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National Honor Society induction

By Brooke Skiba

By candlelight, this year's National Honor Society induction ceremony was held in the SHS auditorium on Wednesday, March 24. The National Honor Society, or NHS, is a selective, nationwide society founded in 1921 in nearby Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Jencsek says, "National Honor Society is one of the nation's foremost organizations. It is an elite club that focuses on academics, club affiliations, charity work, and character. These values foster a lifetime commitment." The NHS motto is *Nolesse Oblige*, which is French and means, "Whoever claims to be noble must conduct himself nobly."



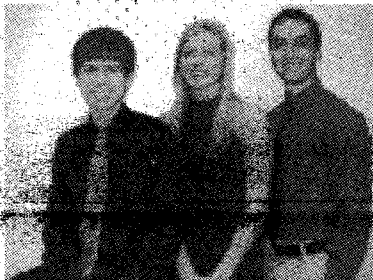
This year's inductees to National Honor Society

The National Honor Society's main purpose is to recognize students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. In order to qualify for NHS, a student must be a junior or senior with at least a 3.5 grade point average and also must be involved in extracurricular activities. Once inducted, students are required to follow specific guidelines to maintain

membership in the society. The club is also a service organization which participates in various community service activities throughout the year, and it is also the youth volunteer group for the Salem Storybook Museum.

The induction held late last month was a very sophisticated and elegant ceremony. Thirty-four new members were added to the current eighteen members of the Salem chapter of NHS. The induction began with a procession with each member carrying a lit candle to the stage in front of an audience of family and friends. This was then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

and the national anthem sung by Salem's own high school Encore. The current NHS officers next described to the audience the importance of scholarship, leadership, service, and character, and the inductees recited the induction pledge. After the inductees became official members of NHS, Connor Bezrededi performed a vocal piece and also performed a duet with Tyler Cosma. To conclude the ceremony, president of Salem City Council, Michele Weaver, spoke about her and her relatives' involvement in the community while encouraging others to become involved as well. Refreshments followed in the lobby, where the new members of National Honor Society were congratulated by friends and family.



Above: National Honor Society's current president Derek Erskine, breakfast chairman Olivia Mitchley, and vice president Tyler Cosma.

Skiba wins club competition

By Monica Metts

During the majority of February, The Poets' Society held a contest only open to club members. Certain guidelines were to be followed for consideration, and those guidelines were available at meetings and from Mrs. Dye throughout the contest. The winner of this year's club contest was Brooke Skiba.

There was also a school contest for all students in grades nine through twelve, and guidelines were distributed in English classes. These guidelines had to be followed to be considered in this contest, and the deadline for submission was April 23.



The contest was held in April to promote National Poetry Month. The winner of the school contest will be announced on April 28, 2010.

Boys' and Girls' State

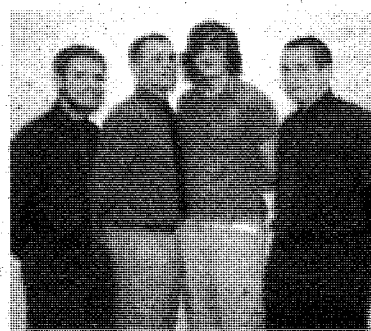
By Monica Metts

The delegates representing Salem for Buckeye Boys' State 2010 and Buckeye Girls' State 2010 have been selected. Buckeye Boys' State will take place at Bowling Green State University between June 12 and June 20. Buckeye Girls' State will take place at Ashland University between June 13 and June 19.

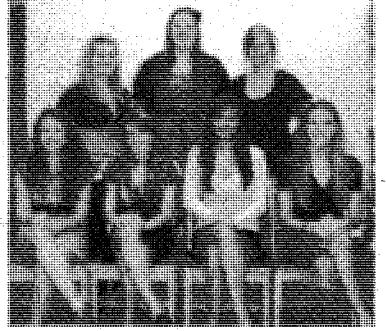
The students representing Salem for Buckeye Boys' State are juniors Patrick Anzevino, Kenny Saltsman, Andrew Skiba, and Madison While. The students representing Salem for Buckeye Girls' State are juniors Katie Fife, Alex Hoopes,

Aimee Jones, Monica Metts, Abi Pasco, Danielle Perry, and Lacey Thomas.

To qualify for Buckeye Boys' or Girls' State, students submitted an entry form to the office and Dr. Shivers had to approve the students. The American Legion Auxiliary then interviewed students at the Chamber of Commerce building on either Monday, March 1, 2010, or on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Students received letters of acceptance on March 5, the following Friday.



Above from left: Andrew Skiba, Kenny Saltsman, Madison While, and Patrick Anzevino



Above from top left: Monica Metts, Katie Fife, Alex Hoopes, Seated: Aimee Jones, Abi Pasco, Lacey Thomas and Danielle Perry

Bella Luna: Prom 2010

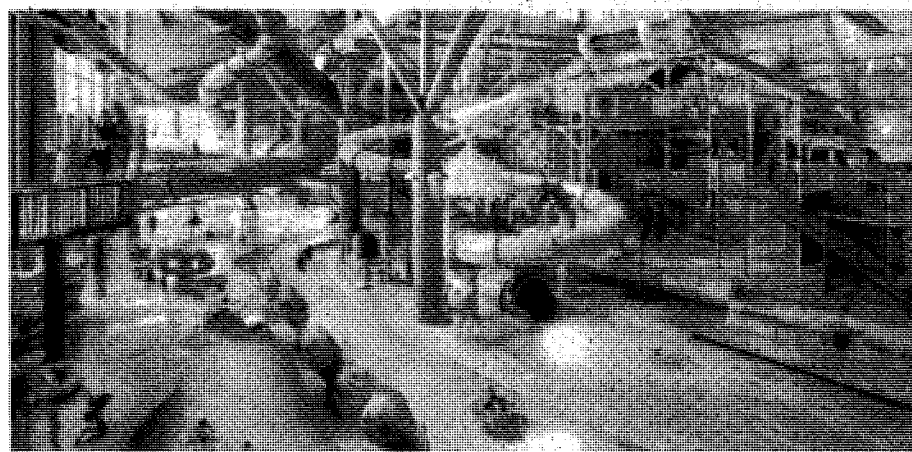
By Aimee Jones

As you all know, prom is quickly approaching. This year's theme is Bella Luna.

The prom parade and prom are both on Friday, May 7. The prom parade starts at 5 pm, and all couples need to be at the auditorium promptly at 4:30. The parade should last about forty-five minutes to an hour. From there, charter buses will pick everyone up at the high school in the circle behind the auditorium. No one will be allowed to drive to prom; everyone must ride the buses.

Prom is located in downtown Youngstown at the B&O Station Banquet Hall. The B&O is a renovated historic railroad station. The interior of the building is quite unique. The food will be served buffet style and will be delicious, of course. Mr. Snow and his wife will be taking pictures when attendees first arrive at the door.

Prom will last until about 11:00 pm, and everyone will depart for Salem around that time. This year the prom will be on Saturday night, instead of the usual which would be directly following the dance. The after-prom will be held at Splash Lagoon in Erie, Pennsylvania, from 10 pm Saturday night until 2 am Sunday morning. Everyone should be excited for this year's prom because it is going to be spectacular!



Left: Splash Lagoon in Erie, Pennsylvania. It should be a great after prom!

