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Max "The Mean" While takes Sadie Hawkins' Crown in 2008

By Max While

Last month, Sadie Hawkins was held in the school cafeteria. On this legendary night, seven young men put it all on the line for the school, not caring that how well they did mattered not. Every dancer brought something different to the table. But all was not well in Sadies. A new rule was imposed, placing a ban on baring one's chest in their dances. Despite a huge petition and

general protest, the Court was only able to talk the administration down to ripped shirts and "wife beaters." Despite this disappointment, the dances were carried out in the most epic manner possible.

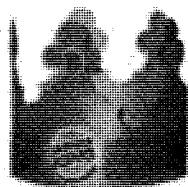
Oh, and how epic the dances were. My dance was a hotbed of seductive fury, while Jay, Billy, and Zac Carlisle's dance focused on high-flying acrobatics and

the use of props. Boggs' dance favored quality over quantity, and the tag team of Brandon Simmons and Ryan O'Donnell provided intense getting low. When the smoke cleared, none other than Max "The Mean" While walked away with the glitter-glued BK crown of Sadie's Court. Most of the other dancers walked away to the Downplay concert. Overall, Sadie Hawkins turned out all right.

The noble dance warriors of the Sadies Court



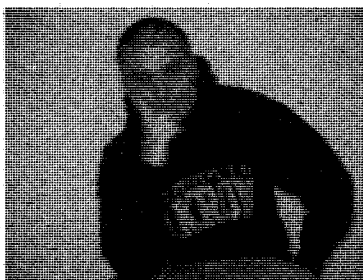
Jay Bates – Jaypril Luque Bates is the son of Tim and Angela Bates. He danced alongside court mates Zac Carlisle and Billy to a medley of dance hits. He was quoted as saying, "I serve chumps like Max for breakfast."



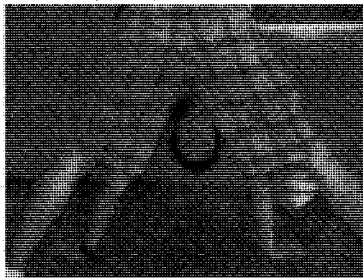
Mike Boggs – Michael Anthony Joseph Boggs is the son of Sandy and Dan Boggs. His short but oh so sweet dance was t Fat Man Stomp by the rapper Bonecrusher. He says, "It [Sadies] was a fun time. I'm glad I got to experience it."



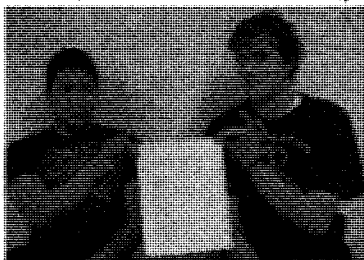
Max While – Maxwell Allen While, the King of the Court, is the son of Mike and Kris While. When asked about his opinions on Sadies, he replied, "It was rad." His dance was to the song "Sex Raptor" by HORSE the Band, which he says is "Scientifically proven to be the best song to dance to."



Ryan O'Donnell – Ryan Girard O'Donnell is the son of Terence and Sondra O'Donnell. He danced alongside Brandon Simmons to the dance megahit "Get Low." He would like to tell the school, "I got low."



Billy Rasul - Bilal Samier Isa Nasrala Abdrasul danced with Jay and Zac to the mindboggingly awesome mix they created. He said that the dance was "kinda like taking candy from a baby. Eating it in front of the parents and laughing maniacally at their loss."



Much controversy surrounded the crowning of this year's Sadies king. Dancers presented the administration with a petition when it was made known that there would be restrictions on the dance numbers.



Brandon Simmons – Brandon John Simmons is the son of Debbie. He and Ryan O'Donnell provided a radical dance to "Get Low" by Lil John and the East Side Boys. When asked about the dance, he presented the following poem:

"It's just a dance,
Another chance
For me,
To get down."



The Sadie Hawkins Dance is traditionally a dance where the girls ask out the guys. So, ladies... if any one of these fine hunks of masculinity was not your date, then you have no one to blame but yourself.

Tyler Polk wins first Quaker contest



Congratulations to Tyler Polk, the winner of the first "Read Between the Lines" contest published in *The Quaker*. Tyler presented his copy of *The Quaker* immediately after the seventh period bell on the day of distribution. He had circled the correct phrase which was found in senior Richard Myers article titled "In the Mood for Thanksgiving Food." The phrase was "It's like the ancient Greeks ate plump pigs as their main dish." Tyler was awarded the winning prize of ten dollars worth of gift certificates to Taco Bell.

The staff would like to remind all students who choose to participate in this contest that we must adhere strictly to the rules. Some students came before the end of the day with the circled answer, but the directions are explicit in stating that you must wait until the dismissal bell and present your copy of the paper with the answer circled. Also, we are sorry if you must leave early that day, but we cannot consider an entry until dismissal. In fairness to all, a student can only win the contest once during the course of the year. Thanks to all who participated last month.

The phrase to find in the December issue of *The Quaker* is the following:
"Did you ever wonder why they took it away?"

School Calendar

By Matt Faulkner

- December 15th – High school band concert
- December 14th – White Christmas Dance
- January 5th – Classes resume
- January 16th – End of second nine weeks
- January 15th-16th – Midterm exam days
- January 19th – Martin Luther King Day- no school
- January 20th – Inauguration Day
- January 26th – Delayed start



Zac Carlisle – Zachary Carlisle danced like a madman with Jay and Billy to a multitude of songs, including "Ridin' Dirty" and "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun." Although he could not be reached for comment, I'm sure his incredible dance moves speak for themselves.

Opinion

Point Counter Point

A magical time of the year

By Colton Jones

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." Practically everyone's in a cheerful mood as the season of giving comes chiming in. It's hard to believe that anyone can dislike such a spirited time.

This is the time of year for huge sales, presents, and great food with the family. Every which way you go you're reminded of cheer and happiness. Whether it's the beautiful scenery and snow outside or the people collecting change for the Salvation Army, you're bound to find something to put you in the holiday mood. There are lights and decorations on practically every house with glowing Christmas trees in almost every window; everything just looks joyful and beautiful. Unfortunately, there are still some people out there that just can't get into the holiday spirit, and, well, tend to act a bit like a man named Ebenezer Scrooge.

So why can't these people enjoy the holidays? Some people say it's because of the religious ties with the holiday, but, after all, it is the day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. There are some that may not have much of a family to spend the holidays with. Then there are others that simply don't like the hassle of busy holiday shopping and holiday traveling. Some even let the winter weather bring them down.

