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Tom Holden Memorial Scholarship

By Aimee Jones



Senior Katie Fife gives a thumbs up after receiving a check for \$1,500 after her PSA won the Tom Holden Memorial Scholarship.

Recently, senior Katie Fife received a check for \$1,500 when she won the Tom Holden Memorial Scholarship. The application process consisted of creating a PSA. For those that don't know, a PSA is a public service announcement. It basically serves as a commercial for a non-profit organization. Katie wrote her PSA for Lifebank and emphasized how important it is to register to donate organs. When asked where she came up with the idea, Katie had the following words to say, "Honestly, it just came to me. We live in an in-the-moment, on-demand, and fast-food society. We can't wait five minutes for fast-food, who should have to wait on an organ?" On March 4, Katie was presented with her award and various prizes at Antone's Banquet Centre. In attendance were her parents, five other students who received the runners-up awards, contest judges, a representative from each sponsoring company, WKBN 27 First News reporters, and the person who encouraged Katie to attempt creating a PSA, Mrs. Dye.

When asked what her first reaction was, Katie said, "I didn't think my PSA was very good, so I was really surprised." Not only did Katie win \$1,500 in prize money, she was also given a gift basket filled with the following: a certificate for a free loaf of bread every week for a year from Panera, a twenty-five dollar gift card to Panera, a Japanese trick wooden box, a CD, a t-shirt, a plaque, and a glass trophy.

Katie's public service announcement started airing at the beginning of March and will continue to run through the end of April. It is aired with other commercials, so you never know when you will see it. In her final remarks, Katie had a special announcement directed to the juniors, "DO SCHOLARSHIPS! I didn't think I would win, but I did. They take a little time, but it's so, so worth it!" Katie is a prime example of why you should sit down for twenty minutes and fill out scholarships. It could eventually win you \$1,500. Congratulations, Katie!

Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State

By Allison Dolphin

Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State is a leadership and citizenship program that has been held every summer since 1937. It is for boys and girls who have just finished their junior year and are going into their senior year of high school. The program is held in each U.S. state except for Hawaii, and it is sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

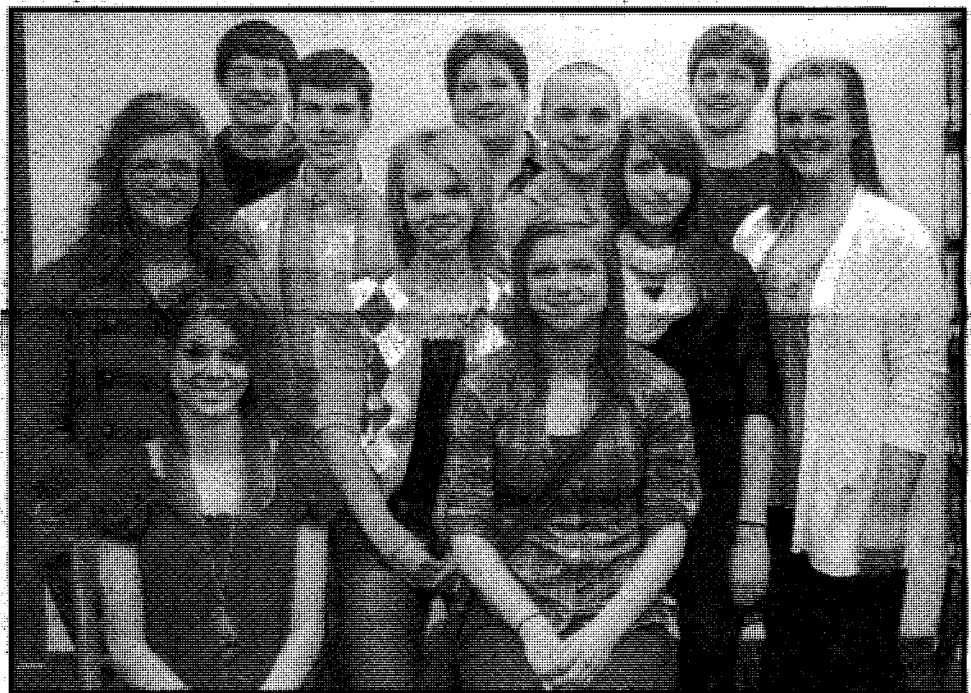
The delegates for the boys this year are Nick Costa, Mitch Hendricks, Andrew Pietrzak, Tyler Stouffer, and Jared Tacey. The delegates for the girls this year are Ciara Andrews, Cassidy Polen, Annie Saltsman, Jocelynn Samu, and

Karli Utt. This year Boys' and Girls' State will be held from June 12 until June 18. The boys will travel to Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, while the girls will travel to the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio. In years past the Girls' State program was held at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. It is said that Ohio's Boys' State is the largest, having over 1,300 boys attend every year.

Once at the program, everyone is divided into different groups that are called cities. Within these cities mock municipal officials are elected and a mock state legislature is formed. When interviewed, the

delegates all said that they have positions in mind that they would like to run for. Jocelynn Samu says she would like to run for a place in the senate, and Jared Tacey says he would like to run for a place in the judicial system.

All of the delegates have similar expectations for Boys' and Girls' State. They are excited to learn more about our government and meet new people. Nick Costa stated: "I have heard from people who have previously attended Boys' State that it is fantastical! I am super excited!"



The juniors pictured above will be spending a week this summer attending Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State.

Annual senior jeans project

By Tim Slason

Maybe you have noticed the jeans pinned up in the display case outside the library and asked yourself, "How can I get a snazzy pair of pants like those, signed by several of my closest friends and classmates?" Well, before you resort to breaking in to the cabinet and taking them yourself, consider from whom you would be stealing. This year, the jeans are a part of a fundraiser held by National Honor Society to provide for donations to a charity that is going to be selected at a later date by the seniors.

Tickets will go on sale for \$1.00 each, six tickets for \$5.00, and twenty for \$10.00, and will be available until May 13, the day of the drawing. The raffle will consist of eighteen separate prizes. There is great diversity in the prize selec-

tions. A variety of gift cards are offered which include the following: Barnes and Noble, Macy's, Bob Evans, Applebee's, Pizza Hut, Salem Fun Factory, and a Ladies Night Out package. Beyond the gift cards are prizes which include a yoga kit, a novel, ceramic village pieces, Quaker framed art, and the jeans themselves. Each prize will have its own bag for people to place tickets in, and a winner for each will be drawn from each separate bag. The drawing will be held in the S.H.S. library.

The actual jeans themselves were recently just plain jeans from someone's home. N.H.S. advisor, Mr. Robert Viencek, comments, "I wanted something that our graduating seniors would create. This is how the routine unfolds each year.

A student brings in a pair of old jeans. We contact several good artists in the school, and they begin decorating them. Next, we go to the current head of the athletic department for a donation of sports patches." Mr. Viencek continued by saying, "All of the members of the senior class are then asked to sign the jeans. They are put on display in the library showcase."

