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Blood drive succeeds again

By Tim Eddinger

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood, and without the generous donors and the hard working members of the Red Cross, an overwhelming majority of them would die.

Twice a year the National Honor Society, with the help of its advisor Mr. Robert Viencek, holds blood drives at Salem High School. The second of this year's blood drives was headed by seniors Cassie Utt and Mellay Gardner. The February blood drive managed to bring in seventy-three successful pints of blood, which is a slight decrease from the ninety-five pints donated in the earlier blood drive. Even with the decrease in pints, when asked if she thought the blood drive was a success, Mellay stated, "I felt the blood drive went very well, and we beat the American Red Cross national goal for good pints collected." Cassie also said that she was "...very happy. We had a great turnout, and the donors and workers were very cooperative with the Red Cross staff."

Not everyone that signs up for the blood drive can give blood, though. Donors must be at least seventeen years old and weigh 110 pounds. Also donors must be in good health at the time of the donation. Not being eligible to give blood is a common occurrence. Cassie Utt was unable to give blood because her iron level in her blood was too low, but she was able to donate blood last drive. Mellay was also unable to donate blood because when she was younger she had leukemia, which is a cancer of the blood. Mellay said, "[I would] most definitely [give blood if able]; people giving blood when I was little is what kept me alive and saved my life."

The National Honor Society would like to thank everyone who helped at the blood drive and donated blood. They would also like to thank the students, teachers, and local businesses for all the support.



Co-chairs Cassie Utt and Mellay Gardner are very happy about the blood drive results.

Spin on can drive

By Rosalyn Washam

This year instead of collecting cans of food for those in need, the students of Salem High School are raising money that will buy food for the less fortunate of our area. In the past, cans of food that were collected went to local food pantries and then distributed to people who needed it. This year, money is being raised instead of cans because food distributors can get much more food for the same price. (Second Harvest Food Bank can get about fifteen cans for every \$1 raised!) The money will stay local and be spent on stocking local churches and Salvation Army's food pantries.

To raise money, there will be two movies shown in the auditorium of Salem High School. The first movie will be a classic movie followed by an intermission in the cafeteria complete with refreshments. Directly after the break, the second movie, a classic comedy, will commence. The cost of this evening out is \$20, and high school students are encouraged to bring friends from other schools.

Mr. Ken Peters' goal is to have 400 people attend the event. At \$20 apiece, that's \$8,000 that could buy 120,000 cans of food! A local organization, Thrivet Financial for Lutherans, has agreed to donate \$1,000 for every \$3,000 that is raised. "This event could easily become the biggest drive in all Ohio," remarked Mr. Ken Peters. Currently, John Glenn High School in New Concord, Ohio, holds the record of 70,000 cans collected. We need everyone's support to make this goal a reality and to beat the record. This event is yet to have a final date posted, but if any student would like to make a monetary donation without actually attending the event, he or she is more than welcome to do so.

Radon-the mystery

By Tyler Hlavcak



An employee of the radon testing company, retrieves a radon testing bag from Mrs. Dye's room.

Radon is a dangerous gas that if left undetected could lead to lung cancer. It is an odorless, tasteless, and colorless gas. A special radon test is needed and is seemingly simple, and yet these tests are not conducted very often.

Salem High School recently underwent these tests at the beginning of February, as many of you might have witnessed. These "bag" tests need anywhere from forty-eight to ninety-six hours to do their work and become reliable enough to get an accurate reading. After being collected, the radon testing bags are sent off to the lab for their own tests. These tests are completed and the results are sent back within a couple of weeks.

Ohio schools have many codes and rules they must follow in regards to radon. Every school building must have evidence that the school was built radon-resistant or has been tested for radon within the past five years. School officials must announce results to parents and staff in no more than a month after follow-up test results is received. A copy of all papers dealing with the radon testing should be available in the office.

Unfortunately, no results regarding the high school testing were available as *The Quaker* went to print. A health test will be conducted on April 20 and 21. The radon results may or may not be covered at that time.

**5 Days Until
Spring
Break!**

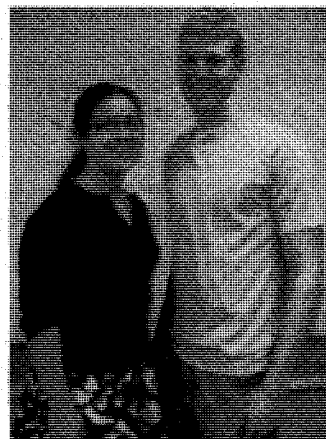
Rotary Speech Contest

By Tim Eddinger

Every year the Rotary holds its annual Four Way Speech Contest in which students from around the area compete against each other for cash prizes. The high school contest is organized by Mr. Robert Viencek.

This year four students from Salem High School competed here at the high school. Those students were Dan Kish, Libbi Williams, Amy Scullion, and Connor Bezeredi. Out of those four, Dan Kish and Libbi Williams were chosen the winners and were each awarded \$100. Kish and Williams moved on to compete with two students from United. They delivered their speeches at a Rotary luncheon held at the Salem Community Center. At that competition Libbi emerged the victor and was awarded \$400 as a cash prize. Libbi then moved on to compete on March 21 against students from Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull, and Stark counties. The contest was held at the Rotary in North Canton. The winner of that competition was awarded another \$500 prize. (Winners were not known at press time.)

Congratulations and thanks go out to all those students who participated. Writing the speech and then practicing it for delivery (it must be memorized) takes a great deal of time and effort.



Congratulations to seniors Libby Williams and Dan Kish for winning the contest at SHS.

Governor's competition results

By Jay Bates

The Ohio Governors Art Exhibition is an annual event showcasing works of art by Ohio high school students (grades 9-12). Works of art must be submitted to a regional location. One of these locations is our very own Salem High School. Salem is a host school along with fourteen other high schools.

Students who have their art accepted through the regional level will be notified of their accomplishment and from there, their art is sent to Columbus for state judging. Just eleven students from Salem are having their works of art progress to Columbus. These students are the following: Emma Barry, Savanna Klass, Stephanie Paporadis, Shanda Rudder, Katie Slason (seniors), Alyssa Myers, Elizabeth Yuhaniak (sophomores), Meg Bell, Brenna Price (freshmen) and, the only one with a "Z" chromosome, Scott Datillio (senior).

Once the art is received at state level judging, it undergoes a rigorous examination by professional artists and college art instructors. Only the best, most creative, and original works are chosen. Good luck to our students representing Salem!

Shivers wins Between the Lines contest



Congratulations to sophomore, Lexi Shivers, winner of *The Quaker* "Read Between the Lines" contest.

Sophomore Lexi Shiver was the winner of the February "Read Between the Lines" contest. She was the first to find and approach Mrs. Dye in senior hall with the winning sentence. The sentence "But don't be mean and rude about it" appeared in senior Richard Myers' article on page seven, the *Quaker* Board. The article was titled "First Jobs." Lexi won \$10.00 in dining gift certificates donated by Bob Evans Restaurant in Salem.

