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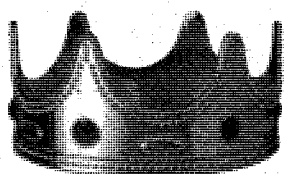
Salem Homecoming 2009

Mr. Bratten takes the helm

By Brooke Skiba



Eileen Hank is the daughter of Wally and Melissa Hank. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Spanish Club, Student Council, and Varsity Soccer (co-captain). Eileen's future plans include college. Her escort was Derek Erskine, son of Scott Erskine and Kara Alesi.



Homecoming queen Dana Ackerman



Dana Morgan Ackerman is the daughter of Darrin and Diana Ackerman. Her high school activities include National Honor Society (treasurer), Student Council (treasurer), Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Pep Club, Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Track. Dana plans to go to Kent State and major in education. Her escort was Dustin Matak son of David and Cynthia Matak.



Morgan Marie Mingus is the daughter of Scott and Shelby Mingus. Her high school activities include Spanish Club, Interact, T.A.C.T., and Varsity Volleyball. Morgan plans to attend Kent State University and major in hospitality management. Her escort was Daniel Gagnon, son of Ted and Eileen Gagnon.



Olivia Rae Mitchley is the daughter of Frank Mitchley and Ursula Mehno. Her high school activities include Class president, National Honor Society, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Starfish, and Varsity Volleyball. Olivia plans to attend Kent State and major in pre-pharmacy through NEOUCOM. Her escort was Nathan Gilbert, son of Ed and Laura Gilbert.



Amy Jo Scullion is the daughter of Tom and Lynn Scullion. Her high school activities include Starfish, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Pep Club (Officer), Varsity Volleyball, and Varsity Basketball. Amy plans to attend The Ohio State University to major in psychology. Her escort was Brian Murphy, son of Mike Murphy and Limora Liggitt.

Homecoming dance

By Aimee Jones

The homecoming dance was held on Saturday, September 26 from 8-11pm in the high school cafeteria. Everyone looked great, and there was an abundance of attendees. Mr. Robert Snow took pictures and Mr. Russ Hopple was the DJ. Even though the dance lacked in the area of decorations, they were not essential, and everyone had a great time!

The Salem schools welcome a new face, Mr. Bratten, as our superintendent this year. Unlike our last superintendent who was filling a temporary position, Mr. Bratten was selected for this job after a seven-month, statewide superintendent search.

Mr. Bratten is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned his bachelors degree in secondary education from Miami University and his masters from Xavier University. His previous career titles consist of English teacher, football coach, assistant principal, director of career-technical education, and principal.

Being new to the school system, Mr. Bratten intends to start by evaluating Salem as it is. He is very proud to work in an environment where the teachers and administrative staff are excellent and the students hold so much promise for our future. His evaluation time will allow him to "understand how change will best be implemented" while still valuing "people, traditions, and relationships." However, he has already made a few changes involving attendance improvement, intervention programs at all schools, and an options program to help every student graduate. He plans to call snow days as a joint effort with surrounding districts and the director of transportation in the winter. He will not take risks with safety but also will not call a snow day the night before since Ohio weather changes so often.

Mr. Bratten values relationships most in student learning. He feels that teachers developing relationships with students is the most important factor in student

achievement. "If it weren't, we would all teach students in a cubicle, and it wouldn't matter," he says. He also feels students need to be challenged while seeing relevance in what they're doing to get their cooperation.

Although he has received some prestigious awards including "Teacher of the Year" and the "Building of the Future Award" (given to just ten recipients across the nation), Mr. Bratten claims, "My greatest accomplishment is having two great sons and a wife I love to death. I couldn't be more proud of what I have or of what the Lord has put into my care." His son Andrew is fourteen and son Bo is three, and his wife Tierney is a teacher at Marlinton.



Mr. Bratten smiles for a photo

In high school, Mr. Bratten says he was "a good, not great student" and that he was involved in an honors program made up of about thirty students. He advises Salem students to embrace these years. He says, "Make sure to be involved in as much as possible, stop at those detours along the way so you can explore all you can, and make good decisions so that your final destination options aren't limited."

The Quaker begins a new year

As we begin a new year of *The Quaker*, readers will see that some of the same, favorite features appear. "Point, Counter Point," "War of the Words," Sports Senior Spotlight, "Student of the Month," and "Quaker Clips" return again.

However, be sure that you read some new columns which will become regular monthly reads. These include the following: "Ask Erskine," a column in which senior Derek Erskine addresses issues

which you, the readers, may submit; "Did You Know," an informative column written by junior Cheri Merryman, and "Quaker Crazy's," written by senior Lydia Shivers which will feature aspects of pep club, school spirit, or the Crazy's themselves.

We hope the readers will again like the old regulars and find enjoyable reading in the new monthly columns.

HAVE A GREAT YEAR.

Opinion

Point Counter Point

For vouchers

By Sarah Beagle

I have the opportunity this month to write for the point counter point article. This is an article where I can voice my opinion on any subject. This month Lexi Shivers and I have decided to focus our attention on vouchers.

If you haven't already heard, vouchers will not be permitted to anyone except the senior class. This came as a shock to the students during their class meetings earlier this year. Seniors, however, must meet a certain criteria to receive vouchers; it is not based on attendance this year. I recently surveyed twelve students asking them what they thought of the changes made, and the results

are the following: three of the students don't care about the rule change, two of the students agree that only seniors deserve them, and seven of the students are furious and feel like they are being punished.

When asked about the voucher change, senior James King said, "They were the only reason I came to school." Senior Hannah Hallelwell remarked, "I don't think anyone is going to come to school now, and we are going to have more problems with attendance." I definitely agree with both of those statements. I don't think they were thinking about that when they changed the rules.

Students are worried that by taking the mid-term and final their

grade is going to suffer. "I have to try harder and stay up later to study. I don't think smart people need vouchers; they already have good grades. By taking away the vouchers, I am afraid that my grades will suffer because I did badly on the final. It doesn't matter how hard I study, I am a bad test taker," said senior Alison Thompson.

In my opinion, if you come to school everyday and at least try, then you should be rewarded. It seems like the administration is only rewarding the smart students who have a four point grade average or higher. Like Alison Thompson said, some students are just bad test takers.

Against vouchers

By Lexi Shivers

For the October issue of *The Quaker*, I decided to take on the role of point, counter point, an opinion column that allows the writer to voice his or her opinion on any given topic. This month Sarah Beagle and I have decided to write about vouchers.

As we all know, vouchers were taken away from all students in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades. I personally agree with taking vouchers away for several reasons. The first reason is that by not taking mid-term and final exams, students are not being prepared for when they go on to take college exams or the ACT and SAT standardized tests. In an interview with Dr. Shivers, he stated that many Salem alumni, who are in college now, have said that by taking comprehensive semester exams, they were prepared for such exams in college.

In the past, students received vouchers for attendance. If they missed no school throughout the year, they received their maximum number of vouchers. Depending on how many days they

missed, a voucher would be taken away from them. This led to students coming to school ill, spreading germs, and contaminating the building just so they wouldn't have to take a final exam. In other words, it seemed to me that Salem High was encouraging students not to miss school even if they were ill. "Although the voucher program worked well when it was first put into place, it seemed to be losing its effectiveness at getting our attendance rate up," commented Dr. Shivers. The final decision to eliminate vouchers for freshman, sophomore, and juniors was made by Dr. Shivers, Superintendent Bratten, Mr. Kirkland, who created the program, and Mr. Brock, who helped oversee the voucher program.