If you fit into any of these categories, I'd recommend that this year, you should at least give the holiday season a shot. If you don't have family to spend it with, maybe try spending the day celebrating with a friend and their family. For the people that dislike the busy shopping, my best advice would be to go early before it gets too busy and crowded. And for those that simply don't want to put up with the weather and icy roads for traveling, just be careful and rough it out anyway. I can assure you it will pay off in the end. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Bah humbug

By Lauri Dotson

If you were to look through my eyes around Christmas time, it would seem as if you were looking through the eyes of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Although for many people it's a happy time, I can't wait for the holidays to be over. I have to agree with Scrooge in the famous play "The Christmas Carol" when he claims, "If I could work my will, every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips, should be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart. He should!" Now, although my harsh feelings toward these winter holidays aren't this extreme, they are still very close.

There are many different ways to view Christmas. Some look at it as a time of joy, happiness, and just family bonding, while others think of it as a time-consuming, money-sucking, stressful holiday. Depending on what you believe, everyone falls into one of these categories. All the gift buying and decorating is unbelievably time consuming. As you buy gifts for your family and friends, as well as travel to see them, you tend to spend an enormous amount of money, which leads to the stress of the holiday. It gets harder and harder every year to please everyone, also causing the stress levels to rise.

Then there are some people that don't like this season simply for the reason that involves the religious aspect. They don't like to deal with the people trying to get them to talk about the birth of Christ and how it all came about because it tends to put some people in a bad mood.

Even though the food tends to be fairly delicious during these holidays, and it makes up for some of the stress, it doesn't make things much better. So, as you're trying to get through yet another Christmas holiday, stressed and ready for it to be over, just remember that you are not alone. As Ebenezer always remarked, "BAH HUMBBUG!"

T-shirts for sale

By Dan Drotleff

In the past few years the Quaker Craziest t-shirts have sported designs that students really liked and sometimes they have not. The good ones seem to have been the ones that were attention grabbing and enjoyable to read; whereas, the others could have been tweaked to be better. Senior William Beagle says, "A good one was from my freshman year. It was the 'Pick Your Poison' skull design, and a bad one was last year's 'Dang it feels good to be a Quaker.'"

I asked, "Why did you decide on those shirts?" Beagle replied by saying, "'Pick Your Poison' was creative, and 'Dang it feels good to be a Quaker' just didn't appeal to me."

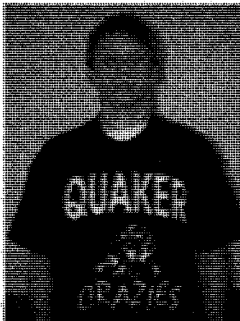
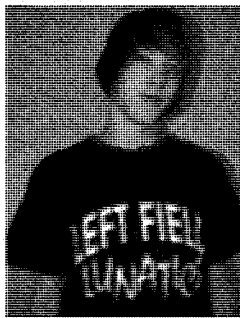
In doing some research, I found out this interesting fact. According to Mrs. Dye, senior advisor, last year's "Dang it feels good to be a Quaker" was the most recent top selling Quaker Craziest t-shirt. So it all depends on the person who is purchasing the shirt and what your personal tastes are. Some other shirts from the past have been "Men at Work," "Let the Games Begin," and "The Only Bill Worth a

Mill."

It is also important to note that Quaker Craziest t-shirts are a senior sponsored sale whereas Left Field Lunatics is a student run t-shirt sale. These two t-shirts are independent of each other.

The most recent t-shirt sale was the "Quaker Pride - See it, Hear it, Feel It" shirt. These were being sold for five dollars through support of the following sponsors: The Fraternal Order of Police, Dr. Joe Scott, Barclay Rolls, and the additional costs were covered by the Athletic Department. The shirts were printed by Custom Images. The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) came up with the idea. Proceeds from that sale went to The Salvation Army and local food pantries through local churches.

Customized t-shirts are a popular item with school clubs, the band, drama department (play t-shirts), and some teams. Everybody seems to have a special shirt which they can call their own.



Chris Szabat, Will Beagle, and Patrick Simpson model a variety of Quaker favorites.

December war of words

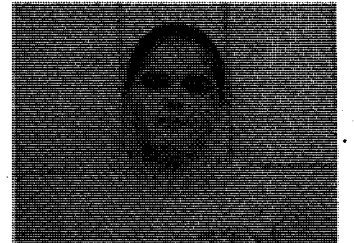
By Patrick Simpson

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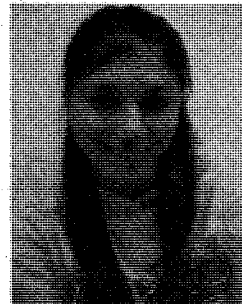
What is your favorite Christmas movie?



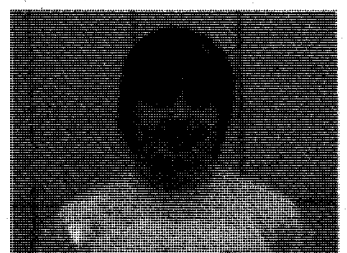
Senior Nick Prislipsky
"Christmas Vacation"



Sophomore Jimmy Kearns
"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"



Junior Amy Franklin
"The Holiday"



Freshman Isaiah Maher
"The Grinch"

Listen Up! If you like this, you'll love that.

Famous: Mayday Parade

By Rachel Fritzman



Though their success has not been as overwhelming as the bands we have featured in the past, this band is making their mark with listeners everywhere. The band is known as Mayday Parade and they originated in Tallahassee, Florida, in the winter of 2005.

This quintet began to build a great fan base very fast thanks to the 2006 Vans Warped Tour. Although they weren't playing this time, they managed to gain over 10,000 fans. The band followed the tour and passed out their CDs to fans of the tour who were eagerly waiting to gain entrance to the concerts. They spent long days sitting outside the entrance making friends and, more importantly, fans during the tour. At the end of the tour, Mayday Parade had sold over 10,000 copies of their EP (extended play) without even playing one show.

It started to look like their hard work had finally paid off. In September 2006, they went on their first full U.S. tour with the band Brandston and Melee. This was followed by a second U.S. tour with Plain White T's. They even actually got to play at the next year's 2007 Vans Warped Tour. In the fall of 2006, Mayday Parade was signed with the California based record label, Fearless Records. "It was like reaching the final step at the top of a very long set of stairs. And Fearless believed in us and admired what we had accomplished on our own," guitarist Brooks Bretts stated in his interview with Fearless Records.