Now it is time for the March contest to begin. Again, there will be a new twist to the contest. If you do not have a study hall during the day, then you may not have a chance to read the paper on Friday when it is published. So, this month the winner will be the first person to present their correct entry to Mrs. Dye on Monday, March 30. There are two important things to remember: **do not** enter the halls before the entry bell at 7:40 looking for Mrs. Dye, and be sure to **underline the winning sentence**. The March sentence to find is the following:

Opinion

Point Counter Point

PCP: Girls or Money?

By Max While and Tyler Metts

Max: Sometimes, male students get "girlfriends." According to Wikipedia, girlfriend is "a term that can refer to either a female partner in a non-marital romantic relationship or a female non-intimate friend. However, Max Whilepedia defines girlfriend as a place where all a young male's money goes. In these hard economic times, there is virtually no excuse for spending on something so frivolous and expensive as a silly girlfriend. **Tyler:** The problem with today's males is that they are lacking the motivation to get a job. There are plenty of ways for high school males to acquire paper gold but none are given the motivation to do so. The money is worth it. Sure friends are great but how many romantic moments and fuzzy feeling have you had with them? Well maybe not you, Max, but most of us young men enjoy the mellowing touch of a young female companion. Have a bit of chivalry Mr. While, every cent is worth the moments you share with them. **Max:** I doubt that. Men with girlfriends often act silly and would likely shirk their duties to talk to their significant others. Any sane employer would never hire such a man, and no man would want to work under an insane boss. I certainly wouldn't. As to your claims that I am unchivalrous, according to Wikipedia the article for teen dating violence is as relevant to girlfriends as human sexuality. My opponent is advocating violence against teen girls yet accuses me of non-chivalry? Hogwash. **Tyler:** Well you see, Max, those who cannot prioritize and always respond to the needs of their girlfriends don't deserve a job, and if all they care about is the relationship, they have major problems. The money is available, just to non-obsessive, successful, hard working young men. I do believe violence toward the female partner is quite unchivalrous. So to say that I am an advocate for such abhorrent actions is preposterous. **Max:** I further submit that you are sexist. Look at it this way, if you put aside all the money spent on your girlfriend for a month, you could donate that money. In the time it takes you to take your girlfriend (or friendgirl, if you're "friendzoning,") out to a meal...well, let's just say there are philanthropic ways to spend the money. Such selfishness is disgusting. How can you look at yourself in the mirror, Tyler Metts? Tell me, just how can you do it? **Tyler:** I look at myself with quite a smirk knowing that I am making someone, other than friends I've known for my whole life, happy by being myself and treating them the way every girl would want. In re-

turn I am receiving a quality companionship, a best friend, and someone to play with who is worse at Halo than I am. I don't see your girlfriend anywhere. The benefits of spending some cash to please the female partner is of much more value than I can explain to you, Max, in the space of this mere page. **Max:** Although I will concede that a person worse than myself at Halo would make a wonderful companion, I still think that every sweet nothing a girlfriend would whisper in my ear would sound like the cry of someone who could use the money for a much better cause. The reason I do not have a girlfriend is due to the fact that I'm broke as a joke. Great job on making me admit something embarrassing in front of an entire paper, Tyler. Care to talk about my fear of horses while you're at it? **Tyler:** In all honesty, yes. Considering most females enjoy a seasonal horseback ride. Well, Max, you could always apply for a job, I hear Bob Evans is hiring... well, Bob Evans is always hiring. If sweet nothings sound like something else to you then you really might want to talk to someone. I am slightly nervous to offend you in any way now. We should probably get back to the main point. Now, in the long run you must admit that whether or not one is spending their earnings on their partner now, they are going to end up doing it in a marriage regardless. I know you agree with me there, Max, especially in the point that the comment was not sexist, just reality. Might as well get used to it now and learn how to please the other sex. **Max:** You can't say sex in the school newspaper. My career choice is irrelevant; you yourself have said we need to get back on track. Marriage is something completely different than the average teen relationship. In marriage, two souls become one soul and often share their economic gains with each other. Besides, how many of these teenage romances, or "bf/gf thangs" as the kids call them these days, result in marriage? As far as I know (which is pretty far,) no high school couples are married or even engaged! And of those that are, sixty percent of all marriages end in divorce, starting the brutal economic strain of courtship all over again. The Sex Pistols were horribly wrong; girls are the real Great Rock n' Roll Swindle. Just ask Paul. **Tyler:** The reference to marriage was just to point out that no matter the situation the male is always paying, even in divorce. In divorce the wife gets the house and the money. The male is always giving so you might as well learn how to give and please at a young age. If you do please well enough, even in marriage, the split may never happen. Those that do will take great time, and lengths by controlling friends to do so. Of

course you need to find a female companion that isn't a clichéd gold-digger. Any girl worth dating will spoil you if you spoil them. **Max:** Once again, you assert your sexism by stating that men always make more money than women. Divorce is a touchy subject that I feel is too irrelevant a tangent to follow in this debate. Your claim is that of the poor R&B singer, that "even though you ain't got money, you're so in love with your honey that everything will make a change for love." It has been argued that possibly there is no such thing as true love; no two people are absolutely perfect for each other. Although these feelings are unconfirmed, one must question the wisdom of investing so much into an uncertainty. This claim of the male sex paying money for the female sex in return for "spoiling" utterly fails to inspire any change of view here. **Tyler:** You are clearly blowing things out of proportion, young Max While. Reality is not sexist, just a truth. As for your opinions on the benefits of having a companion, they are the real hogwash. If I do recall, your experience with girlfriends or girls in general resembles Nicholas Cage's experience of being an awesome actor. I feel that I am wasting time with the petty squabbling with someone who has never had the chance to experience such actions and events. You could always just move to another country, become a non-sexist idol, get a girlfriend there, and donate your money to her friends and family. That would seem to solve all of the problems you seem to have. **Max:** That Nicholas Cage comment really crosses the line. Seriously, I'm way past hurt. Nicholas Cage is a terrible man, and although I will admit to a less than Tyler Metts-ian record with the ladies, I'd have to have never even heard the word girl in my life, much less seen one, to have as little experience as Nicholas Cage has acting chops. I hate to detract from the idea of this debate so much, but one has a right to defend himself when struck with such a horrible insult. Back on topic, moving to another country for the girls is one of the worst ideas ever, and I love America way too much to leave this land of freedom and glory, even for all the ladies in the whole, entire, great, big world. **Tyler:** I would like to apologize but to be truly sincere I would have never done it in the first place. I'm just trying to prove my point. You accuse me of such despicable things yet you couldn't begin to understand my point of view. Money is no option. A girl friend's hugs and emotional support are worth the money. Max, you can trust me on this, bro. **Max:** I disagree, who need's girls

