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Salem Winter Homecoming Court of 2010



Megan Renae Boyle is the daughter of Mike and Jackie Boyle. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Pep Club, Spanish Club, and cheerleading. Megan plans to attend Kent State University to major in nursing. Her escort was Brian Murphy, son of Mike Murphy and Linda Liggit.



Rachel Susanna Fritzman is the daughter of Mike and Patty Fritzman. Her high school activities include Academic Challenge, Mass Media, Key Club, Interact, and The Poets' Society. Rachel plans to attend John Carroll University to major in communications. Her escort was Derek Erskine, son of Scot Erskine and Kara Alesi.



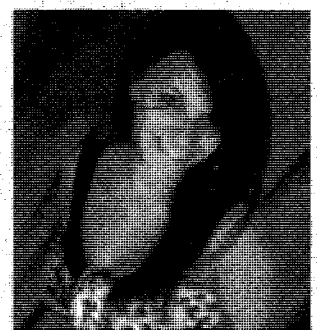
Homecoming Queen Lydia Shivers



Lydia Kathleen Shivers is the daughter of Dr. Paul and Mrs. Laura Shivers. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Pep Club, Starfish, Spanish Club, and volleyball. Lydia plans on attending The Ohio State University. Her escort was Douglas Baker, son of Doug and Julie Baker.



Taylor Kastenhuber is the daughter of Sonny and Holly Bennett. Her high school activities include Spanish Club, T.A.C.T., choir, softball, and volleyball. Taylor plans to join the Air Force Reserves and attend Kent State University. Her escort was Dan Gagnon, son of Theodore and Eileen Gagnon.



Danielle Rebekka Kruegel is the daughter of Brian and Deneen Green and Walt and Morlinda Kruegel. Her high school activities include Student Council (secretary), Pep Club, Starfish, T.A.C.T., basketball, and volleyball. Danielle plans on attending Walsh University and majoring in physical therapy. Her escort was Benjamin Eisel, son of Bill and Terri Eisel.



Taylor Anna-Mae Sauerwein is the daughter of Shawn Sauerwein and Angie Panzott. Her high school activities include T.A.C.T., Spanish Club, Pep Club, basketball, and volleyball. Taylor plans to attend Kent State University to major in pre-pharmacy. Her escort was Dillon Rhodes, son of Kenny and Penny May and Tom Rhodes.



Rebecca Ruth Skiba is the daughter of Jerry and Lori Skiba. Her high school activities include Spanish Club, Yearbook, and T.A.C.T. Rebecca plans on attending Kent State University to major in nutrition. Her escort was Tyler Cosma, son of Tim and Deb Cosma.

Winter Homecoming Dance

By Lexi Shivers

The Salem High School basketball homecoming dance was held in the school's cafeteria on Friday, January 22, 2010. The dance followed an exciting overtime varsity boys' game against the Struthers Wildcats.

Music was provided by D.J. Russ Hopple and Salem's own, TFT. Queen Lydia Shivers and the basketball homecoming court were honored. All the students who attended had a fun and enjoyable time.



Jasmine Mae Steffey is the daughter of Greg and Hope Steffey. Her high school activities include Spanish Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, T.A.C.T., Yearbook, and OWE. Jasmine plans on attending Kent State University and majoring in early childhood education. Her escort was Jon Mullett, son of Angela Slagle and step-father, Chad Slaggle.



Casey Frances Strang is the daughter of Frank and Cindy Strang. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Pep Club, Interact, soccer, softball and cheerleading. Casey plans on attending The Ohio State University to major in nursing. Her escort was Alex Charles Whinnery, son of Connie Whinnery and the late Jeff Whinnery.

Kopachy and Eisel in Under Armor All-Star Game

By Danielle Kruegel

Head football coach Mike Kopachy and senior football standout Ben Eisel will be representing Salem High School this year in the Under Armour All-Star game. This game is the longest running high school football all-star game. Coach Kopachy was informed by regional representative Mike Pavlansky that he had been chosen to coach. Kopachy shares that he was extremely excited to be chosen to coach the top seventy players in the state at the Horseshoe in Columbus!

As head coach this season, Kopachy led the Quakers to a winning season and their first appearance in the state playoffs in school history. It's no surprise as to why he was chosen for this honor. He was also selected the Ohio High School Region 8 Coach of the Year.

When Ben was asked how he felt about this honor he responded, "To be chosen is definitely an honor because it is one of the most prestigious all-star games in Ohio." Ben is one of the lead

ing receivers in the area and was also chosen as a First Team Division III All-Ohioan.

Coach Kopachy feels that not only is this game an honor to himself and Ben but also to the team and the community as well. "When I am honored, it's a team honor. I hope they feel like they helped contribute to this honor. It has been a long time since a player from Salem has played in this game, so I hope the community is as excited as I am for Ben." Kopachy is ready to see what Ben can do on this big of a stage, and both are excited to play together one last time.

Players in this game will practice three Sundays in March and April and another two times before the game. The game will take place on April 23 at Ohio Stadium in Columbus and will possibly air on the Big Ten Network. On behalf of Salem High School, we wish Ben and Coach Kopachy good luck!

The eXpressions Art Program is a multi-faceted program that uses many forms of art to immerse high school students in the diverse world of scientific research. Through video-based research projects produced by Cleveland Clinic interns, high school students from around the state are invited to compete in this art program.

With more than seven-hundred in both of the categories, art and language, this year's competition was the biggest and toughest yet. Nine Salem High School Students in Mrs. Fredericks' art classes participated in the 2009/2010 program. Deeply tied into state and national academic standards, this program gave the participants a deep, real-world understanding of art and science while promoting creativity, innovations, and communication.

A highly esteemed panel of art and medical professionals were used to judge entries on these categories: interpretation, creativity, technique, and in-

eXpressions art awards

By Tyler Hlavcak

These judges awarded five levels of special recognition. In descending order they are the following: Best in Show, Blue Ribbon, Red Ribbon, White Ribbon, and Honorable Mention. Blue Ribbon winners received a \$100 check. Red Ribbon received a \$75 check, White Ribbon won a \$50 check, and Honorable Mention Received \$25. In addition to these awards, each teacher received \$100 in educational grants.

Of the nine Salem students who participated, sophomore Eva Jackman was awarded a Red Ribbon. Megan Evans, Rachel Fritzman, Hallie



Hank, Tyler Hlavcak, Scott Jones, Katlyn Kibler, Alyssa Myers, and Roy Woods received Honorable Mention.

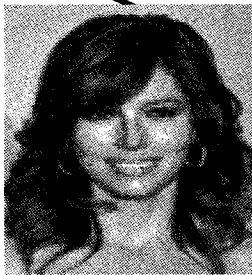
This is only the second year that Salem High School participated in this competition and last year Alyssa Myers won a Blue Ribbon.



Sophomore Eva Jackman was awarded a red ribbon for her artwork.

Point Counter Point

Celebrities in the media



Stay out of my business!

By Sarah Beagle

Privacy is defined as withdrawal from company or public view, and it seems like that is one thing every celebrity is lacking. This month we are focusing on whether or not celebrities deserve to have privacy. We treat them as if they are fish swimming around in a tiny fish bowl. We watch them too closely and are involved in every move they make.

Recently the biggest scandal has been between Tiger Woods and his love triangle. If Tiger Woods wants to go out and be with other women then that is his own business; we have no room to judge considering it is happening between people right around us. Cheating is nothing new. We care too much about things that are not important. Why can't the media focus more on the environment and unemployment rather than who slept with whom? Tiger Woods is human just like everyone else; he isn't perfect, but no one is. He may have made a mistake, but we don't have to keep reminding him about it day after day; he is going to be living with it for the rest of his life. We should all just stay out of his business.