This year is the first time that the project is being handled by N.H.S. Senior Mariah Halleck is the chairman for the project while senior Alyssa Myers is in charge of the decoration. N.H.S. members, faculty, staff, and students donated the various prizes. Anyone may purchase tickets and participate in the raffle. Participation is surely appreciated by the N.H.S. and the charity that is selected to receive the proceeds.



The annual senior jeans project originated years ago with Mr. Robert Viencek, English instructor.



A Pizza Hut gift certificate is among the many prizes being offered with the senior jeans project.

Opinion

April point counter point: Celebrity attention

For
By Kayla Mills

Whether you like it or not, we all have to face facts. We are the "Average Joe." We do not have life-altering connections, and we do not have enormous amounts of money to spend on tiny, yipping mutts who can't hold their bladder for longer than fifteen minutes at a time. Because of these huge differences in lifestyles, we have the celebrity, and we have the average person. But should Paris Hilton be all over the Internet for having a sex tape? Should Justin Bieber's name be plastered all over the magazines for getting a haircut? Should Charlie Sheen be all over the news for being... Charlie Sheen? I think the answer is obvious. Heck yes!

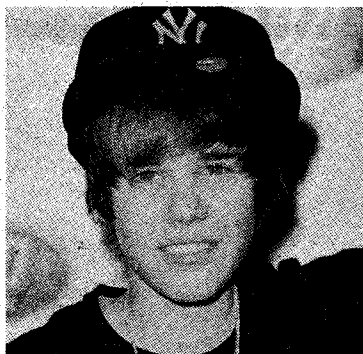
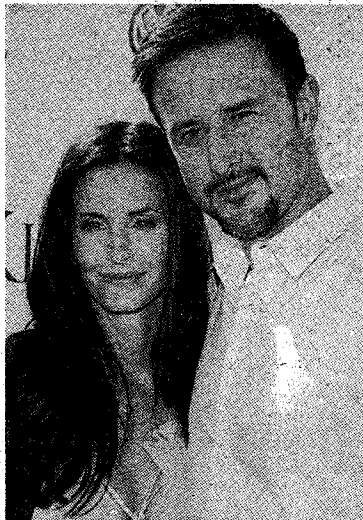
I think it is apparent to everyone that our world is spinning chaotically out of control before our very eyes. Lucky for us, there are organizations out there who still give a crap about our planet. The best ways to promote their causes are to use celebrity endorsements. Viewers can see that their favorite celebrity is supporting a cause and whether or not the celebrity actually cares about the cause or not, it inspires others to strive to make a difference for our planet. Not only is the celebrity getting a substantial amount of money, but the organization is also raising great awareness for their particular cause.

Drama. It is such a terrible thing to have in our lives. But it is such an entertaining thing to watch. Whether or not we support it, you have to admit that it has the power

to distract us from our lives, even if only for a few minutes. Hearing about celebrity drama can be somewhat of a gateway for us, allowing us to hear about the drama without actually taking part in the drama.

Whoever said that celebrities have the perfect lives was obviously dumber than the average person because they could not be more wrong. All of them come with their own life story, including the obstacles they had to overcome to achieve fame. So hearing about these celebrities can actually inspire us. For those who feel like they can't achieve their goal, hearing about a celebrity's walk to fame can actually inspire them to reach for the stars.

It may seem like celebrities are pampered on a regular basis. It may also seem like they have everything handed to them on a silver platter. But if you really think about the life of a celebrity, you have to wonder how hard it really is. Not only do they have their privacy invaded every day, but they don't have the luxury of doing things that we get to do, like simply hanging out with friends. But that does not stop them from enjoying life. Charlie Sheen talks about his fame and says, "It's perfect. It's awesome. Every day is just filled with wins. All we do is put wins in the record books. We win so radically in our underwear before our first cup of coffee, it's scary!" I couldn't have put it better myself.



Against
By Donna Paparodis

It goes from "Red-Hot Mommas: A-list Ladies Pregnant on the Red Carpet!" to "Snooki Takes on WWE Wrestler." When will the useless information about celebrities end? It most likely never will. But, it annoys me and many others to no end.

I honestly couldn't care less who the best and worst dressed were at the Grammy's. Yes, they're famous. But do we need to be in their lives knowing everything about them? I swear that if Megan Fox tripped because she forgot to tie her shoes the media would be all over it making a fool out of her. I'm pretty sure we average people have done things like that before, and no one fusses over it. Just because she's well-known we have to plaster it all over television so everyone can see it and gawk. It's pathetic.

It's one thing to talk about petty things like fashion and hair style, but to delve into peoples' personal lives regarding marriage and money is crossing the line. Does it affect you that Courtney Cox's marriage with David Arquette is going a

little bad? I'll tell you that answer, no. It starts out as gossip and then the paparazzi turn it into an obsession. They make it their lives to invade the privacy of celebrities and get the "juicy deets" on everything possible. Shows like "Entertainment Tonight" and "Access Hollywood" seem to exaggerate the importance of what goes on in celebrity life. The worst one is the paparazzi-run-show "TMZ" which spends the entirety of its time talking about celebrities they've taken photos of doing something that is usually not that interesting.

Keeping a constant tab on the lives of famous people seems like a huge waste of time, energy, and money. We absolutely do not need to know what happens to them at every moment or what they are wearing or when they get mad. It really does not matter in our day-to-day lives. I believe we could spend that time on more important things. I highly doubt keeping close surveillance on Lindsay Lohan is going to better our country.

Shauna says... Oh baby, baby, baby...No!

By Shauna Uptegraph

What's worse than a twelve year old girl screaming for a barely pubescent boy who's up on stage ironically wishing he were the embodiment of Michael Jackson? How about a forty year old woman who legally changes her last name to match that of the teen pop sensation? Yes, that is a little sad. And yet it's happened. Justin Bieber is taking over the world, it seems, one repetitive duo-syllabic word at a time.

Have you ever thought of the reason he's so popular? I mean, yes, he does sound just like any other fourteen year old girl that stumbled from her tricycle into a music career, but does he have any sort of staying power? The answer is no. It's evident in his new movie, *Justin Bieber: Never Say Never*. It's his life story. At seventeen. Basically, everyone realizes that he's already hit his prime and that the rest of his life is just going to spiral downward. Like the Corey Haim of the twenty-first century, Justin Bieber isn't bound to be famous for much longer. His fan base, primarily young girls who have recently graduated from the Jonas Brothers and Hannah Montana fan bases and the occasional deranged middle aged bingo-mama (You know the type. Think leopard print pumps with a pink bow, green spandex pants and eight pounds of blue eye-shadow, or Amy Poehler's role as Regina George's mother in *Mean Girls*), is bound to grow up sometime, a hysterical occurrence in time that will leave his moon-walking, heart-throbbing career in the dust.