when you have an iPod? I can fit like 1,300 songs on it, and it's so small I can lose it for hours. Sure it's cold and unfeeling, but it doesn't fight me, it doesn't compete for my attention, it doesn't flirt with other iPod enthusiasts, and it doesn't leave me alone in a harsh uncaring world. **Tyler:** Tell me Max, can your iPod hold you in times of need? Can it whisper sweet nothings to you after going through a tragedy? Can it warm you during a cold winter night? No. Realistically it cannot. All those fights, long nights, headaches, unrelenting bickering, and money spent on them instead of a brand new iPod...actually, come to think of it, it really is a waste of money. All the things I could own and all the places I could go with a full tank of gas. Wow, I can't believe I actually took this side of the argument. I withdraw my point. Girlfriends are a waste of money. **Max:** ...And when I tell it I love it, it doesn't respond. Sometimes I play songs that say "I love you" a lot and try to time it so it seems like it loves me, but it's not the same. It can't be love, for there is no true love between man and machine. Last night I looked at myself in the mirror and was disgusted, not just because of my awful stubble and that one zit that just won't go away, but because I've turned into some kind of awful Scrooge McDuck. Tyler Metts I motion that you immediately withdraw your point and allow me to agree with it. I've gone wrong. **Max & Tyler (in unison):** Then perhaps we should simply agree to disagree. Our friendship is worth too much to destroy it on needless debate. *shake hands amicably.* **Tyler:** Well Max, I must say you put up a good fight and am happy to have done this article with you. You have opened my eyes to truth. **Max:** Same to you, compadre. I too have seen the light, and although we see different lights once more, perhaps there is an equal radiance between them, and that their individual beams of light illuminate the world with greater clarity than one view can ever accomplish. Good day to you, Tyler Metts. Good fortune in your future pursuits forever. **Tyler:** Good day.

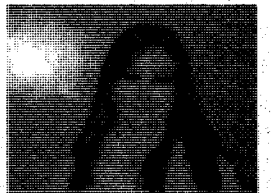


War of Words

By Lauri Dotson

QUESTION

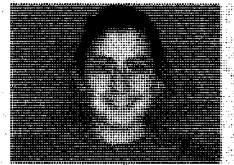
"What is the best April Fools joke/prank?"



Senior

Amanda Croley

"I saran-wrapped the toilet seat one year so my mom was surprised when she went to go to the bathroom."



Junior

Kayla Donlon

"The best joke I'd have to say I played on someone would have been when my friend was at work and my friends and I hired a tow truck to tow his car away to make it seem like it got reposed."



Sophomore

Kyle Costal

"I think a good April fool's joke would be if you made a fake lottery ticket and gave it to your parents or a friend as a gift and then waited for the numbers to come up, and watch them as they think they won."



Freshman

Karsen Kuhns

"My friend told his dad once that he got suspended from school, and he got really mad at him."

Listen Up!

If you like this, you'll love that.

Famous: Rascal Flatts

By Rachel Fritzman

This month Julie and I decided to switch things up a little bit and listen up to some country! The popular band that we picked is from our own state of Ohio and is known to all as Rascal Flatts. The band members include Gary LeVox (lead vocals), Jay DeMarcus (bass guitar, keyboards, vocals), and Joe Don Rooney (lead guitar, vocals.) This fabulous trio came to be in the late 90's when second cousins LeVox and DeMarcus asked Rooney to sit in for the guitarist in their previous band. That guitarist was not able to make it to a show that night. Soon after, they obtained the name Rascal Flatts and were signed with Lyric Street Records in 1999.



In the beginning of 2000, they released the single that led to fame, "Prayin' for Daylight." The song reached number three on Billboard Country Top Ten charts, and Rascal Flatts became a favorite to all country lovers. Before the release of their next album, *Melt*, the trio sent three other songs into the top ten. When *Melt* was released in October 2002, its first single "These Days" hit number one on the billboards and was heard by even non-country lovers, like myself.

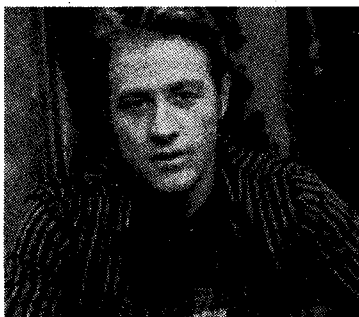
In the following years, Rascal Flatts has released four more albums including *Feels Like Today*, *Me and My Gang*, *Still Feels Good*, and *Greatest Hits Volume 1*. The trio also has a new album coming out on April 7, 2009. If you are one of the many fans of Rascal Flatts, then be sure to pick up their new CD, or catch them on tour this summer.

Unknown:

Aaron Lines

By Julie Ridgley

Anthony Aaron Lines is a country musician hailing from Alberta, Canada. Thirty-one year -old Lines became active in his music career in 2001 when he released his first album *Love Changes Everything* by the independent Canadian label Combustion Music. Two singles were released from the album including a title track and another called "I Can Read Your Heart." Both singles received some success in Canada. In 2002 he received the award for "Best New Artist" at the Canadian Country Music Association Awards.



In January 2003, Aaron released his sophomore album *Living Out Loud*. This time he received some U.S. success. The first single "You Can't Hide Beautiful" reached number four on Billboard's Hot Country Songs Chart. In the same year he also received the honor of being an opener for Martina McBride's Greatest Hits Tour. He has also recorded two other albums which are *Waitin' on the Wonderful* and *Moments that Matter*.

Aaron appreciates those to whom his growing success can be attributed - his fans. He addressed them in a blog on his official website. "Thank you for another year of your support. I really do appreciate all you do for me." So if you love Rascal Flatts, check out Aaron Lines, a country star on the rise.

Grease is the word

By Nathan Gilbert

Salem High School produces two theater performances each school year. The fall play is directed by English teacher, Mr. Robert Viencek. This spring Mr. Attila Samu will produce and musically direct a well-known play and movie, *Grease*.

Grease was written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey. It is written about life as a teenager in high school in the 1950s. The musical occurs in Rydell High School. It primarily is about two groups of students, the Burger Palace Boys and the Pink Ladies. The story revolves around the new girl on the block, Sandy. Sandy met Danny in the summer when they both spent the majority of the time on the beach in conversation. Danny had told Sandy that he went to a ritzy all boys school to impress her, but come the first day of school, reality comes back to haunt him as they both attend Rydell High. Danny is the leader of the tough and popular Burger Palace Boys while Sandy has affiliated herself with the Pink Ladies led by Rizzo. When the two groups clash at a pep rally, Sandy sees a side of Danny she had not known previously.

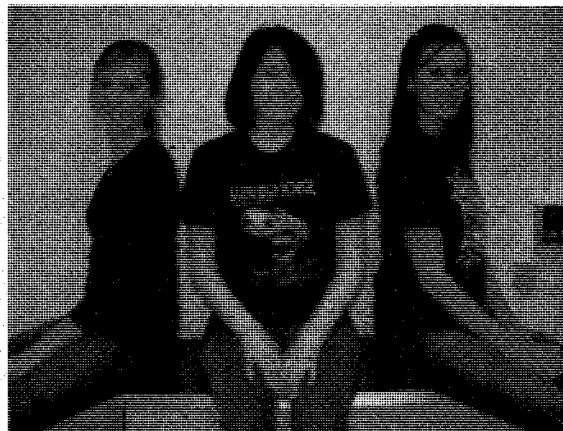
The main female role

Sandy is played by Cassie Utt, and Tyler Cosma has the main male role, Danny. The cast of the Pink Ladies include their leader Carly Ellis as Rizzo, Jessica Schmidt as Marty, Jessica Stratton as Frenchy, and Sarah Crabtree as Jan. The Burger Palace Boys include their leader Danny, Josh Lankford as Kenicki, Derek Erskine as Doody, and Scott Kessel as Sonny. Other characters in the story include Alli Ward as Cha-Cha, Dan Kish as Eugene, Tyler Stouffer as Vince Fontaine, Justin Steel as Johnny Casino, Drew Bostwick as

Teen Angel, and Miss Lynch played by Allison Dolphin.