April Calendar

Prom	May 7	Baccalaureate	May 27
Freshman formal	May 8	Last day for seniors	May 28
Choir concert	May 11	Alumni Association banquet	May 29
Sophomore social	May 15	Graduation	May 30
Powder-puff football game	TBA	Last day for students	June 4
Awards ceremony banquet	May 18		
Band concert	May 19		
Senior picnic	May 25		

Opinion

Point Counter Point

Dwyane Wade By Matt Oliphant

Who is the greatest NBA player from the 2003 draft class? The answer is obviously Dwyane Wade from the Miami Heat; however, there are a large amount of people who think that it's LeBron James. Hopefully this persuasion piece will help everyone understand the true meaning of being the "greatest."

First of all, Dwyane Wade went to college at Marquette University. That shows that Wade understands the importance of a higher education. He led his college team in scoring and led the conference with steals giving his school their best record since 1993 all during his first year. He also gave Marquette its first and only Conference USA championship and an appearance in the Final Four in the NCAA championship for the first time since 1977. His leadership was incredible during his college career and provided the starting blocks for his greatness in the NBA.

By the time Dwyane Wade started in the NBA, he began to make a name for himself. His awards and honors in the NBA are as follows: 6x NBA All-Star (2005-2010), NBA Scoring Champion (2009), All-NBA First Team (2009), 2x All-NBA Second Team (2005-2006), All-NBA Third Team (2007), 2x All-Defensive Second Team (2005, 2009), NBA All-Rookie First Team (2004), NBA All-Star Game MVP (2010), 2x Skills Challenge Champion (2006-2007), and Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year (2006). I feel the NBA overrates LeBron along with everyone who is a fan of the guy. I feel the MVP was awarded to the wrong player last year. From 2008-2009 Dwyane Wade averaged more points per a game, assists, blocks, and steals than LeBron James. So since the league gives the MVP to players who aren't the best in these statistical categories, I guess Dwyane Wade should easily get it this year since LeBron

has the better stats for 2009-2010. However, LeBron has a better team right now, too, which helps LeBron immensely with his high stats and Dwyane Wade has had numerous injuries recently.

So really what comes down to Dwyane Wade being better than LeBron is his Championship. The NBA Championship is given to the team that wins the best out of seven games. In 2006, the Miami Heat (Dwyane Wade's team) was down against the Dallas Mavericks by two games. Dallas needed to win only two more games causing the Heat to lose without a single win in the finals. However, the most amazing thing began to unfold. In game three, Miami was down by 13 points, but Wade wasn't going to let his team go down without a fight. Dwyane Wade scored 42 points and scrapped 13 rebounds giving the Heat their first win in the championship series. After that win it allowed the Miami Heat to finish off the Mavericks winning three straight games giving Miami their claim as the NBA Champions. Just out of the Championship series, Dwyane Wade scored a total of 208 points. ESPN named Dwyane Wade with the number one greatest NBA Championship performance ever (beating out Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal).

Dwyane Wade was the first player from the 2003 NBA draft class to win an NBA Championship and the MVP award of the NBA finals. LeBron came close in 2007, but LeBron and the Cavs couldn't handle the San Antonio Spurs and lost four straight games giving the Spurs their championship. This year the Cavs have another great chance of winning a championship. If by some chance they lose again, then two things are certain...Dwyane Wade is the greatest to come out of the 2003 draft class, and Cleveland truly is cursed.

LeBron James By Mike King

When you talk about the NBA Draft, it's nearly impossible to not talk about the 2003 draft class. The 2003 draft class is arguably the best in the history of the NBA. With players such as LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Bosh, and Dwyane Wade the argument that comes about is this: Who is the best player of the '03 draft class?

Without a question the best player of this draft class is LeBron James. NBA scouts could have told you this seven years ago when LeBron went as the number one pick in the draft, straight out of high school. Wade was selected as the number five pick. LeBron was just eighteen years old and was already better than the twenty-one year-old Dwyane Wade.

Since entering the league, LeBron has been averaging 27.8 points per game. Wade has been averaging just 25.4. Even though Wade plays the guard position where he should be getting more assists than LeBron, he's not. LeBron averages 6.9 assists per game compared to Wade's 6.6. On the boards LeBron is averaging 7 rebounds per game to Wade's 4.8. It looks like this year LeBron will come out on top of Wade again in many statistical fields. So far this season LeBron is averaging 29.9 points per game to go along with 8.6 assists and 7.3 rebounds. Wade's stats are not as impressive. He's scoring 26.6 points per game to go along with 6.5 assists and 4.6 rebounds. If these stats aren't enough to support my argument, then maybe this one will. Out of the seven years in the league, there have only been two times that Wade has averaged more points per game in a season than LeBron.

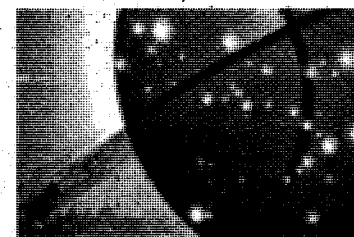
There's no argument that LeBron is the more popular player over Wade. And why do you think

he is more popular? It's because he's better. LeBron's jersey ranks at number two in sales to Kobe Bryant. Dwyane's jersey comes in at number five behind both Kobe and LeBron, then also Dwight Howard and Derrick Rose.

The only half respectable argument that anyone could give as a reason Dwyane Wade is better than LeBron is that he has a championship ring. But a championship isn't won by just one player; it's a team effort. If LeBron would have had a team around him during those years, the Cavs would have won a championship also. Seeing how this argument isn't who's on the better team but who's the better player, statistically there is no reasoning to even think Wade is better than LeBron. Even the year the Heat won the championship, LeBron statistically had the better year. He averaged 31.4 points per game. Wade averaged 27.2 points per contest.

When you hear people talk about the best player in the NBA, it's always Kobe or LeBron. You never hear Wade's name in that argument. And Wade has never been compared to Michael Jordan by sports analysts.

So just to recap this, LeBron is statistically better than Dwyane Wade. Salem High School's biggest Wade fan, Matt Oliphant, has even agreed to this. So what is your argument? Yes, Wade has a championship but that was a team effort. It wasn't an individual milestone. Out of seven years in the league, Wade has outscored LeBron in just two seasons. Statistically, in the league no one does it better than LeBron James.



War of Words By Aimee Jones

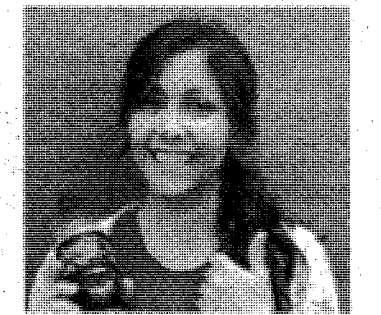
If you could make any invention what would it be?

Freshman Rocco Davanzo



A machine that breeds monkeys because monkeys are sweet and hard to find.

Sophomore Lauren Rupp



A PB & J maker that puts the perfect amount of peanut butter and jelly on it for you so it doesn't get soggy.

Junior Cody Crawford



An invention generator, so I don't have to choose.

Senior Lauren Crowell



A jet pack, so I could fly with the birds.

Ask Erskine

How is the education system in America failing our generation?

By Derek Erskine

Earlier in the school year I watched a video in History of Government that sparked my interest. This video was titled "Stupid in America," and it was presented by John Stossel in affiliation with 20/20. This video was often misleading and exaggerated, but one basic fact did remain true. The American education system is failing our generation.

We are in the midst of a global economy now more so than ever. What happens in one country often greatly affects what will happen in another. Countries that were once world powers are now falling behind, and some will soon become obsolete. The countries that are currently excelling in a global economy are Asian countries. But is that honestly even surprising or something

that is to be unexpected? By looking at the education system in these countries, one can see the correlation between a good education and success.