As for the senior class of 2010, they can still receive vouchers under a new set of rules. I asked Dr. Shivers about the protocol for allowing seniors to have vouchers, and he stated, "All seniors may qualify for vouchers on second semester exams. The student must have an 'A' average to qualify for vouchers in a given class." Furthermore, to

answer many students' questions as to if there is going to be mid-term vouchers, Dr. Shivers stated, "Yes. Any senior who applies for admission to a two-year or four-year college or university will receive a voucher for one semester exam."

Dr. Shivers is not opposed to having vouchers. The Salem City School Board has approved a change in the grading procedures for all Salem High students. The new calculation follows: students grades are weighed forty-five percent for every nine weeks, and ten percent for the semester exams. The weights of the semester exams, although still important, have been cut in half to help students maintain good grades.

Dr. Shivers ended the interview by saying, "We will continue to explore all options for helping students get the best possible education at Salem High School!" Although I am all for taking mid-term and final exams, the most important factor is preparing students for their future ahead.

Ask Erskine

By Derek Erskine

Hey, I'm Derek Erskine, and I'm a senior at SHS. Many of you may have seen me walking through the halls. This is my first year taking Mass Media. When deciding what will be included in the October issue of *The Quaker* it was suggested that it should include a column called "Ask Erskine." The idea of this column is for someone to come up with a topic of discussion and for me to elaborate and give advice on it (Note to reader: This advice is obviously not that of a professional and should be taken lightly). It was suggested by a group that for the first issue I delve into the dilemma of "How to ask out a guy if you're a girl?"



Sometimes it can be hard to think of a way to ask out that special guy.

There was once a time in society where the man paid for a date and where the man of the house had the duty of providing the income for his family. But this is a time that, for the most part, has passed. Many people at present share the cost of dates and both the man of the house and the woman of the house have a job. So would that make it uncommon or profound for a girl to ask out a guy given the circumstances? I am a traditionalist, and I believe that the guy should be the one to take that step and "pop the question." But what if the guy you're interested in hasn't asked and doesn't seem like he's going to in the near future?

When I posed this problem to junior Aimee Jones she had this to say: "Don't be afraid to ask out the guy you like because who knows, it may be true love. The guy may just be afraid or intimidated to ask." This seems to be the case in many circumstances. Aimee Jones is not the only one to hold such an opinion. When I asked freshman Keaton O'Brian he replied, "I think they should ask 'cause some guys get nervous when asking." An example of two people of different sexes and a varying age who both hold a similar opinion. Senior Amy Scullion believes that the guy should be the one to ask out the girl but, "Sometimes it has to happen because the guy is too wimpy. Usually if they don't ask you out it's probably because they don't want to date you." So guys, buck up and don't

let this be another instance where the woman is taking on a role previously filled by man. But there is a circumstance on the horizon where the guys will be able to sit back, relax, and be care free.

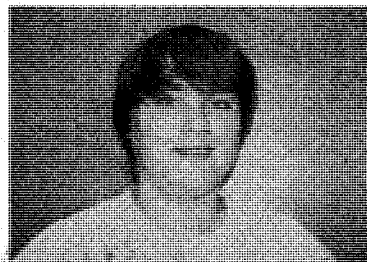
Only a little over a month away, Sadie Hawkins will loom on the minds of most girls at SHS. For some it will be no more of a problem than deciding what they're going to wear to school, but for others it will be days of careful thought, taking into consideration all the possible outcomes that could come of them asking. I advise you to simply ask. Most guys will feel relieved that they were asked and don't have to worry about finding a date or "going stag." And realize that the worst that could come of it is for a guy to simply say no (and this is a circumstance that does not occur very often).

Remember, ladies, that the best way to ask is in person. It's better to not ask by text message or a phone call. You'll never know until you ask, so just get out there and do it. I'm unsure of what the topic for the next issue of *The Quaker* will be, so if you have a question to "Ask Erskine" (a reasonable one) you can drop it off in Mrs. Dye's room or you can just give it to me. I hope this was helpful, and when Sadie comes around you won't be afraid to step out of the comfort zone and get your feet wet. It can be rather refreshing after all.

What is your favorite Halloween memory?



October War of Words by Mike King



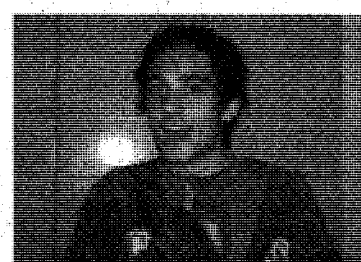
Thomas Trieff - Freshman

"When I got scared by a guy with a chainsaw and peed my pants."



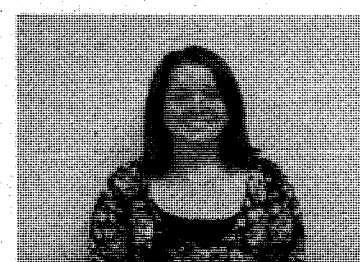
Sophomore- Dylan Davidson

"When I toilet papered someone's house."



Junior- Derek Shasteen

"When I ate every candy bar in Salem."



Senior - Lindsay Winn

"When Alli and I went on an epic trick-or-treat journey and stole all the candy from the little kids."

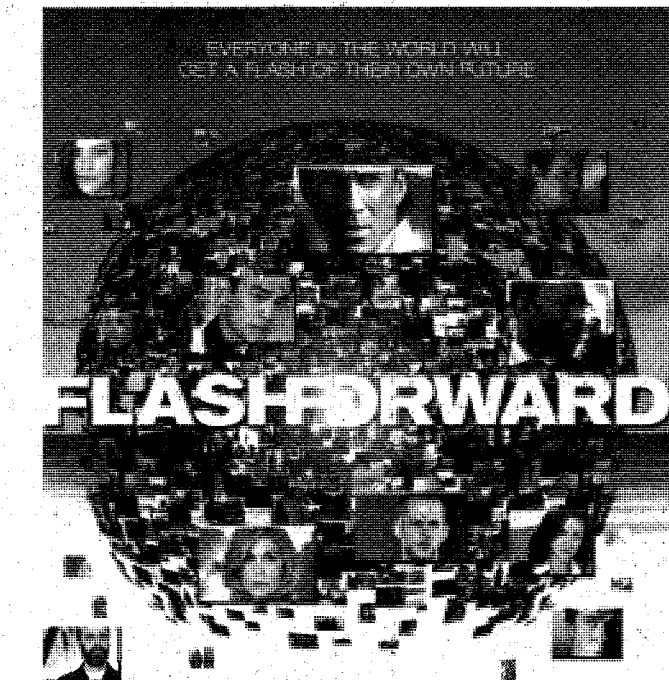
DVR worthy or not...you decide

By Tyler Hlavcak

Fall TV is back in session, and the tube returns from its summer break with a new selection of new shows. But which ones will pass the test and become hits, and which ones will fall down and out after a few episodes? Stay tuned to find out.