Grease's first Broadway production was in 1973 in New London Theatre and has had many revivals. *Grease* became a motion picture in 1978 directed by Randal Kleiser.

The Salem High School production of *Grease* will be held on April 17, 18, and 19. The tickets will cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. The Friday and Saturday showings will be at 8:00 P.M., and the Sunday showing will be a 2:00 P.M. matinee.



Above: Jessica Schmidt (Marty), Carly Ellis (Rizzo), and Cassie Utt (Sandy)

Chamber choir attends Fourth Annual United Show Choir Festival

By Jessica Schmidt

Each March, over a hundred local talented high school students gather under one roof for one evening to perform through song and dance and to celebrate the awesomosity that is "show choir." Where can all these kids be found? That would be United Local High School in Hanoverton.

For four consecutive years, Mrs. Neiswanger, the director of vocal music at United High School, has organized a show choir festival at the school, inviting many local show choirs such as the Salem Chamber Choir (currently changing its name to "Encore"), West Branch's Young and Alive, and the East Canton Echoes, to name a few. She, of course, includes United's own Flight show choir. The choirs that attend vary from year to year: Salem has attended the last three, West Branch attended only the second, and so on.

The schedule for the evening is quite extensive. The choir groups arrive around 4:00. Some from farther away travel together in buses while others drive there with the few drivers that their group possesses. Once the choirs all arrive and gather in the auditorium, there is a collaborative practice of a song that has been picked ahead of time

by the special guest of the evening, who is usually some sort of vocal professor/professional. The song is sent months ahead to the schools that plan on attending the festival so that the choirs can practice it with their directors. At 5:00 there is dinner served in the cafeteria, and students from every school mingle with each other during dinner. Afterward, each choir is permitted a half hour to practice in the auditorium. Choirs get ready; they change into outfits while they aren't practicing. The show starts at 7:00 and is open to the public; many friends and family members of the choir students attend.

This year's festival was held on Thursday, March 12. The schools in attendance included Malvern, Carrollton, Struthers, East Canton, Salem, and United. Mr. Stephen Ausmann, a vocal professor from Y.S.U., was the special guest of the evening. The choirs' collaborative piece was titled "Praise His Holy Name," a gospel-style song that included back-up by piano, guitar, and drums. The group song was performed at the end of the concert and was given a standing ovation to which the choirs proceeded to give an encore performance. Simple choreography along

with a cornucopia of talented voices made the piece an uplifting and entertaining pleasure for the audience.

Prior to the ensemble piece, each group performed a medley of songs varying from Broadway to pop music to television theme songs. Salem's Encore, under the direction of Mr. Attila Samu, performed a selection of songs from the 2002 Broadway musical *Hairspray*. The upbeat medley conveyed the fun styles of the 1960s through song and dance; the choreography was created by Carrie Mazzucco, a current dance teacher/coach at Judy Conti Studios. (She is also credited for the dance numbers in last year's school production of *The Wizard of Oz* and the upcoming spring musical, *Grease*.)

When watching this show at United, it becomes evident how much time and effort each group puts into their piece. Salem received excellent commentary on their performance from Dr. Ausmann. It seems that every choir that attends this festival enjoys themselves - it's a new tradition that should keep on going.

Feature

Who are you twittering?

By Drew Jones



These two fellow Twitters are getting their updates on the buddies from around the globe.

Twitter is a social networking and microblogging service that allows you to answer the question, "What are you doing?" by sending short text messages 140 characters in length, called "tweets," to your friends, or "followers."

Twitter has many uses for both personal and business use. It's a great way to keep in touch with your friends and quickly broadcast information about where you are and what you're up to. For example, "I'm downtown and want to get some lunch. Anyone like to join me?" For business, Twitter can be used to broadcast your company's latest news and blog posts, to interact with your customers, or to enable easy internal collaboration and group communication.

One of the defining characteristics of Twitter is its ease of use. While getting engaged enough to find value in the service does require some initial investment of time and energy, Twitter is remarkably easy to post to. As a result, people often post things they discover to Twitter before or instead of posting it to a blog. Whether it's natural disasters, political developments or breaking tech news - it's common to discover items of interest first on Twitter. When a US Airways plane with 155 people on board ditched into a chilly Hudson River, people from the shore were the first to break the news. Even some of the first pictures of the accident came from the cell phones of people who were mobile tweeting. Celebrities are also getting in on the twitter sensation. Everyone from President Barack Obama to Jimmy Fallon are twittering these days.

This sensation has been sweeping the globe for almost two years now and is not slowing down. Journalists, actors, musicians, CEO's, and even second graders are getting on twitter. Just go to www.twitter.com to try it today!

Will he lead us to victory?

By Will Beagle

The search for a new football coach has been a long and tiresome process. It started with forty-four applications from coaches ready to take on the task of coaching Salem football. Then the search committee narrowed the search down to only six candidates. The search committee was comprised of Board members Mr. Brad Myers and Mr. Steve Bailey; interim superintendent, Mr. Louis Ramunno; high school principal, Dr. Joseph Shivers; Mr. Sean Kirkland, junior high principal; and Athletic Director Greg Steffey. After further consideration they made their final decision by choosing twenty-nine year old Mike Kopachy. Kopachy is a coach who knows how to deal with a team that has had a couple of bad seasons. He eventually led Western Reserve into two play-off appearances in 2006 and 2008.

Coach Kopachy has had a lot of experience as a high school football coach. He was an assistant coach at Youngstown Chaney High School in 1997, and 2001-2002. He was also the head coach at Western Reserve High School from 2003-2008. With his six years as head coach, he had a record of 30-32. He graduated from YSU as an elementary education major. He will become an English teacher in either the middle school or the high school.

The philosophy of Coach Kopachy is direct and straight to the point. When I talked to him, he had this to say about what he expected from his new football team "I expect a team that will work hard, establish a commitment, be loyal to me and their teammates, and believe we have a shot every time we step out on the field." As I asked what types of defensive and offensive formation he would run, he told me that he would run a 4-3, which Salem is accustomed to and on the offensive side of the ball "we will run a lot of 1 running back (RB), 4 wide receiver (WR) or 1 tight end (TE) 3 WR sets as well as 2 RB sets with 3 WR."

So, if you're willing to work hard and give it your all every time you step onto the field, then why don't you give it a shot and talk to Coach Kopachy about joining the team yourself every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the weight room.

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Project Prom

By Ali Thompson

Prom is coming up, so you know what that means...its time for Project Prom! Project Prom will be held at the Salem Community Center on April 4 from noon until 4 P.M.

There are over three hundred dresses and along with dyed shoes, The best part of all of this is that they are all free. At this special annual event, there will also be a raffle for free hair styling and free nail manicures. The formal dresses are donated from the tri-state, and are free for anyone who attends Project Prom. It is important to let all of the ladies know that while the gowns are free, alterations are each girls' responsibility.