For many students in other countries, the decision is to either become educated or fall behind. Many students take placement tests at a fairly young age that will determine the path for their future. Students study for these tests knowing that the success they will have in the future will be determined by the quality of education they receive. Many American students know that being educated will increase one's chances of being successful. But many of our students are not willing to put education before other extracurricular activities. Instead we spend our free time

watching television (15-20 hours a week), playing video games, and enjoying other activities that more than likely will not benefit us in life. I do these things myself, and I'm not saying that one should completely give up these activities. Instead we should do them in moderation and place other things of importance such as education before them.

The United States spends a ridiculous amount of money on education compared to many other countries. "Based on the most recent per-pupil expenditure figures, the average student enrolled in public school the next 12 years can expect to have about \$100,000 spent on his or her education" (Lips). According to Lips the U.S. spent more than \$500 billion in 2003-2004 on all

secondary and elementary education. This is about 4.7 percent of the entire economy measured by GDP. Yet according to the Department of Education, the high school graduation rate is only 73 percent. These statistics blatantly show that the education system in the U.S. is weak and inadequate.

Based on a study performed by the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), the U.S. is behind in math and science. The U.S. ranked 28 out of 41 countries in math and 22 out of 41 countries in science. These numbers are not exactly outstanding. The youth of America are consistently perceived to be lazy. I encourage you to become educated and disprove these misconceptions.

Salem's *Seussical the Musical*

By Julie Ridgley

Salem High School's production of *Seussical the Musical* made its debut on Friday, April 16 in the high school auditorium. Growing up with Dr. Seuss, as many of us have, it was interesting and extremely entertaining to see the familiar rhymes on stage.

Seussical is a wacky blend of characters and events from many of the most famous writings of Dr. Seuss. The Cat in the Hat, a lead role performed by senior Tyler Losma, narrated and led the audience through the adventures and events which took place during the performance. However, the production centers on the story of Horton the elephant, played by junior Tyler Touffer, from the much beloved book, *Horton Hears a Who*. Horton discovered the town of the Whos, miniscule little people who live on a speck of dust. The musical follows Horton as he attempts to rescue the little town and its tiniest resident JoJo, played by junior Abi Hull.

This show had a really large cast. Other than those times when there were featured solos or duets, the stage seemed to always be full of activity that kept the audience captivated. There were characters dancing, actors popping out of books with peep holes, birds

strutting their stuff, a mayor and his wife leading the Whos, mischievous Wickersham Brothers chasing about, a sour kangaroo displaying one mighty fine attitude, cadets marching alongside their leader, acrobats tumbling, people walking on stilts, and even a boy riding a unicycle.

The musical numbers were all phenomenal. Each number told a story that advanced the action of the play. To single out any one in particular just can not be done. Those powerful voices had the audience laughing at times and near tears at others. The Salem musical and dramatic department is truly blessed with enormous talent.

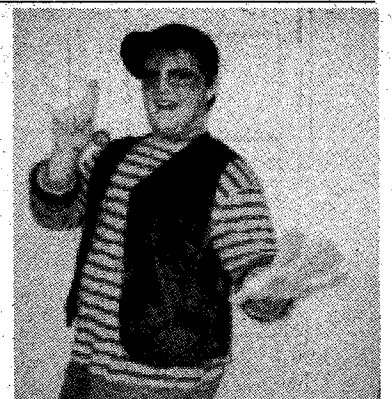
It was obvious that a great deal of "behind the scenes" time was devoted to props and costumes (even the make-up was outstanding). The special effects were awe-inspiring as well. Whether it was when the house lights dimmed to reveal a host of enormous hunch gloves illuminated by white light or when neon-colored fish swam magically across the stage complete with bubbles, theatre goers were given their money's worth and then some.

If you missed the show,

you missed two hours of sheer delight and true entertainment. Congratulations to the entire cast — choreographer Carrie Mazzucco, director John Miller, and musical director, Salem's very own, Mr. Attila Samu. If you think high school musicals can't be fantastic, then think again because this one definitely was. Perhaps the ensemble said it best when they sang, "Oh, the Thinks You *Can* Think!"



Featured here are some members of the cast of *Seussical*.



DVR worthy or not

By Tyler Hlvacak

The Crazies is not your run-of-the-mill horror movie. This respectfully updated version of the original is not about blowing stuff up or gore and frightening chills but about surviving the errors that have been created by the US government.

Viewers enjoy the visual dramatizations and the change of pace as protagonists dodge crazies and the military. It works out well and falls into place at the right times. *The Crazies* is what a good end-of-the-world zombie film should be.

With the exception of some lengthy scenes, the wit and intelligence of the script gives the audience something to hang on to throughout the movie. One of the best zombie films of this year and maybe the decade, anyone out there that enjoys a great zombie film every once in a while, this film is for you.

Another consideration is from director Martin Scorsese and based on the thriller by Dennis Lehane. *Shutter Island* is a tale of haunting mystery and suspense that unfolds entirely on a fortress-like island housing a hospital for the criminally insane.

The year is 1954 when U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels and his new partner Chuck Aule are summoned to Shutter Island to investigate the disappearance of a brilliant multiple murderer from a locked room within Ashecliffe Hospital.

Surrounded by psychiatrists and psychopathic patients on the remote island, they arrive in a violent atmosphere that suggests

nothing is quite what it seems. With a hurricane bearing down on them, the investigation moves rapidly. As the storm escalates, the suspicions and mysteries multiply with each more thrilling and terrifying than the last.

There are hints and rumors of dark conspiracies, morbid medical experiments, repressive mind control, secret wards, and even the supernatural. Teddy begins to sense that the deeper he pursues the investigation the more he will be forced to confront some of his most devastating fears. And he realizes that he may never leave the island alive.

From Walt Disney Pictures and visionary director Tim Burton comes an epic 3D fantasy adventure *Alice in Wonderland*, a magical and imaginative twist on some of the most beloved stories of all time.

Johnny Depp stars as the Mad Hatter and Mia Wasikowska as Alice, who returns to the fantasy world she first encountered as a girl. She reunites with her childhood friends the White Rabbit, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Dormouse, the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, and, of course, the Mad Hatter.

Alice embarks on a fantastical journey to find her true destiny and end the Red Queen's reign of terror. The all-star cast also includes Anne Hathaway, Helena Bonham Carter and Crispin Glover.

What's in a name? Ask Thanks for Tonight

By Shauna Uptegraph

Thanks for Tonight. This band was formerly known as Anomali and before that known as the sickest metal band without a name to break through the high school walls. The band can be summed up in three words, which vocalist Jake Irey says, "Megaman Eats Dolphins." A million questions may come to mind when you see the group's picture, questions such as: What happens tonight that I need thanked for? Where did that kid find that amazing afro? Why do they change their names so often? Is that screamer really a lumberjack? All of these questions, and more, will be revealed in this article... hopefully.

Alternative names for this melodic masterpiece were Dead Rotting Flesh, Flesh Rotting Dead, Dead Flesh Rotting, and Destroy Everything at Dinner. How fortunate, for both dinner and corpses. Thanks For Tonight stuck. Previously, the band was Anomali, an anomaly in itself because of the incorrect spelling. However, most people didn't know what that was. Theo Kenniston, lead vocalist for TFT came up with the current name, originally using it as an acoustic project he started but ditched a few years ago. Anomali adopted it when the need for a name change arose.

