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Holiday Cheer and Charity

By DeAnna Walker

Ah, the holidays are here again with decorations, snow, and, of course, PRESENTS. However, many students and staff are more worried about others than themselves. Many faces around the school are involved with charity work to ensure other's holidays are as merry as can be.

The first charity involvement begins with the Spanish Club. Every year these dedicated students and the club leader, Señora Hudson, ring hand bells in the blistering cold to raise money for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is a Christian religion-based organization that's mission is to spread gospel and help humans meet their basic needs. These charitable students stood outside of Wal-Mart ringing their bells, sounding for donations. The Spanish Club succeeded in filling two and a half buckets full of money thanks to the generous folks of the Salem community.

Also pairing up with the Salvation Army is the Key Club. Key Club is collecting new and used coats to help keep as many people as they can warm and toasty for the winter. They also are collecting scarves, mittens, and hats, but those items must be brand new. All the coats and other items they collect, will be donated through the Salvation Army to needy people. This winter wear will help many people endure the cold and survive the winter without illness.

Another helpful program happening through the holidays is the Cell Phones For Soldiers sponsored by the German Club. Now through December 21st students and faculty can drop off old, used, and even broken cell phones to room 140. These cell phones will be used to help purchase calling cards for the troops overseas. These cards will help our brave soldiers stay near and dear with their families, even though they may be countries apart.

On November 23rd, the Salem boys' basketball team also held a foundation game against Uniontown Lake. The game was for the Hoops 4 Healing Foundation. This purpose of this foundation is to increase public awareness of the need for organ donors as well as raise money in the fight against primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC). All proceeds were donated to this caring organization. Senior cheerleader Cristie Carlisle remarked, "Even though I wasn't actually playing in the game, I enjoyed cheering for it. It's nice to know that even a simple basketball game can help people."

A group of students at SHS led by Liz Greathouse worked to help the efforts at Buckeye Elemen-



Those are some ugly sweaters, theatre class.

tary School. They erected a Christmas tree in the library and left an empty box nearby hoping to receive donations. They were collecting hats, scarves, gloves, and socks for students at Buckeye School.

Sir is certainly in the holiday spirit as well. Along with students in NHS, the Doggone Ugly Sweater Dance took place on Friday, December 9. Yes, it was a groovy dance where all could find some truly ugly sweaters. There was music, refreshments, and even door prizes all for the sake of donating to and helping Alchemy Acres. Alchemy Acres is a non-profit organization in Salem doing all they can to help rehabilitate animals with psychological and physical disabilities. So even if you didn't want to wear that ugly sweater Aunt Bertha got you for Christmas last year, it was still for a wonderful cause.

As you can see, Salem just keeps giving and giving. Of course, everyone loves receiving gifts over the holidays, but the feeling you get from knowing you made a difference means so much more than any material gift you could find under your tree. I'm sure all will agree... it's better to give than it is to receive.



The "Quaker Christmas" tree stands decorated with traditional ornaments as well as hats and gloves.

The Beastly T. Stouff

By Donna Paparodis

During the month of November, one of our peers was honored by playing the role of the Beast in the musical *Beauty and the Beast*. Tyler Stouffer, a senior here at Salem High School, took part in the sold out show for two weekends at the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center in Midland, Pennsylvania.

The participants of the show spent one and a half months preparing for it. It took Tyler over an hour and a half just for the drive to Midland and back. This does not include the hours he put in rehearsing. With the Beast being a difficult role to portray, it was a challenge for Tyler to fit the character. But he says it was "totally worth it," and he had a lot of fun performing the show and working with Kenzie Palmer from *American Idol*, who played the part of Belle.

When Tyler was five he went to see his grandma perform in a production of *The Sound of Music*. He knew at that moment that theater was going to be his future. At the age of six he was in his first musical called *Guys and Dolls, Jr.* Since then he's been on stage many times. When asked what his dream role would be, he said, "In all honesty, Beast has been my dream role for a long time. But I would also like to play Mark in the rock musical *Rent*." Tyler loves being able to be someone else for a while during his performances.

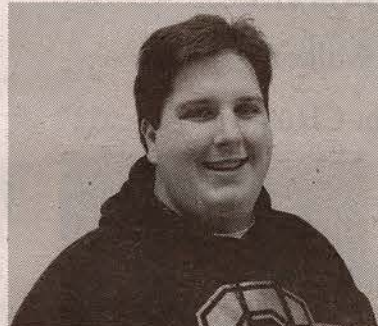
In the future he plans to major in theatre arts and minor in musical theatre. He says he'd like to do the Disney College Program internship which takes place in Walt Disney World. Tyler would like to add that if you have any interest at all with theater and performing, you should go for it. "You will have so much fun, and you'll make memories you'll never forget." He also mentions that auditions for our spring musical *Singin' in the Rain* are in January. "Try out! You won't regret it!"



Senior Tyler Stouffer appears in full make-up as the Beast in *Beauty and the Beast*.



Tyler appears here with Kenzie Palmer as Belle. Together they shared the stage in November at the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center in Midland, PA.



The Tyler Stouffer we know at SHS. His plans and dreams definitely include the stage.

New Year's Eve Salem

By Kayla Mills

New Year's Eve Salem, formerly known as First Night Salem, will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2011, from 6:00p.m. to around 12:30 a.m. Some of the venues where parts of the event will be held include the Kent City Center auditorium, the Masonic Temple, the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, the Memorial building gymnasium, the Sugar Tree Alley Studio, the Salem Historical Society, and the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. A variety of entertainers will be performing. According to an article posted in the *Salem News*, New Year's Eve Salem Coordinator David Schwartz was quoted as saying, "These are all professional entertainers who go out all over the country."

At the Kent City Center auditorium, a variety of rock and roll music will be playing. This includes the Sugar Tree Alley Steel Drum Band, David Pasco, an Elvis impersonator, the Beatles cover band, Abbey Road, Stormn Normn's Tribute to Las Vegas Stars, Band Smoke, and several other tribute bands. At the Masonic Temple, there will be bluegrass and folk music. The entertainment includes Dulci-More, Allegheny Drifters, Bill Schilling and Linda Sigismondi, and the Stockdale Family Band. At the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, the featured music will be a series of gospel music. This includes All 4 One, Hymn Sing with Bill, Linda and Folks, God's Quad, and Trinity Trio. At the Memorial Building gymnasium, there will be several activities for children which include the following: Chip Richter; Mark Plegge, a magician; June McCughlin, a ventriloquist/puppeteer; a panda greeter, and more.