Everyone knows that prom is very expensive, and at this time when the economy is so bad, a lot of people can't afford expensive dresses. That's why this project is so important. A great deal of appreciation and a round of applause goes out to the Salem High students who helped to organize this special event. They are the following: Libbi Williams, Cassie Hoopes, Carly Ellis, Mellay Gardner, and Nessa Blair.

Winter is finally over

By Patrick Simpson

Well, Salem High School, after months of cold weather with inches upon inches of snow and temperatures that fell into the double digit negatives, winter has finally come to an end. In just about a month, we can look forward to warmer weather that will hopefully give us a warm and wonderful spring break. Although warm weather and spring break are both awesome, some students might be sad to see the cold weather and snow come to an end.

When asked about the end of winter, the following people gave these responses. Mrs. Lantz stated, "I like winter, but I'll still be very happy to see it end." Senior Matt Sosbe responded by saying, "I don't like winter; I'm ready for it to be warm." Senior Jeff Barton replied with this statement, "At this point, no, but I do like winter." "Winter is like a drunken party guest, fun at first but then it gets annoying and you tell him to leave," said senior Rick Samu. Brian Shivers, also a senior, replied, "I'm indifferent; I don't really care."

Most of the interviewed liked winter. But the winter of 2008-2009 might have been a little harsher than anyone had bargained for. As most people are ready for the warmer weather to arrive, we wave goodbye to Old Man Winter.



Poetry Contest

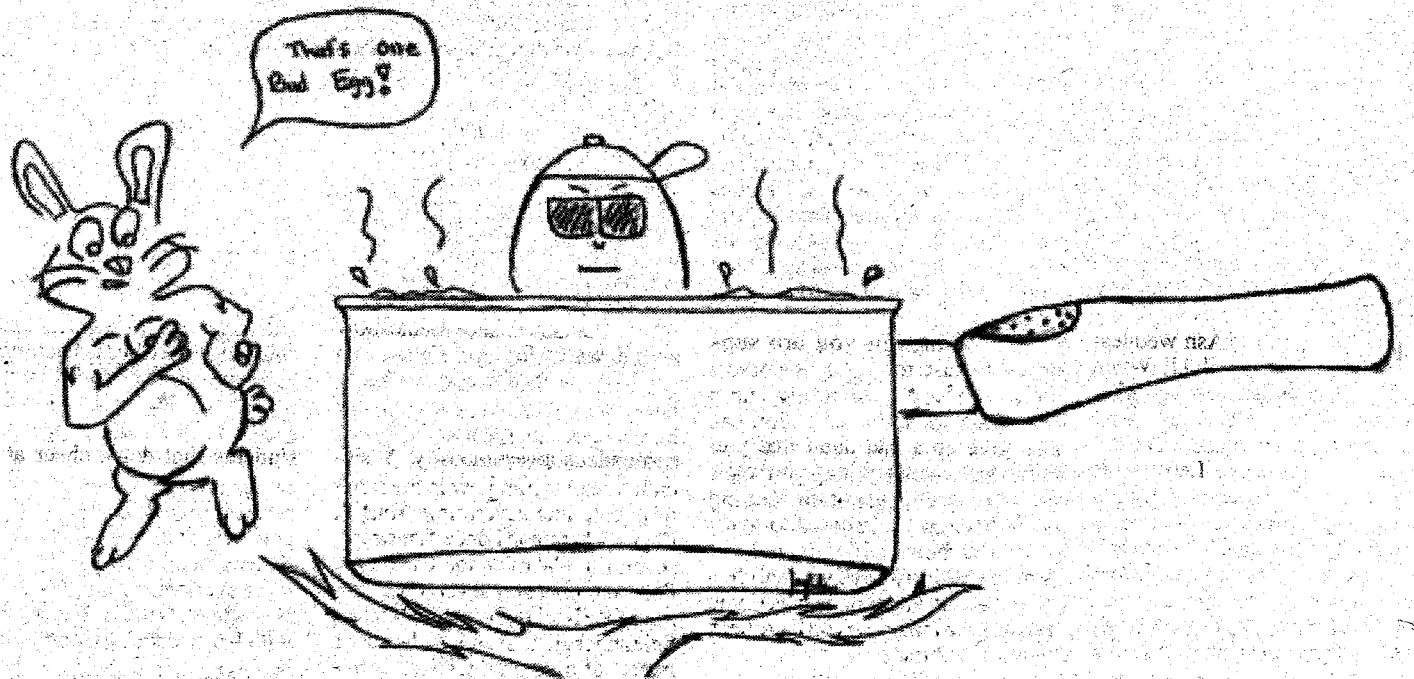
By Dacia Louk

If you enjoy writing and want your poems to be seen, then you should try to win the senior poetry contest.

The senior poetry contest (for seniors only) is sponsored by the yearbook staff under the direction of yearbook advisor, Mrs. Yvonne Parks. The yearbook staff is asking seniors to write a special poem which will be featured in the 2009 yearbook. Judging will be conducted by the yearbook staff. Last year's winner was senior Theo Keniston.

When you are finished creating your poem turn it into Mrs. Parks by Friday, April 3. The winning entry will be announced at a later date prior to the end of the year.

Cartoon Delight



Feature

Lucky charms

By Brooke Skiba

Having an unlucky March? To fix any bad day, I suggest bringing a four-leaf clover, horseshoe, rabbit's foot, penny, and ladybug with you wherever you go. These are a few of many lucky objects that could help you out, but their background and the reasons for their luck aren't commonly known.

The big lucky charm, especially for St. Patrick's Day, is the four-leaf clover/shamrock. There is about a one-in-ten-thousand chance of finding one of these clovers, but if found accidentally they are said to bring good luck. The Irish tradition names the clover lucky in a religious way, but other legends say that the leaflets represent hope, faith, love, and luck. It has been said that a five-leaf clover is even luckier, and the largest number of leaflets ever officially recorded on one clover is twenty-one. That's a lot of luck!

The horseshoe is also an important lucky charm; it will bring you luck and keep the faeries out of your home! Whether it should be pointed up or down is unclear, but if a horseshoe is used, found, and able to be touched, it will provide you with good fortune. The way it keeps faeries away with its iron is one reason a horseshoe is considered lucky. It also has seven nail holes which is a very lucky number and was made by a blacksmith which is considered a lucky trade.

Always trade a new rabbit's foot away because they are only lucky when given to someone else. The original owner of the foot will receive horrible luck if he keeps it. It may seem unfair, but the only option is to give the luck to another. That recipient should take good care of the foot once they get it because if lost, this will also bear bad luck.

Rabbits' feet are partially considered lucky because of a rabbit's association with the coming of spring. Real feet are becoming less popular, however, because of animal rights activists' concerns.

One of the more popular means of good luck is to find a penny on the ground. The luck of the penny originates in old legends in which the spirits of men had to pay one copper coin to cross the river to eternal life. Those who couldn't pay were forced to wander around aimlessly for hundreds of years. Nowadays, finding a penny on the ground can brighten anyone's day. It is thought that the penny is only lucky if found heads up, but there is no real evidence that this is true. Some say that a penny only offers its luck to generous people without greed. According to this, if you were to run into the middle of a busy street to grab a penny, or you do not give the penny to another who desires it, you will receive no luck.

