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B-Rock Obama

By Tim Eddinger

The inauguration of Barack Obama has come and gone, and now the very serious job of leading this country takes precedence for the newest President of the United States of America.

Barack Hussein Obama II, son of Barack Obama, Sr and Ann Dunham, was born Aug. 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. At the age of two, Barack's parents divorced and Obama grew up with his mother in Hawaii. In 1983 Obama graduated from Columbia University. Instead of pursuing higher education, Obama moved to Chicago, where he worked as a community organizer with a faith-based organization. His job was to work toward improving living conditions in poor neighborhoods. Obama then went to Harvard Law School where he graduated in 1991. He was the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review.

Returning to Chicago after graduation, Obama worked as a civil rights lawyer and also taught at the University of Chicago Law School. Obama's first leap into politics was an eight-year term in the Illinois State Senate. During his tenure, Obama co-authored a bill that created an income tax credit for low income families. He also served as chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. In 2004, Obama ran for U.S. Senate, winning 70 percent of the votes over Republican Alan Keyes. On February 10, 2007, Obama announced his candidacy for president. In addition to his political career, Obama has also written two books. *Dreams from My Father* was released in 2004 and in October 2006, *The Audacity of Hope* was released. He is also contracted to write two more books.

On November 7, 2008, Obama only needed 270 electoral votes to win the 2008 U.S. Presidential election, but he found himself with enough supporters to earn over 340. The swing states like Ohio and



Florida voted in Obama's favor, and Obama even managed to win in historically Republican states like Virginia and Indiana. His lead came early on Tuesday, and within a few hours of poll closings, Obama solidified his place as the 44th President of the United States.

On Jan. 20, an estimated two million people watched as Barack Obama made history by becoming the first African-American president. The 2009 inauguration set a record formerly set at 1.2 million in 1965 when Lyndon Johnson took the office as president after the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Obama's inauguration was expected to cost Obama's Presidential Inaugural Committee \$40 million and another \$50 million for the city of Washington, D.C.

Obama's inauguration was a huge test for the federal and local authorities that were in charge of protecting the new president. The Pentagon planned to deploy about 5,000 troops, a mix of personnel from every branch of service for both security and ceremonial purpose. Also, Washington's police department coordinated with ninety-six police agencies across the nation which sent 4,000 officers to help secure the event.

Although Barack Obama overcame the odds and has earned the right to be called the 44th President, getting there was only half the battle. As President, Obama will face multiple issues such as the war on terror, the funding for stem cell research, and the deepening economic problems in America.



Barack Obama taking the Presidential Oath.

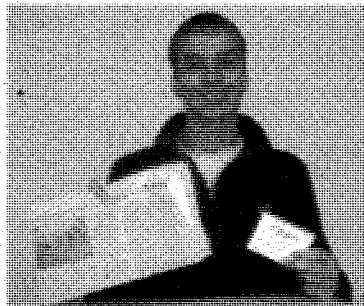
Cosma wins Quaker contest

By Alli Thompson

Congratulations to junior Tyler Cosma, the winner of the December issue of the "Read between the Lines" contest published in *The Quaker*. Tyler Cosma was camping outside of Mrs. Dye's door and was waiting very patiently for Mrs. Dye to return by the end of seventh period on publication day. There was a line of six people waiting, but Tyler Cosma was the first. He had circled the phrase which was found in Olivia Maenz's article titled, "Merry Christmas or not?" The phrase was "Did you ever wonder why they took it away?" Tyler Cosma was awarded a ten dollar gift card from Wal-Mart.

The staff would like to remind all students who choose to participate in this contest that we must adhere strictly to the rules. Again, 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.

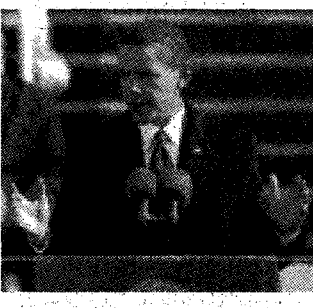
January's "Read between the Lines" sentence is the following: "No one really helps these guys."



Junior Tyler Cosma is shown here with his winning copy of *The Quaker* and his gift certificate to Wal Mart



The Obama family includes Barack, Michelle, and daughters Milia and Sasha.



Obama is seen here making his inaugural speech in Washington, D.C. on January 20, 2009.

Star Fish Dance

By Rosalyn Washam

Starfish is a club that promotes kindness and positive attitudes throughout the halls of Salem High School. The seventh through eleventh graders involved in Starfish meet once a month on a Wednesday morning. The high school advisors are guidance counselors, Mrs. Tracey Bosheff and Mrs. Nanny Crum, and the junior high advisor is guidance counselor Mr. Rich Washinko. Their main project this year was sponsoring a dance for the special needs students.

The dance was held on Friday, December 19 during sixth and seventh periods in the high school cafeteria. About one hundred and sixty students attended the event. Starfish participants decorated the cafeteria for the occasion and donated food: cookies, chips and even a veggie tray and pop. Mr. Sean Kirkland, junior high principal, introduced each of the special needs students and presented them with a red Starfish T-shirt sporting his or her last name on the back. He also donated delicious pizza for the event.

When asked about the dance, Mrs. Bosheff, Salem High School counselor, replied, "It was wonderful!" She also commented on the fact that it was awesome to see all the kids interacting with each other - cliques and differences aside. During the dance, some sophomores and juniors spoke with the special needs kids about the importance of being kind to their peers and not bullying.

Overall the dance was a huge success. All the students had fun and really enjoyed a break from the monotony of a regular school day.

They are watching you

By Vince Rosati

Have you ever felt like you were being watched? Well, if you're a student here at Salem High School, get used to it. With over thirty new security cameras, it's kind of hard not to be watched. Students all over the school keep asking the same question, "Is this school really that bad?" Or is this just added security for would-be school skippers?

With all these new security cameras and a new security system just for those brand new security cameras, the cost must have been pretty high. Just how high was it and where did this money come from?

Dr. Shivers, principal at Salem High, had this to say: "The cameras were installed because they're eyes that never close, and safety is my top priority. They just help us keep track of who was in that general area at the time in case of a crime and to help keep track of who is coming in and leaving the building." When it came to the cost, Dr. Shivers wasn't sure. However, he said that the money came from a "permanent improvement fund, where only things that are going to last five or more years can be purchased."

Some students may not like

the cameras such as senior Thomas Clunen who said, "... it feels like an invasion of privacy..." Teachers have the complete opposite feelings such as Mrs. Erath (librarian aid) who said, "I think they're great."

All in all, the cameras can only help things out around the school and keep would-be criminals and trespassers at bay. With even more cameras planned to be installed, the kids are just going to have to learn to deal with it.



A member of the maintenance crew feeds electrical cable through the ceiling of the hall.

School Calendar

By Matt Faulkner

- February 2 - Groundhog Day
- February 12 - Parent/Teacher conferences
- February 13 - No School
- February 16 - President's Day- No School
- February 20 - Basketball Homecoming
- February 24 - High School Pops Concert



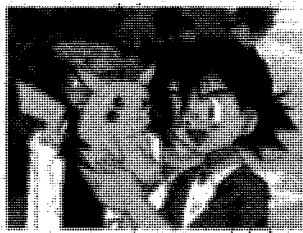
Opinion

Point Counter Point

Pokemon, I choose you!

By Andrew Jones

When I think back to my childhood, there are two big franchises that stand out in my mind, Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh. Pokemon would have come first in most of your childhoods while Yu-Gi-Oh came much later. Originally released as a pair of interlinkable Game Boy role-playing video games, Pokemon has since become the second most successful video game-based media franchise in the world behind only Nintendo's own Mario series and Wii Fit game. There is an outstanding difference between them, though; Yu-Gi-Oh was lame. Pokemon was the holy grail of childhood fun mixed with deep strategy. Pokemon was so amazing in 1999 that two nine-year-old boys sued Nintendo because they claimed that the Pokemon Trading Card Game caused their problematic gambling.