They bring it on themselves

By Shauna Uptegraph

Celebrities have always been on everyone's mind. They're in magazines, on television, the radio, billboards, and movies. Everywhere you look, it's more stories and more insight into the lives of people whom we've come to embrace in our lives as if they belonged. We don't know these people, yet each day we'll find ourselves in a conversation about one scandal or another. Who's seeing whom? Who's been arrested? Who died? Who's having a baby? At times it seems we know more about these perfect personas than we do our peers.

As a result, many celebrities are crying out, "Leave me alone!" They beg, pleading with us for a shred of privacy. People, too, jump on that bandwagon and make their own complaints. These fame-gifted people are just that — people. Also, they fought for their fame, spending every moment they could to obtain this very fortunate lifestyle. When it was given to them, it was because of hard work and a burning desire to be famous.

What is fame then, if not an allowance for people to ogle and

Celebrities are no different than you and me. They enjoy acting, playing football, singing, etc., but that doesn't give us the permission to follow them and dig into their personal lives. Just like everyone else, they don't like their personal bubble being invaded. Everyone has a secret; so, why is it necessary for the media to find out what it is? The only reason we pry into the lives of celebrities is because we are bored with our own lives and want to make ourselves feel better.

Some may say that some celebrities love the spotlight, that they enjoy all the paparazzi. When someone writes about others in a tabloid, it's never anything good. We always hear about who's pregnant, who's gaining weight, and who's hooking up. Why are those things so important? I am more interested in hearing about the celebrities who take time away from their jobs as actors and singers and go out and try to make a difference in the world. We only point out the inadequate information about a celebrity when we should focus on the outstanding remarkable things that they achieve. I am sure most of you

remark on your finest flaw? The dictionary tells us that fame is a noun that means widespread reputation, especially of a favorable character. This widespread reputation is visible in the very things they claim to want gone. Do they regret becoming celebrity? Surely, they would not be famous if they weren't being spoken of so often. Their name would die, being forgotten in the catacombs of each person's mind like so many people before. Has-beens fill the streets, people who receded from their former lifestyles to become more comfortable in their own skin. Unfortunately, come-backs never work for these people, who are then left maladjusted in the "real world."

Many celebrities have even capitalized on this gossiping in the media and seem to provoke attention in any way they can. They crash cars, are intoxicated in public, flash their bodies, and create other scandals in the world so that their name can be heard, and they can remain famous. To be left alone would diminish their reputa-

are unaware of the charity work some of them do.

Emile Hirsch along with Jessica Biel and other climbers will be climbing the highest peak in Africa to raise money and also awareness for the Children's Safe Drinking Water Program, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and PlayPumps International. The PlayPump International is a non-profit collaborative that enables individuals, governments, foundations, and companies to donate PlayPump water systems to rural African communities and schools. Emile Hirsch said, "The climb is an epic adventure with an educational process on the global water crisis," and also adds, "Put this on the books: I'm making it to the top."

We know more about the rich and famous than our own peers. We are so involved in their lives that we forget about everything going on in our schools, communities, the country, and the world. It's time we stop focusing on the next big thing and focus on today. Rather than gossiping about the newest scandal, we can be out trying to make a difference.

tions and leave them average. It would leave them a "nobody" in the eyes of the world. For some, that fate is worse than anything of which they could dream.

There are arguments that say, "No one publishes when my neighbor has a baby. No one cares what I'm wearing! There's no scandal if you're not famous." Of course there isn't. The world may not be interested in an average Joe, but this Joe doesn't stand in the limelight when their flaws are unveiled. This person isn't a famous celebrity. They aren't looked upon worldwide. However, being famous does imply that you are forever under the microscope and forever a role model.

Perhaps what the real argument is, isn't whether or not celebrities should have their privacy but where the line is. A stalker can and should be arrested, while paparazzi are performing a service to their magazines. Celebrities are for our entertainment. People or not, they asked for their career and shouldn't whine and go on about their fame. However, people, famous or not, have a right to feel safe.

Ask Erskine: New Year's Resolutions

By Derek Erskine

December is one of the most joyous times of the year, mainly due to Christmas and the arrival of a New Year. A common practice on New Year's Eve is New Year's resolutions. Everyone has heard of them, and many of you may have even tried some of your own. The top ten New Year's resolutions are the following: spend more time with family and friends, fit in fitness, tame the bulge, quit smoking, enjoy life more, quit drinking, get out of debt, learn something new, help others, and get organized. Although some of these don't apply to students, a few of them are still relatable. These are all great goals, but research has indicated they are often not carried out. "Research has shown that, after six months, fewer than half the people who make New Year's resolutions have stuck with them, and, after a year, the number declines to around ten percent." These statistics are dismal and are not exactly encouraging to one who has made New Year's resolutions, but there are some simple strategies that can help one to stick with their New Year's resolutions.

Generally, people do not change easily. This is simply because we often live in a comfort zone that gives us familiarity and reassurance. We surround ourselves with things that enable us to cope with our problems rather than finding actual solutions. It's understandable that people are unwilling to leave this comfort zone because we generally fear change. In order to change one has to realize that "I can't continue doing this any longer." You have to be brave and know that the change is ultimately for the better, even if it may seem difficult at first. It takes courage, determination, and perseverance to change. It's important to remember that one can't completely reform their lives overnight; it takes time to see significant results.

I asked around to find a stu-

dent who has made a New Year's resolution recently. After searching for awhile I came upon a senior, Theresa Ieropoli. Theresa made a new Year's resolution for the year 2009. When I asked what she had resolved to do she said, "I decided pop is unhealthy, and it would be better to drink more water and juice." Unfortunately, Theresa was only able to go without pop for three months. I naturally asked what obstacle made her fail. "I was at someone's house where they mainly only have pop to drink, and I got thirsty; it just went out the window." One can see from Theresa's example that it is not easy to change a habit for an entire year, even if it's something as simple as giving up pop. I was unable to find anyone who has followed through with a New Year's resolution, which is a testament to how hard it actually is.

Change is difficult, no doubt, but research has shown that if one makes a deep commitment to change they can expect to see positive and lasting change in six to twelve months. When trying to change, it is easiest to take your goal and divide it in to smaller goals. This gives one the feeling of accomplishment and success as they overcome their smaller goals along their way to a total change. One needs to identify methods that others have used to change and are proven to be successful. I believe the most important step in change is to surround oneself with a support group because tasks are much harder to accomplish as an individual.

So, whenever a new year comes about, don't be afraid to commit to change, but be prepared to give it your all. If not then all you'll be left with is disappointment over another year full of failed resolutions.

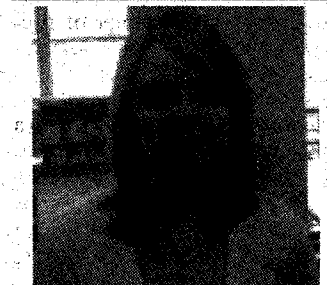
War of Words

By Matt Oliphant

Question-What was your New Year's resolution?

Freshman-Sam Standing Soldier
To get a job at the age of sixteen.