Finally, ladybugs have for a long time been considered lucky. These unique beetles get their luck from their ability to eat destructive insects such as aphids. There have been several cases in which ladybugs have saved farmers from ruin by devouring the insects that were harming their crops. There aren't many other accounts for the origin of the ladybug's luck, but the fact that they are one-of-a-kind bugs and generally not frightening also plays a part.

Whether you believe in lucky charms or not, there are many items in our world that superstition considers lucky. After February and March both having a Friday the thirteenth, these should be kept in mind if you are superstitious. Good luck!

Learning about Lent

By Chris Szabat

Perhaps you are not sure of what Lent actually means. Lent is a period of time in which Christians give up something for forty days to represent the time that Jesus spent in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry, where he endured temptation by Satan. In this time period the individual is supposed to demonstrate fasting and prayer.

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter beginning on February 25, also known as Ash Wednesday, and ends on April 11. When counting the forty days, we skip Sunday because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. The traditional reasoning for Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, fasting, and alms giving. Junior, George Smith said, "I'm not a Christian so I don't celebrate Lent, but I don't know if I could be fully committed to giving up something for a full forty days."

Fat Tuesday is celebrated

the day before Lent starts so that the individual can eat and drink as much as they want before they give something up for forty days. Fat Tuesday is Mardi Gras. The term *gras* is French for fat and *mardi* is French for Tuesday. The annual festivities start on January 6, which is the Twelfth Night Feast of the Epiphany when the three kings are supposed to have visited the Christ Child. Festivities build to a climax on Mardi Gras.

Although you are supposed to fast for Lent, it doesn't mean that you have to give up a food item for forty days. You can also give up a bad habit that you might have such as biting your nails or being a couch potato. Giving something up is supposed to make your life better. If you make it through all forty days you will feel better about yourself because you reached the long goal you have been trying to achieve.



Ted, Max, and the SOMs for March live life on the edge by riding the Tower of Terror without staying in their seats. Chance Eichler, you will be missed.

March Student of the Month

By Ted Yuhaniak

As the month of March is known for its madness, Student of the Month decided to throw in its own madness by having the first ever tri-Student of the Month winners. This month's winners include Brian Shivers, Chance Eichler, and Aimee Jones. The awesomeosity they have each exhibited during the school year has earned them each the prominent title of Student of the Month.

Senior Brian Shivers is one trendy dude that may be on a boat more than anyone I've ever met. He is a master of the drums and has a high-flying yet quite colorful vocabulary. His score on the ACT and his rad coat are just a few indicators of his superior intelligence. With March Madness underway, his pick to win it all is the Pittsburgh Panthers. Brian is known for being the co-director/producer/writer/actor in the Salem High School blockbuster hit "The Bay of Pigs." Now he is even in a band, Anorgali. His deep love of music goes on as he seems to know every song ever written, but his favorite song continues to be "Love is a Battlefield" by Pat Benatar. One thing that really lights Brian's lamp is small, expensive castles, as they seem to be completely overpriced, and he believes he can make better use of his money elsewhere. In the future Brian is sure to achieve many of his different goals, but his lifelong goal is to one day be able to sell pineapples along side poker great Phil Hellmuth. Good luck Brian!

Junior Chance Eichler now goes down in the record book as a seven time SOM Champion. Chance has proven over and over again that he is a man with great integrity and tremendous awesomeosity. A seventh title puts him now in the ranks of people like seven-time Tour de France Champion Lance Armstrong, seven time Wimbledon Champion Pete Sampras and seven time Formula One Racing Champion Michael Schumacher. It seems to be just a matter of time until Chance is in a

league of his own. Although Chance's time here has been unfortunately cut short (online school), his awesomeosity is still present in the halls of the school. An incredible dude, Chance was a man who made everyone feel awesome just hanging around him. Chance being gone may make many sad, but these people must try to remember all of the awesome times he made in his time here. Chance "The Great One" Eichler gone, but Student of the Month forever.

The final SOM winner is the unstoppable sophomore Aimee Jones. Aimee is one cool customer who was absolutely ecstatic about winning SOM. When asked why she thinks she deserved to win SOM she responded, "I'm a friendly person," along with her awesomeosity. Aimee is one true Carolina blue UNC (University of North Carolina) fan as she loves everything to do with University. Of course her pick to win the March Madness tournament is the Tar Heels as she exclaimed to me, "I have two words: Love them!" A typical weekend for her is hanging out with her awesome chino Peyton Meals. Then in the summer you can find her at her lake house on Berlin Lake. She is a fan of bacon burgers over tacos and M&M's over Skittles. She loves to sit back and relax while watching some "One Tree Hill" on the old boob-tube while making sure to get her daily source of her favorite vitamin, vitamin C. Although she may like other things such as cashew chicken at the Cheese Factory, she has some dislikes and things that disturb her. The loud, unnecessary sound of balloons popping and students that don't cheer at pep rallies are two things that disturb her. Her biggest dislike, alongside cold wet socks, is all of the potholes around town, as they seem to be everywhere. So whether she is at school, Berlin Lake, or just out with her friends, awesomeosity is one thing that is always with her.

ebay for me

By Vince Rosati

eBay is an online auction website where you can sell anything from a toothbrush to a brand new car. It is about the easiest thing on the internet to do.

To buy and sell on eBay you simply need to make an eBay account and have a credit or debit card. When buying an item, you must simply outbid your competitors as you would at a regular auction. To start off, you simply search for the item you want to buy, look for the auction that has the least amount of time remaining and the lowest bid, and start your bidding on that item. Make sure to check back often as someone might outbid you.

There is also a "buy now" function that lets the users buy the item right away for an amount set by the seller. However, be wary because there are scams out there so make sure you read all the information about the item. It is also important to look at the seller's history. For example, if someone said the seller ripped them off then don't buy from them.

All in all, eBay is actually very reliable and very safe and very easy to understand and use. Have fun bidding!

Poet's Place

In the Quiet

By Julie Ridgley

Gently in the quiet
Of a dark and empty room
A single sound holds steady,
And interrupts the gloom.

Two hearts beat in harmony,
A symphony of souls.
Greater than any melody,
A beauty to behold.

Hands clasped in the silence
Speak volumes without
sound.
Embracing in the moonlight
Tossing whispers on the
ground.

Gently in the quiet
Of a dark and empty room,
Two hearts beat in harmony
And interrupt the gloom.

March Calendar

By Matt Faulkner

March 27 - AP registration due
April 1 - April Fools day
April 10 - Good Friday
April 6 to 13 - Spring break
April 12 - Easter
April 15 - Income tax due
April 17 - Alumni scholarships due
April 17 to 19 - Grease
April 22 - Earth Day
April 24 to 26 - New York trip

Sports

Senior Spotlight

By Rosalyn Washam

Matt Faulkner - Baseball



How long have you been playing this sport?

Since I could throw a baseball.

Who are your team's biggest rivals?

Canfield and Howland

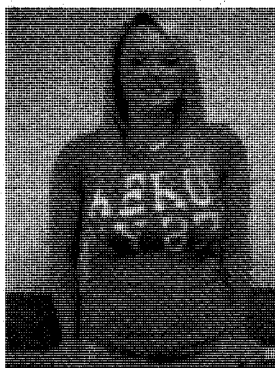
What position do you play?

Pitcher and first base

Do you continue to play in the off season?