Yu-Gi-Oh is a sad excuse for a TV show and media series. Yu-Gi-Oh is full of bad voice acting and cheesy monsters. The story line is so dry even an episode of Oprah is a better alternative. Yu-Gi-Oh bases its whole thought around a mystic power that surrounds a set of trading cards. Pokemon, while not sticking right on the edge of reality, does bring up the point of moral decisions and general values. Pokemon teaches you not to steal and do wrong by those who are close to you, values that are required in society today.

Pokemon debuted as a video game with Game Boy. The ever growing popularity of Pokemon sparked it to emerge in comic books and in turn made it to the shelves with its own line of toys and trading cards. In a short amount of time it became an all time hit as a television kid's show. The recent success boosts Pokemon's worldwide popularity to outstanding levels, more than 155 million copies having been sold to date. But that doesn't stop here. Pokemon Diamond and Pokemon Pearl are also on track of becoming US top selling games in 2009. More than one half million people pre-ordered the games before launch.

This whole agreement is based on which series held more ground in your minds. I still love looking at my Pokemon cards now and again. It brings back a more simple time before we had to worry about college applications or mid-term exams. This was not just a fun article; it also gave not only me but also most of you a chance to remember the good times.

Anything Pokemon can do Yugi-oh can do better.

By Jay Bates

When growing up as a little boy or girl, two things always stuck out – your birthday and Christmas. For each of these glorious days all you could think about were presents and which ones you were getting. There were four major categories that kids adored more than anything and those were Barbie, Power Rangers, Pokemon and Yugi-oh. However, the age old question still remains for almost every boy and a few girls. Which is better – Pokemon or Yugi-oh? I will explain why Yugi-oh is undoubtedly the better of the two.

Not only is the Yugi-oh world easier to understand but also Yugi-oh's storyline isn't as farfetched as Pokemon's diluted vision of a little kid that should be in the third grade catching every single Pokemon (493 in total). The reason this is unfathomable is because of the difficulty of catching Pokemon due to their rarity to be found in the wild. The storyline of Pokemon is confusing and misleading to kids or maybe even adults that watch it. The main characters (Ash, Misty and Brock) are all roughly around the age of ten years old, and they travel the world capturing and battling Pokemon. What mother in her right mind would even allow that?! Yugi-oh is also not as deranged as Pokemon because in the TV series there were hundreds of the same two people, Officer Jenny and Nurse Joy in a new town, and they were in almost every episode. This was probably due in part to how unimaginative the producers of Pokemon were and to how they tried to save money by having the same two people in every single new town.

The main reason why Pokemon started to fall in a downward spiral is the inability to change the outcome of the television show. The same things always happened – the main characters would be walking through a wooded glen, team rocket (a rival, rebellious but misfortunate group) would try to steal Ash's best friend and favorite Pokemon Pikachu but would fail horribly. Then Ash, Misty and Brock would have a happy ending, and this would happen continuously for every single episode.



The need for higher learning

By Tim Howard

Many of us, especially the seniors in this school, have already thought about going to college after high school. For some of us it's a distant thought, almost as if it doesn't and will never exist. And as for some people, they already have a college picked out and are already ready to go at the sight of their high school diploma. But if you're like me, you're not sure where you're going after your four years here are up. It's hard to think about the beginning of your life after high school because for twelve years it's all you've known, and it's often times confusing as well.

I asked a friend of mine his thoughts on college, and this is what he had to say: "Not everyone is ready for the demand that college is. Some kids get through high school without trying and when college comes, reality hits hard." He also told me that after this year, (his senior year), he will be attending West Virginia University to play baseball and major in broadcasting. I agree with him mostly because I am on the other side of the equation. I know personally that I am not ready for college quite yet, even though I plan to attend in the future.

When you're a senior, you feel almost pressured into going to college, even when it might not be what you want to do right away. Another good friend of mine, a graduate of 2008, hasn't gone to college and doesn't plan to because he already has training in a field of work that he got here at SHS. He also has priorities at his home.

Overall, colleges exist to help people find what they want to do with the rest of their life. Some are ready for it, some aren't, and some already have their lives



SHS counselors can be of great assistance when making decisions about the future.

Why the library?

By Richard Myers



Mrs. Wrask works hard at the reference desk.

Have you ever wondered why people go to the library? Students go to the library, some of them don't go to study. Some go to get on the computers and mess around. But on the other hand, some go to study and socialize with their friends. I started to ponder why students go to the library. That's why I asked these students.

Junior Thomas Adams replied, "I come to the library so I can finish or start my homework. I also come to do things on the computer. But every once and a great blue moon, I come to play chess with friends if there aren't any computers open."

Freshman Zack Myers said, "I just like coming to the library, so I can talk to my friends. I don't really come to study or do homework. I also come to play chess."

I asked Mrs. Wrask why she thinks students come to the library and she replied, "I think that the students come to the library because they have computers and chess they can use. It is also a more relaxed atmosphere."

Senior Ryan Anderson said, "This is just a lot better than study hall."

Sophomore Justin Spack remarked, "Because Mr. Gill scares me."

No matter the reason, the library is a great place to go to study, to socialize, or just to relax and get away from study hall. As long as you have a card you can go. Just remember when you're on the computer, only school work is allowed and no games. Everybody has their own reasons why they go to the library. What's yours?

January War of Words

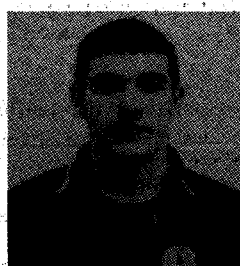
By Matt Faulkner

What was your favorite gift which you received this Christmas and why?



Senior Ashley Boyle

"My dunkin donuts gift card so I can get my iced coffee for free!"



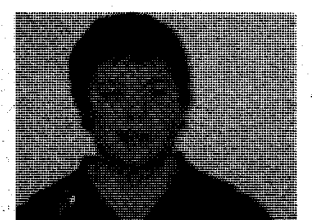
Junior Matt Oliphant

"The Godfather Collection because they are my favorite movies."



Sophomore Lane Hardwick

"Call of Duty: World at War because the game is so cool."



Freshman Michael Dennison

"I got tickets to opening day in Chicago to see the Cubs with three friends. I like this gift because I've never been to Chicago to see the Cubs"

Listen Up!

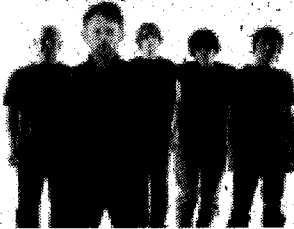
If you like this, you'll love that.

Famous: Radiohead

By Rachel Fritzman

To some this band may seem weird or trippy... but that's just because they are. Radiohead has been around for decades, and although they have gone through many stages in their genre of music, they have never seemed to conform to any society.

Ever since 1993, when their sudden burst of fame came due to MTV's showing of their first music video, Creep, this five piece band has been known to all. The group originated in Oxford, England, in 1986 with the following members: vocalist Thom Yorke, guitarists Ed O'Brien and Johnny Greenwood, and bassists Colin Greenwood and Phil Selway. They have strived to stand out from the rest.



Although "Creep" was the song that gave them fame, it ended up being the song that they had to escape. When they had finally made it in the business and were finally going on tour with big names in the music industry, they realized what had become of them. Ed O'Brien recalls in an interview in "Musichead" regarding their first big US tour, "We played 'Creep' fourth in the set; 25% of the people walked out." Colin Greenwood claims that they stopped them and asked why they were leaving, and the audience answered, "Well, we do this with all the gigs we see. We saw Nirvana last week, and we just go after Smells like Teen Spirit. Cuz that's the one that was on MTV, and that's the one we know. We don't go to gigs normally." To solve this problem they decided to just start over. They toured smaller places than they had before, and it worked. People started to like their other music as well, and Radiohead gradually got bigger and bigger.

"Creep" is a good song, but they have other fantastic ones too. If you haven't listened to them already, make sure to give them a try. Radiohead has been around for a long time, but they just seem to get better and better. As Johnny Greenwood says, "We're lucky, we've still got the mood that not only does everyone really want to be in this band, but also all of us are still very interested, obsessed even, in the music we're recording, and what we're gonna do next." As you can see, this band's fame isn't going to die anytime soon.