Mayday Parade is now touring across the United States co-headlining with All Time Low. I got to go to this concert last Saturday, and I feel that they sound just as good live as they do on their CDs. However, if you don't get to go to one of their shows, make sure to listen to their newest CD "A Lesson Learned in Romanticism." I promise you won't be disappointed.

Unknown: Holiday Parade

By Julie Ridgley

There are many experiences in life to which almost everyone can relate. Life can be hard, but there are also times when everything seems perfect. This euphoric time is the feeling that the four piece band Holiday Parade hopes to recreate with their music.

The band put down its roots in Atlanta, Georgia. They were formed when lead vocalist Andy Albert, who had played in many local bands during the last five years, decided to get serious about his music. He states that he began writing songs "with the belief that if you want something done right you have to do it yourself." Andy joined up with drummer Jason Andrews, Bassist Michael Whitworth, and guitarist Rohan Kohli and Holiday Parade was formed.



This acoustic rock quartet is currently unsigned. They band released a full length album *Two Cheers for Tuesday* in 2006. They followed up with the EP *To You. From Us* two years later. The guys are dedicated to coming up with music that everyone can understand. "When I write songs I rely heavily on personal experiences and the things that mean the most to me in life. If you really think about it, everyone goes through similar, if not the same, experiences: first kisses, falling in love, friends and enemies, loss etc. We are all intertwined in this aspect.... so I write about all of them," says Albert in an interview with absolutejunk.net.

If you're in the mood for some tunes that will put a smile on your face and are a fan of Mayday Parade, Holiday Parade is for you. Pick up an album, EP, or befriend them on Myspace today.

Downplay displays talent

By Jay Bates

Downplay played the night of Friday, November 21, 2008. They dazzled a sell out crowd of roughly four hundred fans including a major critic from Capitol Records at the Elks Hall on East State Street in Salem. The critic has been known to sign some very recognizable talent like Saving Able, Saosin and Matchbox 20. The concert lasted a magical hour and a half from about 10 to 11:30 PM.

Between the hour and a half of face melting riffs and catchy lyricisms, Downplay presented new songs like "Burn It Away" and "Save Me." They also played old fan favorites like "Maybe," "15 minutes," and the ever popular "Queen of New York City."

The band consists of (vocalists)Dustin Bates and (drummer)Brandon Hill, both graduates of Salem; (bassist) Chad White of Toledo; (lead guitarist) Nick Kiser of Columbus; and (rhythmic guitarist) Mike Mealey of Cleveland.

The talent recruiter Kim Stevens from Capitol Records seemed very interested and has stayed in contact with Downplay. He even requested a set list of favorite songs to preview to the president of Capitol Records!

Dustin Bates, the vocalist of Downplay, and my older brother have great confidence that their music will become mainstream after two new song additions.

Predicted top ten Christmas movies of 2008

By Patrick Simpson

1. *Twilight*
Released: Nov. 21, 2008
2. *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
Released: Dec. 19, 2008
3. *The Day the Earth Stood Still*
Released: Dec. 12, 2008
4. *Australia*
Released: Nov. 26, 2008
5. *The Road*
Released: Dec. 2008
6. *Revolutionary Road*
Released: Dec. 26, 2008
7. *The Spirit*
Released: Dec. 25, 2008
8. *Valkyrie*
Released: Dec. 26, 2008
9. *Quantum of Solace*
Released: Nov. 14, 2008
10. *Marley and Me*
Released: Dec. 25, 2008

One of the most highly anticipated movies of the season is *Twilight*. It is based on the first of four books in a series written by Stephenie Meyer called *Twilight*. Directed by Catherine Hardwicke, the movie is about a teenage girl

named Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) who is a little different and never really cared about fitting in with all of the popular kids. Her junior year she moves from Phoenix, Arizona, to Forks, Washington, to live with her father. There she ends up falling in love with a boy named Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson). Edward is a vampire and the closer in contact they come with one another the more he must resist her scent. As others find out that Bella is human, Edward must fight to save her throughout the movie.*

When asked about the movie, Tori Rudibaugh said that she had also read the book. Regarding the movie she said, "Amazing! I thought Kristen Stewart was a poor choice for Bella until the end. The fight scene was amazing. Also, I thought Robert Pattinson portrayed the role of Edward very well. And well, he's just hot."

Rachel Fritzman said she had also read the book and when asked about the movie she replied,

"I really liked the movie, but I liked the book way better. I don't think that they got Bella right at all. She looked like I imagined her to, but her personality wasn't right at all and that ruined it for me."

Dana Ackerman said that she too had read the book. When asked about the movie, she stated: "I was so excited to see the movie, and I loved it. Most of the characters were exactly how I pictured them to be, especially the vampires. I didn't think they did the car crash as well as the book, but the scene when Edward saves Bella from becoming a vampire was amazing. It seemed like he was really going to kill her right there. The kiss in the movie was the best kiss I have ever seen out of any movies. Ever. I went Friday night with my friends and then took my cousin and sister the next day. I can't wait for *New Moon!*"

* <http://www.daemonsmovies.com/2008/08/21/top-20-christmas-movies-of-2008/>



Christmas fun

By Richard Myers

Christmas is a lot of fun. It includes presents, family, and all of the food you could ever eat. And how about Christmas break? We go to the relatives, lie around, and get up late. What could be better than lying around and getting up late? I couldn't think of anything else I would want to do. But I asked some of our fellow students what they will do over break, and this is what they had to say.

Freshman Zack Myers said, "I will be going to my grandmother's on Christmas Eve. After that I will stay home and play video games. On New Years I will stay home and run around the house when the ball drops to take the old out and bring the new in."

Mark Pitts, a senior, replied, "I sit around, kind of like a bump on a log."

Josh Carroll, a senior, also replied, "I'll be traveling to North

Carolina to see my family for Christmas"

Freshman Corey Cody said, "Eat, sleep, and visit family."

Bilal Abd Rasul, a senior, exclaimed, "I'm Muslim!"

Senior Suzanne Waterbeck replied, "I plan to spend time with friends and family and celebrate my eighteenth birthday."

Senior Chad Anderson answered, "Probably put up lights, and get electrocuted in the process. Drink eggnog and sit around."

Jordan Stewart, a freshman, said, "I'm going to Florida to see my uncle and go to Disney World for my Christmas present. Then I will come home for two days after Christmas, and I'll stay up all night on New Years Eve."