For those of you currently residing beneath rocks or in some strange suburb of a communist country, Thanks For Tonight is a post-hardcore musical gathering of six people, both students and graduates of SHS. Derek "Shasty McNasty" Shasteen plays both kazoo and guitar for the band, though the need for the blissful styling of the kazoo isn't

often called for when writing the band's music, in which all of the members participate. Casey "Ben Franklin" Folds also plays guitar, and Marshall "Wheelbarrel" Sarginger plays bass. Theo Kenniston and Jake "Lumberjack Jake" Irey share the limelight of vocals, begging another question. Who's the front man? Digression. Jake screams rawr while Theo does pretty much everything else. Brian Shivers is Thanks For Tonight's drummer.

There is much talk of why the need for a name change happens often, though it is general knowledge that several individuals of this heavenly assembly would make fabulous candidates for an episode of Jerry Springer. It may be for having hair so beautiful that it offends the general public, shaving a certain band mate's chinstrap and thus getting rid of the only thing to keep his hair on, smashing another member's epic Gibson, or creating a love triangle between two Thanks For Tonight-ers and a squirrel tamer. Perhaps, if this is not the reason for this obvious attempt at concealing identity, then it could be one of the many secrets the band keeps from its terribly persistent tabloid writers. They were nice enough to share them with the school's newspaper, however. "Ben Franklin" Folds has a few actual skeletons in his closet and frequently practices sorcery. "Shasty McNasty" Shasteen sings to himself every moment he's alone and resembles a duck in the foot area. That is to say that his second and third toes are

webbed. "Lumberjack" Jake would never want the hiding place of his compassion for life to be made public, and "Wheel Barrel" Sarginger wrestled a bear once, though he keeps the details quiet.

There is some debate as to what each person would do to become famous, as Derek would sacrifice all food save for Ramen Noodles and Taco Bell cinnamon twists, playing a show nearly every night, Casey would sell his soul, and Jake would simply be himself. Marshall, however, doesn't particularly care about being famous, though he'd do anything at all to get a record deal.

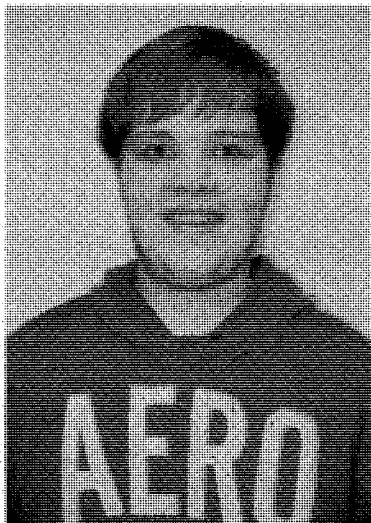
Thanks For Tonight writes music collaboratively, and, according to Derek Shasteen, a lot of this is done while whale watching, bird watching, star watching, cloud watching, and most of all D-War: Dragon Wars watching. Their biggest musical influence is D.E.A.D. and they'd love to play to a crowd of more than seven people, with zombies and Betsy Yuhaniak in the crowd. With such a broad spectrum of muse, it's no wonder that Thanks For Tonight's music holds such a wide variety. The band will most likely be remembered for the cute guitar player, bouncing curls, the woman-shirt wearing somersaulter, the mullet, the eternally bleeding percussionist, and the chin strap. If that isn't enough, Thanks For Tonight's music is unforgettable in itself.

Feature

Artist of the Month

By Allison Dolphin

Connor Bezeredi has been involved with theatre since he was eleven years old. His stage debut was in October 2004, at Salem Community Theatre where he played the part of Wilbur the Pig in *Charlotte's Web*. This talented junior at SHS has been in eighteen shows since then. He is currently playing a Wickersham Brother in the school musical, *Seussical*.



Connor is a voice student of Corinne Morini and takes dance lessons from Carrie Mazzucco. He has been on stage at Salem Community Theatre, The Oakland, Stage Left Trinity Playhouse, and Salem High School. He has performed such roles as Roger Davis in *Rent* (The Oakland), the title character in *Jekyll & Hyde* (SCT), Pish-Tush in *The Mikado* (SCT), Benvolio in *Romeo & Juliet* (SLP), The Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz* (SHS), Roger in *Grease* (SHS), and Sancho in *Man of La Mancha* (SHS). Although he has enjoyed being in each of these shows, his favorite role to date is a toss up between the title character in *Jekyll & Hyde* and Roger Davis in *Rent*.

Besides theatre Connor enjoys reading, drawing, and hanging out with his friends. He has also been involved with the SCT Youth Chorus for four years. With the chorus Connor has traveled to and performed in Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, and New York City. In August of 2010, he plans to travel to Europe and tour with the chorus for two weeks.

Connor lists Norbert Leo Butz, and Coleen Sexton as his favorite actors. In regard to Sexton, he says, "I know no one knows her—I just think she's brilliant." His favorite show is *The Last Five Years*, and he has played two out of his three dream roles. "I would love to play Rodger in *Rent* or Jekyll/Hyde in *Jekyll & Hyde* again," says Connor, "but if I could play any part it would be Bobby Strong in *Urinetown*."

Here at SHS Connor is involved with The Poet's Society, Choir, and Chamber Choir. He has also been involved with the school musical for four consecutive years. After high school Connor plans to attend college to pursue a BFA in Musical Theatre. Once he is done with school, he hopes to move to New York City and join the Actors' Equity Association.

What is the scoop?

By Laura Brown

What is better than going to get ice-cream on a sunny day? In Salem we have two legit ice cream stores that stay open all year. Brusters is the newest of them all and could be argued to be one of the best ice cream stores around. Many of our high school students are employed there. Considering summer is just around the corner, it is known that Brusters will actually be hiring. Dairy Queen is another ice cream store that is popular all around the world. Our Dairy Queen is only opened during the summer months. The same goes for Dairy King. They are famous for their blue moon ice cream. If you haven't had it, I highly suggest trying it. The taste is a little bit sweeter than vanilla ice cream. It is easily my favorite ice cream of all time.

Random students were given the chance to pick their favorite ice cream stores in Salem only. The number one pick was Brusters. Although many of the students commented on how expensive their ice cream is, many thought that Brusters had the best variety of ice cream or milkshakes. Dairy Queen came in second place. The

majority of people agreed that Dairy Queen was cheaper. Junior Allison Dolphin stated, "I'd have to say Dairy Queen wins because their prices are fairly reasonable, and I always leave there happy." Since Dairy Queen is only opened for the summer months, people who favor it are restricted to three months of joy. Junior Lilli Daley is a worker at the local Dairy Queen. When she was asked when it will be opening, she said it will be sometime around Memorial Day weekend. She also informed us that they may be hiring a couple people for the summer. Another ice cream store the students had an option to pick was the Ice Cream Parlor on East State Street. The Ice Cream Parlor is often forgotten when it comes to going somewhere to get ice cream. They still have some great flavors to choose, and their prices are very fair.

As the weather around Salem, Ohio, gets better and you are having a craving for ice cream, take into consideration all four of these stores. All of them will be able to meet your own specific ice cream needs.

Clubs and Classes

By Jessica Brennan

Spanish Club: Spanish Club along with Key Club and members of NHS helped to serve dinners as well as set up and disassemble the cafeteria for The Storybook Museum's recent benefit dinner. Also, students in Spanish classes have been busy with their annual piñata projects.

German Club- In the month of April, German Club had its awards banquet and honor society induction. Members will be choosing a new president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer in May for the next school year.

NHS- National Honor Society welcomed thirty-four new members this year. All current as well as new members worked to sell boxes of chocolate candy bars to raise money for their organization.