Unknown: The Smiths

By Julie Ridgley

The unknown artist featured this month has actually experienced success in the UK. Knowledgeable readers may even know of this English group. However, the average American listener has not heard much of The Smiths. This four piece group formed in 1982 in their hometown of Manchester. This English indie rock band was made up of Steven Patrick Morrissey with lead vocals, Johnny Marr on guitar, Andy Rourke on bass, and Mike Joyce on drums.

The group signed to the indie label Rough Trade Records in May of 1983 and released their first single "Hand in Glove." The Smiths released four records and compilations through this label including *The Smiths*, *Meat is Murder*, *The Queen is Dead*, and *Strangeways, Here We Come*. In 1984 they released their first UK top ten hit "Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now." It was followed by a tremendous amount of European success. The *Strangeways* album reached number two in the UK but gained only minor acknowledgement in the States.

The Smiths broke up in August of 1987, due to growing differences between the members. Still they are named as one of the most important alternative rock bands to emerge in their time. If you'd like to broaden your musical horizons, check out The Smiths today.



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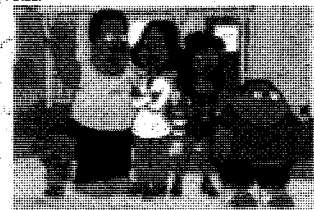
Something new to watch

By Chris Szabat

If you're tired of watching re-runs and want to see something new, you're in luck. If you are a fan of the television show "Family Guy," executive producer, Seth MacFarlane has come up with a new show called, "The Cleveland Show," which is also produced by 20th Century Fox Television.

That's right, character Cleveland Brown now has his own show. Junior George Smith, stated, "Cleveland is funny and he is my favorite character on 'Family Guy' so I can't wait to see 'The Cleveland Show.'"

Although it is based off of "Family Guy," the show has a different plot. Cleveland, voiced by Mike Henry, has decided to live with his high-school sweetheart and start a family with her. Cleveland and his son Cleveland, Jr. move to Virginia and live with his new wife Donna and her five-year-old son and teenage daughter. There are also a different sort of weird neighbors that Cleveland and his new family will have to deal with.



"Family Guy" seems to be doing well and audiences enjoy it, so grab your remote and tune into "The Cleveland Show" when it makes its appearance.

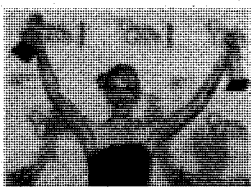
"Lie To Me" is another new show coming out on Fox. The producers of "24" came up with the idea. It is unlike any other TV show that is currently on the air.

It's about Dr. Cal Lightman, who is the world's leading deception expert. He studies facial expressions and also involuntary body language to discover not only if someone is lying, but also why. When someone shrugs one shoulder, rotates a hand, or raises the lower lip, Lightman knows he's lying. Junior George Smith said, "I think it would be interesting to see how Dr. Lightman tells someone if they're lying or not just by a body movement." The show is based on the real-life scientific discoveries of Paul Ekman. The series follows Lightman and his team of deception experts as they assist law enforcement and government agencies to expose the truth behind the lies.

"Lie To Me" will premiere on Jan. 21 at 9/8c, so make sure you find time to see this new show because it seems very interesting. You might even learn a thing or two about how you can tell if someone is lying to you.

Slumdog sweeps at the Golden Globes

By Alison Thompson



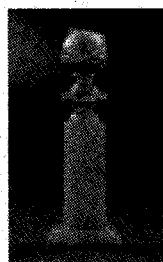
I don't know where you were on January 11, but I was watching the Golden Globes that night! The Golden Globes ran from 5-11 M. Many of your favorite stars came out looking fabulous as they always do. The Globes give awards to film actors and television stars. After the Golden Globes Awards there are the SAG Awards (Screen Actors Guild). This organization acknowledges same people and accomplishments that the Globes do.

After that we jump across the pond and head over to England where they present the BAFTA Awards. That award is the British version of the Oscars. Then we head to the big dog of all, the Oscars. The Oscars only give awards to the film industry and stars. The following are the winners of the recent Golden Globes Award show.

- Best Picture in a Motion Picture in a Drama - *Slumdog Millionaire*
- Best Performer by an Actress in a Motion Picture - *Kate Winslet, Revolutionary Road*
- Best Performer by an Actor in a Motion Picture - *Mickey Rourke, The Wrestler*
- Best Picture in a Motion Picture in a Musical or Comedy - *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*
- Best Performer by an Actress in a Motion Picture Musical or Comedy - *Sally Hawkins, Happy-Go-Lucky*
- Best Performer by an Actor in a Motion Picture Musical or Comedy - *Colin Farrell, In Bruges*
- Best Performer by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture - *Kate Winslet, The Reader*
- Best Performer by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture - *Heath Ledger, The Dark Knight*
- Best Animated Features film - *Wall-E*
- Best Foreign Language Film - *Waltz with Bashir*
- Best Director in a Motion Picture - *Danny Boyle, Slumdog Millionaire*
- Best Screen play in a Motion Picture - *Slumdog Millionaire, Simon Beaufoy*
- Best Original Score in a Motion Picture - *Slumdog Millionaire, A.R Rahman*
- Best Original Song in a Motion Picture - *The Wrestler, Bruce Springsteen*

Television awards

- Best Television Drama - *Mad Men*
- Best Performer by an Actress in a Television Series Drama - *Anna Paquin, True Blood*
- Best Performer by an Actor in a Television Series Drama - *Gabriel Byrne, In Treatment*
- Best Television Series Musical or Comedy - *30 Rock*
- Best Performer by an Actress in a Television Series Comedy or Musical - *Tina Fey, 30 Rock*
- Best Performer by an Actor in a Television Series Comedy or Musical - *Alec Baldwin, 30 Rock*
- Best Mini-Series Or Motion Picture Made for Television - *John Adams*
- Best Performance by an Actress In A Mini-series or Motion Picture Made for Television - *Laura Linney, John Adams*
- Best Performance by an Actor in a Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television - *Paul Giamatti, John Adams*
- Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television - *Laura Dern, Recount*
- Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television - *Tom Wilkinson, John Adams*



Feature

Special needs at S. H. S.

By Jessica Schmidt

If you ask almost any student what the difference between the Special Needs and Special Education programs at the high school is, he or she would most likely say, "There's a difference?"

Well, it's true. First of all, Special Education is a program through the Salem City Schools and Special Needs comes from the Columbiana County Educational Service Center. Students that are recognized to have disabilities are categorized as either low incidence or high incidence. High incidence students are more commonly found in a single school district, and that school hires teachers to teach those students. Low incidence students tend to have more severe conditions, and, therefore, there may only be one or two students in a school system that need that type of program. That's where the county program comes in. It wouldn't be cost effective for a school to hire a teacher for one pupil, so the Special Needs program rents classrooms in Columbiana County schools that have the space available and low incidence students from all over the county are bussed to each school. The high school unit of the county's program has two locations in Salem schools as well as one in Columbiana. Various other grade levels are currently placed in classrooms in these two schools and Lisbon and United as well.

The two teachers brought to our high school for Special Needs are Mrs. Seevers and Mrs. Schomer, both of whom have extensive experience in educating disabled and handicapped students. Mrs. Seevers began teaching deaf students in Texas and then moved to Columbiana County when they opened their first pre-school program for the deaf. She has since taught students with various handicaps and also teaches sign language at Salem High School. Mrs. Schomer has been with the county program at SHS for almost twenty years. Previously she was the tutor for students with learning disabilities at Southside Middle School in Columbiana and taught the orthopedic handicapped class.

Students in the high

school unit of the county's program are typically ages fourteen to eighteen. The disabilities range from autism, hearing handicapped, and communication deficiencies to severe behavior problems and students that need to be tube fed. Students are taught life skills such as speech, working skills, cooking, current events, reading, and money management as well as general education courses like math, science, and social studies. Students take courses for credits and must meet the requirements of their home district to graduate. They must also be tested in the grade year that other students are normally tested. For example, tenth graders take the Ohio Graduation Test or some alternative assessment which deals with the teachers writing a report about the students. Once the students graduate from high school, they can choose to go on to a transition program, which is what many do. This program focuses more on working and life skills, and students may be enrolled until age twenty-two. The students usually have contact with adult service agencies and become employed while in the transition classes.