No matter what people do over Christmas break, try to have some fun and celebrate all you can because you won't be able to after you come back.

Feature

Appearance vs. Personality: The "Oooo!" to "Eww!" experiment

By Brooke Skiba

One of life's most difficult questions is whether personality or appearance plays a larger role in personal judgment. This seems to be a complex question for some to answer honestly, as human nature judges heavily on outward appearances. When I asked one hundred people of all ages whether appearances or personality will get you farther in life, sixty-three percent said that personality, in fact, will get you farther. The biggest differential seemed to be between men and women, even more so than the difference between ages. Forty-five percent of all males said that appearances will get you farther in life. Senior Josh Lankford quotes, "You could be the nicest person ever, but if you look bad people won't treat you nice." Only twenty-nine percent of all females surveyed thought appearances will get you farther, so a greater majority felt personality plays the superior role. "Personality is like inner beauty," junior Dana Ackerman says. "People might like looks at first, but the more they get to know a person, personality plays a greater role." However, it is strikingly obvious that people don't think that personality alone makes up who you are, as ninety-nine percent of people said that appearances do matter in life in general.

To prove whether appearance or personality dominate in real life situations, I went to the Southern Park Mall to try a few tests. The plan was for freshman Lauren Rupp to walk around the mall dressed attractively and interact and then interact the same way dressed poorly to see how people would respond.

She started out dressed fashionably and walked around with a very friendly attitude. Although they were for the most part indifferent, the majority of mall-goers and employees treated her courteously. She smiled at random people walk-

ing by, and eighty-two percent of people smiled back. Upon entering Hollister, while wearing a Hollister hoodie, the lady working in the store greeted her with a cheery, familial, "Hey, what's up?" She was treated as the majority of good-looking, well-dressed teens would be.

This is when we changed it up. Her positive attitude was the same, but to make her unattractive I made sure that her make-up was horribly overdone, her eyes were hidden by large glasses, she wore plain sweats and a t-shirt, and, to top it off, she wore a large furry hat. We were both shocked to find that people treated her far less considerately. Zero smiles were reciprocated this time, although mocking laughs and frowns were plentiful. One woman even stopped mid-conversation to say, "That's pretty weird." The Hollister employee was no longer as welcoming either. When Lauren entered this time, the lady glared at her and walked away, consequently proving the point that appearances and first impressions do matter.

Will we ever stop judging so much on appearance? It will probably never stop completely, but at least most people can realize the importance of a good personality as well. Lauren Rupp states, "I'd be lying if I said looks don't matter to me because they do, but looks can only go so far. It's personality that affects people." Hopefully there will come a time when people judge less on looks, when the old, unattractive pets get chosen from a pet store, and when Christmas toys are purchased based on quality rather than the packaging, but until then, as it has been proven, appearances do matter.



The epitome of a respectful young shopper.



Wild, crazy, and disrespectful.

The Men, The Myths, The Legends, THE VIKING BROS. INC.

By Tyler Metts

As a kid, everyone has a dream of what they want to become when they grow up. Some people want to be firemen, some doctors, and some wish to be mythical beasts. There are a few teens here at Salem High School who refuse to follow the crowd. These young men spend their free time creating videos. Not just any videos, no, these videos are worked on for several hours at a time until near perfection is reached. These young men have dreams to become Youtube video stars.

They gather in the darkest of places in order to keep their group as exclusive as possible. They go by the name of Viking Bros. Inc., and many think they are but a myth from the tales of old. The group consists of eight members that have agreed to release their identities to the public through this very article. The group consists of the following: Casey "The Hair" Folds, Jake "I Take Everything Too Seriously" Irej, Derek "Squeak" Shasteen, Marshal "Bunny Fufu" Sarginger, Steve "I'm Italian" Navarra, Dylan "The Voice of the Underworld" Metts, Mason "Fetal Pig"

Hochadel, and John "I Play A Lot of Video Games" McBride. They also have guest appearances by Brian Shivers, Mike Brown, Kyle Pierson, and Kyle Dole.

The idea to start making videos was a spontaneous idea between Jake, Squeak, and Casey. "It all started one dreary summer day..." says Jake as he becomes lost in the memory.

"The idea was to shoot a faux skateboarding movie. At the time Derek was wearing a robe, and we all collectively thought that he looked like a monk. So naturally we decided that we were going to make a movie about a skateboarding monk." They did just that. *Skate Boarding Monk Part 1* was their break-out video and ignited the flame that created many more videos yet to come. As of now there are twenty-seven plus videos and more still in the works or not yet posted. Most of the videos are inspired by childhood television shows, video games, music, or lonely nights. The scenery for these films is quite familiar to those from our very own city of Salem. The videos are usually shot in our city parks such as Centennial and Memorial Waterworth with occasional scenes taking place in the houses of some of the members.

Though their dreams of Youtube stardom have not been reached yet, they are well on their way of joining the likes of Afro Ninja, Chris Crocker, Numa Numa Kid, Chocolate Rain, and many others



Not pictured is Jake Irej, Derek Shasteen, and Steve Navarra.

that came before them. In order to view the videos of these soon to be legends, one must go to the infamous youtube.com and search the name 6Viking6Bros6Inc6 and the link that will follow should be their page or at least one of their forever-funny videos. One last thing from the members of the Viking Bros. Inc.: (all members speak in unison and the same monotone voice, except for Dylan whose voice is a lot deeper) "WARNING: The following videos feature many bad things that may or may not be viewable by the open public. The stunts are not performed by professionals so your parents probably should not watch or listen to our selective dialogue. No one but us is responsible for the actions and consequences of these videos, and no real animals were harmed in these videos on purpose. Thank you for listening and enjoy our productions."

Poet's Delight

Christmas in Phoenix*

By Dacia Louk

Christmas time is near,
But where I am the skies are clear.
There are leaves still clinging on
the trees,
And it's pushing towards eighty
degrees.
Sometimes it is hotter than it
seems.
The grass is still green and grow-
ing,
And it's never snowing.
Christmas in Phoenix is not like
there,
Christmas in Phoenix is always
bare.

*I have a friend, and her name is Amanda Jury. We have been friends since we were five. We lived in the same neighborhood and spent a lot of time with each other getting into trouble and just having fun. When her parents got divorced, her dad moved to Arizona and her mom moved to California. At first Amanda lived in California but quickly moved back with her mom to Salem. Eventually Amanda decided to move back with her dad in Phoenix. We still keep in touch and are piecing together our plans of seeing each other. It takes a lot of money and courage to take a flight from little old Salem, Ohio, to Phoenix, Arizona by yourself.