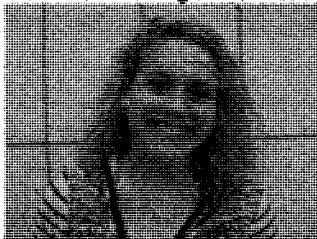


Justin Bieber, thank you for making somewhat more credible artists such as Ludacris and Chris Brown seem even more ridiculous than they did before. Nothing like a woman-beater, a fish-mouthed rapper and a baby-faced idiot to create a chart-topper. You, little boy, are ruining music. I find it disturbing, truly, that you sing about love and relationships as though you are a seasoned adult, when you've only barely turned seventeen. Now, readers. I know what you're saying. Hey! I'm only seventeen! (or younger) I know all kinds of things about love! I'm basically as knowledgeable as Mike Myers. My boo and I can run circles around any married couple! My advice to you is to shut up. You know nothing about love. "You and your boo" won't last through graduation. Most of you won't last until April. Unlike Christopher Walken's fever, which can only be cured by more cowbells, Bieber Fever is an epidemic that can be cured only with a generous dosing of intelligence.

April War of Words

By Sierra Cannon

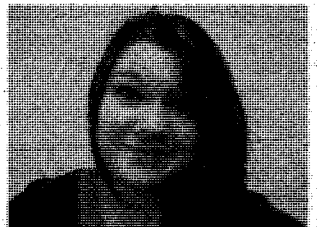
"What was the best April Fool's prank that you've been a part of?"



Freshman Megan Lehwald
"We had a guy in our class propose to Ms. Piero in seventh grade, and then he took the ring back."



Sophomore Brett Black
"Putting my brother's python in my mom's bread box."



Junior Kayla Mills
"Me and my brother put black construction paper on the front of my grandpa's glasses to make him think he was blind."



Senior Marvin Barber
"Flooding a car with a garden hose."

Have a great
Easter and
Spring
Break!



Thoroughly Modern Millie cast list

By Allison Dolphin

As most of you know the spring musical at S.H.S. is *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. The cast has been working hard since January, and show time is almost here. The shows are April 29 and 30 at 7:30 PM, and May 1 at 2:00 PM. This show is sure to make you feel thoroughly modern with its exciting tap dance numbers, passionate romance, eligible bachelors, and dazzling women. Go and see a show to support your fellow classmates! Students involved in the production are included below.

Millie Dillmount-Rebecca Enlow
Jimmy Smith-Connor Bezeredi
Trevor Graydon III-Tyler Stouffer
Miss Dorothy Brown-Jocelynn Samu
Mrs. Meers-Allison Dolphin
Ching Ho-Cameron Clark
Bun Foo-Mitch Hendricks
Muzzy Van Hossmere-Niki Slaven
Miss Peg Flannery-Annie Saltsman

Priscilla Girls:
Ruth-Abby Cull
Gloria-Karli Utt
Rita-Allison Moore
Alice-Lauren Rupp
Cora-Kaitlyn Culp
Lucille-Taralynn Williams
Ethel Peas-Jessica Dinsio

Speed Tappists:
Kaitlyn Culp
Jessica Dinsio
Allison Dolphin
Carson Heron
Allison Moore
Lauren Rupp
Niki Slaven
Karli Utt
Kelsie Vrable
Taralynn Williams
Stephanie Wood

Ensemble:
Brook Ackerman
Marvin Barber
Jordan Bodkins
Nick Costa
Camrin Costal
Matthew Evans
Lauren Guest
Brittany Gulu
Kyle Hissom
Emma Janofa
Tiffany Kekel
David Lappin
Abbey Minamyer
Allison Moore
Katie Neiswonger
Tommy Panek
Amanda Reiter
Joy Rouse
Trevor Speigle
Zach Taylor
Emma Wilson
Clayton Wolf
Stephanie Wood



Rehearsal Pics



Battle of the Bands

Queens of the Stone Age

By Tim Slason

Queens of the Stone Age is a rock band out of California that plays heavily blues-influenced hard rock sometimes defined as robot rock due to the strong riff-driven rhythms that sit at the heart of many of their songs.

Over their fifteen-year history, they have been a revolving door of sorts for many musicians from various projects including Dave Grohl of *Nirvana* and *Foo Fighters* fame, Mark Lanegan of the *Screaming Trees*, Nick Oliveri of *Mondo Generator*, and Alain Johannes of *Eleven* and numerous other bands. The only continuous member of the band is Josh Homme.



They have released five studio albums over the years, with their third album, "Songs for the Deaf," achieving platinum status in the US, Canada, and the UK. Their self-titled first album was featured in the book *1001 Albums You Must Hear Before You Die*. Each album is notably different from the previous one stylistically but holds on to the underlying riff fuel that causes them to be labeled robot rock.

Over the past few months, *Queens of the Stone Age* have been on the U.S. leg of their tour to promote the re-issue of their self-titled album, coming through the House of Blues in Cleveland on March 30. Previously, that album has been considered rare, commonly fetching higher prices at used CD stores, with vinyl pressings going for outrageous prices online. The re-issue promises a few unreleased tracks, along with the remastered tracks from the original.



Queen

By Sierra Cannon

"Does it mean this? Does it mean that? That's all anybody wants to know. I'd say what any decent poet would say if anyone dared ask him to analyze his work: If you see it, darling, then it's there!" Controversial, over the top, revolutionary — combine the three and you have Freddie Mercury. Add in musicians with talent to make the



music that carries the voice, and you have Queen.

"Queen" names a 1971 rock band from London, England, whose music reached overseas. Freddie Mercury, Brian May, John Deacon, and Roger Taylor tied together to form an English talent that couldn't easily be shaken. When Queen's music hit America, many people didn't know how to react. They were the outlets of critical words about the

music and the style choices of the era. Their theatrical performances and controversial ideas were sources of outrage and adoration. Whether or not the band was hated or loved, forty years later their music lives on.

"We've gone overboard on every Queen album. But that's Queen." Lead singer Freddie Mercury said it all when he spoke of Queen. With performances that made shows into plays and songs that told stories that often no one was thinking, the band knew how to stir ideas and how to make people believe. With songs ranging from those nondecodable lyrics like *Bohemian Rhapsody* to universally understood ones like *Somebody to Love*, Queen, in a sense, had something for everyone. They told of personal hopes and personal tragedies and things outside themselves that at the time affected all of humanity. One thing that makes a great band is its ability to have a lasting effect on people. With its songs playing on our radios forty years after the band's formation and roughly thirty years after the lead singer's death, it's safe to say that they won't be stopping now.

Cartoon Corner

By Meg Bell



Feature

Artist of the Month Alyssa Myers

By Kaylin Cadile

When you think of the Disney movie *Aladdin* what do you think of? The girl with the long, dark hair that flies around on the carpet with the cute so called "prince"? Or do you think of the song, "A Whole New World"? Well, when I think of *Aladdin* I think of Alyssa Myers.