If you are interested in getting involved with students with special needs, you can join the Project Support Club. It's open to all high school students (although officers must have at least one year of membership). Project Support is a service organization and the student branch of the Council for Exceptional Children. It is designed for SHS students to interact with and learn to be accepting of students with special needs. The club holds a monthly meeting in the morning to plan a luncheon that usually takes place in the following week. At the luncheon club members and special needs students play games and make crafts together. Club members also partake in "secret pals," where they each exchange letters with a student throughout the school year and then find out their secret pal at the last luncheon. Members may also chaperone dances that are held for the students.

Let it snow

By Tyler Hlvcak

Snow Day. Those words mean many different things to many different people. It could mean anything from sleeping all day to going outside and playing in the snow. While many of us wish that we would get even one snow day and often complain about not getting them, some places like Alaska don't even know what a snow day is.

In Salem, Ohio, we get on average thirty inches of snowfall a year. With between two and four days off a year, this is more than many cities with a much higher average of snowfall. In Juneau, Alaska, the average snowfall is more than three times as much as in Salem, Ohio. They get on average ninety inches of snowfall, and yet they don't get a single snow day most years.

Everyone in Salem High School has wished for those few inches of snow in order to get a long awaited snow day. Yet when do we really need them? The weather is hardly ever bad enough that it should force us to miss school, but we still use it as an excuse to get out of school for one day. And then what happens? Everyone just lies around all day watching T.V. or just bored out of their minds. The only thing that a snow day is good for is slacking.

There is no such thing as the perfect snow day. The only reason for a snow day should be if it is too dangerous to go to school. There wouldn't be anything to do, leaving you bored out of your mind. So what do you really have to complain about?

The following students had these things to say about snow days. Freshman Kaitlyn Kelm said, "Snow days, while they're fun, aren't very productive." Junior Nick Lesky exclaimed, "They're awesome!" Junior Tyler Cosma stated, "They're a really good thing; they give students a chance to catch up on their reading, or just play some FIFA all day."

The students of Salem High School have varying ideas about snow days.

Foreign languages

By Brooke Skiba

Learning a foreign language is more than just studying words, it's making a connection with another culture. With over six thousand different languages spoken worldwide, unification begins with jumping the language barrier. Foreign language in high school is not even about becoming fluent in a second language, as this is proven increasingly more challenging with age, but about learning enough to communicate in or with people from another area. Most other countries in the world learn to speak English, so it is believed that we should do the same.

Just four years ago, Salem High School offered the languages of Spanish, German, Latin, and French. Unfortunately, the next year Latin was cut from the curriculum due to financial issues, followed the year after by French. Now the school offers only Spanish and German to incoming students, limiting their options to learning about only two cultures.

It is quite clear that Spanish holds the majority of the students. Spanish class holds 281 students to German's 109. Even with the removal of Latin and French, the ratio of Spanish I students to German I is about three to one. Why this is, and if the number of students in Spanish and German will begin to even out over time seems uncertain.

It can't really be said that one language class is more interesting than the other. Both do similar activities every day such as written, oral, and listening work. As far as hands-on activities, both do a variety of fun projects. In German, students are engaged in activities such as decorating a Maibaum tree, gingerbread houses, advent calendars, ornaments, mock cemeteries, and other projects. Similarly, Spanish classes perform Christmas plays, make piñatas and crafts, learn dances, and other more specific projects. German has its Kaffee Freitags while Spanish has its fiestas, so it would be thought that they would have similar amounts of interest.

Frau Carter believes the disproportion is due to many students thinking that Spanish is an easier language, which she feels is very untrue. "There are many words in the English language that come from German. For example, the words Kindergarten, Auto, Haus, Ball, Kalender, Maus, and Familie." She also knows it has to do with our proximity to Mexico and South America. Señora Hudson and Señora Neapolitan agree, "Spanish is a useful language. Even in "little" Salem, there are many Hispanics that use Spanish daily."

Although Spanish is preferred, there are a good many reasons to take German as well. German is the tenth top language spoken in the world (Spanish being third to Mandarin Chinese and English). It's a very important language to know in the medical and business/financial world. Frau Carter states, "If someone wants to do international business with the European Union, German, before Spanish or French, would be preferable." Many people in the U.S. also have a German ancestry, so it's interesting to learn more about a language spoken in one's background.

No matter the language, learning a second language is very beneficial. Frau Carter believes that it can help in all areas of study since you learn to find patterns and follow rules. Many Americans feel that the rest of the world should have to learn English, when in reality it isn't even the top spoken language. Should we all speak Mandarin Chinese? As Nelson Mandela once said, "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."



Frau Carter is the sole member of the German department. She is dedicated to her position and only allows Germans to park in her room.

Rude, crude, and very unattractive

By Olivia Maenz



Ever wonder what your elders think of you? I did. So I went around the school asking the faculty what they thought about the Salem student body. This is what some had to say.

The English wing of our school believes that students no longer have respect for what they have. They think that we or some of us just don't care any more. The senior hall-way staff thinks that we should go to school in uniforms. I asked our counselor Mrs. Bosheff what she thought about this. I also asked if maybe the reason why kids acted the way they do is because of

life situations or mental or emotional problems. She replied, "Whatever, it has to start at home at an early age for the child to start learning the habits."

Do you ever wonder why you can't go to the library to get away from study hall or that nagging teacher? It's because no one has respect for the school's library. Books are being stolen, chew spit has appeared in the books, and vulgar language has been thrown around. I asked Mrs. Miller, the new in-school-suspension teacher, what she sees in the kids that come in and out of her room. "I see kids who

want and need attention. No one really helps these guys. They need help to make them understand the concept on life."

Coach Brock gave a good answer to my question, too, as to what percentage of the school is the most troublesome. He said that he believes that only 2% of the student body, even including the middle school, is the problem.

Think of it this way, change might be a good thing. Ever thought about changing? It's not trying to look cool in-front of your so called friends. If they were your friends they wouldn't put you into a mess.



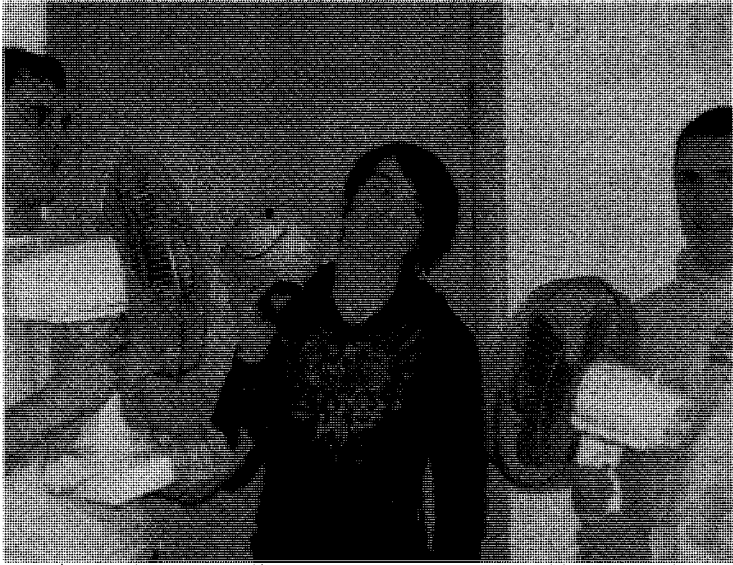
If you don't like the rules now with the dress code maybe you might want to reconsider that for your own sake.

I'm writing this article because I see it too in this high school. Do you remember the Golden Rule? It states: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If that doesn't work for you then the song "Respect" conveys a good message to be considered. "RESPECT, find out what it means to me... just a little bit..." Yes, even just a little bit of respect for each other would help to make our school an even better place. Think about it.



"Her house is your house." Both Senora Hutson and Senora Neapolitan share the Spanish department in the vocational wing of the high school.