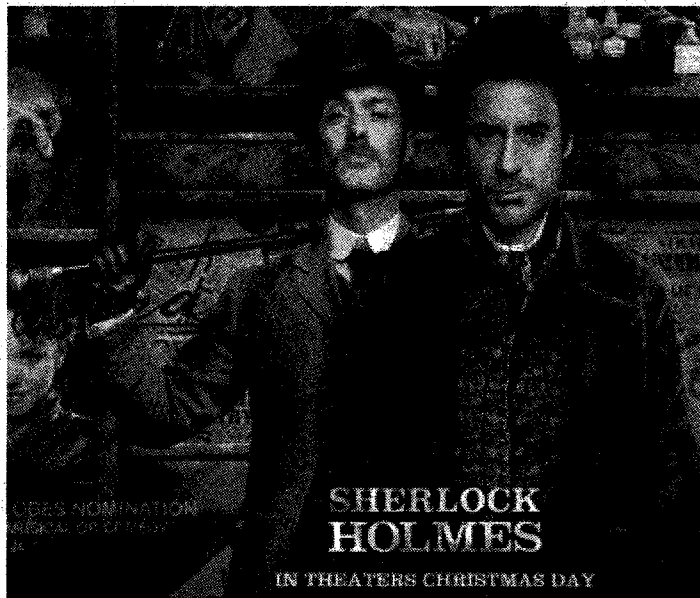
Sophomore-Maggie McDevitt
To get twelve inch biceps.



Junior-Kirsten Fortune
To get my hair a brighter blonde.

Senior-Nick Balsley
Get in shape for baseball.

Entertainment



DVR Worthy

By Tyler Hlavcak

This month on DVR Worthy we take a look at two of the times most anticipated films. *Avatar* and *Sherlock Holmes* are both action-packed films filled with hype.

Sherlock Holmes: Set in 1800's London, Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey, Jr.) and his long suffering assistant Dr Watson (Jude Law) have just solved the case of murderous Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong). But Holmes' work is just beginning when Blackwood seemingly comes back from the grave, hell-bent on bringing London to its knees. Meanwhile, Holmes must also deal with the return of temptress Irene Adler (Rachel McAdams), who may also be tangled in Blackwood's sinister web.

With Holmes' and Watson's background only able to be assumed, director Guy Ritchie has been able to do away with scene-setting and get right to the case at hand. He incorporates flashy, well-choreographed fight scenes capping off proceedings in a manner that is distinctly Ritchie (abrupt, graphic and totally compelling), and a blend of action, drama, and quirky humor carefully planned to make the most of every moment.

With his reckless attitude, Downey, Jr. may not be the refined Sherlock Holmes of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's imagination, but this feisty remaking is strikingly impressive and cements Downey's standing as one of the best actors in Hollywood. While the relationship between Holmes and Watson is as loving as it is violent, this makes for a case of brilliant casting on the parts of Downey and Law, though the script does nothing for the long-running jokes of just how close the characters are.

It may be completely devoid of mobsters and have a notably different color and lighting scheme to his usual work, but this intricate action thriller still has Guy Ritchie's signature stamped all over it and could see him to his first Oscar nomination, if not a win.

Avatar is the epitome Hollywood blockbuster. It operates on big effects, big action, big emotions,

and big themes. By keeping things big and borrowing on universal notions of myth-making, writer-director James Cameron has created an action-adventure movie with broad appeal. At this time, *Avatar* has cracked the billion-dollar box office ceiling and continues to soar beyond *The Lord of the Rings* and *Spider-Man* flicks and on toward heights reached only by Cameron's previous epic, *Titanic*. The film draws on very basic and universal emotions — one's love and loyalty for heritage and personal history, one's love of family and instinctual bond with children, family, nature, and our mistrust of technology.

Avatar is set on the lush landscapes of Pandora, a moon on which humans have discovered a rare and much-prized mineral. The deposits are detected directly below the settlement of the Na'vi — a race of highly intelligent, super-tall, blue-skinned beings that co-exist harmoniously with all living things on their world. Into this utopia arrives Jake Sully (Sam Worthington), a paraplegic ex-Marine back in service to infiltrate the Na'vi culture and gain their trust so that the humans can negotiate their re-settlement before blasting apart their land to get at the Unobtanium. But the more Jake spends time among the Na'vi, particularly with the headstrong and beautiful Neytiri (Zoe Saldana), the more he knows he cannot take up arms against them.

When the humans do launch their inevitable invasion, Jake, Neytiri, and their comrades take to the skies or attack on their steeds, showering bows and arrows against all manner of fire-blazing military hardware. And this being an environmental sci-fi/fantasy, Pandora itself becomes a character, a living organism with a capacity for vengeance that cannot be ruled out. All of the above provide ample opportunities for Cameron and his production team to give us a feast of eye-popping action scenarios.

Redbox rental?

By Rachel Fritzman

In this era of movie rentals, many methods to obtain the film of your choice have become available. Originally all that Salem had was Video Safari, but as the years progressed it was replaced by Movie Gallery and Family Video. However, the thought of getting in your car and driving all the way there and then looking around for an hour and finally getting a movie for one night for three bucks pushed some people away.

The invention of Net Flicks came about through which you can rent any amount of movies and they will be mailed to your house for \$9.00 a month. Although you can keep the movies as long as you want, you have to wait for them to come in the mail. They now have some movies that you can watch instantly on your computer or TV, but not being able to watch whatever movie you want when you want has put off a lot of people from even trying it.

Today there is a new method popping up around Salem known as Redbox. Redbox is kind of like a vending machine full of movies. You just go to any of the three in Salem which can be found at Walgreen's, Giant Eagle, and Walmart and insert your debit or credit card and pick a movie. It is only \$1.00 for each day that you have it, and it will automatically charge you until you return the movie. Although most of them are new releases, they have some older movies such as *Old School* and *Zoolander*. There are over 19,000 locations around the United States, and you can return your movie at any one of them.

So, if you're in the mood for a new method of renting a movie, try Redbox. It's quick and actually pretty fun. However, if you want an old movie or only have cash in your pocket, you'll have to go to Family Video. Unfortunately, since the Redbox's started appearing, Movie Gallery has been forced to go out of business.

New Moon breaks box office record

By Julie Ridgley



Unless you've taken residence under a large rock for the last few months, you know that the second movie in *The Twilight Saga*, *New Moon* has hit the theatres. It is the second installment in the series of vampire books that have made their way to the big screen.

This time, however, it's werewolves that take center stage. Left lonely and vulnerable by the departure of her bloodsucker boyfriend Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) takes comfort in someone new. She develops a friendship with Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner), who just happens to be a werewolf. With vampires and werewolves being sworn enemies by nature, Bella is torn between her affection for the two.

New Moon has quickly become the number one movie in the world. At its November 20 midnight release alone, sales were estimated to be as high as 26.3 million dollars, breaking the midnight release record of *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince* that was set this summer. By Friday night's close the film had brought in over 72 million, and by day ten the sales reached a staggering 230.7 million.

The filming for the third *Twilight Saga* film is already completed, and *Eclipse* is expected to have a midsummer release. It is hard to imagine the next film in the franchise matching the sales of the *New Moon*, but these filmmakers have a way of creating the impossible, onscreen and off.