Delta Epsilon Phi- DEP is the National German Honor Society for high school students in the USA. The group of students at our high school is responsible for the recycling project with the help of the German Club. Membership is open to students who have at least three semesters of German and maintain at least a 3.6 GPA average in German and a 3.0 GPA overall.

Days left of school!!

Seniors 7th - Juniors

24 Days 29 Days

The Quaker presents teachers' baby pictures

by Lexi Shivers

If someone saw your baby picture, would they know it was you? Well, these teachers allowed us to put their baby/childhood pictures in the school newspaper. You have the chance to guess which baby picture is which teacher in the high school. The answers are located in the sports section of *The Quaker*. Have fun and good luck!



SOMEone's awesome

By Brooke Skiba

Being that this month was the last SOM competition open to all grades, the contest was on a whole new level. A great deal of courage, determination, and awesomeosity was required to illuminate the clear choice of SOM. Before I comment on the winner, I will first describe the process of the competition.

To become SOM, applicants had to pass the truth or dare challenge. Unfortunately, this month lacked a great deal of participation with only one application being mostly complete. However, several still turned in the truth section of the questionnaire offering some competition for the ultimate champion. The questions in the truth section aimed at determining the inner splendor of the SOM. Following the truths came eight dares which are what secured the victory for one lucky student. That superlative individual is none other than Lauren "La Loca" Rupp.



seemingly secret talent she wishes to reveal because most students do not realize that she regularly sings at Greenford Christian Church in front of crowds nearing the thousands. Unlike many singers under similar conditions, Lauren is always willing to offer up autographs; she signs her name on homework practically every day when teachers ask for it. It's assumable that Lauren's first kiss has yet to happen because she told me she would never kiss a person. She asserted, "I may have my cootie shot, but I'm not going to risk it." We should all learn from this wise example. Lauren also sets an example in the classroom; as she assured me that she has never cheated on a test, and that cheaters do, in fact, make her sick. Normal, less SOM students generally get sick from germs, but it takes an exceptional being to catch a disease of immorality. Perhaps one day Lauren will be able to cure this disease because she plans to grow up to be "House" M.D. Not only would Lauren like to be a hirt, she would also like to marry him and take him on her ideal romantic evening of walking down the beach at sunset eating goldfish crackers and drinking Kool-aid. It is unfortunate that Lauren does not show the same sympathy to the on-looking ocean fish as she does for worms by the track.

If Lauren could have anything in the world it would be this SOM title. She was able to tell me straight to my face, in one of the most honest moments of her life, that she wants this and deserves it because, as she assured me, "I know how to play scales all the way up and down the piano." Her exceptional modesty also won me over. When asked if she could be anyone, she smiled humbly and said, "I'd say me, but that's a lil' conceited. So I'm gonna say Reptar." Lauren has just begun to build her own SOM legacy with an off the charts Brooke Level.

Lauren completed her dare list with mellifluous dexterity. Her very first dare required her to enter Mr. Ziegler's classroom and perform a rendition of the chicken dance without saying anything first. Lauren had no problem completing this task, and Mr. Ziegler claimed, "It was outrageous." She also had to complete the task of bringing cheer to the students of SHS by getting Theresa to say a particular phrase on the morning announcements. Her phrase of choice was "Attention seniors, there are scholarships available in the guidance office." The cheerful mood of the school day that followed was undeniably a result of this phrase. The remainder of the dare list was difficult to complete and did involve torment from fellow students; some students even got violent, rocketing pencils and water bottles at Lauren. However, she did not even shed two tears, handling the situation like a true SOM.

Lauren's only major fear involves killing worms while running track (as most of us fear ourselves). She hates when they later dry to the track to remind her of what she has done to them. "It's haunting," she claimed, shaking slightly, with a hint of remorse glimmering in her eyes. While she does have a deep dark secret, Lauren wishes only to reveal this message: uoy llik ot evah d'I ,uoy dlot I fl. Perhaps you would have to ask the encryption master herself to expose its meaning. Lauren does, however, have a

New York Bound

By Alli Dolphin

On Thursday, April 22, fifty-five people departed for New York City at approximately 4 PM. Those fifty-five people included chaperones, sophomores, juniors, and senior members of the Salem High School choir. Students have been participating in cheese and candy sales to raise money to go on the trip. The Boosters have had a bake sale, held basket raffles, and 50/50 raffles at the concerts this year to also help cover the cost of the trip.

Many activities were planned for this trip including a chance to sing at the Statue of Liberty, seeing a Broadway show, going to a history museum, and sightseeing. The choristers will be staying at the Hyatt Place in New Jersey. Approximately three to five people are assigned to each room.

The morning of Friday, April 23 the members of the choir took a ferry across the Hudson River to sing at the Statue of Liberty. Everyone in the choir will be singing "New York, New York" and "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," while the Chamber Choir will be singing the National Anthem. Once they are done singing, they will have the afternoon to go sightseeing in Little Italy and China Town. Friday evening a dinner is planned at Puglia's Italian Restaurant, and then the group is going to see the Broadway musical *Billy Elliot* at 8 PM.

On Saturday, April 24, members of the choir are going to a history museum. After the tour is over, they will have more free time to go sightseeing, shopping, or do whatever else they would like to do. They plan to head home by 3 PM on Saturday, April 24. The students will return to Salem between 10-11 PM that evening. Good Luck in New York City, choir members!

Did you know?

By Sherri Merryman

There are more types of self-mutilation or self injury than just cutting. However, cutting is a serious problem in our world. If even only one person is hurting him or herself, it's one too many.

There are many different reasons why people hurt themselves. One reason is simply because someone else is doing it; they want to fit in. It's cool, and everybody is carving their boyfriends name into their leg or friction burning their forearm with their pencil eraser. Self-injury performed for this reason is likely to cease with maturity, but it is still not okay. The person is causing permanent damage to his/her body.

A second reason, and perhaps a more serious type of self-harm is because the person feels like his or her life is out of control and by hurting themselves they can at least control how much pain they feel. The person is experiencing overwhelming emotional pain, and the only way to cope is to turn it into physical pain. When someone gets hurt, the body produces natural painkillers called endorphins. Endorphins give the injured person positive feelings, which is why cutting- or any type of self-harm- can become addicting.

Sometimes a person cuts because he or she don't feel anything at all on an emotional level, only numbness. One self-injurer said, "I usually feel like I have a black hole in the pit of my stomach; at least if I feel pain it's better than feeling nothing." Another possible reason why someone would do this is that it is an outward expression of what he or she just can't put into words.

Self-abuse stems from low self-esteem, some sort of abuse as a child, or extreme stress. I interviewed some teachers and guidance

counselors at SHS, and they say they have not seen many people self-injuring this year. However, it could be happening as this isn't the type of thing people usually advertise. In fact, most self-injury is inflicted on the thighs, stomach, and arms - all places that can be easily covered.

It is important to know that this is not just a girl thing. Although it is impossible to know exactly how many people are affected by self-injury, recent studies have shown that just about as many guys as girls do it.

All types of self-harm are dangerous and can lead to accidental death, fatal health conditions, or suicide.

Instead of judging these people harshly, try and think what would make you kill yourself. What could be the worst possible thing could happen in your life to make you not want to live it anymore? That is what these people are going through. For their own reasons, they don't want to be here anymore. You don't know what those reasons are, and you aren't them, and you have no right to look down on them and make fun. To sum it up, the Good Book says, "Judge not, lest ye be judged accordingly."