Feature



TJ Sheets relaxes with his fans.

January Student of the Month

by Max While

Every year, Salem High School accepts a new group of freshman into their school. They shuffle down from upstairs, skinny and wide-eyed, staring down the abyss of their future. Most freshmen collapse under this pressure, unable to cope with the harsh and cold realities presented before them, the three years of bottom feeding and misery. But among these struggling masses, a flower of awesomeosity can sometimes break through the sheer, oppressive concrete of sorrow covering the average freshman year. This year, the January student of the month is none other than freshman TJ Sheets.

TJ Sheets is a dude every bit as cool as his name. He hates getting his socks wet, and he hates alligators, but his least favorite thing ever is alligators that have wet socks. This is quite unfortunate since most alligators who wore socks would get them wet in no time. But TJ Sheets is not the kind of person to let something like that get in his way.

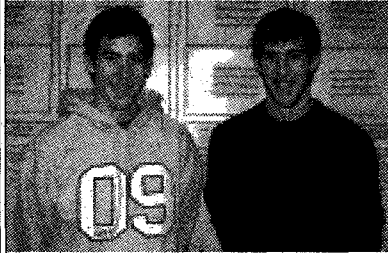
TJ Sheets is also a gentleman. When asked his opinion on the vile George Lopez Show, he showed the ultimate restraint by replying, "I don't know, it's kinda funny I guess." Considering that George Lopez is hated by exactly 100% of Student of the Months, I doubt that former US President Thomas Jefferson or former Guns n' Roses guitarist Slash (two of the greatest former SOMs) could suc-

cessfully give a printable opinion of the George Lopez show. But such etiquette is nothing for a cool dude like TJ Sheets.

TJ Sheets approves of flappers and agrees that the flapper style of dress should come back in vogue. Now, the SOM choosing process is wrought with peril. Around every corner is someone saying: "I disagree with the decision you have rendered regarding the Student of the Month! I believe that I am a more awesome person than your choice, and I supplement this claim by submitting that the SOM chosen by the board is in fact UN-awesome and a wildly inferior candidate for SOM!" To these naysayers, I simply present that TJ Sheets likes flappers, and whining is one of the most un-SOMly things you can do. The only thing worse than whining is skipping a luncheon after being invited and then reminded right before said luncheon.

TJ Sheets is a fellow of great coolness most deserving of this title. He feels uncomfortable answering extremely personal questions and would like to keep a private life despite his celebrity. Although he has yet to rack up the awesomeosity of Meg Maroscher or Jimmy Kearns, in five short months he's managed to be a serious contender. One can only see his awesomeosity growing larger each year, like a tree of power and talent. In honor of this, TJ Sheets replaces the palm tree as the Official Tree of Student of the Month, in addition to his previous awards. TJ Sheets: Admit he's awesome.

T.J. Sheets replaces the maple tree as the official tree of the SOM



Brandon and Jason Floor



Christie and Gerald Carlisle



Rosella and Caroline Biddle



Hannah and Liz Dorn



Raena and Brennan Mckinney



Amanda and Lydia Larson



Groundhog's Day is February 2, 2009.

Will he see his shadow????

It's a twin thing

By Lauri Dotson

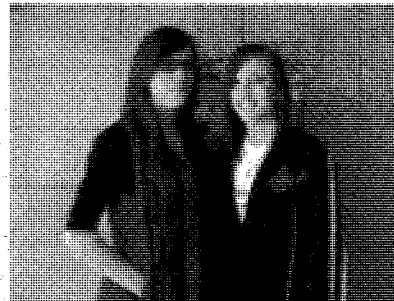
As you walk through the halls, you may think that your eyes are playing tricks on you. When in reality you're really seeing twins. Throughout the world there are 125 million sets of twins, but in Salem High School we have nine sets of twins.

There is quite an interesting range of information about twins. Identical twins are less common than fraternal. The likelihood of having twins is greater when there is a history of twins in the family. For every 1,000 births there are twelve sets of twins born. The tallest male twin happens to be 7'4," followed by the tallest female twin at 6'4-3/4." The shortest twins were 2'10." Also the heaviest recorded twins weighed in at 743 and 723 pounds. While none of our twins meet any of these criteria, they all have some unique quality about them.

I interviewed all of the twins to ask them how they like being a twin and what are the disadvantages and advantages. It was impossible to get an interview with Kellee and Amie Falk, for they attend the career center, and we could not contact them in time. However, we did not forget them!

These are some of the things our twins had to reveal. Hannah Dorn commented that she enjoys having a twin sometimes because it's nice to have someone that's going through the same things as you, although her twin Liz says she hates the fact that they have to share a car. Christie Carlisle remarked that sometimes it slips her mind that she is even a twin because she and her brother are so different, while Gerald mentions that he enjoys being a twin because he knows her better than anyone. Chelsea Stroka says being a twin is amazing because it's like having a permanent best friend, while her identical twin Cassandra reports it gets annoying but she enjoys playing tricks on people. Jason Floor is a part of the only set of identical boy twins, and he notes that he loves it but sometimes he wishes he had a different twin, while his brother Brandon explains that he doesn't like the fact that people expect him to be exactly like his brother. Lydia Larson tells us that she never wishes she wasn't a twin and that she wouldn't have it any other way. Her sister Amanda informs us that some advantages of having a twin would be that she's always there for her and always has someone to care about her feelings. Margaret McDevitt informs me that sometimes she wishes her sister was a few years older or younger, while her fraternal twin Kathryn didn't have a comment. Rosella Biddle and her identical twin Caroline both agree that they love being twins, but they hate being called the other's name. When I asked Brennan McKinney if he liked being a twin, he responded with, "I don't really think about it unless someone brings it up because we are so different." His twin Raena tells me that she hates that they spend all day together because they get put in the same classes at school, so they don't even get that time apart.

So as you walk through the halls of Salem high school, you may not notice we have eight sets of twins, but if you look closer you will see four sets of fraternal twins and four sets of identical twins.



Chelsea and Cassandra Stroka



Maggie and Katie McDevitt

It's double the giggles and double the grins, and double the trouble if you're blessed with twins. - Anonymous.

Valentine's Day is Saturday, February 14. Don't forget your sweetheart!



Sports

Senior Spotlight

Amanda Speigle
Cheerleading



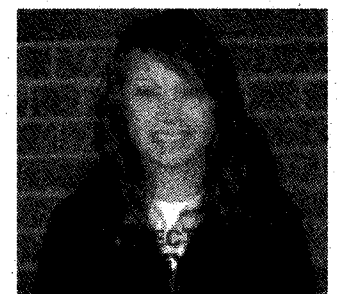
How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years

What is your favorite memory?
Freshman year cheerleading camp at Kent main.

How did you become interested in this sport?
My mom encouraged me.

Who is your team's biggest rival?
West Branch

Bailey Yoder - Cheerleading



How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years

What is your favorite memory?
Megan and Katie attacking everyone to win the Lover's Leap.

How did you become interested in this sport?
My sister made me try out in seventh grade.

What is your favorite warm up song?
The UCA warm-up

Christer Brown
Basketball



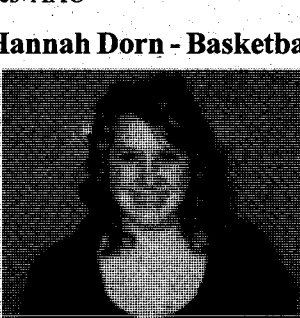
Who is your favorite athlete?
Lebron James

What is your favorite warm up song?
"In the Air Tonight" - Phil Collins

What is your goal for this season?
AAC white tier champions

Do you continue to play in the off season?
Yes-AAU

Hannah Dorn - Basketball



What is your favorite memory?
Coach Alejars after losing to Struthers last year, it was a good time.

How did you become interested in this sport?
My dad

What position do you play?
The best ever! - A post position

What is your goal for this season?
To have fun

By Rosalyn Washam
Rob Lowry - Basketball



How long have you been playing this sport?
About eleven years

Who is your favorite athlete?
Chris Paul

What is your goal for this season?
White Tier League Champs

William Beagle - Wrestling



How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years

What is your favorite memory?
My favorite memory is when I won the Leonard Truck and Trailer Tournament my senior year

How did you become interested in this sport?
My father played it, and all my friends convinced me.