Bands battle at Boardman

By Rachael Fritzman

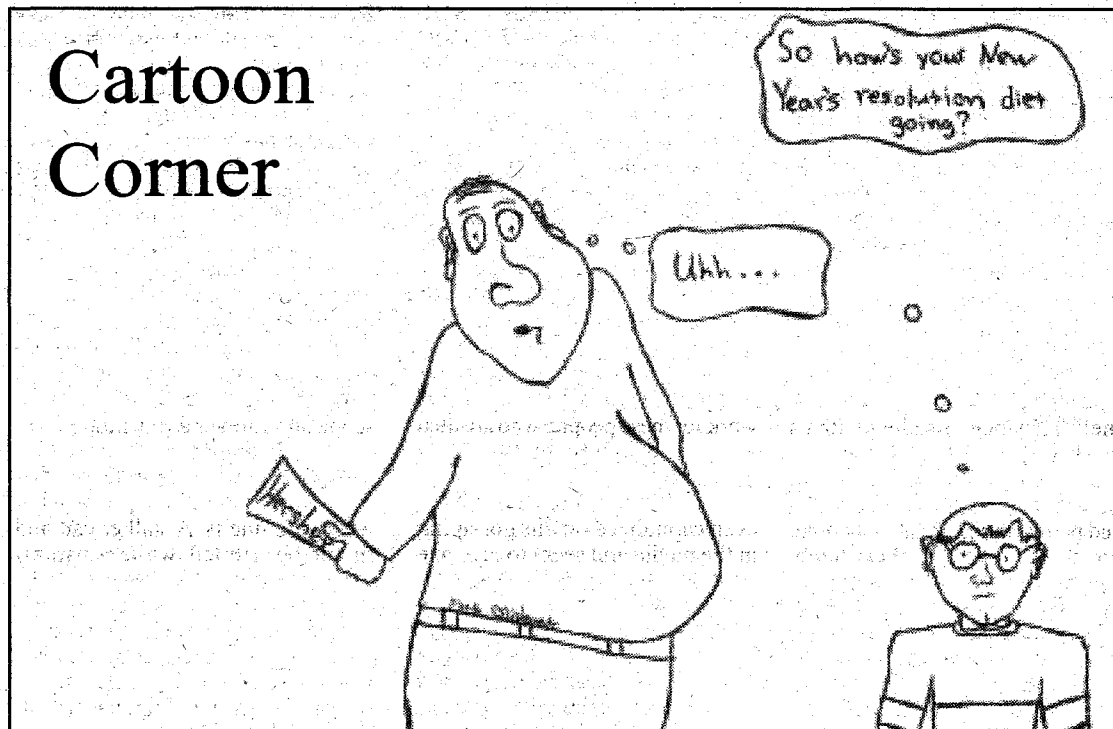
On Saturday, January 16 TFT participated in the third annual Battle of the Bands at Boardman High School. There was a lineup of thirteen bands playing for fifteen minutes each.

TFT is a post-hardcore band that originated here in Salem High School last year. Squeak and Casey had been playing together for a while and as more friends started playing with them, Anomali was formed. Band members consist of Derek "Squeak" Shasteen on guitar, Marshal Sarginger on bass, Casey Folds on lead guitar, Jake Irey, (the newest member) keyboard and back of vocals/screams, and graduates of Salem — Theo Kenniston on lead vocals/screams, and Brian Shivers on drums. Along with Jake came a new style of music and a new name (Thanks for Tonight) to reflect the direction the band is now taking.

The show started at 6:00, with TFT playing at 9:30. Since TFT had the second best in ticket sales, they got second choice of what time they played. In Marshal's opinion, it was their best show yet. They only got to play three songs, but they all played well. Jake did a great job, especially for his first show. Even though they didn't get first place, they are making great strides in their music. They had many fans there to support them.

Everyone was blown away with their new material. If you weren't a fan of Anomali before or you just haven't given them a listen yet, then you can go to the internet at www.myspace.com/anomali and get groovin' to some Thanks for Tonight. They are really working hard and putting everything they have into this band. More shows and shirt designs are coming as soon as they get a few more songs finished, so make sure to show your support. As Casey said, "We're all ready to go somewhere with this; we're not gonna stop."

Cartoon Corner



Feature

The decade in review

By Ali Thompson

3...2...1... Happy New Year!! It seems like yesterday that everyone was celebrating the year 2000, the new millennium. Nobody knew what lie ahead for us in the next ten years, but everything changed.

2000 — The 21st Century, the summers Olympics were held in Sydney, Australia. On May 3, all of the planets lined up making it the new moon. The billionth person was born in India. George W. Bush became the 43rd President of the United States.

2001 — Wikipedia emerged on the Internet. George W. Bush was sworn in. Halle Berry became the first and only African American to win Best Actress. September 11 was the most horrific time of our decade with the terrorist attack on the twin towers. A couple of days later we had the anthrax attack in which twenty-two people were exposed and five died. On October 7 the United States invaded Afghanistan, which is still going on today. Apple introduced their newest electronic toy, the Ipad.

2002 — The Winter Olympics were held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on February 8-24. On March 1 the U.S. invaded Afghanistan. Andrea Yates was found guilty after drowning her five children. Queen Elizabeth's mother known as the Queen Mother died on March 30 at the age of 101. Serena Williams beat her sister Venus Williams at the French Open.

2003 — On February 1, STS-107 Space shuttle Columbia broke apart while returning to earth. The U.S. seized control of Baghdad, ending the ruling of Saddam Hussien. George W. Bush landed on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln where he gave a speech about the end of the invasion of Iraq. Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. Forces. The world's tallest, fastest roller coaster, *The Top Thrill Dragster*, made its debut in Sandusky, Ohio. Myspace was launched in August, and in August 2006 their 100 millionth account was created.

2004 — Facebook was introduced to the internet. John Kerry won the Democratic Party nomination. On May 5 Ronald Reagan died at the age of ninety-three; he was the 40th president. Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France the sixth time. The Summer Olympics were held in Athens, Greece. The Boston Red Socks won the World Series, breaking the curse of the Bambino! George W. Bush defeated Senator John Kerry for President. December 26, the world's worst tsunami hit the west coast of Indonesia and parts of Southern Asia, leaving 40,000 people missing and 186,983 dead.

2005 — George W. Bush was inaugurated for his second term. Youtube was launched in February. Rihanna came into the spotlight with her first US single "SOS." On April 2 Pope John Paul II died at the age of eighty-five. Over four

million people traveled around the world to the Vatican to mourn the loss of the pope. Seventeen days later, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became the 265th Pope. Today, he is known as Pope Benedict the XVI. Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, 80% of the city was flooded, and Katrina became the sixth strongest hurricane of all time.

2006 — The Winter Olympics were held in Turin, Italy. On October 2, five Amish girls were killed in a schoolhouse by Charles Carl Roberts in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The Amish not only were saddened by their loss but also forgave the Roberts' family. On November 5, Saddam Hussein and two of his senior allies were sentenced to death by hanging. Playstation 3 and Wii were released in North America. Ohio banned smoking in restaurants, bars, and other public places. Gerald Ford passed away on December 26; he was our 38th president. Saddam Hussein was executed on December 30.

2007 — *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* became the fastest selling book in history selling over eleven million copies in the first twenty-four hours. The Writers Guilds of America went on strike until February 12, 2008.

2008 — Petroleum was priced at \$100 a barrel for the first time. January 21, the stock market around the world started to drop. By the end of the year this led us into a recession. On May 12, the major earthquake that reached to 7.9-magnitude scale killed nearly 80,000 people in Sichuan, China. The Summer Olympics were held in Beijing, China. November 4th, Barack Obama was elected as the 44th President and the first African American President.

2009 — Barack Obama was inaugurated on January 20. An earthquake at the magnitude of 6.3 hit L'Aquila, Italy, killing some three hundred and injuring more than one thousand people. The outbreak of the Swine flu spread from Mexico to the United States and other countries. Michael Jackson died at the age of fifty at his home in L.A.