Cartoon Corner

By Jay Bates



Happy Holidays

Feature

December Student of the Month

By Ted Yuhaniak



Meg's awesomeosity is through the roof!

When senior Meg Maroscher heard her awesomeosity had earned her the title of Student of the Month for December, she quickly responded, "I'm really excited, but this doesn't surprise me at all." If you, the reader, would have seen her take the test, you would not have been surprised either. Meg went through the Student of the Month test like a hot knife through butter, while others broke down like amino acids in the human digestive system. She warns future contestants of the test because they are more than likely not as intelligent as her.

When I sat down to interview Meg, she was just as cool as the other side of the pillow. During the interview she explained to me a genius invention she has thought up. Her idea was a car that is able to drive itself. Her explanation to this was "...sometimes I have a little trouble driving or I'm not in the mood to drive." In addition to her clever invention, she also displays her genius in the classroom. Her favorite subject is undoubtedly history. "After having Mr. Goddard I love history," she said. How could anyone disagree with that statement?

Weekends are a time where Meg is always able to enjoy the free time away from school. On weekend mornings she usually likes to sit down to wolf down on some delicious cinnamon rolls along with some pulp free OJ while watching either *Hey Arnold* or *Scooby Doo*. Later in the day she loves to sit down and play video games or head to the Texas Roadhouse for some first-class rolls and an ice cold Dr. Pepper. She also really likes to go shopping on the weekends. If she had three wishes, one of those wishes would be to go on an unlimited shopping spree. "I could shop for hours and hours," she said. After a long weekend day, Meg likes to take her favorite vitamin pill, Flintstones, before heading to bed and calling it a day.

Meg is also a beholder of many different talents and has many things she likes and dislikes. One hip talent she possesses is being able to touch her nose with her tongue effortlessly. Her favorite Pokemon is Vulpix. "Vulpix is as cute as the dickens," she said. She is also a fan of the Bob Evans' Buttermilk dressing, as it can taste luscious on just about anything. Around the holidays at this time of the year, she loves to have some good candy canes as long as they are not too sticky. One thing she really dislikes is that one dude from *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (the kid catcher). "What in the world is wrong with him?" she wonders. One thing she would like to see stop in the very near future is the out-of-control kids making out right in front of her locker. "You know who you are," she said fiercely. To end on a positive note, she loves to watch the awesome television series *Boy Meets World*. "I love Mr. Feeny and Rider Strong is awesome," she added.

As Meg looks forward to the future, she looks to succeed in a program in college that will lead her into a rad career. She also hopes her awesomeosity will inspire kids, leading them to a successful future. In the end I think we can all agree that Meg is truly a person with great awesomeosity.

Merry Christmas or not?

By Olivia Maenz

What's today? Let's see — I don't know, but I do know it's not far from CHRISTMAS! Yep, that's right, Christmas. That's if you celebrate it. Now let me guess, you're panicking? Wondering how you're going to buy everything at the last moment because no one has layaway anymore. Did you ever wonder why they took it away? It's because the company could and would lose money from people putting back layaway gifts. Some how they figured that if people would do layaway that the one gift that is back there could be bought by a person who wanted that gift but there was none left. The economy and the manufacturing companies don't make enough of one product. They have limited themselves to a budget of half of a million dollars. Back in 1994 companies would make too much of one product and not sell everything. Now since the government and manufacturing companies took away our layaway no one is going to have a good Christmas.

But do you want to hear a secret? There are two companies that still have LAYAWAY!!! Yes, you heard me right, two left. It's K-Mart and Sears. I know there are not many left, but if you're desperate you'll do it. There are six K-marts around us. Three are in Youngstown, two in Warren and one in Canton. So get to shopping.

I believe ever since 9-11 the economy has let us down. I understand we are one nation, but it's been six years since that incident. Gas prices, jobs, food? Where did it all go? Gas prices are finally going back down, but once the holidays are over there they go again. Jobs! Jobs! JOBS! It's not easy anymore. I was watching the news earlier this week. Stocks are really down. The one thing I don't understand is why? Why do that to us? Hard workers, good people what did we ever do. So, since it's the holidays I thought I would be generous and give tips on how to save money.

1. Make a budget and really try to stick to it. This may sound difficult, but it's not so bad. Think about how much

money you want to spend on each person on your list. 2. Try to use cash when purchasing presents. Using cash will help to keep you on your budget. A lot of people actually take the right amount of cash for each person on their list and place it into an envelope.

3. Shop early and look for good sales. Do not leave your shopping for the last week before the holidays. You'll be completely overwhelmed, and you'll end up making a lot of impulse purchases. Instead, go shopping earlier in the months of November and December.

4. Comparison shop for all plane tickets and hotel accommodations. If you have to travel for the holidays, be sure to really shop around for the best rate on plane tickets and hotel rooms. 5. Make some gifts. If you have a hobby or a skill that can be used to create special one-of-a-kind gifts, then by all means, go ahead and knit a sweater for your sister's new baby or bake a few cakes to bring into work for your co-workers. You can save a lot of money if you set aside some time to make home-made gifts.

Perhaps some of these ideas will help during the holiday. Merry Christmas or not... hopefully the answer will be MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Artistic senior spotlight

by Jessica Schmidt

Like being the captain of a sports team or the president of a club, the drum majors in band hold a high and respectable position. It requires experience in the field, of course, just as any other activity would. So, it's no wonder that one of the two spots would be taken by Sara Lemmon, an eight year veteran of the band.

In the Salem Public School system, when a child reaches fifth grade he or she is given the opportunity to join band (if he or she chooses to do so). Sara Lemmon did just that, with the trumpet being her instrument of choice. When asked why she had chosen that particular instrument, she replied, "I guess I thought it sounded pretty cool, and I always liked Louis Armstrong — I was like, obsessed with him when I was little. And it's shiny!"

Obviously band at the high school level becomes more sophisti-

cated; students are more experienced and generally more serious, as those who aren't haven't stayed in the program. This would then defend why Sara has been enjoying her time in the high school band and that her favorite song to play has been "Script Ohio," or "Le Regiment," a tradition started by The Ohio State University marching band which the SHS band emulates.

Sara looks forward to continuing to be a part of a band in college, although she isn't really looking into majoring in any sort of music. Instead she seems interested in nursing. She's planning on going to college at Malone, Walsh, or Kent State (main branch) University.