Dinner will also be served at the venues. These dinners will exhibit an interesting variety from kielbasa and kraut sandwiches to turkey dinner with stuffing, to pigs-in-a-blanket. The time of the dinners depends on the venue of choice.

Bring your family to a fun, safe, non-alcoholic New Year's Eve celebration. Ticket prices are \$5 before December 25 and \$8 after. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Historical Society, the Salem Community Center, and at all local Salem banks. Let's kick off 2012 the right way!



Merry Christmas
And
A Happy New Year!

Opinion

December Point Counter Point

Taco Bell

By Katelyn Rhodes

Do you ever get the late night munchies? And do you think outside the bun? The answer should be yes, and if you are like me when your stomach is about to eat itself from hunger, you choose to have yourself a fourth meal from Taco Bell. With their "Why Pay More" 79, 89, and 99 cent menus, anyone can get a big meal that won't put a big dent in the wallet. From their Chihuahua spokesperson to their delicious Mexican style cuisines, this restaurant will make everyone say olé.

Although Taco Bell isn't considered to be as health savvy as its opponent Chipotle, they do use fresh ingredients such as tomatoes, lettuce, cilantro, cheese, and reduced fat sour cream. They also use USDA standard beef and marinated all white meat chicken.

Unlike Chipotle, Taco Bell has an unlimited menu. Tacos, burritos, gorditas, salads, nachos, chalupas, flat breads, Mexican pizzas, and quesadillas are all a part of their wide variety of items. They also feature items that can cure a sweet tooth with options such as the classic cinnamon twists, caramel empanadas, and their latest addition, the Frutista Freeze.

They have recently started what is called the drive-through diet. This part of their menu contains fresco items including the fresco soft chicken and beef tacos, fresco bean, steak, and chicken burritos, and fresco beef crunchy tacos. The cheese and sour cream are replaced with onions, tomatoes, and a fiesta salsa.

If you are ever feeling spicy, take a step on the fiery side and try one of their hot volcano choices such as the volcano nachos, taco, or burrito. The nachos will make the taste buds jump off of your tongue with the addition of jalapeño peppers and a blistering molten hot lava sauce. The volcano crunchy taco is featured in a red hot shell with a cheesy lava sauce. Finally, the volcano burrito is piled high with a double serving of meat, crunchy red tortilla chips, and molten hot lava sauce. These items are sure to make a spicy fiesta in your mouth.

The "Why Pay More" menu creates filling food that also satisfies your want of what you would like to spend. Some of the items are the crispy potato soft taco which is made of delicious potato bites, lettuce, cheese, and a pepper jack sauce. The cheesy nachos are made with fresh, crisp, and warm tortilla chips and a nacho cheese sauce. Also the cheese roll consists of three different cheeses – cheddar, pepper jack, and mozzarella wrapped up inside a warm soft tortilla shell and melted to perfection.

If you are ever feeling cheesy, go to Taco Bell and get some reasonably priced Mexican food. They have a wide variety of sauces from mild to fire that are sure to add a little spice to a meal. Senior DeAnna Walker states, "That's my fiesta spot." She is right. Taco Bell is a fiesta of flavor. In my opinion if given the choice between Chipotle and Taco Bell, Taco Bell will always be number one.



At school Mike has to settle for his bagged lunch. On his own time, he's headed for Chipotle.

Chipotle

By Donna Paporadis

Imagine you haven't eaten in hours upon hours and you need a colossal meal to satisfy your insatiable hunger. You need something better than the unfulfilling McDonalds and Burger Kings that surround you. Oh, what's that? You happen upon a glistening beacon of light in the form of an eatery. It's Chipotle... THE Chipotle. If you're any sort of person you'd run, not walk, to get inside and stuff your eager little face with all the Mexican goodies you can manage.

This glorious place is a lot like Subway in that you can pick whatever ingredients you want to go into your burrito, taco, or bowl. You go down the line, tell them what you want, and then you're on your way to devour a heavenly specimen of the finest food. The ingredients are prepared each day by hand, not with machines such as food processors or blenders. They use unprocessed vegetables and prepare fresh ingredients throughout the day, so it always tastes like it's straight from the garden. If they do not fill your order accurately or forget to put something in it, they'll bring you out a new one so that you are completely satisfied with their service.

Although naturally raised pigs are more expensive, they buy their pigs from family farms because it's, well, more natural. This is all part of their "Food with Integrity" ideology. They take care to respect all aspects of their business including the animals, environment, and the farmers from which they buy. Speaking of the farmers, the franchise takes the time to learn about the places from which they buy products. They analyze the way they treat the animals and their health. If it is poor, they won't purchase goods from that farm. On the Chipotle website it states, "Chipotle serves more naturally raised meat and local produce than

any other restaurant company in the US." I don't think you can get any better than hearing that, which for consumers is a pretty reassuring statement.

But that's not all that's great about this place. For all of you tree huggers out there, Chipotle is also green. Their one hundred percent recycled napkins save millions of gallons of water each year. Their bowls and aluminum lids are made almost completely of recycled material. This saves at least fifty-eight thousand trees a year. Even their buildings are the latest on environmentally friendly designs. Every other food joint should model them in at least that aspect. Not only do they stay true to the environment, but they put clever little sayings on all of their packaging items like, "It's not just a burrito. It's a foil-wrapped, hand-crafted, local farm supporting, food culture changing cylinder of deliciousness." Now, how can you read that and not smile?

The fact that their food is fresh and grown organically makes its taste amazing. Unlike Taco Bell, which was accused of having only thirty-five percent actual beef in their "beef," Chipotle's food is all natural. Junior Mike Hritz says, "Chipotle puts my taste buds in a state of euphoria like no other." There's just no comparison when it comes to Taco Bell and Chipotle. They are on completely different levels. If you ask Ian Chandler he'll tell you this: "Chipotle food is the most sublime epitome of Mexican delicacies on either side of the border...er fence." I think you can gather that most people enjoy Chipotle much better than any other Mexican food joint there is, and I'm definitely one of those people.



War of Words

By DeAnna Walker

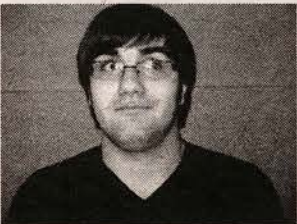
"How did you find out Santa Claus wasn't real?"