No, but I do umpire in the summer.

Mistee Shadle - Softball



How long have you been playing this sport?

Eleven years

What is your favorite memory?

Coach Page and her sweat pants.

Who are your team's biggest rivals?

West Branch, Canfield, and Howland

What position do you play?

Shortstop

Brandon Floor - Track



How long have you been playing this sport?

Six years

Is this your favorite sport?

Definitely

What is your goal for this season?

To run a 2:10 in the 800 meter run.

Do you play any other sports?

Cross country and indoor soccer.

Dan Fortney - Baseball



Is this your favorite sport?

Yes, baseball is my way of life.

What is your favorite memory?

Being named All-MAC my junior year.

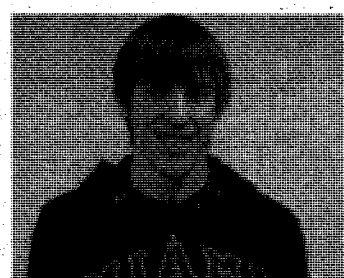
What is your favorite warm up song?

"Bounce" - Thousand Foot Krutch

What position do you play?

Shortstop

Jason Floor - Track



How long have you been playing this sport?

Six years

What is your favorite memory?

Getting my personal record at the Poland invitational my sophomore year.

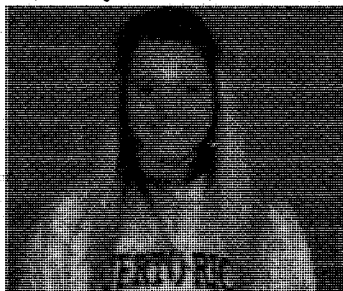
What is your favorite warm up song?

"It's My Life" - Bon Jovi

Who is your team's biggest rival?

Lakeview

Ashley Hunt - Softball



How long have you been playing this sport?

Four years

Who is your favorite athlete?

Alex Rodriguez

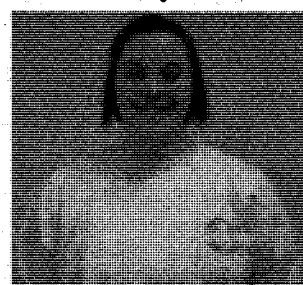
What is your favorite warm up song?

"What You Gonna Do" by Lil Jon

What position do you play?

Short stop and third base

Leah Minamyer - Softball



How long have you been playing this sport?

Ten years

Is this your favorite sport?

Yes, I love it! I play year round.

Who are your team's biggest rivals?

Canfield or Poland

What is your goal for this season?

To have a record of a winning season.



Boys' basketball wrap up

By Brandon Simmons

The winter sports teams had a quick but fun year as they all finished their respective seasons. Tournament play rolled around quickly.

The boys' basketball team had a successful regular season by getting over .500 and going 11-9. I had a chance to interview head coach, Coach Klucinec. I asked how the season went. He said, "When we have played together and built our team confidence, we were successful." I asked if he had reached his expectations this year, and he went on to say, "We put ourselves in a situation to play for a league championship, and we want to have a successful run in the tournament." Unfortunately the Quakers lost to Mooney in the first round in a hard fought game. The best moment of the year, according to Coach K., was "Having the 1959 basketball team be a part of our program.

Talking about 'Rekindling the Tradition' of past Quakers."

Tournament play came quickly as the girls' basketball team traveled to the district title game against Canfield and lost in another hard-fought battle. The wrestling team had three district qualifiers: Josh Lankford, who finished third at sectionals and lost his first two matches at districts; Jon Meissner, who finished fourth at sectionals and went 1-2 at districts; and Patrick Simpson, who finished third at sectionals and went 2-2 at districts. The boys' basketball team played Cardinal Mooney in the first round and lost by three in a great game.

The winter sports teams all had good years, and it was fun for everyone. The Quaker Crazies were also awesome. Thanks for the support

March Madness

By Ryan O'Donnell

It is that time of year again. March Madness is back. If you are a fan of college basketball, then you know what the madness is all about. This is when there are sixty-five Division One teams selected for a tournament.

The teams are then broken down into four separate brackets, sixteen teams in each one. There is a Midwest, East, South, and West bracket. In each bracket there is a number one team. The number one team in the Midwest bracket this year is the Louisville Cardinals. The Cardinals are from the Big East conference, and they had a regular season record of 28-5. In the East bracket the Pittsburgh Panthers are the number one team. They are from the Big East conference, and they had a record of 28-4 in the regular season. In the South bracket, the University of North Carolina Tar Heels are the number one seed. The Tar Heels are from the Atlantic Coast Conference, and their regular sea-

son record was 28-4. Finally, out in the West bracket the number one team is the Connecticut Huskies. The Huskies are also from the Big East, and their regular season record was 27-4.

The first round games began on March 19 and 20. The teams will play until there is a Final Four. The Final Four will be played on Saturday, April 4. Then the championship game will be played Monday, April 6th.



Power Meet results

By Matt Faulkner

On March 7, 2009, the Twelfth Annual Columbiana Power Meet was held in the Columbiana High School gym.

For this competition there were thirteen high school divisions, three middle school divisions, and also a female division. The three kinds of lifting Salem lifters participated in were bench, squat, and dead lift. Salem took about twenty students to the meet.

For Salem there were only two individuals that placed in their weight class. Dustin Huffman placed fifth in his weight class. Matt Faulkner placed third in his weight class. He also broke the squat record which was 585 pounds before Matt broke it with a weight of 610 pounds. Salem did not place in the top four teams but came very close to it. There were four records broken in the meet. The weight classes that had broken records were the 195 pound weight class, 225 pound weight class, and two in the unlimited weight class.

Quaker Board

Will you vouch?

By Andrew Jones

Every year toward the end of the final semester, all students like hold their breath hoping for that colorful piece of paper that tells whether or not they have to take finals. Well, this year seniors had the chance to taste that feeling a little early. If you were in the graduating class of 2009 and applied for college, you received a midterm voucher. But in many people's eyes this opportunity was not fair. Many teachers and students alike felt that this was a slanted opportunity for a select few even to the point where some teachers did not accept them because they felt that not all of their students had the chance to receive one. I had the chance to sit down with Dr. Shivers to get the inside scoop on why these vouchers were so talked about at school.

When I ask Dr. Shivers why the voucher wasn't available to all students, he went on to say that, "I wanted to encourage all students to get a high education, not all of the plans always come to fruition. Kent State Salem Campus accepts all Salem High School graduates looking to further their knowledge. Just because you plan on going to the military this week doesn't mean that you will come fall." Dr. Shivers does make some very valid points but

some still are a little thin. The cost of applying to a college can range anywhere from \$20-\$30. With the economic times that we are in, do all families have the ability to spare that amount?

Another problem with these vouchers was the inability to use them in most of your classes. Some teachers gave the reason that because you were a senior in a mixed class such as a home-ec or speech class, it would be unfair to the underclassmen in the class. Other teachers just gave the reason that it wasn't fair to all students, like the students in machine trades or students looking to pursue the military. When asked about the inability to use the vouchers in many classes, Dr. Shivers had this to say, "I really wished they would have accepted them."