UFC 92

By Nathan Gilbert

UFC 68 broke the Ohio Athletic Commission's record for most attendees at a mixed martial arts event on March 3, 2007, with 19,079 people in Columbus, Ohio's, Nationwide Arena. And now with UFC 92 they will try to repeat the past in the Grand Garden Arena of Las Vegas on December 27, 2008. The card will be holding two championship bouts at interim heavyweight and light heavyweight division. The headline for the popular card will be Forrest Griffin, the current 205 lb. light heavyweight champion against number 1 contender, Rashad Evans. Forrest Griffin has made a name for himself in the UFC by defeating the number one ranked light heavyweight in the world, Mauricio "Shogun" Rua in Rua's first fight in the UFC. That earned Forrest a shot at the title defeating Quinton "Rampage" Jackson in a dominant five round performance for the UFC light heavy weight title. Rashad Evans is a big up and comer of the UFC coming off a seven wins streak and a big knockout victory from a former UFC poster boy Chuck Lidell.

The co-main event is going to be a battle between two of the most highly revered heavy-weight ground games in the sport. They would be local Nevada resident Frank Mir and Brazilian raised Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira, who currently subsides in Florida. Frank Mir, a former UFC heavyweight champion, lost his belt due to inactivity in the octagon from a devastating motorcycle accident on September 17, 2004. Frank returned as quickly as possible against doctor's wishes to be in the octagon again to face off with Marcio Cruz at UFC 57 in February of 2006. Since then Frank defeated current UFC heavy-weight champion Brock Lesnar via first round submission and will face Nogueira for the shot at the heavy-weight belt against Lesnar.

Two more big names from the UFC's light heavyweight division, Wanderlei Silva and former light, heavyweight champion Quinton Jackson, will meet at the event for a third time. Jackson says, "A fight is a fight, anything can happen. He has still got the same fists, knees, elbows, kicks... he can still do the same damage. We'll see." Silva has already knocked out Jackson two times in their previous fights, not to mention the number of losses Jackson has to fellow Chute Boxe academy members.

Other names to show up on the card include the following: ultimate fighter runner up C.B. Dollaway vs. Jorge Rivera; former middleweight title contender Yushin Okami vs. Brazilian jiu-jitsu black belt Dean Lister; heavyweight Cheick Kongo vs. Mustapha Al-Turk; and the man who beat Anderson Silva in a third round submission, Ryo Chonan vs. Brad Blackburn. Make sure to tune in on pay per view on the 27th of December to watch the fights.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Sports

Senior Spotlight

Ashley Boyle
Cheerleading



How long have you been playing this sport?

Seven years

What is your favorite memory?

Last year when Ciara was on Danielle's shoulders and they fell over and took the run through with them. No one got hurt and it was so funny.

How did you become interested in this sport?

My mom

Do you continue playing in the off season?

Well, last year I was on a competition squad in the off season. It was so much fun!

Jessie Dillon - Volleyball



How long have you been playing this sport?

Six Years

What is your favorite memory?

Playing Sting Pong, going to State Semi-Finals

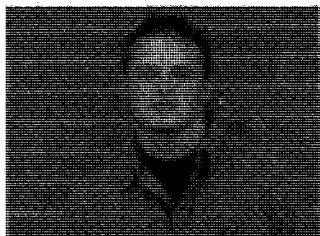
What is your favorite warm up song?

"Get Silly" by Soulja Boy

Do you play any other sports?

Softball

Jordan Cuthbert
Football



How long have you been playing this sport?

Three years

Who are your favorite athletes?

James Harrison and Ray Lewis

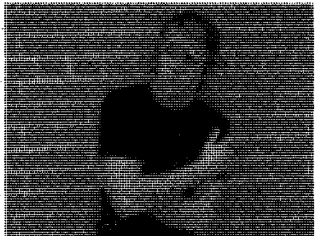
What position do you play?

Right guard and lineman on special teams

Do you continue playing in the off season?

Yes, I continue to lift and there is always a backyard football game somewhere.

Pete Eritz - Soccer



How did you become interested in this sport?

The movie *The Big Green*

Who is your team's biggest rival?

West Branch

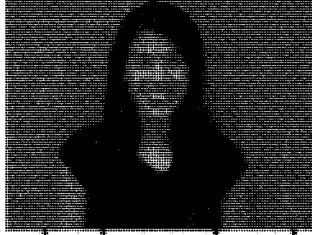
What was your goal for last season?

To perform to the best of my abilities

Do you continue playing in the off season?

Yes, indoor at the Salem Community Center

By Rosalyn Washam
Stephanie Paporodis - Soccer



How long have you been playing this sport?

Twelve years

What is your favorite memory?

Defeating Canfield my senior year.

Who is your team's biggest rival?

Canfield

What position do you play?

Stopper

Vince Rosati - Soccer



How long have you been playing this sport?

Ten years

Is this your favorite sport?

Yes

Who is your favorite athlete?

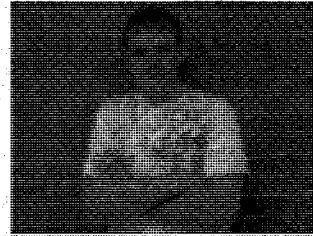
Ronaldinho

What position do you play?

Stopper



David Mainwaring - Soccer



How long have you been playing this sport?

Twelve years

Who is your favorite athlete?

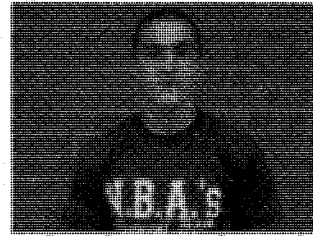
Derek Jeter

What is your favorite warm up song?

"Wake Up" Story of the Year

Forward

Dan Kearns - Football



How long have you been playing this sport?

Eleven years

Is this your favorite sport?

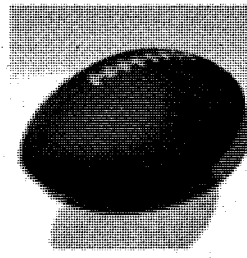
It is one of my favorite.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Champ Bailey

What positions do you play?

Outside linebacker and wide receiver



Suzanne Waterbeck
Soccer



Is this your favorite sport?

Soccer is my favorite team sport, but I like track better.

What are your favorite memories?

Getting second in districts and setting records for Salem Girls Soccer.