Freshman – Cassandra Burke: "My parents asked me to help put presents under the tree one year."



Sophomore – Emma Wilson: "WHAT?! ... There's no Santa Claus?"



Junior – Abrahm Zugelj: "I don't remember. But I do remember in 1st grade someone told this girl Santa wasn't real, and she ran out crying."



Senior – Katelyn Rhodes: "My brother told me, and then tried to take it back and say he was real."

Baby it's cold...inside

By Donna Paporadis

Wearing a jacket and gloves to keep warm usually means that you're outdoors, but many times in our case here at Salem High School we need these items indoors. Anyone who attends school on a regular basis can relate. Our classrooms are as cold as it is outside and sometimes even colder.

Now, when a student is trying to pay attention or do their work, it can be very distracting to have teeth chattering all around them. It would also be nice to sit down on a chair that doesn't feel like it's made solely of ice. At times you may even need a blanket, but unfortunately we rarely bring those to school. If that's not enough to bother your average teenagers who already can't stand school, then I can't tell you what is. You may ask

(or not), why is it that the rooms feel like the North Pole? Well, for some reason, the "heat" that is supposedly coming out of the vents is equivalent to air conditioning. Why can't we have that when it's actually hot out? It makes close to no sense. Mrs. Dye's room is always especially freezing. Her students don't enjoy enduring the experience of a cold English class. One student says, "It makes *The Scarlet Letter* that much more unenjoyable." As you can see, it's a problem. Another classroom that is especially bitter is Señora Hutson's room. Sometimes it's so cold that you'd think there were holes in the walls. That's definitely a stay-at-home motivator.

When you are at school and the temperature isn't normal, it makes

it very difficult to pay attention. If you're constantly cold, your brain is busy trying to figure out a way to get warm. The brain will keep interrupting your train of thought until it has solved the problem. If your brain is busy doing that, how can you concentrate on the lesson? You can't. Dunn and Dunn research proved this true. So if the room is cold, we don't learn. The same principle goes for when it's too hot, also.

Although a lot of the classrooms are still chilly, there are some that are improving. Mrs. Dye says that her room is now "roasty toasty." Hopefully this improvement keeps expanding to other classrooms so that when the really cold weather hits, we won't all turn into snowmen.



By Ian Chandler

Here Comes Treble

By Meg Bell



OFWGKTA!

By Brent Bosworth

Theme: Ho Ho Hardcore

Want to cause your chuckle to resemble a spherical container filled to the brim with a general gelatin substance? Listen hither, and may your spirits be roused with the warm firelight of the season.

August Burns Red – “Carol of the Bells”

This Christmas you’re getting a little breakdown in your stocking! This awesome cover of a festive classic gives the tune a major metalcore makeover. Instrumental and creative, the song delivers an extra punch in the eggnog for a present that unwraps itself. The chimes and bells in the intro build up to a furiously driven main riff that will give you one headbanging holiday.

John Mayer – “All I Want for Christmas”

Anyone who listens to John Mayer on a regular basis knows that the man is a blues legend. This prodigious 34-year-old covered this classic as a soulful rendition of the tune. Mayer’s vocals are nearly perfect for this song, and he manages to make it actually catchy, in the good way. If you want some relaxed, pleasant Christmas listening, turn to this lively, awesome song.

Dean Martin – “Walking In a Winter Wonderland”

You kids need a shot of old school espresso in your puny little modern lattes. Taste this jazzy version of a winter wonderland, sung by the Dino himself. May it digest well with you and yours. Fun fact: “The King of Cool” was born in Steubenville, Ohio.

She & Him – “Have Yourself A Pretty Little Christmas”

It might just be me, but Zoëy Deschanel’s voice is an absolutely saccharine flavor of intoxicating. Forego the cotton commercial jingle, and you’ll see, as in this project of hers, that her talent does *not* stop at acting. This *Elf* and *New Girl* actress is absolutely amazing. You will hear this song. *does Jedi mind trick wave*

Kutless – “Mary Did You Know”

What? Do you say it is cliché to have a Christian metal-rock band in a Christmas song article? What? You mean *besides* August Burns Red? Even though this was recorded for the same compilation CD, *X Christmas*? Oh well. This song is golden, from the reverby intro to the well-placed, slightly gruff vocals of a tender Christmas melody. Two thumbs up and two arms outstretched.

Theme: Yuletide cheer

The day after Thanksgiving, IT begins. That is the constant stream of Christmas music on all radios. It seems like you can’t escape it. So instead, plug in your headphones and give this mix a try. It’s sure to spread some holiday cheer.

“Baby It’s Cold Outside” – Anthony Green and Mindy White

The unique voice of Anthony Green compliments Mindy White’s soft vocals.

“Just Like Christmas” – Low

Very soft and dreamy, it fits in very easily.

“The First Noel” – Bright Eyes

In fact, Bright Eyes has an album titled *A Christmas Album* full of his acoustic lo-fi goodness in Christmas form. I definitely recommend it for sleepy, snowed-in evenings.

“White Christmas” – Bright Eyes... which is why I recommend this next song, even though Conor Oberst himself doesn’t contribute to the vocals.

“Christmas Eve Sarjevo” – Trans-Siberian Orchestra

One of the most popular modern Christmas songs, you can’t have a Christmas playlist without this. “Thank God It’s Christmas” – Queen

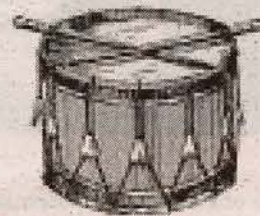
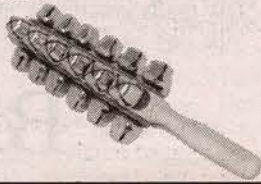
Any playlist with Queen is a winner, and this adds a bit of glam.

“That Was The Worst Christmas Ever!” – Sufjan Stevens

Sufjan Stevens has several Christmas albums released, full of covers and his own creations. Sufjan uses his indie-folk style to create a jolly compilation of carols. This comes from *Ding! Dong! Songs For Christmas, Volume 3*.

“Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)” – Death Cab For Cutie

Sound familiar? Think Mariah Carey. Death Cab’s rendition is true to their style with piano and Ben Gibbard’s unique vocals.