Yerkey the Great

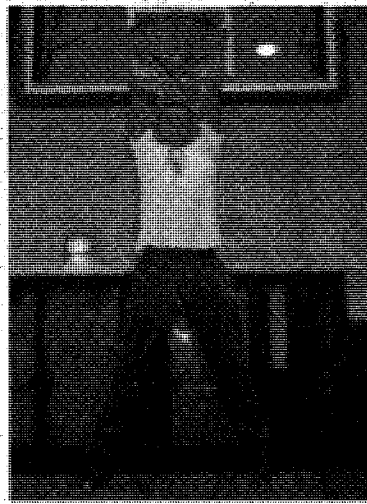
By Brooke Skiba

Who can deny the underappreciated Ryan Yerkey of his rightful title? I certainly cannot, as he has quickly proved himself to be the most wholehearted Student of the Month thus far. Last year Ryan Yerkey, commonly called Yerkey or Yerkle, was the Student of the Month photographer extraordinaire. Look back to old Quakers, and you'll see Ryan's exquisite masterpieces glowing out from the SOM articles, while Ryan himself was always hidden behind the camera. If you were to look through the camera and into the mind of this young sophomore, you would see why he is rightfully the SOM.

At this stage in his existence, Ryan is able to clearly forecast the remainder of his life. He intends to grow old being the greatest human being in the world while continuing to participate in his favorite hobby of "being pro." If a pig were to hijack a helicopter and this title did not work out for Ryan, he still has a career to fall back on. With his extensive knowledge on the subject, Ryan has the ability to serve as an Ohio State Buckeyes Encyclopedia. There is a great need for qualified people in this field, and Ryan could, no doubt, fill the position. In his old age, Ryan foresees a tragic death. He intends to be riding in Mario's jet, when Mario's sudden departure to save Princess Peach causes the jet to spiral out of control. Luckily, Ryan plans to be saved by Star Wars' Boba Fett and his jet pack. Upon safely arriving on land, Ryan believes an asteroid will come down and smash him. His last words will be, "For Sparta!"

Ryan trusts that even by answering every question, it is not possible to complete the Impossible Quiz, as it is impossible: He would choose Daniel Craig for next month's Student of the Month, but he believes that does not require any explanation. If he could have any superpower, Ryan would choose the ability to hide in bottles like a genie and scare passersby. He seems to already possess super-ability because, eyes closed, Ryan was able to answer that Cotton-Eyed Joe invented the cotton gin, creating a shocking new addition to American history. Due to his keen knowledge of the world, Ryan knows that French toast is the best thing since sliced bread, and when he was asked why lemon juice is made with artificial flavoring and dish soap with real lemons, he assured, "No one likes lemon juice, but who doesn't want a hint of lemon on their plates?"

When he heard of this victory, Ryan's initial reaction was to let out a shriek of joy to his surrounding Spanish class. He exclaimed with exhilaration and awesomeosity, "This is the greatest day of my life!" He then proceeded to tweet the news to his followers, and he intends to add this honor on every future college application. When interviewed, Ryan was asked about his Brooke Level. (This level did not show up until Matt's December article due to the fact that it could, to some, appear conceited which is not very SOM in nature.) On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the level of Brooke myself, Ryan rated himself a humble 8; he believes he is awesome, yet unnoticed. He, as well as the SOM council, believes that his legendary potential will soon be known as a skyrocketing 9.8.



Pizza palooza

By Aimee Jones

After seventeen years of living in the little town of Salem, I have come to realize we are made up of two things — pizza places and churches. I am not complaining due to the fact that there are ten different places from which to order the steaming pie. After taking a poll throughout the school, the favorites came out on top. Papa John's blew away the competition taking a big first place victory.

There are many pros in choosing Papa John's, especially if you own a Quaker Football or Salem Youth Soccer League Card. Although Papa John's is not the only pizza place listed on these cards, you definitely get the best discount. With the purchase of any pizza you get a FREE pizza of equal or lesser value. Junior, Allison Dolphin, had Papa John's listed as her number one pick with good reasoning behind it. "Papa John's is the place my mother, Kathy Dolphin, always calls when she doesn't want to cook...which is often. She knows you can't go wrong with Papa John's, and the garlic sauce is delicious."

Out of the ten different places to eat, six are locally authentic and not a chain restaurant. These six made their way on the top of the chart as favorites. Mario's which reopened last year after being closed for several years is the favorite of someone very special in our school, Mr. Goddard. "Mario's is the best! I grew up on it! It was awful when they closed, but awesome now that they're back!" Many agree with Mr. Goddard, placing Mario's fourth on the list of most favored.

Whether it's Gezo's Super-colossal or Josie's greasy crust, you can't go wrong with Salem's pizza. Next time your mom pulls a "Kathy Dolphin" and doesn't make dinner, get out your trusty copy of *The Quaker* and order away.

Top Ten

1. Papa John's...332-2700
2. Pizza Joe's...337-5637
3. Gezo's...337-3557
4. Mario's...337-9666
5. Alfredo's...332-1400
6. Pizza Hut...332-0008
7. Josie's...332-5448
8. East of Chicago...332-3278
9. DeRienzo's...337-9812
10. Ezio's...337-3872

College of the month: The Ohio State University

By Monica Metts

The Ohio State University is a public university in Columbus, Ohio. It is located in an urban setting, and Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, First Professional, Doctorate, and other advanced degrees are offered at the university.

The Ohio State University is attended by 40,212 undergraduate students and 13,359 graduate students. In-state tuition is \$8,406 and out-of-state tuition is \$24,015. Fees are \$270, and books and supplies are \$1,383. Room and board, to live on campus is \$7,755, and board and transportation, to live with parents, is \$6,300 (costs are for the 2008-2009 academic year). Tu-

ition may vary by major, campus location, class load, and student level. Tuition installment plans are available, and tuition waivers are available to school employees and their children and senior citizens.

The entrance difficulty for incoming students is considered moderately difficult, and about 85% of all applicants are accepted. Application fees are \$40. A submitted high school transcript or GED certificate and a written essay or personal statement are required for all students. Students must also take the SAT or ACT. Factors considered very important when evaluating applicants are GPAs, difficulty of high

school courses, standardized test scores, and high school class rank.

The Ohio State University uses an academic calendar that incorporates quarters, and the student faculty ratio is 13:1. The attendance options include evenings, online or distance learning, part time, summer school, or weekends. Optional academic programs include accelerated degrees, double majors, freshman honors college, graduate courses open to undergraduates, honors program, and student-designed majors. Army ROTC, Air Force ROTC, and Naval ROTC are also available to students. Alternative credit opportunities offered are advanced placement,

independent study, and internships. The Ohio State University has an association membership with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and many sports are available. There are 750 clubs and associations with open membership to students. Student activities include choral groups, drama or theater groups, marching band, newspaper, radio station, and TV station.

If you would like to contact The Ohio State University, you can reach it at the main telephone number (614-292-6446), or you can also visit the website (<http://www.osu.edu/>).

Feature

Artist of the month Mike Lopez

By Allison Dolphin

Senior Mike Lopez claims he has been interested in art since he was born. He also enjoys playing soccer. Lopez has taken other art classes before, but according to difficulty, he says they weren't as tough as the ones he takes here.

Here at Salem High School he takes two art classes. He is in painting and drawing with Miss Yerb. *Burned*, a painting of a burnt countryside is his favorite personal piece. Lopez says his favorite style of art is abstract, and his favorite artist is Pablo Picasso.