Flash-Forward, a science fiction show, knocked *Survivor* off the top spot in the ratings after one viewing on September 24, 2009. This show connects with viewers amidst the chaos of reality and game show crap with an impact of drama and mystery-induced bravado. With refreshingly well acting performances from Joseph Fiennes and Courtney B. Vance, they take viewers into their own world which captivates their masses of audiences. David S. Goyer of *Batman Begins* and *The Dark Knight* lends his pen to ensure that the series is both epic and enticing; it's because of this that I'm hooked. The female leads are not bad either but could use a bit of polish that's bound to improve in future episodes. But on top of all this is the show's concept which is really cool and has me anxious to see the next episode. Some may complain about the slow build up, but it lets the audience become acquainted with the characters and their experiences during a worldwide cataclysmic event. Also, the plot moves at a steady pace without leaving too much out of the main story. It's a little rough around the edges, but I say here's to ABC for delivering an intriguing and exciting piece of TV that has yet to reveal itself in a grand and spectacular fashion. In my opinion this show is worth every MB on your DVR hard drive.

The Cleveland Show is a spin-off of Seth McFarlane's animated series created by *Family Guy* contributors Seth McFarlane, Mike Henry, and Richard Appel. It premiered September 27, 2009, at 8:30 on Fox as part of their Animation Domination lineup (which should be retitled Seth McFarlane's Animation Domination, as his *American Dad* also airs along with *Family Guy* on that night). *The Cleveland Show* is



a true spin-off, and the show is very aware of that fact. You might recall that Cleveland Brown (voiced by Henry) even made a reference to getting a spin-off show last year on *Family Guy*, and the pilot makes quick work of moving Cleveland from the *Family Guy* universe of Quahog, Rhode Island, to Stool Bend, Virginia. *The Cleveland Show* plot is uneven, kind of like an okay episode of *The Family Guy*. It has some laughs but no real gust-busters. Maybe Tim and Lester and Donna and her kids will become memorable characters. While not nearly as good as *Flash-Forward*, this show is worthy of a record, watch, and delete.

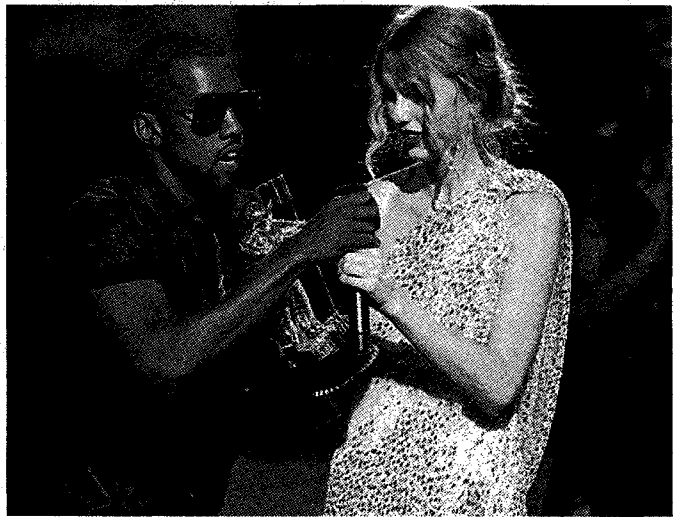
The Hollywood writers' strike has been over for more than a year now, but *Trauma* seems to be written by a "forty-year-old virgin" still living in his mother's basement. There are Midair chopper collisions, massive freeway pile-ups, gas-tanker explosions, midair tracheotomies (the opening of the airway by inserting a tube through a cut made in the neck), and fast but long, drawn out car chases

through the San Francisco hills. There appears to be no discernible plot. It is going to be one long season of bang-boom-bang, punctuated by bursts of incomprehensible medical language and the occasional scene of ambulance-sex being interrupted by an emergency call. There are several actual actors in the show, including Cliff Curtis (*Push*), Anastasia Griffith (*Damages*) and Aimee Garcia (*Postcards From Tucson*), but I didn't recognize any of them through the smoke and flying debris. Perhaps this is just as well; otherwise, their careers would all be over. This show which is the epitome of drama needs not even be mentioned on your DVR timer.

These are just a few of the shows available to viewers this fall season. Given a wide variety there is sure to be something out there for all of you. I based and voted on whether or not these shows should take up even a little space on your DVR. Whether you take my advice or not, some show will catch your attention like *Flash-Forward* caught mine.

Kanye West strikes again

By Ali Thompson



Kanye West tries to take over at the VMA'S

Believe it or not, the outburst by Kanye West during Taylor Swift's acceptance speech is still being talked about. If you have been living under a rock and never knew what happened, let me tell enlighten you. Swift won Best Female Video, and Kanye rudely interrupted her acceptance speech. Some of us might not care, but others who look up to them do. Because of what he did that night, a lot of famous people have commented on his action. This isn't the first time that Kanye has made a big scene. Back in 2007, he was all torn up when he wasn't allowed to perform on the main stage at the VMA's.

I asked some people about what they thought regarding Kanye's barging in on Swift, and this is what they had to say. Sarah Beagle—"I really don't care; it doesn't affect me." Abbey Minamyer—"It was rude; he needs to keep his mouth shut." Brittiany Birchak—"It was pretty dumb, and she deserved her moment."

Musicians and actors are not the only people to be making a big scene. Just recently Serena Wil-

liams was fined \$10,000 for cursing and arguing with the referee at the U.S. Tennis Open. David Beckham was also fined 1,000 for arguing with the LA Galaxy fan clubs. David called out for anyone to challenge him on the field during the game, but security was holding him back in case he decided to go into the crowd.

Many of us would first ask, "Do they know that younger kids are looking up to them as role models?" In the past many stars had said that they didn't want this job of being an actor/singer/athlete, but I'm sure they don't mind making the millions of dollars!



The Man Who Came To Dinner appearing on SHS stage this fall

By Jessica Brennan

The Man Who Came to Dinner is a comedy written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. It's about a critic, Sheridan Whiteside, who is invited to the Ohio home of Ernest W. Stanley for dinner. Sheridan slips on a patch of ice outside the home and injures his leg. The Stanleys, scared by Whiteside's threats of prosecution, offer their home as a place for Mr. Whiteside to stay until he is well again.

The popular comedy made its Broadway debut on October 16, 1939, at the Music Box Theatre. It was later made into a madcap motion picture. Rights to the play are owned by the Dramatists Play Ser-

vice in New York. The comedy is the play selected by the S.H.S. Drama Department.

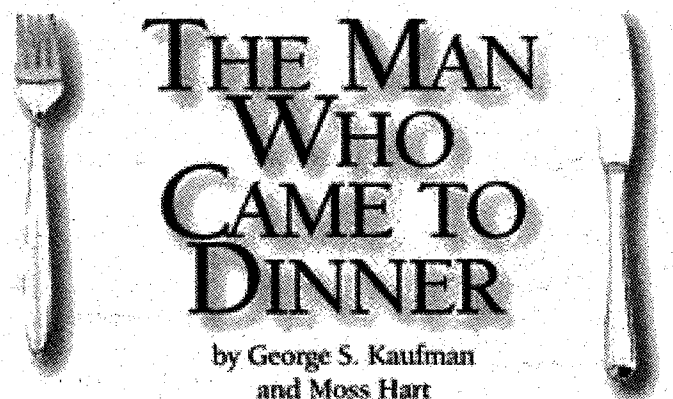
One of the great comic roles for a male actor is that of Sheridan Whiteside. He is a popular radio personality and guest lecturer. He is also loud, bossy, aggressive, and annoying--the very last person you would want to "come to dinner" let alone take up residence in your home.

Along with Whiteside comes a remarkable group of outlandish guests, surprise gifts, and many sight gags and laughs.