Think before you ink

By Meg Bell



Life is made up of decisions, whether they’re good or bad. Every small choice you make can influence where you will go and what opportunities you will have. Considering life is also full of regretful, irreversible decisions, the idea of whether or not to get a tattoo should be weighed heavily.

Earlier generations may argue that tattoos are for biker thugs or the low class, but body modifications are becoming more mainstream and accepted in society by today’s age bracket. It is difficult to tell how future employers will take to potential job candidates covered in ink and with stretched ears, but as we evolve it is likely that things like this will be more accepted. However, there are still the more conservative companies that would rather not have employees that are too unconventional. You have to keep this in mind if you want a serious job and are not starting your own company and being your own boss.

For starters, until you are sure what sort of path you will take (since most of us are sixteen to eighteen,) it’s not the best idea to get letters on your knuckles or something obnoxious on your neck. As rebellious as a naked woman inked on your forearm may be, it’s frowned upon by most of society. Now I’m sure some will think “Well, I don’t care what society thinks! I’m my own person; screw all that.” Yeah, good luck surviving in the world. As much as I support self-express-

sion, as you grow older you realize that in order to thrive in a judgmental world, you have to give in somewhat or risk wearing a turtleneck the rest of your working life.

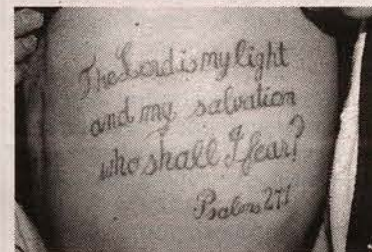
Let’s move away from just what your future employers may think. We’re still young, right? So you decide to go out and get a tattoo. You shouldn’t take your parlor choices lightly. Talk to others first and even research on the internet. If you find that the parlor you’re interested in has an awesome artist but they’re only good when they’re under the influence of something, you should probably steer clear. Or your friend says they have a tattoo machine in their basement and for twenty bucks they’ll shove buzzing needles into your flesh, your conscience should tell you maybe that’s not such a great plan. Besides, the art usually turns out crappy, and you have the most hideous thing stuck in your skin forever.

As for other body modifications, piercings are usually a better decision since most close up if you take them out. Some may leave scars or tiny holes, so you might want to keep that in mind. When deciding whether or not to follow the ear-stretching trend (incorrectly labeled as “gauging”), keep in mind that anything below a gauge size 2 usually won’t shrink all the way. You’ll be left with saggy lobes that only close with surgery. Senior Brent Bosworth has noticeably saggy lobes, and when I asked him about

whether or not one should start stretching lobes, he offered this advice, “Don’t do it. They don’t look normal, and they never will again.” When deciding to get something pierced, a safety pin is a moronic idea. Safety pins are made of cheap metal which the body eats away at. Choosing jewelry is important as well. Most Hot Topic and Spencers stores carry cheap metal affordable for most, but they’re not a good choice. Websites like bodyartforms.com carry organic and well-made jewelry. Plastic isn’t the best choice for ears that are stretched because they tend to make them smell like rotting cheese. Seriously, it’s not appetizing.

I’m not here to tell you not to get a tattoo or other body mod. I have some myself, so I am not one to say not to. But at least think about it before you make that decision. The body is a canvas. Not every tattoo has to have some deep meaning. Some individuals like decorating their bodies, some like to pay tribute to a friend or family member, and some are just mindless sheep following a trend that is permanent and causes the close-minded to judge you even more. I’m hoping someday they will be acceptable in the workplace. Many professionals have them – doctors, lawyers, politicians, etc. along with the middle and lower classes. But as much as you may not care what people think, you have to keep in mind that some are very stuck in their ways and won’t even give you a chance for

the job or whatever it is you’re going for. Until the day comes, you have to keep in mind the very sad truth – how do you judge a book?



In the pictures above some Salem students share their tattoos.

Odd Future was formed by Tyler, the Creator, and they released their first album in 2008. The members that form the group are Tyler, the Creator; Earl Sweatshirt; Hodgy Beat; Domo Genesis; Frank Ocean; Mike G; Left Brain; Taco Bennett; Jasper Dolphin; Syd tha Kyd; Hal Williams; and Matt Martians. Odd Future has a few different groups such as MellowHype which consists of Hodgy Beats and Left Brain. The *Jet Age* of Tomorrow is comprised of Matt Martians and Hal Williams. They are also known as the Super 3 consisting of EarlWolf which is Earl Sweatshirt and Tyler, the Creator. There is also the Internet which is Syd tha Kyd and Matt Martians.

The group has released many tracks which are available for free on their website. Earl Sweatshirt released his debut album *Earl* and since then has been in a boys’ boarding school in Samoa for kids that suffer from depression or drug addiction. MellowHype recently put out an album titled *BlackenedWhite* and Tyler put out *Goblin* with the one album deal with XL Records. They have recently developed a very large fan base that some would say is almost “cult like.” Many would say that the music created by Odd Future Wolf Gang Kill Them All is disturbing and morbid and is considered horrorcore. People who actually respect the music for what it is, however, consider the music “Indie Rap.” As far as being signed, they recently signed a deal with Sony’s Red to form their own label. This is called Odd Future Records.

Odd Future records a majority of their music in a place they call the trap. In actuality it’s really just Syd and Taco’s house. As far as their live shows go, they have been compared to punk rock/hardcore concert because of stage diving and mosh pits formed from the band antagonizing the crowd. Besides forming their own record label, there are still more exciting things popping up in their lives such as the airing of their TV show *Loiter Squad* which will be premiering early 2012 on Adult Swim. Tyler, the Creator also won a VMA for best new artist. That’s as far as their success goes for now, but I expect things to get even better for them with the return of Earl.



Odd Future Wolf Gang Kill Them All in action, with Tyler, the Creator having a little time out.

Feature

Student of the month: Zach Maenz

By Ian Chandler

Football stadiums. Orchestral, dramatic soundtracks. Rocky landscapes. Aquariums. What cyclopean thoughts do these images conjure up in your stem cells? Perhaps one of the word "epic"? It's time to redefine the word "epic."

Actually, it's time to define the word "epic." The Merriam-Webster Dictionary lists "epic" as "extending beyond the usual or ordinary especially in size or scope." Legends often tell of an epic hero who slays dragons and climbs up girls' hair. Well, there is someone climbing up hair in our own town of Salem, Ohio. Recommended by former SOM Chase Howard, the long-awaited December Student of the Month is the indescribable Zachary Evan Maenz.