Who is your team's biggest rival?
Canfield

Lizzi Pastore
Soccer



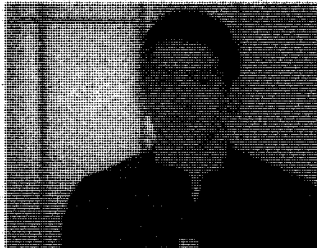
How long have you been playing this sport?
Thirteen years

What is your favorite memory?
Beating Canfield my senior year.

Who is your team's biggest rival?
Boardman- if we were allowed to play them in season.

What position do you play?
Defender- Sweeper

Thomas Clunen - Soccer



Is this your favorite sport?
No, I prefer contact sports.

How did you become interested in this sport?
I was bored and wanted to play a fall sport.

What is your favorite warm up song?
"Every Time We Touch" - Cascada

What position do you play?
Sweeper/ Stopper

Patrick Simpson
Wrestling



What is your favorite memory?
Winning the Howland and Riverview Tournaments back to back my sophomore year.

How did you become interested in this sport?
My dad's friend Bobby Risbeck

Who is your favorite athlete?
Grady Sizemore

What is your goal for this season?
Win sectionals and place at state.

Brittany Ritchie
Basketball



Is this your favorite sport?
Yes, by far

What is your favorite memory?
I'd have to say it was Leah Perry flooding the toilet in the locker room at East Liverpool my sophomore year.

What is your goal for this season?
To make it past district finals

Do you continue to play in the off season?
I've played AAU for about five years.

What is JJHuddle?

By Ryan O'Donnell

If you are a person that is big into high-school sports, then you are probably familiar with the website called JJ Huddle. At the same time, though, some people have never heard of this site. JJ Huddle is not a real person; it is just the name of the site.

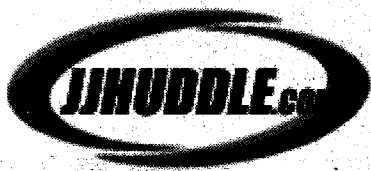
The basic information on this website is a place where people can make their own screen name and give their opin-

ions about all of the local high-school sports teams. There will always be a topic for people to write about, and then they can write their opinions about that topic so everyone can see it. When other people read what you had to say, they can then give their opinions about it. It's pretty much like a big debate between many people. It can

get heated at times as some people will trash-talk on coaches and sometimes even players. It can be just for fun though, too. Another thing about this site is that when you make your name, no one else has to know who you really are. It is free to do this.

I got a chance to ask Chris Brown, who plays basketball here at SHS, if he would be offended if he was

trash-talked on this site. He replied by saying, "I wouldn't mind if people say things about me or the team; it just makes you more motivated." If you would be interested in making a screen name for JJ Huddle, you can simply go to JJHuddle.com and do so.



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Super Bowl bound

By Brandon Simmons

The NFL playoffs are here already. It seems like it was just week five last week, but the season flew.

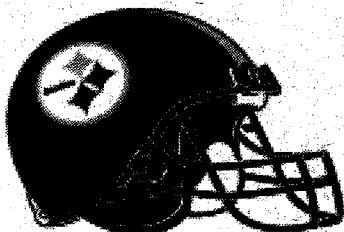
The first week of the playoffs was an exciting one. It started off with the Arizona Cardinals beating the Atlanta Falcons in a hard fought battle 30-24. Then it was the Indianapolis Colts losing the San Diego Chargers in an exciting overtime finish 23-17. The very next day there were two more games, and the Baltimore Ravens went in to the Miami Dolphins and beat them down 27-9. Finally we got to the last game of the first round of the playoffs, and the Minnesota Vikings hosted the Philadelphia Eagles and lost 26-14. The second week in the playoffs was very interesting. In three of the four games that were played, the home teams lost. The Baltimore Ravens beat the Tennessee Titans in a close game 13-10. The San Diego Chargers went into Pittsburgh and lost 35-24. Philadelphia went to the New York Giants' stadium and came away with a win, 23-11. Arizona went on the road to the Carolina Panthers and won big time 33-13. The Steelers were at home against the dangerous Ravens but they still ended up winning 23-14. On the NFC side of things it was Arizona at home against Philadelphia. Arizona won 32-25 on championship weekend.

There are now two teams left, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Arizona Cardinals. Who do you think is going to come out on top?

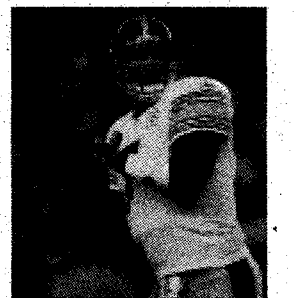
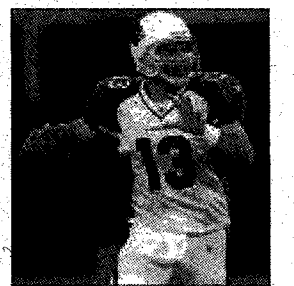
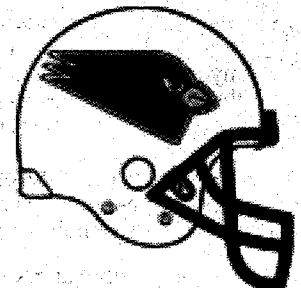
Pittsburgh

Arizona

Super Bowl Champions



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Bowl Championship Series

By Ted Yuhaniak

The Rose Bowl presented by Citi: The Big Ten co-champions Penn State Nittany Lions traveled across the country to Pasadena, California, to take on the USC Trojans in the "Grand Daddy of em' all." (The Rose Bowl typically features the Big Ten champion vs. Pac 10 champion). USC came into the Rose Bowl for its fourth consecutive season as the Pac-10 champions. The match-up featured a classic as it included the legendary head coach Joe Paterno (Penn State) and the historic USC program, which has been the dynasty of college football for the past decade. Coming in, many wondered how much damage Penn State could do against the number one ranked defense in college football. The answer turned out to be not too much. Penn State was shut down for much of the game before trying to make a late come back but would be shut down by the USC defense once more. The athletic USC offense proved also to be way too much for Penn State to handle as the game ended in a 38-24 USC victory. This left many fans wondering if USC may be the best team in college football.

FedEx BSC National Championship Game: Debates all season long arose about which was the better conference, the Big 12 or the SEC? There was no better way to decide this by having the two conference champions go head to head in the BCS National Championship Game. The Big 12 champions, Oklahoma Sooners, came into Miami on absolute tear, scoring over sixty points in their last five games. While on the other side of the ball, the Florida Gators came in behind their "SEC Speed," great defense and great special team's play. The game also had so many more things rarely seen in a National Title Game. It featured the first BCS title game in which both coaches had won a BCS national title. Florida

head coach Urban Meyer won the BCS title in 2006 and Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops won his BCS title in 2001. Now they were both looking to become the first coach in FBS history to win two BCS National Titles. It also featured two Heisman Trophy winners in Florida's Tim Tebow (2007) and Oklahoma's Sam Bradford (2008), both of the quarterback position. Fans were looking for a shoot-out between the two offenses, but that was not the case. The first half ended in a 7-7 tie. In the second half the offenses would pick up the pace but not the pace that was expected coming in. Behind the athleticism of Tim Tebow and Percy Harvin, Florida was able to create big plays and get in scoring position the whole second half leading them to a 24-14 victory. Too many Oklahoma penalties, mistakes, and turnovers cost the Sooners a National Title. At the end of the season, AP poll voters agreed with the BCS system that Florida was the best team in college football.

Other BCS Games: **FedEx Orange Bowl:** Virginia Tech defeated Cincinnati 20-7. **Allstate Sugar Bowl:** Utah defeated Alabama 38-24. **Tostitos Fiesta Bowl:** Texas defeated Ohio State 24-21.