If you know someone with a similar situation as those mentioned here, tell someone. They might hate you for it now, but after they have gotten help they won't feel that way anymore. And if you're the one doing it, there is help. There is a better way. There is hope. Listed below are just a few good organizations which can help.

S.A.F.E. Alternatives 800-DONCUT
Rader Programs 800-841-1515
God—His line is always open

The game is Ninja: Salem's next varsity sport

By Nathan Gilbert

We have all heard about the new game called Ninja that has swept through the high school. The game originated in a college and is played at Kent where tournaments are held that include cash prizes. Randall Baker learned the game in Kent and brought Ninja to Salem High School along with a few other students. He began teaching everyone like it was his job. It has been played in classrooms daily and is also quick enough for a game between classes in the hallway. If there are any students, faculty, or adults who do not know what Ninja is, here are the rules.

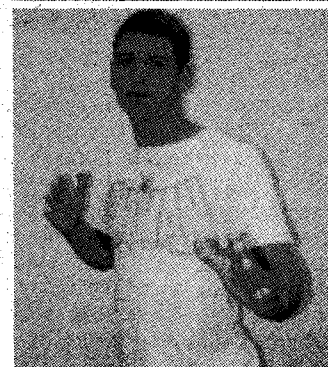
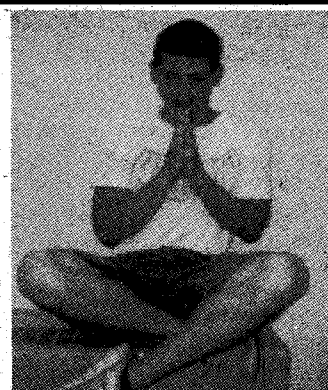
Ninja is played with a minimum of two players but has no maximum. The main objective of the game is to slap your opponent or any opponent's hand without getting your hand slapped much like you would slap a Jack card in the

game Slapjack. Ninja is started every time by the previous winner reciting the words "Bow to your sensei," and then, "assume the position." The person to the right of the sensei always moves first and the movements are made in a clockwise fashion. Only one movement may be made at a time although if someone extends to slap your hand you may dodge or move your hand at any point. The game is played until one person is left who then becomes the sensei of the next round.

This game is mainly for people who enjoy having fun and have a sense of humor. So it might not be a varsity sport, but if people enjoy doing it, try it and see if you may also enjoy it. Salem High School is not the only place people play Ninja. Sadly, we are not permitted to play Ninja at school due

to the dangerous slapping of hands, and rumor has it that if you are caught playing Ninja at school Mr. Brock will issue you four detentions.

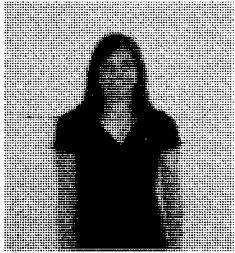
Boardman High School was one location at which a vast majority of the Salem student section went to the lobby to play ninja at halftime of the boys' first district basketball game. The popularity of the game was evident when so many students were in the lobby playing along with many spectators including police officers who found it quite entertaining to watch a crowd of people act like ninjas. Anyone can play the game. There is no equipment involved, very little physical demands, and overall provides a good time. It is by no means hard to learn. You can play it with your parents, friends, or even grandparents if they are willing to participate.



Sports

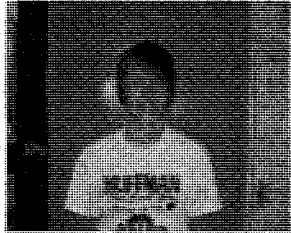
April Senior Spotlight

By Danielle Kruegel and Abi Pasco



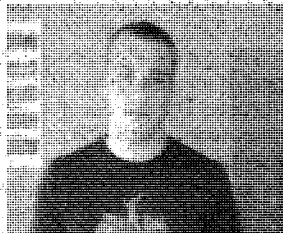
Ashely Williams - Track

Who is your team's biggest rival?
Anyone, depends on the person and event
How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years
In what events do you participate?
4 x 4, 100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles
What is your favorite memory of this sport?
Freshman year when we won county



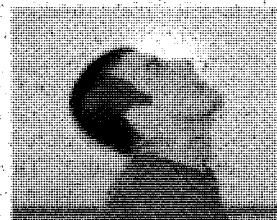
Cody Holland - Baseball

What is your favorite warm-up song?
"Sky is the Limit" by Lil Wayne
How did you become interested in this sport?
Watching the Indians in the World Series when I was younger
What is your favorite memory?
Beating United on their Senior Night
What is your goal for your season?
.500 winning percentage



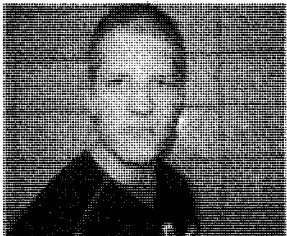
Dustin Matak - Track

Who is your team's biggest rival?
United
What is your favorite memory of this sport?
Junior year at Columbus
What position do you play?
Sprinter
What are your goals for this season?
To run a 10.79 in the 100m dash



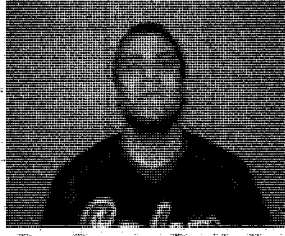
Nick Lesky - Baseball

What is your favorite memory of this sport?
When Coach Alejars starts a sentence with, "Your generation."
How did you become interested in this sport?
I was watching the tube one day and said, "Hey I wanna do that"
What positions do you play?
Pitcher and first base
What is your favorite warm-up song?
"A Blackman's Breakfast" by Foxy Shizman



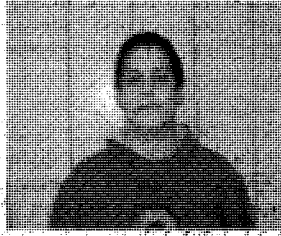
Alex Winnery - Baseball

What is your favorite song to warm-up to?
"Sweet Caroline" by DMB
How long have you been playing this sport?
Twelve years
How did you become interested in this sport?
It's baseball; everyone has to try it.
Who is your favorite athlete?
Lance Armstrong



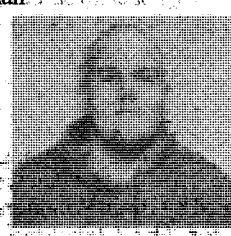
Dan Gagnon - Baseball

What is your favorite memory of this sport?
Coach's jokes that I never understand
What are your goals for this season?
State Championship, what else?
How did you become interested in this sport?
My dad, Theodore
What position do you play?
Middle infield and pitcher



Ross Mondell - Tennis

What is your favorite memory of this sport?
Beating Poland my junior year
How long have you been playing this sport?
Five years
Who is your favorite athlete?
In this sport, Roger Federer.
Is this your favorite sport?
Yes



Jim King - Track

What is your favorite memory?
The ice fight in the locker room my freshman year
What position do you play?
Shots and biscuits
How did you become interested in this sport?
Jeremiah Folger made me do it my freshman year.
What is your favorite warm-up song?
"Over" by Drake

Different sports

By Jim King

When you think of high school sports, what comes to mind? The usual answers would be football, soccer, basketball, and track. But what if the high school were to offer other sports, sports you don't usually hear about being in high schools, but some are even used in the Olympics as sports competitions. Consider table tennis, commonly known as ping pong. There are Olympic competitions of table tennis, even some of the bigger matches getting TV air time. Table tennis is a sport of eye-hand coordination and concentration, so why not make an intramural league between schools through which students can compete at table tennis. If we have a U.S.A. team, why not allow our kids that want to play to be able to with a school selected instructor instead of allowing them to learn on their own and not learning the correct technique.