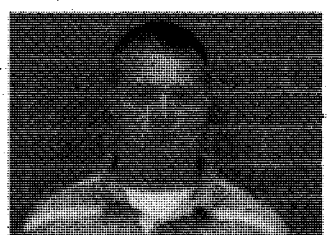
How did you become interested in this sport?

When I was little, I had a lot of energy, so my mom thought running around the soccer field would be good for me.

Do you play any other sports?

Track

Mark Pitts - Football



How long have you been playing this sport?

Eleven years

What is your favorite memory?

Beating Campbell in overtime my junior year

How did you become interested in this sport?

My dad, who coached Little League

What positions did you play?

Middle line backer and left tackle

College football rivalries

By Ryan O'Donnell

When you think of a rivalry you think of two teams that have a hate for each other. It's like a battle.

There are many rivalries in college football today that have a long history. The first rivalry that everyone knows, of course, is Michigan and Ohio State, but there are many more college football rivalries. Some of these include Pittsburgh and West Virginia when they play in the "Backyard Brawl." One more rivalry is when Florida plays Florida State. Another good rivalry is when Texas clashes with Texas A&M.

The results to these games this year are as follows:

Michigan vs. Ohio State: 42-7 (Ohio State)

West Virginia vs. Pittsburgh: 19-15 (Pittsburgh)

Florida vs. Florida State: 45-15 (Florida)

Texas vs. Texas A&M: 49-9 (Texas)

Thanks to all who attended the Foundation game. Salem beat United with the score of 56-42. The Quaker Pride t-shirt sale was a success. The canned food collected from both schools will be a welcome addition to local food banks and food pantries.

Basketball Preview

By Brandon Simmons

The girls' and guys' basketball teams are ready to go back at it this season. We hope to have some winning seasons with the basketball teams.

I got to talk to the girls' basketball coach, Coach Andres, and I asked him a few questions. When I asked how his team is looking thus far, he said, "Pretty good. We are 1-0 so I guess things could be worse." Then I asked him what his expectations are for this season, and he replied "Although we will be fairly young, our expectations will be high just like any other year. The Salem girls' basketball team has a great tradition, so we are naturally expected to succeed. We all look forward to this challenge." I wanted to see what he thought about the new conference, and he replied, "The new conference is very similar to the MAC for

us. We expect to battle for the championship with Howland and Canfield again. There are some unfamiliar opponents which brings excitement to the season. We are excited to get underway!"

I also interviewed the guys' basketball coach, Coach Klucinec. I presented him with a few questions about the upcoming season. I asked him how the team was looking, and he told me, "We are improving with each scrimmage and practice. Hopefully, we will continue to improve and compete with the best teams on our schedule." I asked what his expectations were as well, and he said, "For our players and team to achieve success. The peace of mind - self-satisfaction that we did our best to become the best we're capable of becoming." Klucinec also had this to say

about the new conference: "We have a great opportunity to play some new opponents, renew some old rivalries. It is a great opportunity for our team. It would be fantastic to be the first conference champion in the AAC."

We're hoping the guys' and girls' hoops teams' seasons will be fun and successful. It will be just that much better if the students come out and support them.

**Good Luck
to all winter
sports**

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The Storm is here!

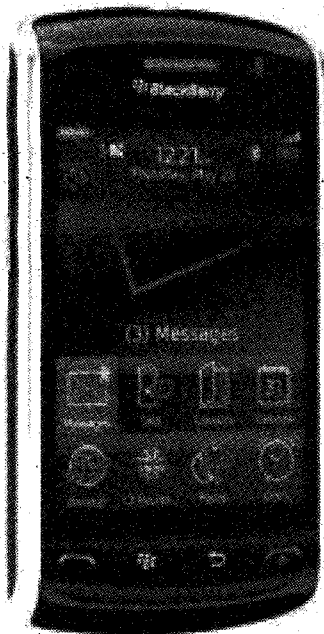
By Andrew Jones

We've seen a good run on hot smartphones being released since the iPhone 3G. The T-Mobile G1 was introduced recently as the first Android-based smartphone and RIM has been releasing Blackberry models every few days, at least that's what it seems like. One of the most anxiously awaited smartphones is the Blackberry Storm as it takes a path RIM has never taken before and that is to shed the physical keyboard. Blackberries have always enjoyed a great reputation for good keyboards, and the Storm drops one entirely. Out of the box Verizon and RIM have put a lot of programs into making the Storm an online juggernaut. Here is a list of the programs installed (or installable) out of the box: contacts, messaging, SMS/MMS, calendar, browser, VZ Navigator, Visual Voicemail, media player (audio, video, ringtones), clock, camera (still and video), IM (Windows Live, Yahoo, Google Talk, AIM, Blackberry Messenger), tasks, calculator, Dataviz Word To Go, Sheet To Go, Slideshow To Go, Voice Notes, voice dialing, BrickBreaker, Word Mole game, Flickr, Facebook, Blackberry Maps, MemoPad. Many have been waiting to see how well RIM could provide the Blackberry experience with just an on-screen keyboard and let's just say they delivered.

The short answer to the question of "How good can a Blackberry device be without a keyboard?" is ... "Pretty good," at least the Storm is. The innovative touchscreen is in essence not one but two keyboards depending on the position of the screen. First and foremost the Storm is a Blackberry which makes it a messaging powerhouse. The lack of a physical keyboard does not impact the messaging capability even a little bit, and those who love their Blackberry will love the Storm just as much. RIM has put the Blackberry OS 4.7 in the Storm, a new version that supports the touchscreen better than previous versions. The Blackberry Storm uses a screen that is the same reso-

lution as the display on the Apple iPhone, and the BlackBerry Bold, for that matter. At 480 by 360 pixels, the BlackBerry Storm's screen looks great, amazing for video viewing.

It's clear from the device itself and the massive promotional push that both RIM and Verizon are giving the Storm that they view this as a potential threat to the iPhone's dominance in the smartphone market. Over the last few weeks the public has been bombarded with commercials, leaks, press releases, and special events all celebrating the arrival of the Storm. So it seems fairly obvious that yes, the companies believe they have a real contender on their hands, and in many ways they do. The selling points are easy: the phone is gorgeous to look at and hold, it's designed and backed by RIM, and it's packed with features that, at first glance, make it seem not only as good as the iPhone, but better. This phone receives a solid recommendation for anyone looking into the smartphone market



Ten questions that need an answer*

By Tyler Hlavcak

1. If 7-11 is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?
2. If toast always lands butter side down and cats always land on their feet, what would happen if you strapped toast to a cat's back and dropped it?
3. Why is a square meal served on round plates?
4. Why is Charlie short for Charles if they are both the same number of letters?
5. In the song "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," which is yellow-the bikini or the polka dots?
6. Why do we say "heads up" when we actually duck?
7. Do the actors on *Unsolved Mysteries* ever get arrested because they look just like the criminal they are playing?
8. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
9. If Mars had earthquakes would they be called marsquakes?
10. Why is it that when someone tells you that there's billions of stars in the universe, you believe them. But if they tell you there's wet paint somewhere you have to touch it?