Once again the college football season has ended in much controversy due to the BCS system. Fans all over the nation will surely argue through the entire off-season about who should have played in the BCS National Title game and had a shot at the title. Whether it's Florida, Texas, USC or Utah, fans all over the country just seem to want a playoff. Every year fans debate over all the BCS games, and it seems a playoff could solve this problem as it does for the rest of the divisions in college football. As for now, the BCS off-season will begin, and fans will wait for next season.

The Later the better

By Patrick Simpson

Should high schools push back start times? A poll completed by the National Sleep Foundation says that about 60% of students under eighteen are complaining of being tired during the day, and 15% said they fall asleep during school. Rep. Zoe Lofgren says that later school times work better with teens' biological makeup, so she created the "ZZZ's to A's" Act which states that schools should push their start times back to start no earlier than 8:30 a.m.

In 2002 the National Sleep Foundation conducted a Sleep in America poll and found that 80% said high schools should start no earlier than 8:00 AM and 47% said that school should start between 8 and 8:30 AM. Only 17% of the people in this poll believe that school should start before 8:00 AM. Mary Carskadon, an expert on adolescent sleep, says that there are advantages to schools having later start times such as better grades, reduced risk of early morning car crashes due to falling asleep at the wheel, and a less likelihood of getting into depressed moods.

When asked about this topic, the following students gave these responses. Junior Nathan Gilbert replied, "I would say we should start earlier, so we get done around noon and have more daylight time and not time to sleep." Senior Jason Keniston said, "I would leave the start time the way it is because it would stink to take away from the day and end school later." Senior Josh Lankford stated, "I would like school to start later because I like sleep and it would be safer to drive here from Leetonia." Senior Ashley Zepernick replied, "I would like school to start later because I'm not a morning person, and I'll focus better on my school work."

Contradicting Cruelty

By Amanda Croley

In today's news we often hear about cases of animal cruelty – neglect, starvation, abuse, and moreover, dog fighting. Dog fighting, in many states, is a felony offense. The training of fighter dogs includes cruel and unusual methods of building muscle and provoking the want to fight. While the same is not necessarily true for chickens, cockfighting is an issue as well. Cockfighting in most states is a misdemeanor. Cockfighting is abusive during the fight and beforehand, so it is looked down on greatly. Yet, the **inhumane** slaughtering of a chicken for food is accepted. Why do chickens get protection by the law from being abused in fighting but not by workers in slaughterhouses who torture chickens before they are killed? As of today's current standards, chickens (or any other poultry) are not protected to any degree when in a slaughterhouse. The Humane Slaughter Act (of 1978- still used today) protects cows, pigs, hogs, and other livestock. In fact, the Act itself states that "in the case of cattle, calves, horses, mules, sheep, swine, and other livestock, all animals are rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot, or an electrical, chemical, or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut" (excluding Jewish or Islamic slaughter methods).

Somehow, chickens are not included as part of "livestock" or "all animals." The laws are considered hypocritical by some because one is punishable by law as a misdemeanor while the other allows torture to the highest degree with no penalty. This is an important issue because during our generation, the hypocrisy of the exclusion of chickens from the Humane Slaughter Act has been frequently debated. Where do YOU stand on the issue? Should cock fighting be deemed acceptable so that slaughterhouses can continue their practices without contradicting the law? If so, where does dog fighting stand? Do they get more protection simply because they are considered pets? Or should the Slaughter Act be changed to include chickens (or other poultry)? After all, chickens are conscious, feeling beings the same as cows, pigs, or dogs. Why should their size matter? English philosopher, Jeremy Bentham, once said "The question is not whether they can reason?" nor "Can they talk?" but rather "Can they suffer?" This contradiction of the law proves that man's interest is profit, and profit is the only grounds one has for justifying the suffering of any animal, be it chicken or dog.

UFC 92

By Nathan Gilbert

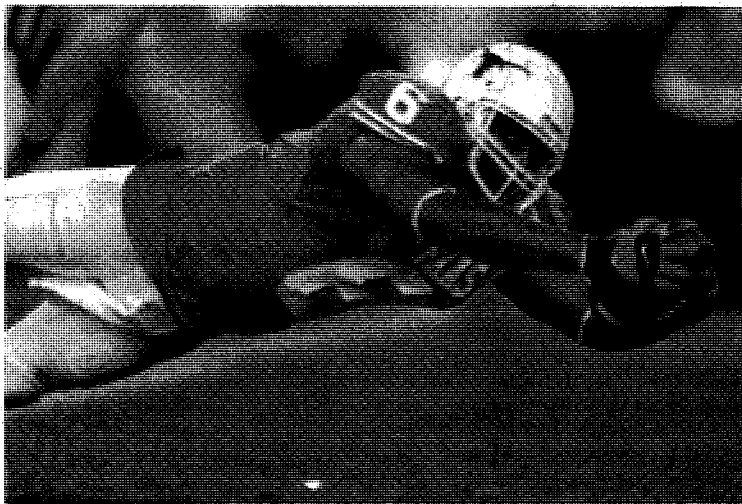
UFC(ultimate fighting championship) 68 broke the Ohio Athletic Commission's record for most attendees at a mixed martial arts event on March 3, 2007, with 19,079 people in Columbus, Ohio's, Nationwide Arena. And now with UFC 92 they will try to repeat the past in the Grand Garden Arena of Las Vegas on 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 over a former UFC poster boy Chuck Lidell.

The co-main event is going to be a battle between two of the most highly revered heavyweight 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 than Frank defeated current UFC heavyweight champion Brock

Lesnar via first round submission and will face Nogueira for the shot at the heavyweight 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.



Ten questions that need an answer

By Daniel Drotleff

1. What has happened to the classic cartoons of Cartoon Network and Nickelodeon, what ever happened to the cartoons that give some good morals and life lessons?
2. What advantages come from switching from an analog signal to a digital signal for television stations?
3. Can you find "everything" on the Internet?
4. Is the economy really as bad as the Great Depression?
5. Can the big three car companies recover?
6. Is music just noise pollution, and is this pollution harmful if swallowed?
7. Kool-aid man – real man or real Kool-aid?
8. Can texting on a cell phone cause arthritis?
9. Are the Jonas Brother's demons or real people?
10. Does *Twilight* have subliminal messages?