The next sport that is becoming popular is Ultimate Frisbee, which now is just simply called Ultimate because Frisbee is a registered trademark of the Wham-O Toy Company. There are 600 college teams that compete in Ultimate, and the number is steadily growing each year. Even though it is not a sanctioned NCAA sport, the teams play in a league called UPA, Ultimate where they are divided into divisions such as regular NCAA leagues. They start each spring with a tournament that is split into Sectionals, Regionals, and Nationals. Ultimate is already a game played and widely enjoyed by the students of the school, so why can't we get a league of our own with other schools and compete in a regulated competition between schools?

Another sport that is starting to get leagues of their own in high school is bowling. Bowling has had a pro league named the PBA for years, with most of their big tournaments and matches being aired on ESPN. There are many high school districts that have bowling teams, through which they compete in leagues between school districts, just like a basketball or football team would. Just look at the lanes on a Friday night during "Cosmic Bowling." How many students are there playing and how many are actually decent at the sport without any real instruction?

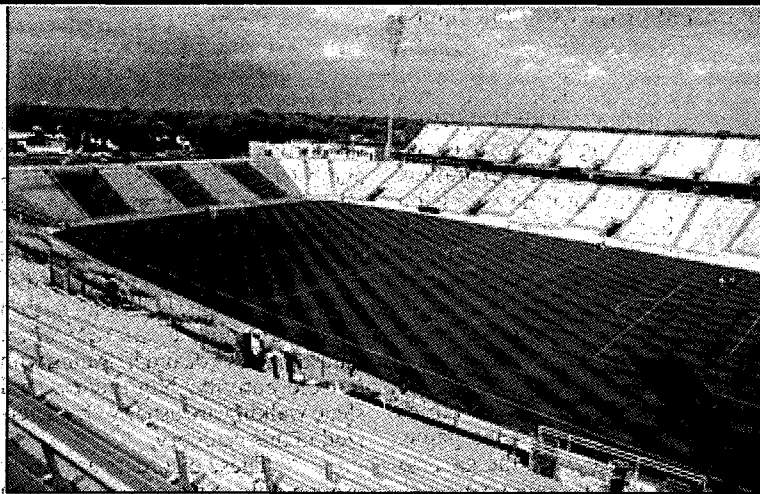
The thing it comes down to as to why these sports are not options in our school is money. It costs too much money to get a school team and league together. The schools would have to supply equipment, coaches, facilities, and referees. Maybe in the years to come Salem will see a new sport come to the districts that students will be excited to play and come out for.

Crew vouchers

By Abi Pasco

As District Final runners up for the past two seasons, the girls' soccer team has been given an opportunity for which many teams would wish. On September 4, 2010, they will be playing Gilmour Academy, out of Gates Mill, OH, in the Columbus Crew Stadium. The Crew Stadium is home to the major league soccer team, the Columbus Crew. Over their 2009 season they finished with an overall record of 15-12-10. Watching their games is enjoyable because they are very quick paced, and the players of their own team connect with each other so well. The connection is more intense than that of a high school team. After being contacted by the Columbus Crew team, Salem's High School coach Tim Ewing states, "I am very proud of the girls; they have put so much time into the program that they are getting recognized nationwide. It's just unbelievable to have a professional team to call and ask you to play in their stadium. I am very proud of the girls."

However, in order to play, both the girls' varsity and junior varsity teams must sell Crew vouchers as a free entry for any regular season game excluding the final three matches for the MLS Crew team. The games run from March all the way through October. You can see their season's schedule at www.mlsm.net.com/schedule/season.jsp. The vouchers have a \$30 face value but are being sold for \$20. The JV plays at 11:30 and the Varsity team makes their debut at 1:30 over Labor Day weekend. The high school games' admittance are free of charge; you only have to pay to park! As an ecstatic senior defensive starter for the 2010 season, Aimee Jones says, "I am excited to play at the Crew Stadium but probably most excited for the epic pre-game bobbin' festivities that will take place in their locker room." To buy the tickets contact any of the girls' soccer team players or the coach. Do your part and buy your voucher to help the girls play in the Crews' Stadium.



Pictured above is Columbus Crew Stadium where the SHS girls' soccer team will be playing on September 4, 2010.

Identity of teachers' pictures

1. Mr. Kibler
2. Ms. Habeger
3. Mrs. McCracken
4. Mrs. Wilson
5. Mr. Alejars
6. Mrs. Baillie
7. Mrs. Dye

Quaker Board

April Quaker Crazyies

By Lydia Shivers

The spring athletic season is already underway. The varsity baseball team has a record of 2-6, with wins against LaBrea and Brookfield. They lost two close games to Beaver Local with a score of 10-9 and Springfield with a score of 13-11. Head Coach Alejars has been coaching since 2007 alongside senior varsity Coach Andres who has also been coaching for four years. Assistant coaches are Jimmy Armeni and Tim Burton. The Godfather of the team is Mr. Goddard who doubles as scorekeeper.

When students walk down the halls of Salem High, they may notice studs with bleach-blond hair.

These guys are members of the baseball team. Dan Gagnon said the blonde hair is "just a tradition we started freshman year." I think it suits the team well. Maybe they could convince Mr. Goddard to go for a blonde look. Another tradition started by the student baseball fans is the "Leftfield Lunatics." This is a Quaker Crazy section that watches the games from leftfield, usually equipped with a truck and food for tailgating.

The varsity and junior varsity baseball teams want to have a winning season and "pull the string." Good luck, Quakers!

Sleep deprivation

By Sarah Beagle

A great number of people do not realize that they have a sleeping disorder. They let this go untreated for years which puts them in danger of permanently damaging their health. There are many reasons why we are tired. It's due to our hectic lives that keep us on our feet for hours at a time with no slowing down. Too much sleep is also not healthy.

Lifestyle, health complications, medication side effects and clinical disorders are the main focus of sleep deprivation. Drinking caffeine or alcohol before falling asleep is the most common reason for not being able to sleep. Sometimes having a job that keeps you up late hours into the night is another reason. Rethinking your lifestyle will help in solving your sleeping problems. However, if it's medicine that is making it hard for you to fall asleep at night, talk to your doctor, and see if it's possible to get you on another treatment. Some people take sleeping pills that they think are helping, but after a while they lose their effect, and they interfere with the body's normal sleeping patterns. A chronic lack of sleep can trigger the development of heart disease, depression, and hypertension. The common symptoms include fatigue, blurry vision, and irritability.

Teenagers are stressed because they have several things that they worry about including friends, school, social activities, work, etc. They also spend hours on end watching television, talking on the phone, and playing video games. About 30% of teens have sleeping disorders, and 85% of teens are not getting the recommended amount of sleep. Teenagers should be getting eight and a half to nine hours of sleep a night.

Sleep apnea is a serious sleep disorder. This is a disorder in which a person stops breathing during sleep for a short amount of time. This is caused by a blockage from the throat, nose, or mouth. Obese and overweight teenagers are usually the ones most common to be diagnosed with this disorder. Another sleeping disorder relating to teens is called narcolepsy. This disorder causes one to fall into a deep sleep anywhere at anytime. Parasomnia is a disorder dealing with muscle activity. Nightmares and sleep walking are usually characterized in this category.