Alyssa and I have been friends forever, and I've watched multiple Disney movies with her. Her favorite Disney movie is, in fact, *Aladdin*, and Alyssa says she relates to Jasmine because, "we both have long, dark hair." Alyssa also said, "Most Disney animations inspire me because they helped me realize what I wanted to do with my life at a very young age. I would watch the behind the scenes that explained how they animated/made the movie when I was little as well." If Alyssa could be in a Disney movie she would stick with *Aladdin* and place herself in her favorite scene where they sing "A Whole New World."

Alyssa wants to pursue a career in art by becoming an animator. She says that her major will probably be in digital arts. She has been accepted into The Ohio State



Senior Alyssa Myers takes a moment to pose for the camera.

University and into the art program at Bowling Green University.

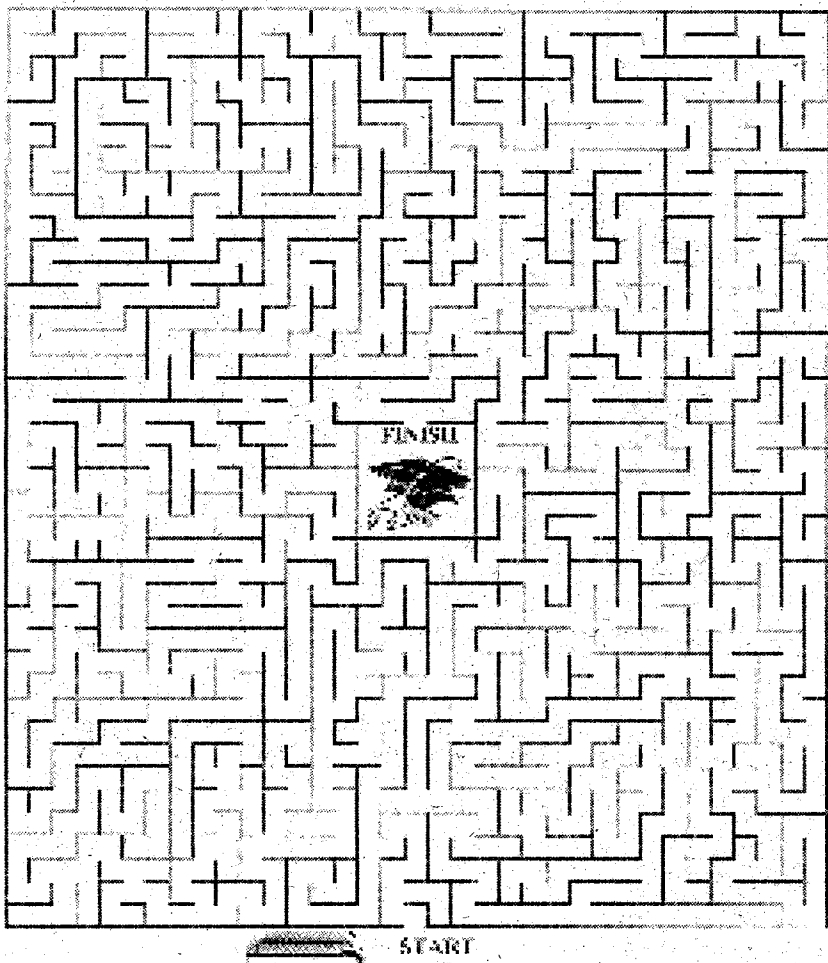
An accomplished artist, Alyssa has won the Cleveland Clinic Expressions and Scholastic Awards. "My favorite piece of art work from this year would be "Bridezilla," which is a cartoon with a girl dragging a guy down the aisle at a wedding. My favorite 'non-cartoon' would be 'Bubble Bath Brain' which is a self portrait with bubbles filled of things that describe me."

April Maze

By Eva Jackman

SENIORITIS

Do you find yourself suffering from a bad case of *SENIORITIS*? If so (or if not, it depends), then this maze will serve as the perfect distraction from the fact that there are still about two months left before graduation. Enjoy ☺



"Play a little song for me"

Brenna P.

Flute, piccolo, recorder, tin-whistle, harmonica, pan flute, alto flute, bass flute, ocarina, bamboo flute, fife, and finger cymbals — an interesting list of instruments? Yes, but more interesting is the fact that junior Brenna Price can play all of them. Inspired in fifth grade by a girl who gave a flute demonstration, Brenna has been playing ever since.

Today Brenna says that she is inspired by a range of things such as movie sound tracks, amazing teachers, awesome directors, and fellow flutists from the Stambaugh Youth Concert Band and the Youngstown Symphony Youth Orchestra. These two organizations are only two of the many musical affiliations in which Brenna is involved. She has played with the Alliance Symphony, the Quaker City Band, the Ohio Band Director's Conference Honors Band, Stark County Honors Flute Choir, District VIII Honors Band, Kent State Honors Band, Ohio Northern Honors Band, and, of course, the Salem High School Band.

One might think that to be this good, Brenna must have been born with such talent... possibly so. However, without a good work ethic such talent would not be cultivated to the level which she has achieved. Brenna comments that she practices "Everyday, unless I have a concert. I practice my flute and piccolo at least a half hour to an hour. On a day I have a rehearsal, I try to practice maybe ten minutes or so just to run a solo or excerpt."

What will the future hold for Brenna Price? Right now she herself is not even sure. There is the possibility of a focus on music, but she has other talents as well. She states: "I at least plan to do something artistic — I am an artist and a writer as well as a musician. My original plan was to major in English, but I can still write if I'm a music major, or I could even double-major."

Whatever the choice may be, there is little doubt that she will be successful. Brenna seems to understand the formula that is required for success. That formula appears to be the following: take a good helping of talent, add a significant amount of dedication and hard work, then mix with diligence. Those are the ingredients this aspiring young artist is using.....and it works.

Journey to The Center of the Box

By Larry Goontz

Salem High School is not just a place of learning but also a place of mystery. There are many areas of the school that remain secluded from the normal student's eye. For example, very few students have actually explored the auditorium and underneath the stage. Rumor has it there are many secret rooms hidden throughout our familiar building. However, one of the most mysterious things in our school is actually in one of the most familiar locations, our very own library. This "thing" is none other than the lost and found box. What is in this "box" is a question that many have asked but few have answered. This is why I set out on a mission to investigate the contents of this box in the library, and little did I know what I would find....

In preparing for my endeavor, I knew I could not go in alone, that is why I called upon my trusty accomplice Miss Aimee Jones to assist me on this deadly encounter. With the assistance of the librarians, we were directed to the entrance of the library. As we turned we saw it, the large box sitting beside the ESPN Rise magazine rack. It had a small piece of paper taped on it that read: "The Lost and Found." The box was large, large enough to build a nice sized fort. The items it contained were stacked so high that they were overflowing from the edges of the box. Then a shocking surprise came, sitting to the side of the box was its offspring, a smaller box packed to the brim with more items! Aimee and I looked at each other, slipped on our rubber gloves, and began what some may call the greatest investigation this school has ever witnessed.