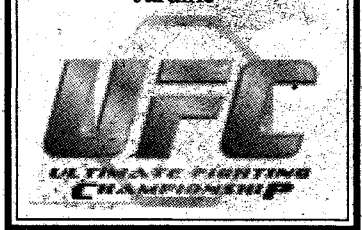
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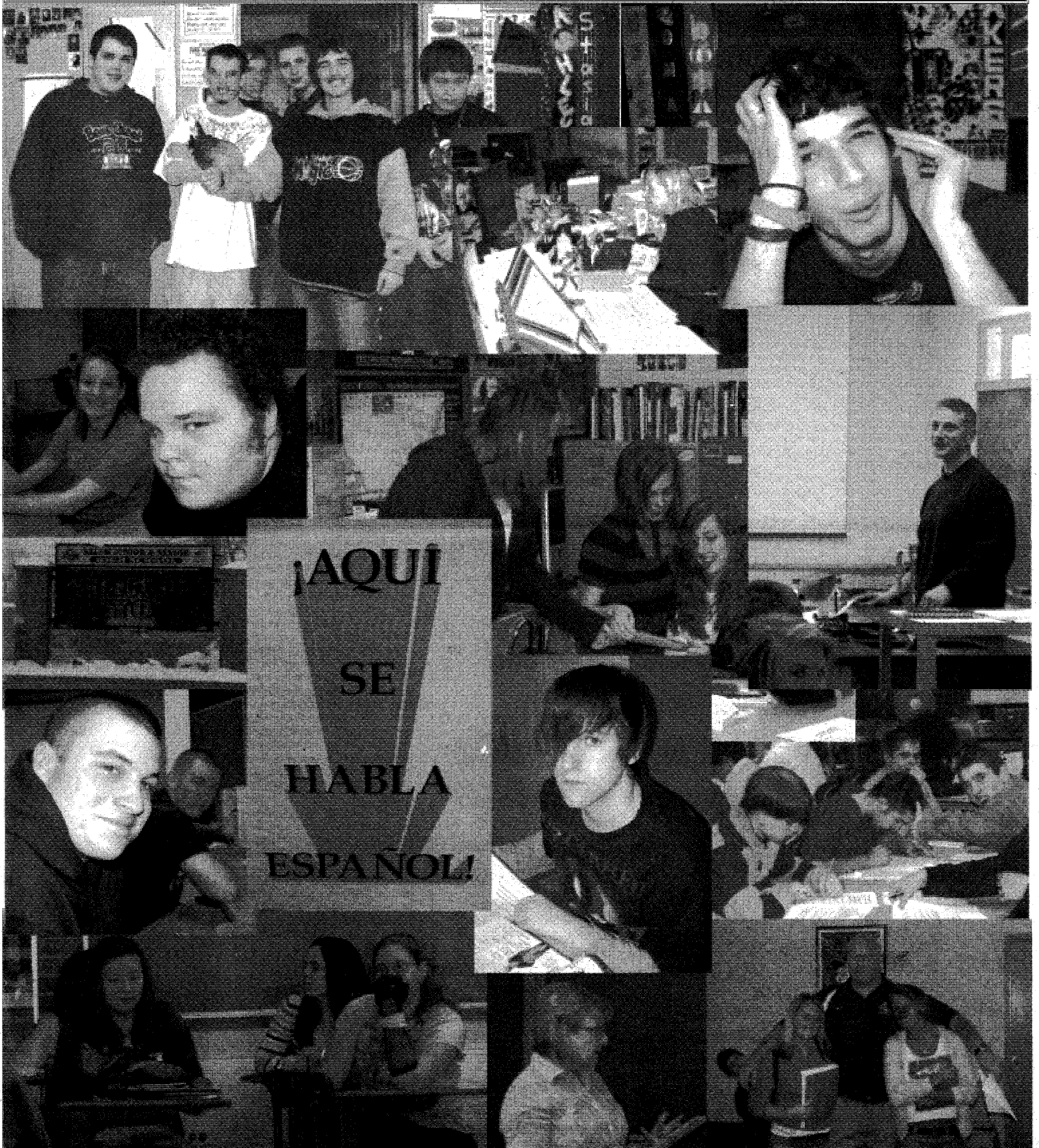
UFC Fight Night 17
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UFC 95: Sanchez vs. Stevenson
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UFC 96: Jackson vs. Jardine



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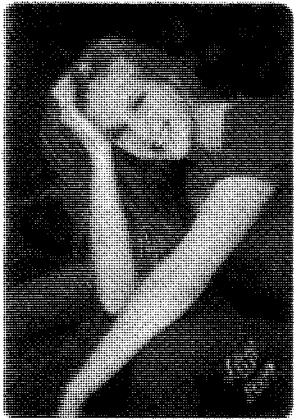
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Basketball Homecoming 2009



Elizabeth Ann Pastore is the daughter of Brad and Monica Pastore. Her high school activities include T.A.C.T., Project Support, yearbook, choir, and soccer. Lizzie plans to attend Kent State University to major in physical sciences. Her escort was David Mainwaring, son of Bill and Sally Mainwaring.



Suehad Reigns as Queen



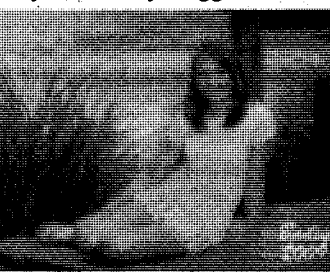
Suehad Awadallah is the daughter of Buddy and Sheryl Finley. Her high school activities include Yearbook Editor, Spanish Club, Interact Club, and track. Suehad plans to attend college and major in education and minor in photography. Her escort was Jordan Cuthbert, son of Greg Cuthbert.



Allison Elizabeth Ward is the daughter of Steve and Marilyn Ward. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Interact (public relations officer), Spanish Club, yearbook business manager, and volleyball. Alli's future plans are to attend college. Her escort was Daniel Kish, son of Paul and Brenda Kish.



Suzanne Marie Waterbeck is the daughter of Michael Waterbeck and Gina Dermotta. Her high school activities include National Honor Society (historian), Interact Club, track, and soccer. Suzanne plans to attend Kent State University to major in nursing and minor in Spanish. Her escort was Michael Boggs, son of Danny and Sandy Boggs.



Bailey Claire Yoder is the daughter of Brent and Liana Yoder. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, T.A.C.T., varsity cheerleader (co-captain), Pep Club and band. Bailey plans to attend Mount Union College to major in education and history. Her escort was Dan Kearns, son of Pete and Susan Kearns.



Alexis Ann Thorne is the daughter of Bill and Debby Thorne. Her high school activities include National Honor Society (vice president), Spanish Club, T.A.C.T., cross country, and track. Alexis plans to attend college and pursue a degree in political science. Her escort was Zachary Carlisle, son of Shelly Carlisle.



Brienne Nicole Wagner is the daughter of Tom and Barb Wagner. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Interact Club, Spanish Club, T.A.C.T., and volleyball. Bri's future plans are to attend college and major in biomedicine and pursue a career in pediatrics or obstetrics. Her escort was Zack Grimm, son of Robert and Karen Grimm.

Basketball homecoming dance

By Ryan O'Donnell

The SHS Basketball Homecoming Dance was held on Friday, February 20 in the school cafeteria after the varsity boys' basketball game against the Liberty Leopards.

The dance had been originally planned for Saturday, February 21, but the date was changed to Friday instead. When questioned regarding the change, Dr. Shivers replied by saying, "There was a possibility of more kids attending on Friday night because the dance was right after the basketball game, and also the finances were a big part."

The D.J for the dance was Mr. Russ Hopple, and there was also a live band that performed. The name of the band was Anomali. This local band was started by Brian Shivers, Marshal Sarginger, Derek Shasteen, and Casey Folds, who are all students here at Salem High School.

The dance was held to honor members of the basketball homecoming court. The queen and all members of the court were introduced that evening.

NHS and Spanish Club host the Banquet of Salem

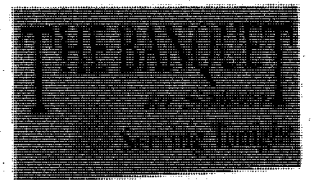
By Rosalyn Washam

Once a week at the Memorial Building, the Banquet of Salem provides a free meal to people who are less fortunate in the Salem area. Different organizations take turns preparing and hosting the event. The Salem High School chapter of National Honor Society and the Salem High School Spanish Club worked the January 16, 2009, banquet.

About fifteen NHS club members showed up to work on Monday, January 16. Club members were encouraged to work the banquet in an attempt to add service hours to their required forty hour total. NHS also donated \$50 to the cause. Spanish Club donated \$100 for the banquet and sent ten workers to help. The workers' jobs

included the following: handing out food and drinks, mingling with attendees, and cleaning up after the event. The meal at the banquet consisted of ham, potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, and pie. The workers got to sample the meal after their shift. The food was prepared by the Salem Schools' food service director, Mr. J.R. Straley.

The banquet served about 250 people this month. It is nice that Salem offers a program designed to give assistance to people in the form of free meals.



NHS member Phil Bennet, Chef JR Straley, NHS advisor Mr. Viencek and Spanish Club member Kayla Brown help serve food at the Banquet of Salem.



NHS members Dan Kish and Ashley Boyle help out by washing trays.



NHS workers Stephanie Paprodos and Mellay Gardner take a quick break from serving food to pose for a photo.

Brown wins January read between the lines

Junior Laura Brown won the January "Read Between the Lines" contest. She won a ten dollar gift card to Wal Mart. The winning sentence was found in Olivia Maenz's article titled "Rude, crude, and very unattractive."

There will be a new twist to this month's contest. As always, the winner will be the first person to present their correct entry to Mrs. Dye. BUT... Keep your eyes open. Mrs. Dye will not be found in her room. She will be somewhere on the first floor of the high school. Look for this winning sentence: "But don't be mean and rude about it."



Congratulations to junior Laura Brown, the winner of *The Quaker* "Read between the Lines" contest for January.