Lopez just entered his portfolio on January 5, 2010, to the National Scholastic Awards. An art portfolio is a collection of student artwork depending on a student's ability. It can have a theme, and it shows a student's best work based on communication, composition (arrangement), skill in technique, selection and handling of media materials, creative style, and quality. He entered eight works that consisted of drawings and paintings.

The National Scholastic Awards were originally a writing award and then became a writing and art award. When asked what exactly National Scholastic Awards were Miss Yerb said, "At the turn of the last century there was an extremely wealthy publisher who wanted to help kids through money and support that has superior



Mike Lopez poses with his art work.

works of art and writing." Every state has a region and all the works of art from our region go to the McDonough Museum that is located in Youngstown, Ohio. Our region consists of Columbiana, Trumbull, Mahoning, and Ashtabula County.

Lopez has a chance to win either a gold or silver key for any of his works. All gold key works of art will receive further judging in New York. Lopez says he is considering furthering his career in art after high school.

Choir concerts change

By Allison Dolphin

For many years the former SHS choir director, Mrs. Jeckavitch, had three concerts: Christmas, Pops, and Spring. The Christmas concert obviously consisted of Christmas music, the Pops concert consisted of faster, happy tunes, and the Spring concert consisted of serious music. When she retired, Mr. Samu took her place, and after a few years of doing the concerts the way she did them, he decided that the Spring concert should be changed to the Pops concert. "I felt that spring was a happier time of the year," said Mr. Samu, "so last year I moved the February Pops concert to the spring."

The February concert is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23 and the Spring Pops concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11. Both will start at 7:00 PM. The Choir Booster parents plan to have a basket raffle at the February concert. The order of the choirs' performances depends on what the choirs are singing. Mr. Samu likes to switch the choirs around for a smoother transition during the concert.

The February concert doesn't really have specific name. Mr. Samu likes to incorporate themes into both the February and Pops concerts. The February concert theme is rivers. Most of the songs or titles will have the word river in them. The Pops concert theme is the '60's. The music will be based on 1960's movies or pop songs.

Love is in the air

By Julie Ridgley

Valentine's Day is on its way; soon the conversation hearts and red roses will be making their debut. It's supposed to be a time of heartfelt declarations of love and romance, but for many it's just a source of dread. "What do I buy him?" and "What would she like?" can be heard from many young people in relationships.

Quite frankly, the standard gift of roses and chocolate has been overdone. The staff at *The Quaker* is here to help. If it is a young lady that you're shopping for, your task isn't too tough. Many girls just want something heartfelt. An example would be a nice handwritten letter or a framed picture of the two of you together. Some girls are a little tougher to please. Junior Allison Dolphin said she'd like, "Flowers and a necklace from Tiffany's." However, keep in mind guys — she doesn't have to see the price tag.

Girls seem to have a tougher time buying for the guys, but it seems that guys don't really care what they receive. Senior Nathan Gilbert said, "Tell me what I should get you. That would be an amazing gift." He also said, "Guys like things we can use on an everyday basis." So, buy your guy something practical like a watch or a new razor. Take it from Nathan; men do not pick up on subtle hints. If you know what you want, tell him.

Holidays come with stress. Valentine's Day is no exception. Try to focus on what the day is about — love. When the chocolates are eaten and the flowers have wilted, it's what's always still there.

Clubs and Classes

By Jessica Brennan

Key Club: The Key Club worked the concession stand at the girls' basketball game on January 16 to help raise money for their fundraiser. The club is also planning their winter candy sale and activities for a Valentine's party at Courtyard at Lexington.

A.F.S.: This club had its Christmas Party in December. The highlight of the party was using skype to visit with junior Drew Bostwick, who is currently an exchange student in Paris, France. AFS meetings are always on Friday mornings. Listen to the announcements; new members are always welcome.

Starfish: Starfish had a "Mix it up" day on January 20 for junior high students. The students were assigned a new table to sit at for lunch, so they could meet new friends. This club is also having a Valentine's Day dance for our special needs students on February 11. Any student that wishes to join Starfish and believes in the club's theme should talk to their guidance counselor.

The Poet's Society: The club has several poetry competitions planned for March and April that are available to all SHS students, except for club members. So, the club is having a poetry competition for members only during the month of February. Members of the staff will judge these entries.

The Quaker's January celebrity look-a-likes

By Aimee Jones

Tyler Cosma

Dakota Eisenbraun

Katelyn Rhodes

Chaz Labbe

Dr. Shivers



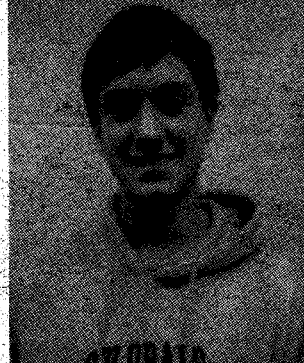
Tyler Cosma and Tiger Woods
The only difference here is Tyler hasn't made millions on golfing and has yet to wreck his car.



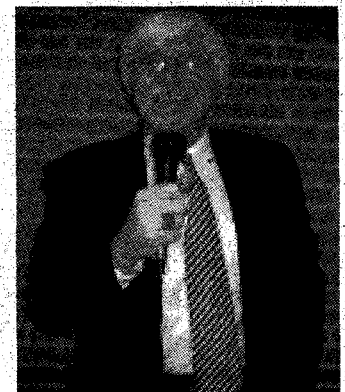
Dakota Eisenbraun and Nicole Kidman
Overlook her brunette hair and we have ourselves a twin.



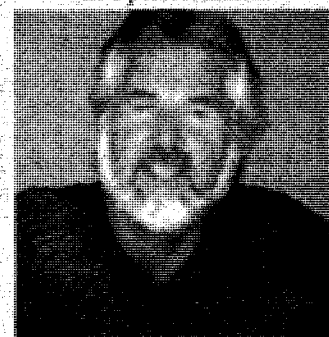
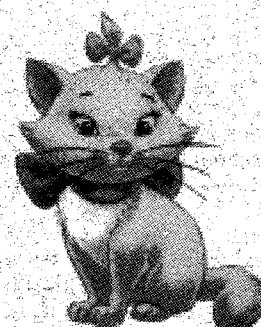
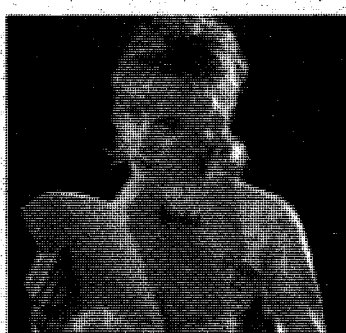
Katelyn Rhodes and Marie
Now all she needs is whiskers and a bow!



Chaz Labbe and Frankie Muniz
Where are the casting directors?



Kenny Rogers and Dr. Shivers
Although Dr. Shivers thinks Kenny Rogers might not agree, we think he's perfect match!



Sports

Senior Spotlight

By Danielle Kruegel and Abi Pasco



Lauren Crowell - Soccer

What was your favorite memory of this sport?

Going to district finals two years and soccer camps

Who was your team's biggest rival?

Canfield and West Branch

How long have you been playing this sport?

Twelve years

How did you become interested in this sport?

My parents made me play the sport when I was younger



Nikki Minett - Soccer

Who is your favorite athlete?

The Skibinator!

Who was your team's biggest rival?