In order not to overwhelm ourselves, we started small with Box Jr. This box was small enough to be held in ones' arms, but it was still packed high with random items. We began to investigate, and what we found was most shocking. We found the following: a sign language book, a *Dear John* novel, a sketchbook full of what I believe to be either alien writing or video game codes, a dirty, pink lunchbox with some mold in it, a hairbrush full of hair, a home-ec folder, a science binder, a notebook full of song lyrics, a history binder, and two perfectly fine agendas. This was just Box Jr.

After seeing what was in



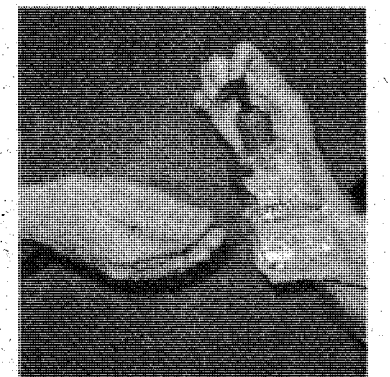
If you can't find Aimee or Larry, you know where to look for them...in the "Lost and Found."



Seniors Larry Goontz and Aimee Jones risk their lives to see what is in the lost and found box.

the small box, we had no idea what to expect in the larger one. After a brief intermission which included washing our hands and forgetting about the foul smell that the dirty pink lunchbox held, we began to search through the main box. Here is what we discovered: a knee brace, a bag full of pens/markers (update: owner found), a grocery bag full of sweaty gym cloths, an ESPN hoodie, a crochet hat, numerous gym shorts, size 9 Nike running shoes, South Beach Sports girls' shorts, California Health Club girls' shorts, a Riddell back brace, a pair of red high heels, one cheerleading shirt, a pink tube top, jewelry ranging from ear rings to what we believe to be a belly button ring, a yellow sport jacket, a baseball cap, a camouflage jacket, a worker's jacket, numerous scarves, a bag of shoes, wrestling cut-offs, an Everlast warm-up jacket, and some black sweatpants.

We were completely baffled by what we found. To this day it amazes me that the box itself did not consume us. The lost and found box is piled high with random items, and odds are that if you ever lost something, it's in there. If items are not claimed by the end of the year, they are given to charity.



After a hard day of this type of investigative work, there is a real need for some major sanitizing.

April clubs and classes

By Larry Goontz

German Club- This month German Club began planning their annual banquet. This year the banquet will be held in the high school cafeteria rather than A La Cart Catering in Canfield, and the food will be made by our own chef J.R. Straley. The new members of the German National Honor Society will also be inducted.

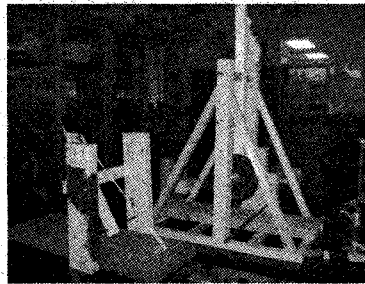
Spanish Club- Spanish Club is currently planning their Cinco de Mayo party. They are also constructing homemade piñatas.

Poets' Society- Poets' Society will sponsor an upcoming poetry contest for students in grades 9-12 in April. They will also be sponsoring "Poem in Your Pocket Day" in April. This involves each student receiving a small poem, which is numbered, with a piece of candy. Numbers will be drawn and the winning numbers will be given during fifth period announcements. Prizes will be awarded to the winning numbers.

Physics Club- Since first introduced, Physics Club has been trying to get members and get up and running. Although some members have built a working catapult for the trebuchet competition, the overall turnout has been poor. This has led to Mr. Kibler contemplating whether or not to scrap the club.

Psychology - Recently, Mr. Motz's psychology classes have been doing a "training" project. This project required the students to train something, whether it be a human or animal. This subject may not know that he, she, or it is being trained. An example would be me; I was "trained" by one of the psychology groups not to play the wrong notes on a piano. Every time I would hit a wrong key, I would be shot in the back with an air soft gun. It took me a few days to realize why I was being shot, but once I did, I would beg not to get shot if I messed up. This was a successful "training."

FACT- Will begin planning an Easter party for the elementary school students.



Student of the Month Rebecca Devlin

By Kayla Mills

Rebecca Elizabeth Devlin. You have seen her walking around the halls as a junior at Salem High School. She has recently been given the honor of receiving the prestigious title of "Student of the Month." When I told her that she had been given this worthy title, this emotional girl practically leaped into my lap, crying tears of pure happiness. She tried her very best to contain herself, but she was completely overcome with her emotions.

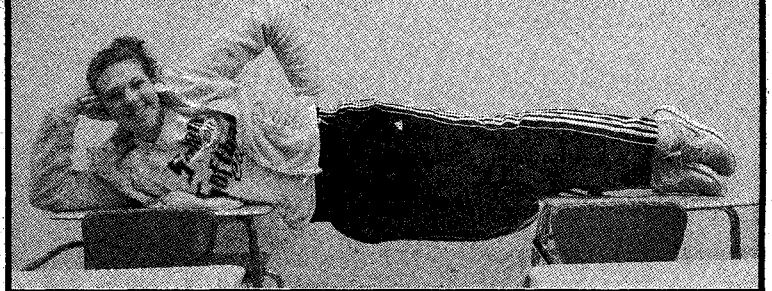
Rebecca makes a wonderful addition to our list of "Students of the Month." She has one of the best personalities I have ever seen. This lover of cheesecake and roasted marshmallows is one of the most unique individuals that I have ever met. She is completely bonkers, but it only adds to her charm.

Becca's so tall that she makes some giant sequoias jealous.

This six foot skyscraper can only be described as a beast when it comes to softball. It's her passion, and, if it were possible, she would without a doubt sleep on the field.

This humanitarian has a very deep passion for animals. She owns two cats and two dogs, which she rescued herself. She is also infatuated with cows, even though she can't draw one to save her life.

What it all comes down to is this - Rebecca is an inspiration to us all. Not only does she try her best in everything that she does, but she also tries her very best to be a good Christian. She is an overall interesting and enjoyable young lady. "She's a beautiful person and a great friend. She inspires me every day," says best friend of ten years, Kennedy McCrea. Becca, we all think the same.



SHS runs on Dunkin'

By Aimee Jones

You may have heard the phrase "American Runs on Dunkin'." However, this is not the case. A more proper phrase would say, "Salem High School runs on Dunkin'" or better yet, "Mariah Halleck Runs on Dunkin'." The term Dunkin' Addiction refers to students who have a dedicated schedule when going to Dunkin' Donuts and who have serious withdrawals without it. Senior Mariah Halleck, can be seen at Dunkin' Donuts on a daily basis. She has become such a regular that the employees know exactly what she orders: an everything bagel with a little espresso cup filled with extra butter.