The lead part of Mr. Sheridan Whiteside is played by Cody Holland. Rebecca Enlow acts

the part of Miss Maggie Cutler, while Mr. Bert Jefferson is played by Kyle Madison. Mr. Ernest W. Stanley is played by Dan Gagnon with his wife played by Kathryn Zeppernick. Some of the other leads are Victoria Rudibaugh as Lorraine Sheldon, Michael Lopez as Banjo, Kate Tressler as Miss Preen, and Zach Klass and Meghan Spanbauer as Richard and June Stanley.

The play, directed by Mr. Robert Viencek, will show on Friday, November 20 at 8:00 pm and Saturday, November 21 at 8:00 pm in the Salem High School auditorium. The senior citizen dinner and play will take place at 6:30 pm on Saturday.



Feature

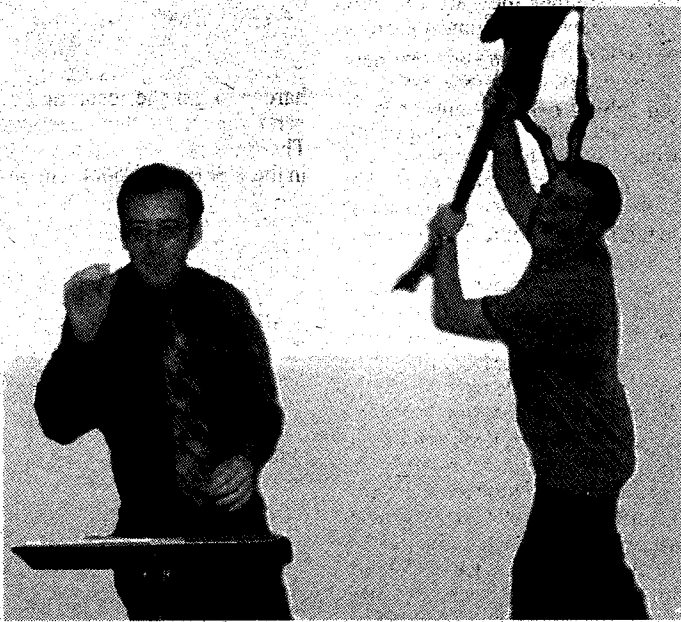
October Student of the Month Nick Reed

By Matt Oliphant

When you think of the title "Student of the Month" many things come to mind. You think of the blood, sweat, and tears that are spent to achieve such a high status. You think of the amounts of brutal training it must take to be capable of guzzling down an eight ounce can of pure Mountain Dew in nine seconds flat. But fear not, my fellow readers, because the SOM council has found the perfect candidate for this month – the one and only, junior Nick Reed.

As I attempted to interview Nick between sixth and seventh period, I learned a lot of interesting things about this stud muffin. On the weekends he enjoys sleeping in like every other student at Salem High. However, Nick also replied, "I also enjoy sky diving with my grandmother." How insanely awe-inspiring is that! Nick has also stumbled over the ability to make animal noises. He claims that he can make some pretty mean bird calls such as pigeons and pterodactyls.

Nick Reed is intensely involved with the SHS band. I mean he is one of the drum majors in the marching band, plays the trumpet and bass guitar, is involved with the jazz band, and can head bang with the best of them. Of course, Nick's hobbies are band and music, and his favorite band is Newsboys. I found out that this musically inclined dude's favorite movie is *Mr. Smith*



Nick makes a smashing entrance to band class.

Goes to Washington. I never saw the movie, so I asked Nick what the film was about. His answer was as follows. "Well... it's hard to explain, but Mr. Smith goes to Washington."

Surprisingly enough this god-like brother from another mother is single. He also secretly thinks that he has OCD (obsessive

compulsive disorder). His future plans surprisingly are not to be a campground timeshare tour guide or a promotional rep for Altoids mints, but to go into the ministry. Congratulations to Nick Reed for being October's student of the month.

Happy haunting

By Shauna Uptegraph

October 31. It sneaks up, lurking toward the end of some months with a sinister smile. Some people disregard it, leaving it to all the "little boys and ghouls." For others, Halloween is one of the most splendid times of year, and making the trick-or-treat decisions can be a tough one. Maybe you decorate neighbors' houses with toiletries, or maybe you prefer munching candy. Maybe you don't celebrate Halloween at all due to your religious or moral beliefs. For those that partake in the celebration, Halloween can be a jumble of frights and friends, laughter and scream — who knows, maybe even romance and terror! More than the debate of whether or not to celebrate Halloween is the debacle of what part is best. Is it the candy, the costumes, the decoration, or is it the idea, the tradition that goes along with the scares?

For many, it is the candy. The idea of gobbling up free goodies is enough to send any child out into the crisp Autumn air with a head full of dreams and a warning: don't talk to strangers. Even more importantly, it's a select type of candy. Senior Julie Ridgley looks for Reese's Peanut Butter Cups in her goodie bag. Lollipops, chocolate, chewy candy, sour candy, sweet candy, hard candy — Halloween is known for it all. When else can you find a pumpkin made out of marshmallow and covered in chocolate? Oh yes, trick-or-treaters are in it for the candy. But how old is too old to join the hunt for sugar and frights?

Many people believe that Halloween tradition should, for the most part, be left to the kiddies. But a few say that wandering around under the eerie haze of Hallow's Eve shouldn't come with an age limit but instead should speak to that inner child. Perhaps it should be a personal decision, one that you come to as an achievement in life, not as a spooky crush of your hopes and dreams. Whether or not you take that advice, reader, it is up to you.

Even those that have hung their masks and capes for good can remember a time when their costumes absolutely dominated the rest, whether they inspired frights and chills or imitated a childhood memory. Maybe they were just a funny costume you came up with that turned out AHH!-mazingly. Around the school, everyone has a

memorable costume. Tyler Brooks, a freshman new to SHS this year, was a "zombie skater." He says it was his favorite costume idea. It's safe to assume that many of the spoil sports that complain of being "all grown up" may still don their face paint or wig to get in the spirits of Fright Night. Many people admit still dressing to the spooky nines for Halloween, which can be for several haunt inspiring occasions such as parties or dances or perhaps even...

Tricks. Maybe you've been on the short end of this Halloween tradition, or maybe you've been tricking the treaters since you were old enough to wrap your very best two-ply around your neighbor's trees. Everyone knows that as good as it is to receive candies, sometimes the tricking can be much sweeter. According to one SHS junior, Derek Shasteen, the best trick you could pull on another would be to "Trick them into boxing Mike King." Not such a great surprise if you're on the receiving end. Be careful, though, because next October it could be you with the candy bowl and then watch out! There are sure to be trick-or-treaters with a favoring disposition for mischief.

It seems that All Saint's Day creates much creativity in some and strikes fear in others. Some of the best known, fear-inspiring movies are set during Halloween including one series aptly named after the holiday which was recently reinterpreted by musician and filmmaker, Rob Zombie. Movies and costumes seem to have acquired a wonderful friendship with Halloween, the backdrop for screenplays and the movies they are made from offering costume ideas worldwide. A favorite for freshman Danielle Ryan is the aforementioned thriller, *Halloween*.

Maybe the reason all of these arguments, best trick; best treat; age limitations versus freedom; and of course, the movies are such epic questions because they have no answer. Maybe, just like the Holiday itself, the questions about it will continue on and be recreated to the times as often as it can be, offering children free candy, adults an excuse to dress up, and the little kid in all of us to run rampant; just for a day. Happy Halloween, readers.