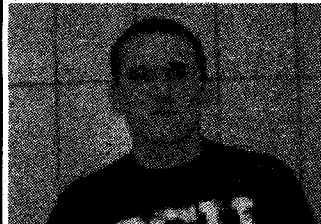
Canfield and Lakeview

What position do you play?

Midfield

What was your favorite memory of this sport?

District and camps, This one's for Crowell "We're nowhere near the hotel."



Mike Brown - Football

What is your favorite memory of this sport?

Making it to playoffs

What is your favorite warm-up song?

"In the Air Tonight"

Who is your favorite athlete?

Thomas Jones

Is this your favorite sport?

Yes



Matt Taylor - Football

What is your favorite memory of this sport?

Going to the playoffs

How long have you been playing this sport?

Eight years

How did you become interested in this sport?

My older brother

Is this your favorite sport?

Yes



Brooke Skiba - Soccer

Who was your team's biggest rival?

Lakeview

What other sports do you play?

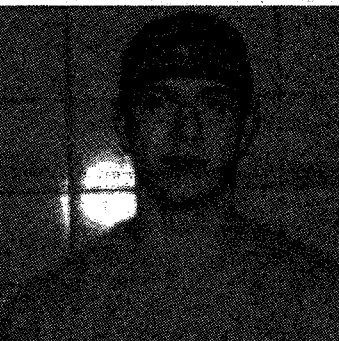
Ping Pong

What is your favorite memory of this sport?

Two years of district finals, riding up to camp sophomore year, my man-u buddy, and indoor. Also my favorite athlete: Nikki Minett!

How did you become interested in this sport?

Peer pressure!



Peter Anderson - Football

What is your favorite warm-up song?

"Party in the U.S.A." by Miley Cyrus

What position do you play?

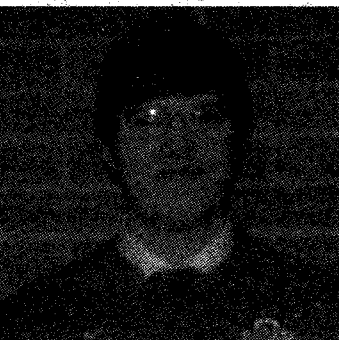
Defensive end and tight end

Who is your favorite athlete?

Colt McCoy

Do you play any other sports?

No



Frank Maucourant - Basketball

What is your favorite warm-up song?

"Jump" by Van Halen

What position do you play?

Forward

Who is your favorite athlete?

Michael Jordan

What are your goals for this season?

My goals are to improve my skills for next year in Belgium.

2010 Winter Olympics

By Nate Gilbert



The 2010 winter Olympics will be held in Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, Canada. The decision on the location of the next Olympic Games is no easy task. Cities are selected by the International Olympic Committee or IOC. Any city may apply and the IOC will return a questionnaire for the city to complete. The cities are then narrowed to four cities or candidate cities and will be voted on by each member of the IOC. Vancouver was selected by the 115th IOC session in Prague on July 2, 2003. Eight cities applied, but only four made it into the election. The four cities were Vancouver, Canada; Salzburg, Austria; PyeongChang, Republic of Korea; and Bern, Switzerland. The games will begin February 12, 2010. Ninety-seven teams will compete in eighty-six events over eight ice sports including bobsled, luge, skeleton, ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating, short track speed skating, and curling, three Alpine Skiing and snowboarding, Alpine, Freestyle, and Snowboarding, and four Nordic events, Biathlon, Cross country skiing, Ski Jumping, and Nordic Combined. If you wish to attend an event here is some information.

The most prestigious portion of the Winter Olympics is the opening and closing ceremonies. Those tickets will range from \$175 to \$1,100. The ceremony will be held at the BC Place Stadium. These tickets not only come with a large price tag, but they are also very hard to get as the opening and closing ceremonies are the most demanded tickets. The cost of attending one of these olympic games is quite pricy even for even one event. Each ticket will cost \$25 to \$425 depending on the event. Womens figure skating is the most expensive costing up to \$400.

This will be the first summer or winter Olympics in which the opening ceremony will be held indoors at the BC Place Stadium which has received over \$150 million dollars in renovations in preparation for the Olympics. Other events will be held in the Richmond Olympic Oval, which sits at sea level, and atop Whistler Mountain. Whistler Mountains is home to the logo of the 2010 Winter Olympics, the Iluaanaq the inunnguanq which means friends in Inuktitut. Vancouver will also host the warmest average temperature in Winter Olympics history at forty degrees farhenheit. The flame was lit in Olympia on October 22, 2009, and will travel over the North Pole on the West Coast and make its way to Vancouver. The torch will travel approximately 45,000 kilometers and be carried by 12,000 Canadians.

The closing ceremony will take place on Sunday, February 28. The Winter Olympics is a great time. If you will not be attending, like the majority of people, it will be broadcast on NBC from February 12 to the 28.

BCS bowl games recap

By Mike King

In college football, there are five BCS bowl games and twenty-seven non-BCS bowl games. The five BCS bowl games include the Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, and the National Championship Game.

The two top-ranked teams automatically go to the National Championship Game. The National Championship Game is a substitution for a playoff system because the NCAA does not formally determine a champion. The champion of a BCS conference is guaranteed a BCS bowl bid if there is a non-BCS conference team that is ranked higher than them. BCS conferences include the ACC, Big 12, Big East, Big Ten, Pac-10, and SEC.

The Sugar Bowl was played on January 1 between the Florida Gators and the Cincinnati Bearcats. The Gators appeared to be too much for the Bearcats, winning the game 51-24. Tebow led the Gators with 482 passing yards and 3 touchdowns.

The Rose Bowl was also played on New Year's Day between the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Oregon Ducks. Ohio State won the game 26-17. The Buckeyes were led by Terrelle Pryor through the air and on the ground. He finished the game with 266 passing yards for two touchdowns and 72 rushing yards. The Buckeyes time of possession more than doubled the Ducks.

The Fiesta Bowl was played on January 4 between Boise State and Texas Christian University. Boise State won the game 17-10. Turnovers killed TCU in this game. Quarterback Andy Dalton threw three interceptions throughout the course of the game.

The Orange Bowl was played on January 5 between the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The Hawkeyes won the game 24-14. The Yellow Jackets recorded just 155 yards of total offense and just couldn't get anything going.

In the BCS National Championship game it was the Alabama Crimson Tide coming out on top of the Texas Longhorns 37-21. Marcell Dareus had a big game for Bama's defense. He injured the Longhorn's quarterback, Colt McCoy, on their first drive. Then late in the second quarter he intercepted Texas' back up quarterback's shovel pass and took it twenty-eight yards for a touchdown. Late in the fourth Texas had the ball on their seven yard line when Bama linebacker Eryk Anders sacked Garret Gilbert and forced a fumble. The fumble led to a Mark Ingram touchdown three plays later which sealed the deal for the Crimson Tide.

Quaker Board

The spirit wall

By Lydia Shivers

Pep Club had a contest during homecoming week. Each grade had a wall in the cafeteria to decorate. The seniors' wall featured all senior winter athletes and a giant monster on the cafeteria door. The sophomores kept it classic with "Class of 2012" and the Quaker emblem. The freshman had a mixture of clubs and sports all focused around "Frosh." Teachers voted for their favorite spirit wall. The senior class was announced as the winner at the pep rally Friday, January 22.

Students walked into the auditorium to Salem fight songs played by pep band and cheerleaders dancing on stage. The pep rally was hosted by MC Steve Navara. The homecoming court and escorts were announced. Coach Brock gave the students and staff an unforgettable speech that included howling and singing his favorite song "Don't Trust Me" by 3Oh!3. A slide show featured Quaker clips from the winter sports. Finally, a few Quaker Crazies danced on stage in retro wear. Pep Club and Mrs. Wolfgang have done it again!