These disorders are easily preventable. Stress is a common problem linked to the lack of sleep. Finding someone to talk to such as a friend, family member, or counselor can be extremely helpful. Avoid alcohol, nicotine, and caffeinated drinks before going to sleep. Limit the activities you do and your extracurricular activities as well. You can also try practicing some relaxation techniques. Once you figure out why you're so tired, it will be easier to find treatment.

Do it yourself gifts for Mother's Day

By Rachel Fritzman

As the year progresses, more and more people are running out of money and giving up on finding a job. Although right at the end of the school year is a great time to look for a job, Mother's Day is before that (May 9). It is hard enough to find money to fill your gas tank, let alone buy an awesome present for your mom. This year if you are in a pinch and need an idea for an inexpensive gift, or you just prefer giving presents that you made yourself, take a look at these recipes and ideas for great Mother's Day presents.

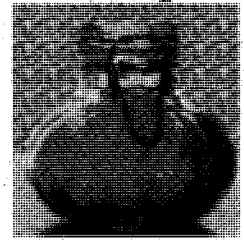
Headache Relief Pots

You will need:

- 2 oz (55g) Bee's wax
- 3 oz (85g) Shea Butter
- 4 oz (115g) Olive Oil
- 10-15 drops of lavender essential oil

Lip Balm containers or small jars

Start by melting down the beeswax and Shea Butter in a double boiler method. Once the bee's wax is melted, add all the oils together including the lavender oil. Now add the mixture to small lip balm pots or miniature jam jars. To use just apply the balm to your temples. Time: approximately thirty minutes.

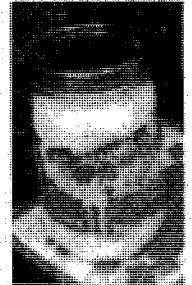


Walnut Brownie Mix In a Jar

You will need:

- Quart size jar
- plastic bags
- tags, ribbon, bowl
- 2 1/4 cups of sugar
- 3/4 cups of walnuts or chocolate chips or both
- 1 1/4 cups of flour
- 1 teaspoon of salt

Put all ingredients into their own bag. Put nicely in the jar. On tag record the following directions: 1. Empty into large bowl; stir to combine ingredients. 2. Add 3/4 melted butter and 4 eggs slightly beaten; mix until well blended, then add walnut or choc. chip or both. 3. Spread batter in a grease pan (9x13 inch pan). 4. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 min. Time: approximately 30 minutes to an hour.



Orange Cloves Ball

You will need:

- Large orange
- Whole cloves
- Ribbon for hanging
- Toothpick

Use the toothpick to make holes in the orange. These holes will be used for placing the cloves. Keep adding the cloves until the whole orange is covered. Use some ribbon to tie a large bow around the orange for hanging. Time: It only takes about 30 minutes to make and makes any house smell amazing.

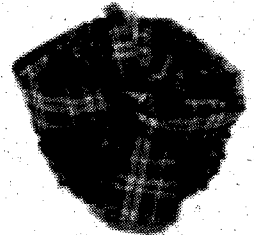


Bath Salt

You will need:

- 1 cup Epsom Salts
- 4-5 drops food coloring
- For a sports relief bath add 2 drops of wintergreen essential oil, 2 drops of eucalyptus essential oil, and 1 drop of peppermint essential oil.
- For a vanilla bath add 3-5 drops vanilla essential oil or fragrant oil.
- For a pina coloda bath add 1 tablespoon of coconut oil, 5 drops of pineapple fragrant oil, and 5 drops of coconut fragrant oil.

Add all the ingredients together and mix well. Make sure the food color blends in to the salt, or it won't look very inviting. You can do this by tossing the salt over and over again. Add dried rose petals or lavender sprigs for a natural presentation. Add your bath salts to a decorative jar and place a small spoon inside. Time: approximately 30 minutes.

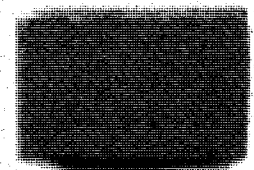


Lavender & Honey Soap

You will need:

- 4 oz. Melt and Pour soap or soap flakes
- 1 Tbs of beeswax
- 1 Tbs of honey
- 10 drops of lavender essential oil
- Purple dye (optional)

Mold to pour soap into Melt the beeswax down using a double boiler. Melt the soap down and add the melted beeswax and honey. Keep stirring until completely mixed and add the lavender oil. Pour into soap molds. If you don't have Melt and Pour soap or soap flakes, which you can buy at a health food store, you can use pure soap bars and grate them down. Time: approximately 30 minutes to complete.



Full court press in Cleveland

By Alison Thompson

On March 21, I was chosen as one of the fifteen lucky students in Northeast Ohio to be invited to the Quicken Loans Arena for "Media Day." This was a contest for any student who was interested in sports journalism. My day started with a tour around the arena. We talked to the media and the public relations staff members, we had discussion with the Cavaliers QTV team members, we visited the broadcasting people, and we got to go inside the television trucks. We ended the day by watching the Cavaliers beat the Pistons, and I enjoyed a nice ride home eating a ree chalupa.

When I arrived at the arena, there I met fourteen other students who were chosen for this honor. We were introduced by Ryan Polosky and his partner Jamie. They work in public relations for a program titled "In the Community" scholarships and education programs. Their job is no nine to five lock out and clock in the next day.

To begin the day we headed downstairs to the court and entered into the tunnel where the press talks to the coach and players. There we saw Danny Green who is a rookie of the Cavaliers and fresh from UNC. I started asking him questions like "How do you maintain your focus on the game during TV breaks and time-outs?"

Danny responded by saying, "I pay attention on the court, I listen to what is said in the huddle and I want to be a coach someday, so I've become a lot smarter of what see and hear."

After the interview, we met Ted who is in cooperate communications; we talked to him, and he gave us a lot of advice for the future. When we were done we went back to the court where we took pictures of the basketball players warming-up. Then we headed back into the tunnel where we were going to hear Coach Mike Brown talk. As we were waiting, I felt at that moment time stood still. Anderson Varejao walked out of the locker room so focused on the game that he didn't even look down at us and wonder why all of these munchkins were here and why were they look-

ing at him? This was the first time I actually realized how tall he really was, and "WOW" he is tall!

Now back to earth. We listen to Mike Brown talking to the press when one journalist asked if Zydrunas Ilgauskas would be coming back?

Coach Brown responded, "I don't know if 'Z' is coming back. I hope he does." After that we were introduced by Brain Windhorst who writes for *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* and Joe Gabriele who is the lead writer for the play-by-play. Fred McLeod came in and talked to us about broadcasting. The advice they gave to us who wanted to pursue a career is to start now.

"Get your feet wet and start getting into the business." For the seniors who are heading to college this fall, their advice was "Internships, plenty of them."

When we got done talking to them, we headed down to the broadcasting room where we saw the people who work the Jumbo Tron. The game was starting, and they showed the players as giants walking on to Cleveland and LeBron James coming out of his WITNESS photo. According to them, that took months and months of preparation. Then we went into the television trucks where they had a whole wall filled with television boxes. These people are the technicians that give you the game at home.

Finally, after the whole experience seeing what a public relations person does for the Cavs, we were seated at the media tables where we could watch the game. While I was watching the game, I was thinking that there's so much work that goes on behind the scenes that we, the fans, don't know about. Jamie, who was helping out Ryan, said, "It doesn't feel like work to me. I love what I do here. The hours are long but it pays off."

I believe that if you find something you love to do, even if you have some hard days, they won't feel like hard days because you love the work so much. That's the case for the public relations people like Jamie and the others who are fortunate enough to work for the Cavaliers organization.

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