Dustin Huffman Scholarship

By Laura Brown

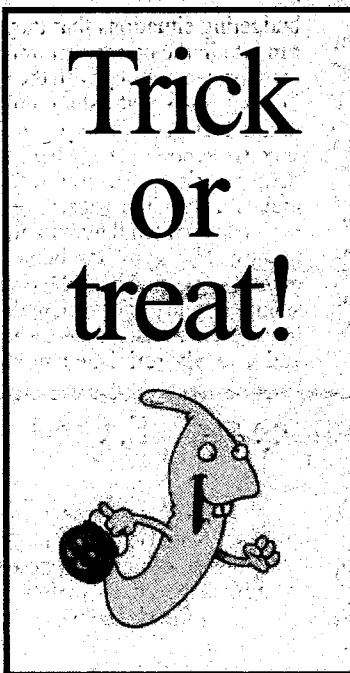
On June 30, 2009, Dustin Huffman's life was taken in a tragic accident that happened at Beaver Creek. In order to turn a negative into a positive, Michelle and Dave Huffman (Dustin's parents) have started a memorial scholarship under Dustin's name. It will award a senior a monetary gift of \$1,000 annually. The scholarship will be given to someone who shows some characteristics that Dustin showed throughout his seventeen years of life. They have made the scholarship into one that can go out to whomever. It doesn't require you to have to play a sport. The money can be used for vocational school, trade school, community school, or college.

The requirements include a completed application, a face to

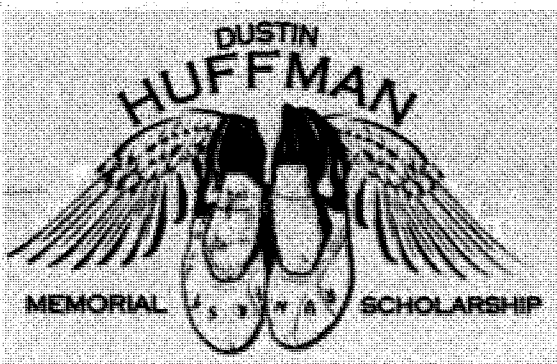
face interview with Dustin's parents, and a one page essay on life. Letters of reference are also required from an employer or volunteer organization, a school official (teacher, coach, principal, etc.), and someone for whom you did a random act of kindness. The completed applications and letters of recommendation are to be turned into the office by April 1, 2010. You can get the applications now in the guidance counselors' office. For questions or more information visit the website, www.Dustinhuffmanmemorialscholarship.org.

Dustin lived his life to the fullest. He always helped anyone who was in need. It didn't matter if he knew you or not. He would always help. This tragedy has affected us all in some kind of way, whether it's not taking anything for granted

or taking more chances in life or just treating people better. All of these lessons learned we have learned from Dustin. Like senior Dana Ackerman said in a letter dated July 4, 2009, "The world needs more D u s t i n Huffmans."



New Little Quakers By Monica Metts



Joseph Christopher Alejars
Born: March 6, 2009
Weight: 8 lb. 4.1 oz.
Length: 21.25 inches



Maxwell Paul Zacharias
Born: April 21, 2009
Weight: 7 lb. 8 oz.
Length: 21.5 inches



Baylee Rose Bosheff
Born: June 22, 2009
Weight: 6 lb. 6 oz.



Jackson Jeffrey Andres
Born: September 17, 2009
Weight: 7 lb. 11 oz.
Length: 20.5 inches

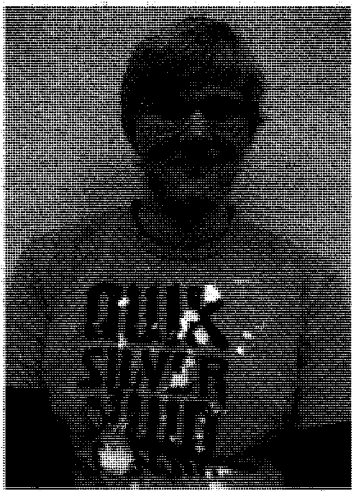
Feature

Foreign Exchange Student: Francois Moucourant By Allison Dolphin

You may have seen a blonde guy with glasses who is over six feet tall in the hallways lately. But do you know who he is? His name is Francois Moucourant, and he is our foreign exchange student from Fleurus, Belgium. Francois is a Rotary foreign exchange student. A friend of his father got him involved with the program. Francois had to pick three countries that he was interested in going to and he picked the United States, Australia, and Canada.

School in Fleurus is very different but similar to school here. Francois says that school here is easier. They still go to school Monday through Friday, but on Wednesdays they only go in the morning. School begins around 8am, and the dismissal time varies from 2:00, 2:15, 3:00, to 4:00 pm. Summer vacation is around the same time as ours, but students there go back in mid-September. Francois graduated from his school in Belgium, and when he goes back he plans to go to a university.

Through interviewing "Frank," as he likes to be called here in America, so many interesting facts were discovered. He just recently turned eighteen on October 11. He has one brother, Antoine, who is fifteen. Back in Belgium he lives with his mother, father, and brother, and here he is currently staying with the Green family. Francois speaks four languages: French, Dutch, German, and English. In the northern part of Belgium the primary language is Dutch, in the southern part of Belgium the primary language is French, and in Brussels, the capital, both French and Dutch are spoken. There is a six hour time zone difference between here and Belgium. The drinking age is sixteen, and the driving age is eighteen. Francois says the climates are similar, but here we get



Francois Moucourant

more snow.

When asked if he ever gets homesick he replied, "No," although he does miss his friends and beer. His favorite food here so far is pizza. Back at home he eats a lot of healthy food, and his mother is a good cook. Francois enjoys listening to rock music, and his favorite band is My New Terminal. He is a member of the band and plays the drums. Francois also plays basketball. In Belgium they don't have school teams; they have club teams. And did you know he can touch his nose with his tongue?

Being an exchange student isn't always easy, and it's not for everyone. Honestly, have you ever imagined going away to another country for a whole year? That country may have some similarities but will also be so different from your home. So, now that you know a little more about Francois, talk to him sometime and get to know him better. We're glad to have you, Francois!

Salem finance and renovation By Nathan Gilbert

Many people have noticed the new improvements to the high school whether they are the new gym, the new auditorium, or the new computers. There are several new improvements which occurred at the high school over the summers of 2008 and 2009. These important projects at the high school do not come free or necessarily by way of grants. The renovations you see at the high school come from two major sources.

These renovations come at a high expense to the school. The money comes from several different sources according to Mrs. Jill Rowe, the treasurer for Salem City Schools. The sources of these funds are the real estate taxes and state funding. Both sources generate roughly the same amount of money each year. Salem receives \$700,000.00 annually from monies obtained through a permanent improvement levy of \$2 million dollars. A levy is a fixed dollar rate a citizen of Salem pays included in their real estate taxes. The money acquired from the levy can only be spent on facilities, textbooks, computers, and busses. The items have to last at least five years, and the money cannot be spent on anything other than the improvements of the building.

In December every year, the Superintendent, maintenance supervisor, and Mrs. Rowe meet to gather information and evaluate budgeting situations that they may run into in the permanent improvement projects, along with the building principals that list a number of things that need done for their respective schools. The School Board then prioritizes the requests and makes a decision regarding what projects to which they will allocate money. The gym has been completely revamped over the past two summers with projects including the boys' locker room; new bleachers, and a newly refinished floor (the

girls' locker room is under consideration for the summer of 2010). The bleachers were replaced for several reasons, the main one being an insurance issue. Mrs. Rowe stated, "It was getting harder and harder to get the insurance company to approve them each year." The gym also needed some work in the way of the floors. The floors had water damage and also needed repainting due to the conference change from MAC/TAC to AAC. The total cost for the gym was \$277,000.00 over two summers making an annual cost of \$136,000.00 a year for the gym renovations.