The midterm vouchers were a great idea for seniors that plan to further their education. I think that many stubborn teachers felt that this was unfair to most of the senior class. The reality is that the vouchers were an optional idea. You didn't have to apply for college, and in this case not many people did. I think the situation could have been handled better, but it worked for those who took advantage of it.

The research paper

By Daniel Drotleff

The main purpose of a College Writing or College English Class is to prepare students for, you guessed it, college. What would prepare a student more than a research paper toward the end of the year? Research papers involve a great deal of work, time, and effort.

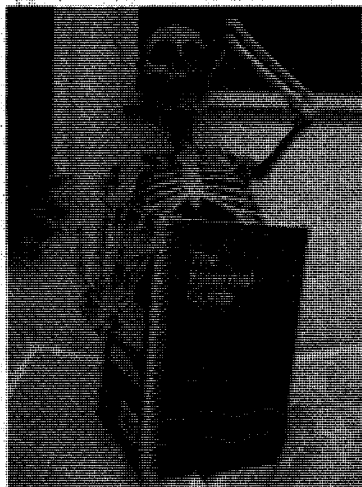
To complete the research paper, you must do research on the topic chosen. You also must know that you cannot plagiarize. Most people think you can only plagiarize intentionally, but that is incorrect. Plagiarism actually occurs a number of ways. One of the most common ways is by not labeling the source correctly or not filling out the bibliography or works cited page accurately. This has led many students to redo their research papers. So to be safe, it is good to make a good bibliography card.

Research papers vary in length, but it depends on what the teacher wants. Also, some topics are "black listed" for high school students, meaning they cannot be used. The teacher usually decides what topics are "okay" and which are not. Doing a research paper correctly is definitely more difficult than doing it incorrectly.

Students certainly have their own opinions about this difficult task. Senior Alicia Hill voiced her opinion of the research paper saying, "Research papers are long, boring, and unnecessary." Senior Emma Barry stated, "Research papers are totally ridiculous and could possibly be one of the lamest things in America."

So the research paper is not accepted as a fun task handed

to seniors or anyone that has to do a research paper. If the research paper is so important than why would we have it the last year of school for the first time? If it was taught earlier and more often than it would probably stick with a student for a longer period of time and help them in the long run.



Every student in A.P. English, College English, and College Writing is familiar with Lester's Essential Guide. It looks like this student spent a little too much time with Lester's!

Spend that cash

By Richard Myers

The other day I was asked, "What do you high school students really spend your money on?" I stopped and thought for a minute. Then I realized that I spend all of my money on junk. Well, almost all of it seems like junk with the exception of my cell phone. But there are some students in the high school that spend their money wisely: These students must use their money for important items such as car insurance and also on their phones. I decided to ask some other students what they spend their pay checks on. The following represent their responses.

Tim Fatherly, twelfth grader, said, "My Trans Am and my girlfriend."

Senior William Lindberg replied, "My speaker system, car parts, food, fireworks, computer parts, wood, and tools."

Matthew Chamberlain, senior, said, "Video games, fireworks, snacks, and clothes from Hot Topic."

Twelfth grader Matthew Sosbe said, "I spend it in car parts, food, cell phone bills, car insurance, car payments, concerts, golf, my girlfriend, rent money, and video games."

Freshman Zack Myers said, "I spend my money on junk food whenever I'm hungry."

Students of the high school seem to spend their money in some similar ways. I suppose it doesn't matter as long as you take care of the bills first, and then have some fun.

Academic Challenge takes second place at Mount Union



Congratulations to the Salem High School Varsity Academic Challenge team for placing second in the competition at Mount Union. They fell to Hoover High School in the final round. The Varsity team also participated in the WYTV Academic Challenge competition on television. The first round against Lowellville will be aired on April 18, 2009. Tune in to channel 33 at 7:30 pm to see how the Salem Quakers fared against the Lowellville Rockets.

Good luck to Academic Challenge as they travel to Steubenville on April 18 to compete in regionals.

Should spring break be boring?

By Olivia Maenz

Spring is here! That could only mean that spring break is right around the corner. Kids might be anxiously anticipating the moments until it gets here, but have you thought about what you might like to do? Kids and teens are thrilled for the moment of spring break to get here but never really think about what to do during that precious time off from school. The following are some ideas of what could be fun.

1. Go on a camping trip. Gather some of your friends up and just go. Just make sure you know where you are going. Pack clothes, food, and a first aid kit. I believe you'll be fine.
2. Go to the beach. Take some time; lay in the sun. Soak it up. Save money and hit the road. You could never go wrong there.
3. Have friends over. Have a party. I know we all have to remember the slip-n-slides. It's fun and safe.

These are just a few simple ideas, but use your imagination. You've been looking forward all year so let the fun begin.

High school students are sometimes lucky enough to get a great spring break vacation. Senior Jay Bates will be leaving us to go to Myrtle Beach for spring break. He will be leaving with a couple of friends. He will be driving a thirteen to fifteen hour trip just so he can begin the fun. I guess that's the penalty of having a fun summer.

Next year, for all of you who are not graduating, plan ahead. Write down some ideas. That also might mean you need to get a job. Save now, so you can have more fun next year.

Salem's spring break takes place during April (April 6-13) this year unlike many years when it fell in March. Hopefully, those Salem students who are spending spring break in Salem will have a spring break this year with sunshine and not snow.

Dual enrollment classes offered at Kent State Salem

By Amanda Croley

You may be interested or have heard about the Post Secondary Enrollment Option at Kent State, as well as the Senior to Sophomore program. These two programs are intended to give high school students the opportunity to gain college credit early and to have a college experience without the extreme workload while maintaining high school classes.

Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) requirements are that a student must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, demonstrate mastery of college preparatory core curriculum through 10th grade, have an ACT composite score of 23 (or a combined reading and math SAT score of 1070), and have a "B" in a high school class in the same subject area as the class the applying student wants to take at Kent State.

There are two options to choose from in taking PSEO classes. Option A requires the student to pay tuition and earn college credit only. Kent State University receives applications from home-schooled students who, if accepted, are required to enroll in Option A. Accepted students enrolled full-time in another institution's PSEO program are restricted to Option A enrollment at Kent State University. Option B lets high school students earn both high school and college credit without paying tuition. Under Option B, students will also receive required textbooks free of charge. However, if a student fails the class, he/she must pay the tuition of the class (roughly \$700). So, if you are not serious about working hard in a PSEO class at Kent State, these classes are not recommended as you must sign an agreement saying that you will pay the tuition of any failed class.



A little different is the Senior to Sophomore program. Students who participate in this program can earn up to a year of college credit, and the college courses are included in high school grade point averages. Credits earned in this program are guaranteed to transfer to any university/college in the university system of Ohio. Tuition and books are free, but like the PSEO classes, there are requirements for eligibility. If a student has passed three years of high school English with a C grade or higher, completed Algebra II with a grade of C or better, passed all parts of the Ohio Graduation Test, and is enrolled in a Columbiana County high school or the Technical Center, they are eligible to take the COMPASS test. COMPASS is Kent State's college placement test, and it is free to take by students who are applying. If the applicant scores "college ready" and is accepted to Kent State Salem, they can then begin registration.

The two programs vary from each other slightly. However, they are both worth the time and effort for students seeking to "get ahead of the game" or prepare themselves for college.

Quaker Clips