*Questions found on the Internet

Winter driving tips

By Tim Eddinger



Winter months can present unique hazards while driving on roads. Some areas can be pummeled continually throughout the season while others receive only a slight dusting of snow or none at all. It's important to be prepared for the worst and to know how to handle the dangers of snowy and icy roads.

The most important thing you can do is prepare your car for winter by stocking it with necessary supplies that every car should have during winter and by performing routine maintenance. One item that every car should have during winter is good wiper blades so that you can easily and quickly remove snow from your windshields. Another item that is necessary for safe driving in winter weather is an ice scraper in case the snow and ice becomes too much for the windshield wipers alone to remove. A third item that everyone that plans to drive in the winter should have is either a blanket or warm clothes in case your car happens to break down. A final item that winter drivers should at least think about investing in is chains to wrap around the tires to provide more traction.

With your car properly prepared, it's still important to adjust your driving habits to remain safe in the winter months. Although slowing down is the key while driving in winter conditions because driving too fast is the leading cause of crashes in winter weather, there's more to staying safe than that. During winter weather, drivers need to increase their following distance; the farther the following distance is, the better. This adjustment needs to be made while driving in winter weather because you need to increase your stopping distance to account for sliding. Bridges, areas in the shade, off-ramps, and intersections are all likely areas for black ice. Take special precautions when approaching these areas, and be alert for any loss of traction that may occur. There is absolutely nothing more dangerous than freezing rain on a roadway. Freezing rain can cause roads to become as slippery as a skating rink and is one of the leading causes of crashes in winter weather. If at all possible, avoid all driving in freezing rain.

Although driving in winter weather can be treacherous, it can easily be accomplished by knowing how to adjust your driving habits. The most important thing to remember is to adjust your speed and to drive smart.

What happened to TRL?

By Ali Thompson

Remember back not long ago when after a long day at school you flipped on the television to watch TRL (Total Request Live)? Well, those days of vegging out in front of the tube are gone. As of November 16, 2008, TRL aired its three hour finale episode. Many musicians and other famous people came out to show their respect to the show. The show has been on for a decade and many amazing and surprising events have happened. Let's take a trip back in time to see what the greatest memories of TRL were.

TRL (Total Request Live) first aired in the fall of 1998. At the time Carson Daily was the host. Carson projected TRL into a major T.V hit until his departure in 2003. During those years with Carson, there were the boys bands like N*Sync, Backstreet Boys, 98 degrees, and O-town. As for the pop princesses, there were Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, Jessica Simpson, and Ashley Simpson.

Taking over for Carson Daily were Damien Fahey and Lyndsey Rodrigues. Does anybody remember CanCun, Mexico, springbreak? How about when the host would interview movie stars and make them do crazy things? What about the crazy people down on the streets holding up signs and waiting to catch a glimpse of their favorite musician or movie star? During the decade TRL aired about 2,247 episodes.

The following are the top ten most iconic videos/songs ever to be aired.

1. 1998, Britney Spears: "Baby One More Time"
2. 2000, Eminem: "Real Slim Shady"
3. 1999, BackStreetBoys: "I Want it that Way"
4. 2000, N*Sync: "Bye Bye Bye"
5. 2002, Christina Aguilera: "Dirty"
6. 1999, Kid Rock: "Bawitdaa"
7. 2003, Beyonce with Jay-Z: "Crazy In Love"
8. 2004, Usher: "Yeah!"
9. 1999, Blink 182: "What's My Age Again?"
10. 2003, Outkast: "Hey Ya!"

KFC....Cruelty?

By Amanda Croley

Kentucky Fried Chicken is a restaurant chain that is known literally world-wide, for its Original Recipe chicken. The world's most popular chicken restaurant chain, KFC serves roughly eight million customers a day! There's no denying that people love the Colonel's secret recipe. But could the secret ingredient be cruelty?*

KFC has been put on the spot by organizations such as PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), CARA (Conservation and Reinvestment Act), OCA (Organic Consumers Association) and many others. Even celebrities (Russell Simmons, the Dalai Lama, Rev. Al Sharpton, Pamela Anderson, Pink, Frank Black, Sir Paul McCartney, Ryan Gosling and more) informed of the happenings in KFC's slaughter houses have petitioned against KFC. So, what's the fuss about?

When a chicken is killed in a slaughter house, the process is as follows: The chickens are stunned so as not to feel or be aware of what's happening, they are shackled by their legs and hung upside down in something like an assembly line, then they are put through a killing machine where their throats are slit so they can bleed to death. Finally, they are put into scalding tubs where the water is made hot enough to remove the feathers. While this is not the most pleasant way for an animal to die, it is currently the most humane way factory farmers can think of to kill a chicken.

However, few chickens get that "luxury" treatment. PETA sent undercover workers into a slaughterhouse that was named "Supplier of the Year" by Kentucky Fried Chicken and found pain, suffering,

and torture among the chickens. A vast majority of the chickens were slaughtered the wrong way. Many were never stunned, having their throats slit while fully conscious. Those that had not yet died were sent to the scalding tubs. This would be equivalent to a person putting their hand in water so hot that their nails soaked off.

Also, factory employees were caught on video, stomping on live birds, throwing them against walls, kicking them, purposely breaking the chicken's wings, legs, beaks, and laughing at their antics. Moreover, the raising of chickens is torture in itself. Chickens are fed hormones and steroids to make them grow bigger, faster (which could be unhealthy for whoever consumes it). Many chickens become so large that their legs break when they try to walk. They do not have enough room to move even a wing in their cages.

When upset activists implored KFC to make even small changes to lessen the abuse in their slaughterhouses, they refused. Why? Perhaps they lose money. If the time is taken to ensure that every chicken is killed the proper way, less meat products would be produced per day. Besides, many KFC employees see nothing wrong with the treatment of their chickens. What they may not realize is that they are losing business from angry consumers that want no part in supporting animal cruelty. As more people are informed about KFC's operations, more people decide they will eat elsewhere.

*<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/02/02/business/02chicken.html>

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