Monies in the amount of \$350,000.00 are also spent on materials and supplies. The second large project of the year was the much needed renovation of the auditorium. It received an all new sound system, new seats, and painted walls. The total cost of the auditorium improvements was \$240,000.00 and was paid for with the permanent improvement funds which also helped pay for the technological improvements here at S.H.S.

Each year the school budgets \$100,000.00 for technology upgrades. The most noticeable are the new desktop computers that are located throughout the school in places like the library and computer lab. One of the new advancements that Salem students have available to them is the use of laptops, although we have had a set for classroom over the years we recently purchased a laptop cart for the science, math, and social studies wings also.

The school system does a lot of work to maintain the facilities and materials we use everyday. Many people work hard on a day to day basis on our financial situation and planning such as Mrs. Rowe, Salem City School's Treasurer.

Cover up

By Cheri Merryman

As you walk through the halls today, take notice of the short shorts and low cut tops. Or maybe you could just stand in front of a full length mirror and see it. Really, that's not very becoming. Oh, and guys, pull your pants up, we don't care to see your plaid underwear. What, do you think they're that special that you've got to show them off? Well, newsflash, everybody wears them — or at least I hope. You too, girls, nobody wants to see your g-strings or "the division of your buttocks" (to be politically correct)! And if you are going to insist on wearing mini skirts, don't complain that you're freezing when everybody else is burning up. If you're that darn cold, put some clothes on.

Also, some of those shirts, seriously? Are girls so low on self esteem that they have to show their bods off to feel good about themselves? Or maybe they're just that stuck on themselves and think everybody is interested in staring at their chests. But guess what, we're really not. "Low cut shirts are pretty nasty, and people should just cover up, and also, nobody wants to see the butt cheeks." This is a quote from a senior girl.

But how can we expect the student body to follow the rules as stated in the student agendas page fourteen, letters G and J, when it appears that the school itself does not strictly enforce them. The aforementioned rules are as follows: "No display of undergarments," and "Shorts and mini/micro skirts should be no more than five inches above the knee." There are rules for a reason. Shouldn't all students be made to abide by them?

This is what others said: "I think that really short skirts should be left at home."

-Lizz Drummond

"It's hard to find shorts that aren't short."

-Breanna McCreary

October "Did You Know" featuring Mr. F.E. Cope

Did you know that every morning you pull into the school parking lot that you're driving on F.E. Cope Drive? Do you know who F.E. Cope was? Most students do not. Well, he was actually quite an interesting man. From the way his daughter Susie Guehl spoke of him, it isn't hard to see just how admired he was.

Born Fred E. Cope right here in Salem, he also graduated from this very school in 1925. After high school graduation he attended Mt. Union and earned his bachelor's degree in 1929. While there he was in track and set a two mile record that was to be unbroken for twenty-six years. He went on to receive his masters from The Ohio State University. Cope began teaching in 1930. He taught English and physical education while also serving as track coach and athletic director at Salem. His teaching career lasted forty-five years. In addition, he managed the district track meet for fifty-

eight years.

In 1932 Cope was an alternate in the Olympics, and in the 1936 Olympics he was a trainer in Berlin. During his stay he roomed with Jesse Owens. Cope and Owens became good friends and corresponded over the years via letter writing. In one letter from Cope to Owens, Cope invited Owens to run at Reilly Stadium. "I will leave on Saturday afternoon and will arrive before night." This was the answer Owens sent back in one of his letters.

In 1967 Cope was still living to see the honor of having the entrances to Salem High School named after him. He and his wife Doris had had three children: Mickey, Nancy, and Susie. When Cope wasn't coaching or teaching he enjoyed golfing, so much, in fact, that he golfed well into his eighties. He retired from teaching in 1975.

F. E. Cope passed away October 1, 1997.

*A note to readers:

Jesse Owens' letter to F.E. Cope appears at the right. Because it is difficult to read, a transcription is provided below.

Dear Mr Cope,

I hope you will forgive me for waiting so long in answering your letter of some weeks ago. Our finals were coming up and I have to work everyday after school and I just put it off to long.

It isn't a question of money, honestly I am very much honored to have you ask me to run at your relays. I will be in the best shape possible and will try to give the people a fine exhibition of running and jumping.

I will leave here on Saturday afternoon and will arrive before night.

Sincerely,
Jesse Owens

By Cheri Merryman

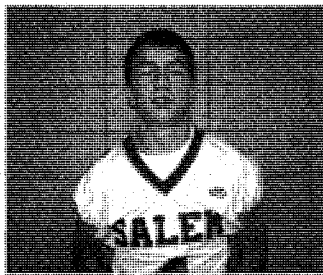
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Sports

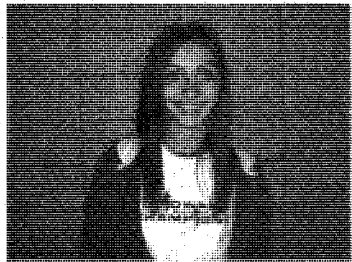
Senior Spotlight

By Danielle Kruegel and Abi Pasco



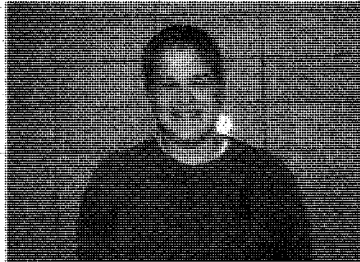
Dillon Rhodes - Football

What is your favorite memory of this sport?
Beating West Branch and United this year
What is your favorite warm-up song?
"Kickstart My Heart"- Montley Crue
What position do you play?
Wide receiver and defensive back
What are your goals for this season?
To make the playoffs



Bethany Huston - Cross Country

What is your favorite memory?
Winning state my freshman year.
How did you become interested in this sport?
Coach Hippley
What is your goal for this season?
Have an excellent race at regionals and go from there
Do you play any other sports?
Track



Zach Gregory - Golf

What is your favorite memory of this sport?
Backyard football with the golf team
What is your favorite warm-up song?
"Everywhere I Go" by Hollywood Undead
How long have you been playing this sport?
Ten years
What are your goals for this season?
To make it past sectionals



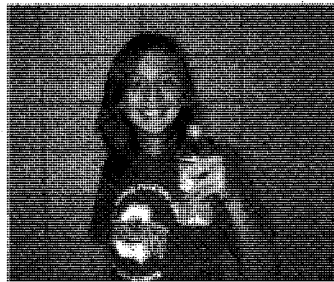
Mariah Rast - Cheerleading

What is your favorite memory?
Singing with the football team on the bus
What is your favorite warm-up song?
"Ice Cream Paint Job"
What is your goal for this season?
To have fun!
Is this your favorite sport?
Yes.