Mariah may have a serious "addiction." However, she is not the only one; she has a side-kick. Trent Frederick also known as Big Dave, assists Mariah in the indulgence of tasty treats and coffee drinks at



Dunkin'. They have come up with a weekly schedule and go every Thursday before school. Due to the nice weather, recently, Mariah thought it would be a good idea to clean out her car. If calling her an "addict" isn't enough, she removed fourteen empty Dunkin' Donuts

cups, three butter containers, and four brown Dunkin' bags. This is a sure sign of an "addiction."

Miss Halleck is not embarrassed; however, she knows she has a serious problem. "My mother talks to me about it and was once convinced that I needed counseling. I spend most of my spare money toward the Dunkin' fund that fills my belly with deliciousness." When asked if she was going to start cutting back, she stated the following: "I was going to give up fast food (for Lent), but I wasn't sure if Dunkin' Donuts fell under that category. It would be humanly impossible for me to do this." Mariah takes the "Most Addictive" title; however, she also claims the "Most Loyal Customer" of the 2010-2011 Dunkin' season... congratulations, Mariah!

Hug a Tree

By Eva Jackman



"Spring-time in Florida is not a matter of peeping violets or bursting buds merely. It is a riot of color in nature—glistening green leaves, pink, blue, purple, yellow blossoms that fairly stagger the visitor from the north. The miles of hyacinths lie like an undulating carpet on the surface of the river and divide reluctantly when the slow-moving alligators push their way log-like across. The nights are white nights for the moon shines with dazzling splendor, or in the absence of that goddess, the soft darkness creeps down laden with innumerable scents. The heavy fragrance of magnolias mingled with the delicate sweetness of jasmine and wild roses."— Zora Neale Hurston.

In this description of a Floridian spring by famous American writer, Zora Neale Hurston, the essence and beauty of nature, and the creatures that live in it, is captured in one simple moment of life. In today's world, this charm is overlooked, lost or forgotten, abused or destroyed. Earth Day is a very important day of the year, for it is devoted entirely to preserving this wonderment. Unfortunately, it is practically the only day of the year that people attempt to be eco-friendly. What about the other 364 days? An unknown author was said, "Every day is Earth Day." Let's bring life to these words.

Several students around SHS are taking action and showing environmental alacrity both at home and in school. When asked how she maintains eco-friendliness, Cierra Cresanto, 10-grade, declared, "We plant trees in our backyard." Jackie Moore, a senior at SHS, shared that she will walk instead of drive and sometimes recycles. Also, sophomore Nikki Slaven commented, saying, "I recycle for German Club on Wednesdays. I should do a lot more and so should others." Hop on the bandwagon with your fellow classmates, and join the others out there fighting for Mother Nature's rights.

So the next time you need to throw something away, think to yourself, do I really want this to rot in a landfill for the remainder of time turning a perfectly normal piece of land into the next Love Canal? Consider an alternative such as recycling or a compost pile. Instead of leaving all the lights on, conserve energy and use only what you need; save green by going green. For more information on how you can protect our home planet visit www.earthday.org or www.biggreenhelp.com. Don't pollute our planet, preserve it. We need Earth more than it needs us, so take some pride in your planet and hug a tree.

Thunder Cloud

I wait within a thunder cloud,
For my chance to fall down to the earth.
I am a raindrop, small but proud,
Ready to show how much I'm worth.
The lightning strikes; the thunder roars,
From sky to ground I gently soar.

With one great leap I freefall down.
Soon, other raindrops go dancing by.
Each second closer to the ground,
A resting place I seek and spy.
I splash and splash off lush green leaves
And roughly skid down limbs of trees.

Weary and weak, I trickle slow
While comforting winds give me a hand.
As stars cast a heavenly glow,
Upon a rose petal I land.
Come morning I will rest as dew,
For now the storm bids me adieu.

Poet's Corner

By Eva Jackman

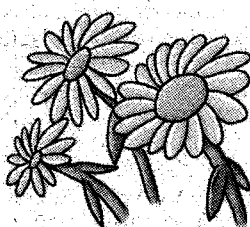


Junior Eva Jackman

Spring Haikus

Vernal Equinox
Time of renewal and birth
Nature is alive.

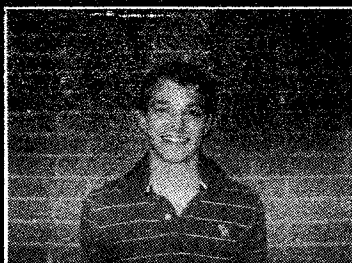
The cool and damp soil
Punctured by the awakened
Blossoms of the spring.



Sports

Senior Spotlight

By Kaylin Cadile and Aimee Jones



Alex Stone - Track

How long have you been playing this sport?

Six years

What is your favorite warm-up song?

"All these things that I've done" - The Killers

What position do you play?

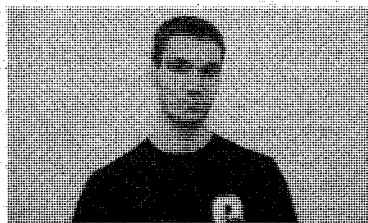
I run the 800, 1600, and 3200

What is your favorite memory?

My favorite memory is being able to win both the County and AAC meets with a stress fracture in my hip in cross country

What is your goal for this season?

To compete at the State meet



Ehrik Bush - Baseball

How long have you been playing this sport?

Five years

What is your favorite warm-up song?

"Rock Fist" - Thousand Foot Krutch

What position do you play?

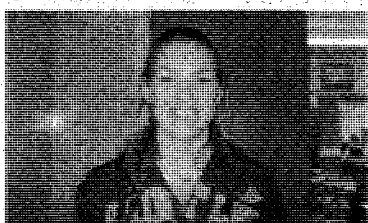
Pitcher/outfield

Is this your favorite sport?

Yes

Who's your team's biggest rival?

Canfield



Danielle Perry - Track

How long have you been playing this sport?

I came out running ;)... I mean sprinting

What position do you play?

Sprinter... I try to run fast

What is your favorite memory?

Making it to Regionals last year

What is your goal for the season?

To look better than Big Dave

How did you become interested in this sport?

After watching and being a part of the Naked Mile with Big Dave



Kenneth Saltsman - Baseball

How long have you been playing this sport?

Twelve years

What position do you play?

Pitcher and first base

What other sports do you play?

Soccer

What is your favorite memory?

Playing double-headers on Saturday afternoons

Who's your team's biggest rival?

United or Struthers



Tiffany Woods - Softball

How long have you been playing this sport?

Since t-ball

What position do you play?

Pitcher, catcher, third base, first base

Is this your favorite sport?

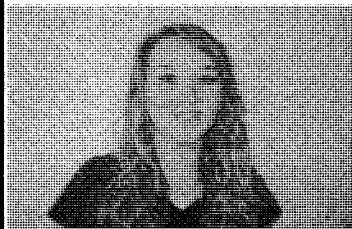
Yupp

What is your goal for this season?

To have a way better season than the last

Who's your team's biggest rival?

West Branch



Marissa Wright - Softball

How long have you been playing this sport?

Thirteen years

What position do you play?