Zach showed the best effort in this month's testing. The test was simple: a blank sheet of paper. Zach, on forgetting his in his luxurious automobile that is a Chevy Cavalier, drew up two bulleted Word documents chock full of information about himself, in no uncertain terms. Zach is a self-described "great guy." Born in Louisville, Kentucky, this math-loving student is about as interesting as one can get, perhaps even two. He is an avid sports fan - particularly Ohio State - and a former golfer, enrolled in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He lists himself as friendly, trustworthy, understanding, and quiet. When challenged with the eternal quandary of Coca-Cola or Pepsi, he, in a legendary brushstroke that sealed his fate as being awesome, chose the latter, which is the universally understood champion in that match.



His favorite imaginary color is an amalgamation of the two Salem hues: "rack." Cinema-wise, he prefers *Saving Private Ryan* and *Cinderella Man*. Chipotle is his favorite exotic food, and he thinks that if you have nothing nice to say, "Say it anyway; it's probably true." Role models of his include Jesus Christ and Mr. Dobosh, the latter of which Zach endorses the idea of an original television production, Bosh.0. He says of Dunkin' Donuts' caramel lattes, "They're caramel...and they're delicious!" His favorite famous last words are "I'll be back," attributed to both Ahnold and Jesus.

Clearly, Zach is a vibrant character. His awesomeness radiates throughout his very being. A true testament to his legend is that he played trumpet for years, including a two-year stint in the Salem High School jazz band and never read music at all. He even went without lessons of any sort throughout his musical career. If that does not illustrate his awesomeness, this article will. "I never practiced. I never cleaned or oiled my trumpet. I didn't take lessons. I couldn't even read music, but I still jazzed with style. I guess it was just God-given talent," he says.

Through his great sense of humor, sarcastic nature, yellow personality, and attachment to Cierra "over two and a half years," Zach has time to be generally amazing. If you need a new best friend, go to Zach. He knows he is awesome - as he wrote in his bulleted outline of epicness, and he notes, "Being this awesome should be a crime..." - and is a cookie-hating sports guru that will enlighten your day as a human. He makes sure to steer clear of holiday sugar cookies but takes time to admire his great hair and sense of style. He thanks a unique individual in winning this award: "I would like to thank an amazing person, without whom his hard work and dedication, I would not be who I am today...me." This resounding self-worth is worthy of Charlie Sheen himself. He even left instructions behind in his wake: "In order to enter into a state of true awesomeness, one must first learn to hate cookies... and fake reading music in band for years. Then you will get a glimpse of what it's like to be the great, humble man that I am..." I highly recommend that all Salem students take this instruction seriously, or face the consequences of being ordinary.

Zach joins the ranks of Students of the Month, and it is with humble honor that I present him into such high an echelon. I believe it is no incident that such a decorated veteran of awesomeness entered this elite academy, and his name shall be preserved in the records for future generations to see. He gives this advice to all ye who read: "You are who you are. Don't change for anyone. Don't do drugs." It is with a small, neat bow that he leaves the spotlight, and I resign momentarily. May all of you have a pleasant break, and do unto others as Zach Maenz would do unto others.

Cure those holiday blues

By Reegan Barnett

"Oh, the weather outside is frightful," and there's nothing delightful to do. Everyone gets tired of staying inside staring at a blank wall during the winter. But what else really is there to do these days? It just seems easier to stay inside and play video games or watch movies. WAIT! I think I may have a few solutions to your coach potato syndrome of boredom.

For those of you who haven't traveled outside in the past four years in fear of treacherous snow seeping into your bones, I have some advice. No, I'm not going to be mean and try and coax you to the wild outdoors; I'm too petrified that you may freeze. So instead, let's keep our imaginations to only indoor events. You can venture to the movie THEATER, not just your flat screen. (I have heard movie popcorn is much better than the stuff you throw into the microwave.) Also, you can go to the bowling alley and try on a pair of those gorgeous shoes. There are a few malls around us, and whether you like to shop or be a people

watcher, there's always something to do.

Some of you readers are possibly the outdoorsy types, and there are plenty of fun things to fill your break with. That could be planning a neighborhood snow ball fight. Get all the kids on the block (maybe some adventurous adults), and make a battle zone out of the white tundra. If you like thrilling things, go to the slopes! You can ski or snowboard at plenty of slopes around here. Too afraid you say? Is it just too far away? Well then, don't fear. Go sledding around town with some buddies. It makes it even that much better with your friends around! Ice skating is always a thrill whether inside or out. Just don't slip and break anything, please.

No matter what kind of person you are, you can always find something to do. There are so many ways to beat the cold; just be creative and adventurous. So, don't worry, be happy, and try and stay warm this holiday break.

Brent says

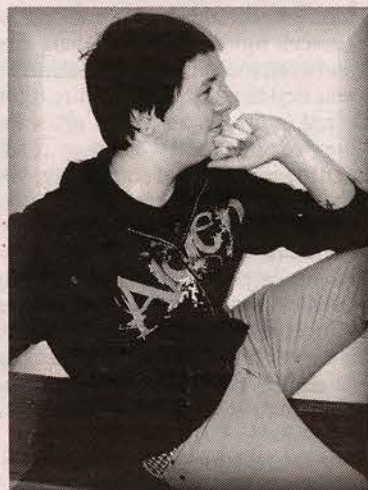
By Brent Bosworth

"Excuse me, could you guys get off my locker?" Having to ask people this while they are all over each other, blocking your way to your locker, is really getting old. PDA is a big problem at our school that needs to be addressed. It would be fine if it was just a hug, but when you're in the way of other people there is an issue. Something needs to be done about all these annoying kids in the hallway. I think a good solution to this would be to just give out a detention to anyone violating hallway rules. That might seem a little strict, but when things have gotten as bad as they have here, we need to take immediate action.

PDA is not the only problem in our halls; that's just the beginning. There always seems to be large groups of kids standing around talking to each other in the center of the hallway. The small amount of time that we have to get from class to class barely leaves any time to start a conversation, so what exactly could these people be talking about that's important enough to take up other people's time and make them late? I don't mean to be judgmental or anything, but the people that are taking up space in the hallways have always been the same people. They are the same people that you seem to constantly see in the office and in in-school suspension.

