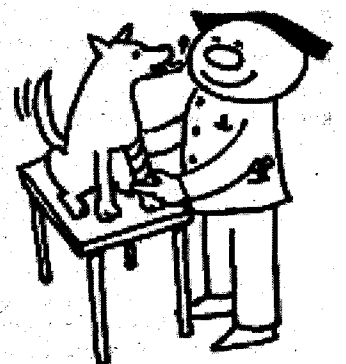
By Emily Washam

On October 24, I went on a job shadowing to Dr. Adamson's Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Adamson's team consists of two veterinarians and support staff of seven. At first I was a little unsure of what to expect, but the staff was very friendly and knowledgeable. As the day went on they explained everything they did and why they did it. My favorite parts of the day were getting to stand in on two surgeries and watching the X-rays. Dr. Adamson and Dr. Brooks both performed surgery on dogs. As each of them went through the surgical process, they explained each step that they were taking. It was really interesting to watch.

The X-ray room was interesting because the clinic is actually able to develop the X-rays right in the office. After taking the X-rays the film was taken to a darkroom where it was developed. Within a few minutes the film was developed, and Dr. Adamson was able to make a diagnosis. When the film was ready, Dr. Adamson explained what a healthy dog should look like compared to the one he was looking at. As he found abnormalities, he ex-

plained what they could be and what they would do to get rid of them. In the end, it turned out that the dog had cancer. Dr. Adamson explained that since the dog was so old there wasn't a great deal they could do that wouldn't end up just causing the dog more pain.

Overall the day was really cool. I got to experience things that I had never seen before. Given the chance, I would definitely go back. Job shadowing really provides the opportunity to experience what a typical day is like for a professional and is really helpful for deciding your future career.



National Foreign Language Month

By Bekah Dolan

As every March comes around, so does National Foreign Language Month. This is a time to celebrate different languages, lands, and culture. This celebration is important to all of us. Though we may live in the United States of America, a majority of our ancestors came from different countries, countries with different cultures and backgrounds. It is important for us to show appreciation for those cultures. Even though we just concentrate on the foreign languages that we offer here at Salem High School, we are still showing the appreciation for different cultures.

An interview with Senora Neapolitan revealed a few things to get a better understanding about National Foreign Language month. When asked what the purpose of the celebration was, she responded by saying, "The purpose is to promote languages here in the high school. It is actually an extension of Foreign Language Week, which is sponsored by Alpha Mu Gama, the National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society." She also said that it was started in 1956 and was endorsed by President Eisenhower.

The events that will take place this month are three on three basketball and the poster contest. The theme of the poster contest is "You've got the world on a string with foreign languages." You must be in a foreign language class to participate, but that doesn't mean you can't support language month. All of the prizes are monetary. When asked what she thought the students would gain from this experience, she said, "Hopefully, students will have some fun while competing in their chosen foreign language. We want students to understand the importance of foreign languages and hope they take advantage of the opportunities available to them at Salem Senior High."

This year you should participate in the celebration. Go support your favorite foreign language at one of the events. Make a poster, and if you are not an artist, go partake in some foreign cuisine. There are many things you can do to celebrate National Foreign Language Month. If you are a part of a foreign language, don't be ashamed to show what that language and culture is all about.