First and third

Is this your favorite sport?

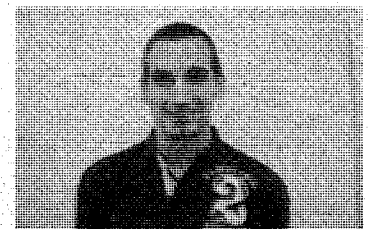
Most definitely

What is your favorite memory?

Getting the cops called on us at team night junior year

What is your goal for the season?

Go to State



Marvin Barber - Track

How long have you been playing this sport?

Two years

What position do you play?

1600 and 3200 meter

What other sports do you play?

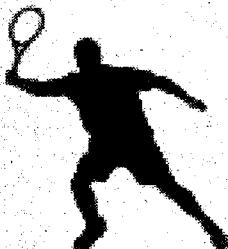
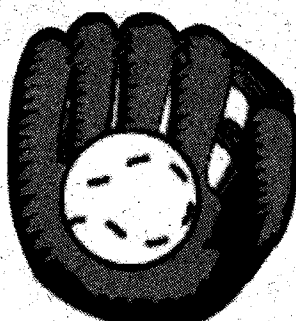
Cross country

What is your goal for this season?

Get five minutes under in the 1600 meter

How did you become interested in this sport?

Alex Stone



Trent Fredrick - Track

How long have you been playing this sport?

Since 'Nam

What other sports do you play?

Football, Words with Friends

What is your goal for this season?

To look good in a one piece

Who's your team's biggest rival?

The girls' team

How did you become interested in this sport?

After watching and being a part of The Naked Mile with Danielle Perry



Mariah Halleck - Track

What is your favorite warm-up song?

I normally just sing to myself

What other sports do you play?

Volleyball, thumb wrestling, words with friends

What is your favorite memory?

Laying out before practice and seeing Dave whip his expletives

Who's your team's biggest rival?

Angus

How did you become interested in this sport?

I wanted to use my brute strength to pick up guys.

Muscle Confusion

By Mike Risbeck

Muscle Confusion is a revolutionary workout that is sweeping through the world. This workout system was made to get rid of the plateau that many people hit after a certain time of doing the same workouts with the same amount of repetitions. They are working hard in studies to try to get rid of the plateau effect so that people can make huge gains and keep their routine different.

The most popular form of muscle confusion comes from the new DVD set called p90x. This is a program that was designed by Tony Horton in order to help people lose weight and get rid of the plateau effect. There are many different types of workouts in this system that he created. There are actual lifting days

which are followed by cardio and stretching days to keep the muscles working. This builds a great platform for people who are in need of losing a couple pounds because it doesn't let your body adapt.

The most important thing about any kind of workout is having the diet that supports what you are trying to do. The people that are trying to lose weight normally try to count their caloric intake and also make sure they get the nutrients they need. The people who are using the muscle confusion system to build muscle would need to have a higher caloric intake and also a high protein intake through their diet. Muscle confusion has been proven to work, so get out there and try it.

Junior and senior high school welcome new track coaches

By Kaylin Cadile

The junior high and high school track teams have some new faces this year. Some coached previously and are returning to the coaching staff, and others are new. All have said that this year with the new staff, we should have a great season.

For the junior high coaches, Coach Motz, Coach Ackerman, Coach Williams, and Coach Yuhaniak are new coaches this year. Coach Motz is in his second year of coaching. He coached junior high track at Tuslaw during his student teaching career. Coach Motz would like to add, "Salem has a great tradition in track - I'm just grateful for the opportunity to be a small part of it." Coaches Ackerman, Williams, and Yuhaniak are all recent Salem graduates who did very well in track.

As for the new coaches for the high school team, the Neapoli-

tans are the new throwing coaches. They previously coached at United for six years. Coach Cochran is returning this year as the girls' head coach. She has coached as the girls' head coach from 2006 to 2008, and then she returned as the assistant coach in 2010. Coach Cochran said that some of the things that participating in track taught her include "self-discipline, confidence, goal setting, and the pay offs of working hard."

The following list includes the coaching staffs at both the junior high and high school levels.



High school:
 Todd Huda, Varsity boys' head coach
 Shane Harding, Varsity asst. boys' coach
 Jason Greenamy, Varsity asst. boys' coach
 Bill Angus, Volunteer asst. coach
 Amie Cochran, Varsity girls' head coach
 Jen Neapolitan, Varsity girls' assistant coach (Throws coach)
 Bill Neapolitan, Volunteer asst. coach
Junior high:
 Robert Motz, JH head boys' coach
 Ted Yuhaniak, JH asst. boys' coach
 Jeff Craig, JH head girls' coach
 Dana Ackerman, JH asst. girls' coach
 Ashley Williams, Volunteer asst. coach

Good luck spring athletes

SHS students with plans to serve

By Sierra Cannon

"I believe that everyone has a skill or something to offer. It's our duty as Americans to protect our freedoms we have," commented senior, Mike Bodkins. And many students would say the same. Many students believe in our American right to protect our freedoms, to protect each other, and to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Whether they attain this sense of duty through entrance into the Marines, the Army, the Navy, or the Air Force, they're all fighting and dying toward a common goal.

The accepted enlistment age for the military is eighteen, but we are already sure of their future. Juniors Colton King and TJ Sheets are two students sure of their futures and their means of reaching them. While both feel a desire to serve their country, they also plan to enter the military to become United States Marines, specifically "to be part of a brotherhood." Army-bound Senior Zach Smith and Navy-bound James Donnalley feel much the same. "I always had that feeling that I was meant to serve in the military. The Navy made me a deal I couldn't refuse," Donnalley was quoted as saying. Whether or not these students are legally "of age" to enlist, we see that they all feel a motivation, a calling, to serve that is unaffected by age.

Through all the competi-

R-E-S-P-E-C-T your elders

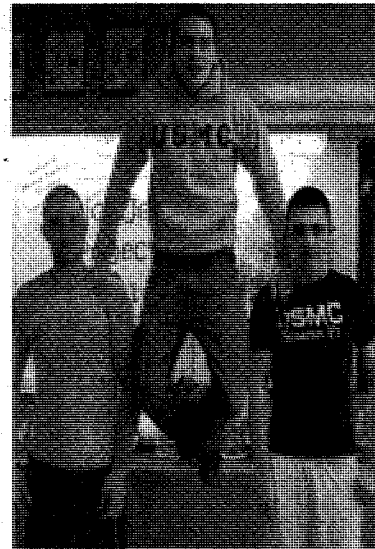
By Meg Bell

We all understand standing up for what you believe in; But sometimes it comes to a point when someone needs to be told to sit down and shut up."

We all know that "teacher" — the one that loves to raise his or her voice at the teacher, who responds with a mixed look of error and disgust as the student spews out put downs, light profanity, and complaints about how things aren't being done correctly. The teacher is doing this and that wrong. Contrary to what you're thinking as these words fly from your lips, most of us aren't sneering you on. We're shrinking our seats as you continue to give attitude to someone who is supposed to be an authority figure, an elder, someone who automatically serves respect. What has our generation believed that we are so privileged and special that we can mouth off to anyone we please and sit back with a smug grin on our faces while the authority figure shrugs his or her shoulders and says, "Kids will be kids?"