I am not trying to call anyone out in this article; I am just saying it gets really annoying trying to get through the halls. It feels point-

less to go out of your way to get to class really fast. There shouldn't be all these obstacles. People that do use their time wisely in the hallways are still showing up to class late just because they have to walk all the way across the school, and people are always in their way. I think it's kind of funny that people that honestly work as hard as they can in school can get in trouble because a few kids (who don't really want to be here) won't get out of the way.



Clubs and classes

By Kayla Mills

AFS
AFS recently had their annual Christmas party in Mrs. Dye's room. The club T-shirts were distributed to the students and are black with metallic gold lettering. They also had a white elephant gift exchange. One student picks a gift, and then the next student can either pick from the gifts or steal a gift from a student who already chose one. The gifts are supposed to be inexpensive, and something that could be for a boy or a girl. Light refreshments were provided.

Delta Epsilon Phi

Delta Epsilon Phi attended a ballet at the Dior Performing Arts Center in Youngstown. The Moscow Ballet performed *The Nutcracker*. The group went out to dinner beforehand at the Olive Garden. The tickets were \$34.50. Approximately eight students and adults went on the trip.

Key Club

Key Club had their weekly meeting and discussed the annual coat drive. The club is accepting new and used coats to donate to the Salvation Army. You can also purchase gloves, scarves, earmuffs, and other winter apparel to donate. These items must be brand new, though. At the Family Dollar Store on West State Street, gloves are available for \$1. They also have inexpensive hats, making donations possible for everyone.

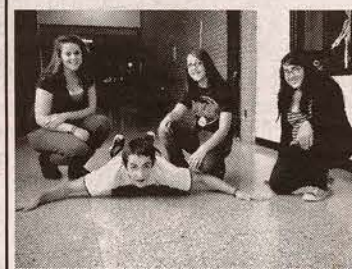
Ski Club

The Ski Club recently held a corn hole tournament in hopes of raising money for transportation to Brandywine located in Peninsula, Ohio. The cost for transportation alone is \$180. If a member of ski club participates in the various fundraisers that will be held throughout the year, the member is guaranteed a portion of the money earned and will go toward their final price.

The corn hole tournament was on Saturday, November 19 and began at 3:30 p.m. The cost was \$20 for each team to participate, and seventeen total teams showed up for the event. There was also a concession stand open to the public. The event raised a few hundred dollars for the Ski Club.

BioMed Classes

The BioMed classes recently studied the effect of physical activities on heart rate. Pictured is a student who traveled the halls on a scooter after which his heart rate was measured.



Poet's Corner

The Week Before Christmas (With apologies to Clement Moore)

By DeAnna Walker

•Twas the week before Christmas, and all through the school
•All the students were sleeping, on their desks they would drool
•At the boards they would gaze, with a dumbfounded stare
•Slouching and slumping deep down in their chair.

•Everyone stared, no eyes left the clock
•Praying it'd move faster with each tick and each tock
•Teachers agreed, no work should be done -
•All everyone wanted was Christmas frolic and fun.

•Daydreams of sugar-plums drifted into the heads
•Of the students and faculty desiring their beds,
•Tommy in his sweater and I in my coat
•Talked of new toys, like that new car or new boat.

•Outside the window, the sun beamed on the snow,
•Yet inside the classroom it was 20 below
•On my desk, a worksheet did appear
•But instead of math, I drew eight, tiny reindeer...

•That's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen
•There's Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen
•Wait! No Rudolph! Where should he be?
•Hmm, he'll be the answer to problem twenty-three.

•His crooked antlers made me quite merry
•And his nose seemed to look just like a round cherry
•I turned in my paper, and, boy, I was pleased
•Then Alex beside me let out a great sneeze.

•He was chubby and plump, and obviously sick
•Which in turn made the girls all cry out, "Ick!"
•With the wipe of his nose, tissue to his head
•Gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

•I spoke not a word and returned to my seat
•And looked down at the stockings upon my feet.
•I got drowsy as my eyes began to close
•And off I fell into a deep doze.

•My dreams raced as I dreamt of Saint Nick
•Then the bell clanged, and I was sure it's a trick
•Out of the classroom, through the halls I must fight
•Goodbye school! Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

It's not called cheap, it's called wise

By Reegan Barnett

Let's face it, nothing is cheap in today's society. People want expensive, overly elaborate gifts to stuff under their trees. Who can afford to keep up in today's concept of more, more, more?! Not most 14-17 year olds that I know. When you read those budget savers, your stomach sometimes can churn at how lame or childish the ideas sound. That's why I'm here to help, and, no, I'm not going to send you out to buy your special someone socks or a flashlight.

So, first on the list are baked goods. Who doesn't love some delicious kind of food? We all know we have them in our family, the one with the sweet tooth or the chocoholic. Yes, they may insist on you never ever giving them those horrible sweets, but secretly that's all that will make them happy. So simply go to your oven and pop in a batch of yummy chocolate chip cookies for about fifteen minutes, and presto, Merry Christmas. If you want to be somewhat more creative with your tasty treats, how about trying chocolate covered pretzels. All you need is a bag of pretzel rods, melted chocolate, and some sprinkles if you want to go all out. If you make someone their favorite treats, I'm sure they'll love you forever.

If you want something a bit more solid or longer lasting than food, here are some ideas. You Spanish four students can vouch for what I'm about to say, that making scarves is inexpensive. It also is simple. So go on kids, knit away! Scarves, hats, and mittens are all perfect for those holiday blues! If you already started making them for a grade in Spanish, well then you have a head start! Also, compiling a bunch of cute, funny, classic songs and burning them on to a CD is a cheap and easy idea. It's cute, and it's personal, how much better can you get? Another idea is homemade cocoa. It's delicious and an easy way to warm yourself up on these brutal winter nights. So, when they go to get all cozy and warm, they'll stop and think about you. How cute.

If you just wait and shop wisely, you can find things on sale. I mean, who wants to pay \$200 for one pair of shoes? Definitely not me. So play smart, and choose wisely. Only splurge on those dire, once-in-a-lifetime things. You can go to Marshalls, TJ Maxx, Ross Dress for Less, or some other bargain store. I'm sure you'll find something close, if not exactly the same as what you're looking for. No one needs to break the bank this holiday season, so use some of that creativeness floating around in your head. You can even have a little extra to get yourself something nice.