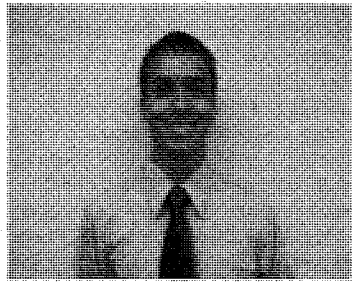
Ryan Winkler - Cross Country

What is your favorite memory?
Running 90% naked on long runs
What is your goal for this season?
To run 17:30 or better
How did you become interested in the sport?
I wanted to be well conditioned for wrestling, so I joined cross country.
Who is your team's biggest rival?
Chagrin Falls



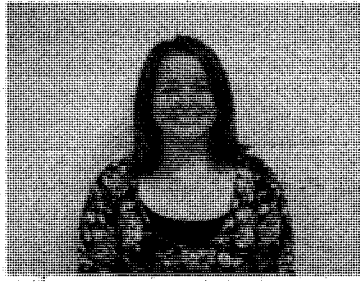
Hallie Hank - Soccer

What is your favorite memory?
Beating Canfield last year and making it to District Finals
Who is your team's biggest rival?
Everyone!
What position do you play?
Center Mid
What is your goal for this season?
To win the White Tier and do well in tournaments



Tyler Cosma - Soccer

What is your favorite memory?
Scoring the only goal on Canfield sophomore year and Saran wrapping Keaton to a pole.
How did you become interested in this sport?
The usual, parents.
What are your goals for this season?
That the team plays to the best of its ability.
Is this your favorite sport?
Soccer and track are equally loved.



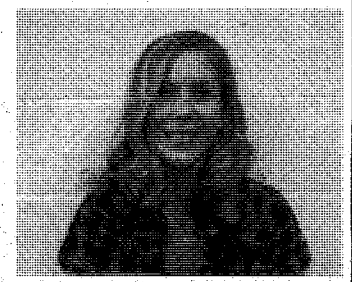
Lindsay Winn - Golf

What is your favorite warm up song?
Kelly Clarkson-
"Why you wannabringmedown"
How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years
Who is your favorite athlete?
Lorena Ochoa and Kaitlyn Stelts
What other sports do you play?
Competitive kickball



Randall Baker - Football

Who is your team's biggest rival?
West Branch
What is your favorite warm up song?
"In the Air Tonight" by Phil Collins
How long have you been playing this sport?
Eight years
What other sports do you play?
Track



Lydia Shivers - Volleyball

Who is your team's biggest rival?
Hubbard
What is your favorite song to warm up to?
"Party in the U.S.A." By Miley Cyrus
What are your goals for this season?
Win the regional finals
Who is your favorite athlete?
Amy Scullion

Cleveland Cavalier update

By James King

After being beat in a seven-game series four games to two in the 2009 NBA Eastern Conference Finals to the Orlando Magic, the Cavaliers felt their early exit from the playoffs was unacceptable, seeing how they were the favorites at the beginning of the season to go to the finals from the East.

With that, only twenty-six days after the final loss to the Magic, the Cavaliers made their biggest move of the off season. They traded Ben Wallace, Sasha Pavlovic, the 46th pick in the 2010 NBA Draft, and \$500,000 in cash to the Phoenix Suns. In return the Cavaliers received the 7 foot 1 inch, 325 pound, 4 times NBA Champion, the Diesel, the Big Aristotle, the Big Daddy — Shaquille O'Neal.

The Cavaliers picked up Shaq for the great down-low force that he brings to the table and mainly to stop the powerhouse Dwight Howard of the Magic. Last season with the Suns, Shaq averaged 17.8 points per game along

with 8.4 rebounds per game. He outscored every player but LeBron James (28.4) and Mo Williams (17.8) and out rebounded the entire Cavalier team.

With Shaq the Cavaliers picked up four new players which they believe can better their team. They signed free agent Jamarion Moon who last year played for the Toronto Raptors and Miami Heat and averaged 7.2 points per game, 1.2 assists per game, and 4.6 rebounds per game. They also signed free agents Leon Powe and Anthony Parker. Powe, who played for the Boston Celtics last year, averaged 7.7 points per game, 3.4 assists per game, and 4.0 rebounds per game. Parker played with the Toronto Raptors and averaged 10.7 points per game, 3.4 assists per game, and 4.0 rebounds per game.

They drafted, with their 46th pick in the 2009 NBA draft, Danny Green from North Carolina who averaged 13.1 points per game, 2.7 assists per game, and 4.7 rebounds per game in his senior year with the Tar Heels.

With all the moves that the Cavaliers made in the off-season, it seems that they have bettered themselves overall as a team. My prediction for the Cavaliers upcoming season is that they will continue to be the powerhouse in the East, but there will be no early exit this year, they will hoist the NBA Championship trophy at the end of the year.

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The varsity girls played Hubbard on October 3, 2009, and

Volleyball ranks high

By Laura Brown

The Salem volleyball team is off to another great season. The team began the year being ranked third in the state for division two. After eleven straight wins the Quakers fell to a team called Tuscarawas Valley. Valley is ranked first in division three. The loss was a great learning experience for the girls. After the loss the team was actually moved up to second place in division two. The team still remains undefeated in the conference.

This year the team consists of seven seniors. They are

Dana Ackerman, Danielle Kruegel, Olivia Mitchely, Shay Pittman, Taylor Sauerwein, Amy Scullion, and Lydia Shivers. Captain Amy Scullion says, "We're getting better every game. We are all really close, almost like the sisterhood of the traveling spandex."

The team has some tough matches in the near future. The girls would like to see a bigger crowd at these matches. Make sure you come out and watch the second-ranked team in the state of Ohio dominate as they take on their opponents.

Salem girls' soccer team helps Shoot for the Cure

By Aimee Jones

Salem girls' soccer team recently joined the fight against breast cancer. They participated in Shoot for the Cure, an organization through which teams raise money to help find a cure for breast cancer.

The girls' team is doing great this season, and we wish them the best of luck throughout their tournaments!

Quaker Board

The Quaker Crazies

By Lydia Shivers



Mrs. Wolfgang poses before the showcase featuring fall sports.

The Quaker will be featuring an article every month all about Pep Club and the Quaker Crazies. This month we are featuring the new Pep Club advisor, Mrs. Wolfgang.

The pride people gain from Salem Middle School and High School stays with them all their lives. Mrs. Wolfgang knows all about Quaker Pride, being a former Salem student and basketball coach. This is exactly why she decided to become Pep Club advisor. When Mrs. Wolfgang was in high school she belonged to a group called the Pepettes which is comparable to our Quaker Crazies. They had pep rallies every week to encourage school spirit. The Pepettes stood at the fifty yard line for football games, and finding a seat at that Friday night game was impossible. Traditions in Salem die hard leaving us with the pride of generations. Mrs. Wolfgang's main goal for pep club is to revive Salem pride and to eventually build it back up to what it used to be. So far this goal has been a success!

To start off the successful year, pep club had an outdoor pep rally before the first football game. That Friday was also the start of red and black Fridays that will continue all year long. Before the Quaker

ers beat the Warriors 28-26, Pep Club hosted a skull session where Dr. Joseph Rottenborn spoke about his past experiences with the Salem football team. Pep Club was also in charge of the community pep rally for homecoming which was held on September 24 at Reilly Stadium. All fall athletes were announced as well as the 2009 homecoming court. A bonfire followed shortly after. Pep Club is already planning events for the rest of the year to keep the spirit going.

Coming up this year are more community pep rallies during

the winter and spring athletic seasons. Mrs. Wolfgang also hopes to have a theme week for volleyball, girls' soccer, and guys' soccer. She wants the high school students to continue to encourage the middle school students and keep them involved. Mrs. Wolfgang believes school spirit affects all aspects of our lives: academics, athletes, school life, and our community. So check out the Pep Club page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pepclub and join!