It's time for all of us to take a step back and realize that these are grown adults we're talking off to, and, like it or not, we have to listen to them. Whether you believe they deserve respect or not doesn't matter. You can say whatever you want within the head of yours. But when it

comes down to it, they have all the power, not you. "Children of the spoilt generation are used to having their demands met by their parents and others in authority, and that in turn makes them unprepared for the realities of adult life," says dailymail.co.uk, a website that hosted an article on the issue. Dr. Sigman, a member of the Royal Society of Medicine, also said in the article, "There should be an absolute presumption both in law and in policy that adults 'know better' and are in the right unless there are exceptional reasons. Teachers' authority has been vastly weakened legally, professionally and culturally. There should be a presumption that teachers 'know better' and are in the right, unless it is shown otherwise."



Zach Smith, Mike Bodkins, TJ Sheets

Next time you decide you want to stand up for your beliefs in class — think twice. If you have an issue, quietly take your teacher aside and tell him/her in a calm, respectful way, instead of like a two year old who didn't get ice cream before dinner. It's okay to disagree with people, but it's time we all grow up and realize that we don't run the show here. The sooner we realize this, the better. And who knows, you might actually accomplish something besides embarrassing yourself and the rest of us.

The Internet can be your worst enemy or your very best friend. It is a vast, sucking black hole of useful and useless information, photos of cats with clever captions, intelligent reading material, and mind-numbing drivel created by everyone else. When used correctly, social networks can be great, convenient ways to keep in touch with classmates, family members, and your creepy boss all with a click of a mouse. With all of these great things being offered, how can you go wrong with using the Internet? It's not hard at all. Really.

Although all our hearts are warmed by your confessions of undying love for your significant other, it is not necessary to update your Facebook status every three and a half minutes with a play-by-play of your fascinating evening, ending with "[significant other's name] love you forever baby text me." We all realize you are deeply, passionately in love and are going to get married, but we single folk would really appreciate you not shoving it in our lonely, unloved faces.

On the other hand, those of you who sit at your computer monitor, blasting the latest Asking Alexandria song, shedding sweet tears of sorrow and sharing every detail about it through status messages, really need to do a push up or two. Or invest in counseling. Whining about how you don't

Internet for Dummies

By Meg Bell

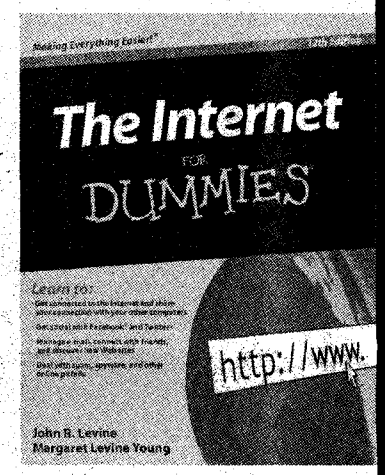
have someone to smother — I mean share your feelings with — doesn't actually do anything but make you look desperate. And, yet again, gathering all your buddies together and ruthlessly cyberbullying someone to the brink of curling up in a fetal position in their computer chair is not the way to handle these poor creatures.

Be careful when selecting photos you want to share with the entire world. And I mean that — the entire world. Nothing is sacred on the Internet. If you haven't learned that yet, I suggest you never touch a mouse again. I'm sure your future employers will be impressed by Googling your name only to find a photo of your face, smeared with vomit, and you with a beer in hand. Although I'm sure he or she will be instantly jealous of your class and sophistication, it just might be too much to handle, and you probably won't get the job. And all you studs out there with shirtless default pictures — even though you think you are impressing the ladies, we're usually sitting here pointing and giggling.

We all do our share of irritating status updates, whether through Facebook or Twitter, and it would just be nice to log onto these wonderful websites and not see a slew of whining, bullying, and mindless play-by-plays of your daily schedules. Why not suggest new music for your online friends to listen to? Share an interesting article? How about something that doesn't make us

look any more inferior to adolescents in other countries that are already working on a cure for cancer. I'm not saying that the time you have to relax after school should be spent constantly on the search for knowledge, we all deserve our guilty pleasures. But please, read a book, study up on some spelling and grammar, and just be nice. High school can be a merciless pit of torment and agony for some, and I'm sure the last thing someone wants to do when they go home is log on and be teased some more by you and your friends.

Even though using this wonderful tool called the Internet may seem safe — after all you're hidden behind your computer screen — what you post now may come back to haunt you at some point. Or just make the rest of us slap our palms to our faces and sigh.



Still winning: The Charlie Sheen story

By Shauna Uptegraph

"I'm tired of pretending I'm not a totally ***** rock star from Mars." What genius! What eloquence! What raw emotion! Who could possibly be responsible for such an honest statement? Well, it's no other than pharmaceutical connoisseur and most definitely amazing Charlie Sheen, of course. How true his words are. It's quite obvious that he is, in fact, a rock star from Mars. How else could he imbibe as many chemicals and put his body into such distress and not have died, time and time again?

Charlie Sheen, you really are amazing. I'd have to agree when you say that you're winning. What else is cooler than drugs and prostitutes? How dare Fox, a network primarily aimed at family shows, refuse to accept you back with open arms after all that you've done for them! I mean, who else will they get to play an alcoholic, womanizing celebrity with no real clue about how life works and is generally too intoxicated to find the way around his own brain? No one can be as convincing as you, surely, but we can only hope they'll be okay. And Charlie, I realize that you may truly love living with your Playboy girl-



friends, Bree Olsen and Natalie Kenly, but have you considered that just maybe your sons don't need that kind of stimulus? Being that he's a toddler? No, of course not, because you're winning. Duh!

Kids, if you want to be cool, the bottom line is that you need to skate by on life until one day every bad thing you've done smacks you right on your wrinkled face and subjects you to the horrors most people have been dealing with their entire life. That way you can be on a downward spiral for the rest of the time your liver doesn't unplug itself from the dialysis machine and try to climb out of your mouth. And hey, if that doesn't work, you can always just work on the world record for most cocaine ever snorted by one man, kick back, relax, and enjoy the ride. That way you can be winning, too.

School Calendar

By Donna Paparodis

-April-

- 2nd- Student art show
- 9th- Student art show
- 18th-22nd Spring Break
- 24th- Easter
- 29th-30th Spring musical

-May-

- 1st- Spring Musical
- 2nd-6th AP testing
- 6th- Prom
- 7th- Freshman Formal Dance
- 9th- AP test
- 10th- HS Spring Choir Concert
- 11th- AP test
- 12th- HS Band Spring Concert
- 14th- Sophomore Social Dance
- 17th- Awards Ceremony

Quaker Clips