The Reilly Wall Project

By Katelyn Rhodes

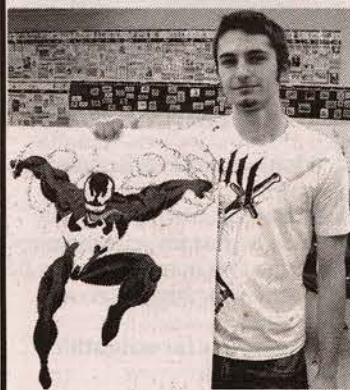
The Salem Preservation Society along with the Salem Board of Education have taken on the task of raising funds to complete a project to restore the wall surrounding Reilly Stadium. No matter who you are, if you are a resident of Salem you have surely either visited or been by the stadium wall countless times. The wall was built in 1928; it has been a part of our community for over eighty years. Although it is not extremely noticeable, the wall has begun to show deterioration, which makes it no surprise that it could use some restoration.

On October 11, 1929, Salem gained some nationwide attention when it hosted the first football game under the lights in Ohio. This is when many games were changed from Saturday nights to Friday nights. Also many other important events have happened at Reilly Stadium such as when former President John F. Kennedy hosted one of his campaign trail spots at the stadium. Another well-known person, Olympian Jesse Owens, was a guest at the stadium. The stadium has also been the cite for numerous Special Olympics and Relay for Life benefits.

The restoration plans are to rebuild the wall that is on the north side and add wrought iron fencing and gates. The plans also call for adding a ticket booth to look as closely as possible to the original. All of these repairs are roughly estimated to cost a half a million dollars. Naturally these repairs will only be possible if the restoration committee can get some help from the community. A seminar will be held on March 10 at 7:00pm. The guest speaker will be David Sommers a Salem graduate of the class of 1967. This seminar will be held in the high school cafeteria. David will present a set of preliminary drawings of how the wall is set to look. Some topics that will be addressed will be why does the wall need repairing and how the community can help in being a part of the project. Mark the date on your calendar, and come support the Reilly Wall Project by attending the seminar. More information will be distributed on ways you can donate your time and money.

Artist of the month: Canaan Bricker

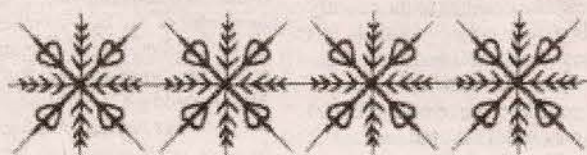
By Brent Bosworth



The student chosen for artist of the month is nineteen year old Canaan Bricker, who is a senior here at Salem High School. When asked what truly inspires him, he replied by saying his mind and other artists but mainly comics by Todd McFarlane. Canaan says that his favorite form of art is painting although he believes himself to be better at drawing. Something else that is important to know about an artist is his or her favorite color. As for Canaan, his favorite color is blue. I also asked him what form of art he thought his work resembled the most, and he said he would describe it as "Pop Art."

I was very surprised when he said he did not plan to make a career out of art. Usually people with his skills would want to do so. However, he does plan to continue to make art for the rest of his life. I am always a little curious to find out if someone's different emotions changed the outcome of their art. He informs me, however, that his emotions do not determine his art. Every artist is different. For example, they all enjoy creating/drawing certain things more than others. Canaan's favorite thing to draw is comic book characters. When I asked him to give me his definition of art he said, "My idea of art is expressing my ideas of beauty and creativity in a form that the world can enjoy."

It's hard to think of someone young being passionate about anything, but Canaan says he gets a lot of enjoyment in creating and sharing his artwork, and he has enjoyed it ever since childhood. He also has some advice for his fellow artists. "Stick with it and don't get discouraged. It will happen at times, but if you're passionate about art, it will show up in your work. The joy and pride I get from sharing my art work is unreal and unmatched."



Sports

Senior Spotlight

By Reegan Barnett
and Jeff Dyke



Alexis Smith- Softball

What is your favorite pump up song?
Drake "Over My Dead Body"
What is your favorite memory?
Hitting first homerun at new field
Who is your biggest rival?
Canfield
Who is your favorite athlete?
Jennie Finch
Do you play any other sports?
Volleyball



Ciara Andrews - Swimming

What is your favorite pump up song?
I don't have one (you can't hear music under water.)
Who is your biggest rival?
Beaver Local
Who is your favorite athlete?
Obviously Michael Phelps
Do you play any other sports?
No, one is enough.



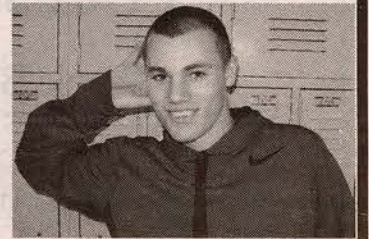
DeAnna Walker - Cheerleading

What is your favorite pump up song?
"Dance" - Big Sean
What is your favorite memory?
Learning our dance-off dance, trying to jump over Katelyn Rhodes, she flinched, and I just kind of hugged her on the ground.
Who is your biggest rival?
Alliance cheerleaders
Do you play any other sports?
Softball<3



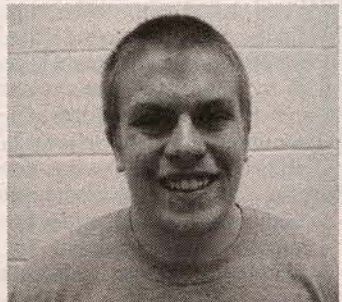
Gabby Shivers - Cross Country

What is your favorite memory?
Running with my sisters singing during intervals
Who is your biggest rival?
Minerva
Who is your favorite athlete?
Bernard Leget
Do you play any other sports?
Track



James Briceland- Wrestling

What is your favorite pump up song?
"Break Stuff"
What is your favorite memory?
Showering with Storm
Who is your biggest rival?
Jackson Milton
Who is your favorite athlete?
Zack Penick
Do you play any other sports?
No



Jason Thomas - Football

What is your favorite pump up song?
"Seven Nation Army" - White Stripes
Who is your biggest rival?
West Branch
Who is your favorite athlete?
James Harrison



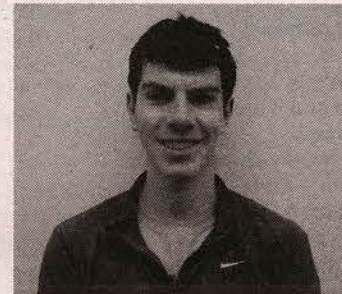
Annie Saltsman - Soccer

What is your favorite warm up song?
"All I do is Win" by T-Pain
Who is your biggest rival?
West Branch
What is your favorite memory?
Glitter story and Steve :)
What other sports do you play?
Cheerleading and the "Pride of Salem" Marching Band