Did you know?

By Cheri Merryman

Do you know the words to your alma mater? Do you know the author? Her name is Barbra Jean Butler Greene. The song was written in 1944 when Greene was in her senior year of high school. She was not asked or assigned the task of writing the song. Instead she wrote the poem from her heart for herself but then later thought of using it as an alma mater. "I just wrote it and it sounded to me like an alma mater" she said (Salem Alumni Association Newsletter Vol.25, No. 2). Martin Juhn, a friend of Greene's, was asked to assist with the melody for the song and then later was the first to perform it at a school dance with his band.

Mrs. Greene also played a big role in the resurrection of The Quaker Drive On song. The fight song was used from 1936 when Charles Freed, Allan Freed's brother, wrote it, until 1950, when it was dropped for unknown reasons. She searched endlessly for the words and music of the song and found only the music for the trumpet. From there another friend wrote the arrangements for fourteen other instruments.

While in high school, Greene held positions on the student council, worked on the Quaker Editorial and Quaker Annual, was a member of the glee club, and played the bells in the marching band. After graduating from Salem she attended Hannah Mullins Nursing School and then joined the U.S. Cadets Nurse Corps. She married and had three children—Richard, Susan, and David. Currently Greene is residing at the Concord at Lexington nursing home. The last lines of the Alma Mater hold true for this remarkable woman, after sixty plus years Barbra Butler Greene knows every single line.

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2

By Joe Johnson

Have you ever walked down the hall and heard a group of people talking about what their "K/D" was or what their favorite weapon was and had no clue what they were talking about? Unless that group of kids was hit men, they would most likely be talking about the biggest game out within the last few months. Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 from Infinity Ward was released on November 10, 2009, and has occupied a great deal of people's time since then. In the US, UK, and Australia the game grossed \$310,000,000 in the first twenty-four hours, making it the highest grossing first day product ever, and 5.2 million multiplayer hours within the first twenty-four hours alone. Like Tyler Hlavcak said, "That's like if 5.2 million people played for 1 hour the first day." Well, even with the game's great popularity, I'm sure 5.2 million people didn't buy the game the first day, as well as no one only played online for an hour.

Many people who do not play video games would not believe the time that is put into this one game alone. An average player has multiple days already playing this single game, those days recorded are times spent in online matches not sitting in the menu. On my friends' lists alone there are more than ten people who have more than four days playing the game and as high as six days. That's seventy-

two hours of doing nothing more than AT4ing people from across the map.

I'm sure most of you who don't play the game are now wondering how one person can sit and play a game so much to accumulate over seventy-two hours playing a single game. While playing the game, time just flies by. You can start playing on a weekend night at 10 pm and by the time you look at the clock, it could be four in the morning.

The part of Modern Warfare 2 that is played the most is multiplayer, which allows you to sit in front of your TV and play with anyone around the world while also speaking to them. While playing online, you try and get as many "kills" as you can and the least amount of "deaths" as possible. As you go about, you earn experience points which allow you to rank up and unlock new weapons and attributes.

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 is by far the best game released within the last year. The game is just an enjoyable experience and has outstanding graphics that are probably taking up a lot of time of a person you know. Remember while playing Search and Destroy on Highrise that you don't go running into the middle rooms too fast because my AT4 will be waiting for you.

Golden years

By Abi Pasco

Remember when Saturday mornings were jam-packed with Cocoa Pebbles, cartoons, and lounging in your PJ's until noon? Even up until now you can always remember that favorite show or movie you begged to watch every time of the day. For some teachers, such as Mr. D'Angelo, "The Cosby Show" and "Puff the Magic Dragon" were his favorites. For Mrs. Dye, Sunday afternoon's "Shirley Temple Theatre" and *The Wizard of Oz* filled her childhood years. What history teacher would you expect to be a *Star Wars* fanatic? You guessed it...Mr. Goddard! And for big, bad Brock *The Twilight Zone* and *Blue's Brothers* filled his mind as a youngster.

In a poll of students from our own Salem High, their favorite shows ranged from the "Rugrats" to that loved sea sponge, "Spongebob." Below are the top six movies and shows from our own childhood. Thanks to all the blue dogs and big purple dinosaurs for making our "Golden Years" spectacular!

Top Six T.V. shows

1. "Spongebob"
2. "Rugrats"
3. "Hey Arnold!"
4. "Full House"
5. "Dragon Ball Z"
6. "Pokemon"

Top Six Movies

1. *Toy Story*
2. *Fox and the Hound*
3. *Beauty and the Beast*
4. *The Lion King*
5. *The Little Mermaid*
6. *Spiderman*

Prom and after prom

By Laura Brown

The weekend of May 7th has taken much more than a year to prepare for. The junior class has been saving money since their freshman year so that the 2010 prom will be a weekend attendees will never forget. This year's prom will be taking place at the B&O Railroad Station in downtown Youngstown. The hall is also used for any kind of banquet or wedding reception. Charter buses will be providing transportation for students as long as the junior class can raise the money needed for one to three buses. The prom has been arranged by the class advisor, Mr. D'Angelo, but the after prom cannot be planned by him. The parents of the junior class have to help plan for the after prom.

Together the junior and senior class voted for white water rafting for the after prom.* Those attending will be leaving for Ohio Pyle, Pennsylvania, either the morning after prom, May 8th, or the fol-

lowing Sunday, May 9th. Four to eight people can be in a raft at a time, depending on what you sign up for. Everyone will be able to pick who they will want in the raft. If there are only two of you, then together you will be combined with other people. When asked, Mr. D'Angelo informed us that there will be professional instructors throughout the course instructing us throughout the ride. Overall the trip will cost the students \$50-\$75, depending how much money the students can raise between now and May.

The junior class will be helping out with concession stands on February 2 and March 9. To sign up to help, go to Mr. D'Angelos's room. Come out and help so that we can make our fun filled prom weekend a bit cheaper for all of us.

* This is the information shared with this reporter at time of printing. Post prom plans may possibly change.

Ohio Career Information System

By Monica Metts

The Ohio Career Information System (OCIS) is a website (<http://ocis.ode.state.oh.us>) that SHS pays for in order for students to have the resources they need to get information regarding items such as colleges, universities, and scholarships available to them. Would you like to explore careers and uncover what you're most interested in and what is involved in a certain career? Would you like to find out the type of scholarships that are out there? Maybe you just really want to find out all you can about that school you've been looking at incessantly to see if you can finally make a decision. OCIS gives you all of these resources to utilize and many more including information on careers to possibly pursue in the military and information on how to get the most out of a college visit.

"It is a great internet resource to view any college or university in any of the fifty states or foreign countries," remarked high

school counselor Mrs. Nancy Crum, "and it is out there for our students to use either at school or at home." It is available to use at any time. A student who visits this website can create a personal portfolio, take tests such as a skills test to discover in what they excel, and explore an interest profiler to identify their specific interests. There are articles ranging from issues such as "Writing the College Application Essay" to "Career Opportunities in Renewable Energy," and you are sure to find something to catch your interest.

Counselors visit each English class at the beginning of the school year, and they give out the username and password for OCIS to students. If you are interested in visiting this website and you did not get the information needed, the username and password required to be admitted into the site are exactly as follows: User Name: SalemHS, Password:ohiocis03

Quaker Clips