The girl with the crazy hair

By Rachel Fritzman

"Who is that girl, and why does she have such weird hair?" you may have asked yourself at one of the last girls' soccer games. She's fast, intense, and unpredictable. That girl is none other than Abi Pasco, and she's ready to play. Don't be fooled by her looks because she is just like her hair... CRAZY!

Abi is a junior at Salem and has been playing soccer for eleven years. However, her crazy hair is new to the sport, and it gets quite a few snickers from the other teams. When asked if this intimidates her, Abi simply said, "I enjoy when I get the comments and giggles from the other team. They underestimate me, and then I show them what's up!" Fellow teammate Aimee Jones agreed saying, "When we play other teams, she distracts them with her crazy hair, and it's an advantage to us." Not only does her hair help the team, but it also inspires people to be who they are and not care what people think.

I asked Abi how she comes up with all these crazy styles and she told me, "Before a game, Peyton Meals and I sit down and think of some braids and just throw them on my head." Although this isn't that difficult of a technique, it is pure genius. I wanted to help Abi think of some new "do's" for future games. They are as follows: 1. Comb over. 2. Mohawk. 3. Possibly cut her hair into a mullet. 4. Afro. 5. Ear muffs (AKA Princess Leia).

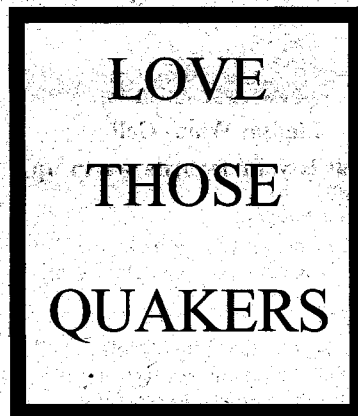
All of the hair styles that

she created or will create in the future could skyrocket her into fame, not just at Salem High School or the other schools around here but around the world. So many career options could open for her due to her hair. She could become a famous model in the costume or Under Armour industry. Her hair could be featured in a shampoo commercial or possibly in a calendar. Abi could be in a plethora of movies all the way from a villain in a super hero movie to a Greek god in Hercules. The options are limitless.

As you can see, Abi's hair will one day be even more famous than it is today. Don't be too star struck when you see her walking in the hallways, and don't hesitate to ask for her autograph. It will be worth a lot of money someday. If you want to check out her hair in person and support your team, make sure you go to one of the tournament games before the season is over.



Abi displays an interesting braid which she wore for a recent soccer game.



Athletes honor teachers

Teacher of the week: football

By Mike King

Before every home game, the football team votes for the teacher of the week. The teacher of the week award is to show appreciation to a teacher that has benefited you inside or outside of the classroom. The teacher of the week gets to be on the sideline with the team during the games. They are also invited to come into the locker room and listen to Coach Kopachy's speeches.

Recent teachers of the week include Mr. Frank Parks, Mr. Brian D'Angelo, Mr. George Spack, Mr. Chuck Trough, and Mrs. Sue Wolfgang. When asked how it felt to be named teacher of the week, week two, Mr. D'Angelo said, "Big shoes I had to fill following Mr. Parks. It really shows that the most dominant teachers in this school are males."

Boys' soccer recognizes staff

By Julie Ridgley

Anyone who has attended a home football game has seen the "teacher of the week" on the sidelines. However, football is not the only sport that's showing love for the Salem City School's staff. The varsity boys' soccer team is also honoring the teachers who have had a positive influence on them.

The team is calling it "Teacher Appreciation Night," and this is the second year the boys have been selecting staff to honor. It began last year when boys' soccer coach Brad Davis was trying to generate more interest in the soccer program, which unfortunately is often left in football's shadow. He also hoped to involve the community and thought that this would be a perfect way. "Academics are extremely important to our team; therefore, I thought it would be fitting to honor the teachers in Salem," Davis said.

Each varsity boys' soccer player selects a teacher who has been a positive role model for him. The teacher is announced at midfield before the match begins, while wearing a t-shirt given to them. During half time they can treat themselves to refreshments.

At the end of the game, the selected teacher gets to chat with the team and enjoy some pizza.

This year the team is honoring Mr. Frank Parks, Mrs. Melanie Dye, Mrs. Nan Wilson, Mr. Gary Goddard, Mrs. Sandra Conti, Mr. Charles Trough, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mrs. Bernie Jesko, Mr. Jeff Andres, Mr. Aaron Alejars, Mrs. Ana Hutson, Mrs. Anneliese Carter, Mrs. Bethany Carr, Mr. Ken Peters, Mr. Brian D'Angelo, Mrs. Sue Wolfgang, Mr. Michael Cosgrove, Mrs. Jacque Rich, and Mrs. Megan Miller.

Last year's honorees included Mrs. Ana Hutson, Mr. Ken Peters, Mrs. Aimee Cochran, Mr. Gary Goddard, Mr. Matt Zeigler, Mrs. Jodi McCracken, Mr. Dan Kibler, Mrs. Mindy Hiltbrand, Mrs. Nan Wilson, Mr. Frank Parks, Mr. Brian D'Angelo, Mr. William Klucinec, Miss Jeanette DeShields, Mr. Jeff Andres, Mr. Robert Viencek, Mrs. Sue Wolfgang, Mrs. Carol Brown, and Mrs. Bethany Carr.

Sometimes we just don't take enough time to honor our hardworking staff. Let's be thankful that the boys' soccer team has taken the time to do just that.

New teacher, new coach

By Monica Metts

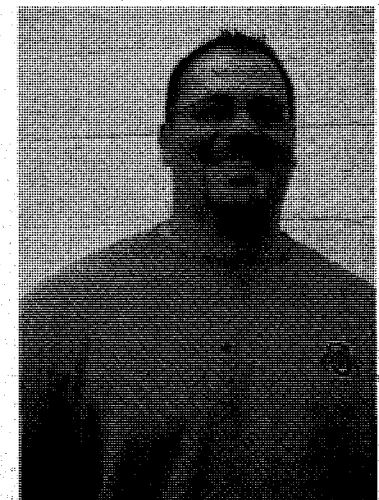
Many new people and things seem to be flooding the halls of the Salem High School with the start of the new year including new school spirit, new computers, a new gym, and even a new teacher. Mr. Kopachy is a new teacher at Salem High School this year. He previously taught English in the Western Reserve and Youngstown school systems before joining Salem's staff, where he also teaches English.

Mr. Kopachy stated that his first impression of Salem was that the school was bigger than previous ones where he had taught. Another of his impressions was that there were good kids that seem to have a lot of school spirit. Mr. Kopachy is the new football coach, and aside from that, he is also involved in weight lifting. After being asked what his favorite football game was up to this point in the season, Coach Kopachy said that all three of the games that the Salem

team has won including United, West Branch, and Liberty were his favorites. When asked if he thinks the Quaker Crazies impact the performance of the team, Coach Kopachy responded with the statement, "Absolutely. Our guys feed off of them and want to play hard for them." Although the football team is primarily taking the season one game at a time, the ultimate goal they have in mind is to win the rest of the games and make it to playoffs for the first time in history.

Mr. Kopachy attended Youngstown State University and Ohio University. He has a bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in athletic administration. Mr. Kopachy has a wife, Cristi, and a son, Jack. In his spare time he enjoys relaxing, spending time with his family, watching college football, and hanging out with his friends.

When asked if he would like to share anything else, Mr.



Mr. Michael Kopachy

Kopachy declared, "Good luck to all of the other teams in the school, and I'm looking forward to a great year for everybody."

Quaker Clips