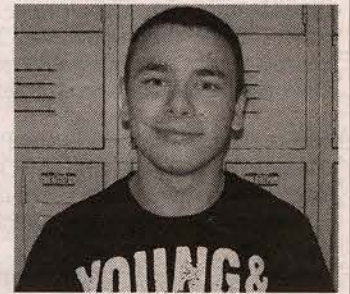
Jordan Umbs - Soccer

What is your favorite pump up song?
"Waka Waka" - Shakira
What is your favorite memory?
Winning the AAC-White tier last year
Who is your favorite athlete?
Jocelyne Samu<3
Do you play any other sports?
Rock, paper, & scissor, and competitive mouse clicking



Nick Costa - Soccer

What is your favorite memory?
Breaking the trophy case my freshman year
Who is your biggest rival?
West Branch
Who is your favorite athlete?
Cristiano Ronaldo
Do you play any other sports?
Cross country, track



Ryan Yerkey-Golf

What is your favorite pump up song?
"We Ready"
What is your favorite memory?
Being the "assistant coach" sophomore year
Who is your biggest rival?
West Branch
Who is your favorite athlete?
Tiger Woods
Do you play any other sports?
BMG soccer

Salem High School swim team takes to the pool

By Katelyn Rhodes

The Salem High School swim team has been created over the last few years. The coach is Ms. Caroline McDermitt. She is listed as a volunteer coach since the Salem swim team is not an "official" school-supported team. However, the team is beginning to be recognized more by the student body.

Practices are held four days a week at the Salem Community Center. Although there are no try outs required to be on the team, most of the athletes would say they work very hard for the position they hold. Some of the meets are against Beaver Local, Canfield, East Liverpool, and Hubbard.

The swim team may not be as large or well-known as other sports teams, but they are trying to

get their name out there. Senior Ciara Andrews was asked what her favorite memory has been, and she stated, "When the girls' team beat Beaver Local last year. It was exciting for us because it was the first time our team had ever placed first in a meet. Because our team's so small, it makes it very difficult to ever beat anyone." Hopefully, this year the team will be able to get a larger turn out. Many of the athletes who are on the team have participated for many years consecutively. Senior Jacob Thompson has participated on the team since he was a freshman. When asked what made him want to join the swim team he said, "My enjoyment for swimming."

Even though the swim

team may not be as well-known as the other sports, there are still scholarship opportunities for those athletes. Senior Kaitlyn Culp was asked if she had any plans on being on a swim team while she attends college. she answered, "Maybe intramural swimming."

Get out and join the Salem High School swim team, or just come to support the swimmers during any of the meets. Information will be available soon for anyone interested in attending practices.



O.S.U. hires Urban Meyer

By Jeff Dyke

Urban Meyer is the new coach for the Ohio State Buckeyes! This has been called his dream job. Urban was born in Toledo, Ohio, and moved to Ashtabula as a child. He went to college at Cincinnati and he also played defensive back at Cincinnati. He has coached at Ohio State before. He has been a tight end coach and also a wide receiver coach. He was the head coach at Bowling Green University, and he also coached at Utah, but most people know him as the head coach of the Florida Gators.

Meyer has been one of the most successful coaches in the country during his span in college football. His career win percentage is one of the highest ever at 83.1%. Also he is one of very few coaches to have won over 100 career games in his first ten seasons of coaching college football, and his teams

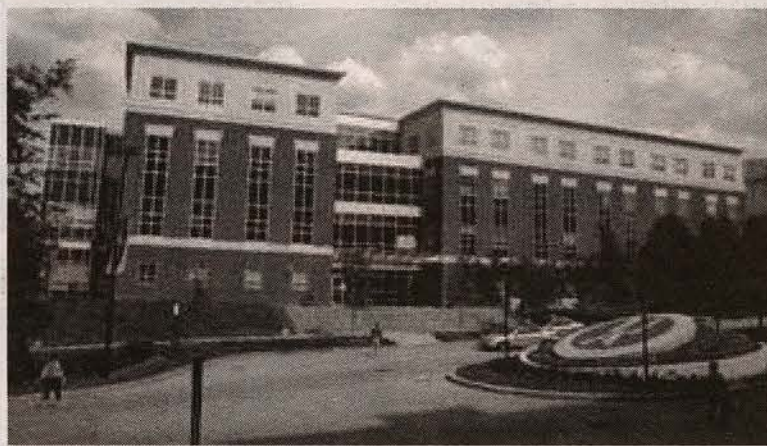
played against some of the best college football teams of all time. It is ironic that Urban Meyer is now the coach for Ohio State because in 2007 the Florida Gators that Urban Meyer was coaching beat the Ohio State Buckeyes by a score of 41-14. Meyer took a leave of absence after the 2010 season stating that he wanted to spend time with his family and due to his health risks.

Now the Ohio State Buckeyes have a new coach, and after a dismal year they are going to be gunning for the big ten championship. They have a lot to prove, but they have a lot of different pieces in place, and now they have one of the best coaches that was on the market. It could potentially be a rebuilding year for the Buckeyes, so Meyer could get his offense and defense set up. Fans have a lot to look forward to when next season rolls around.

Quaker Board

College Checklist

By DeAnna Walker



University of Akron, here we come!

COLLEGE NAME: The University Of Akron

LOCATION: Akron, Ohio

MASCOT: Zippy the Kangaroo

TUITION: Commuter : \$9,244.56 Living on campus prices can vary depending on which housing in which you choose to live. It can range from about \$5,000-\$8,000 more than the general tuition.

POPULATION: Roughly 29,000 students

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: About 50 students : 1 teacher

REQUIRED ACT/SAT: There is no required ACT or SAT score. An orientation confirmation letter will be sent telling you which COMPASS tests, if any, you will need to take. The COMPASS tests are based on your ACT/SAT score, and you must take any tests three business days prior to orientation.

OPEN HOUSE DATES: The University of Akron School of Law is having an open house Saturday, January 7th, 2012 from 1-3:30 PM. To schedule an open house for the entire university, you can schedule one by calling 330-972-7111.

Why are we in such a hurry to rush Christmas?

By Ian Chandler

It's no surprise that the best holiday of the year begins appear almost two months before late. Even though Christmas is December 25th, it arrives much earlier.

Over-commercialization of Christmas is a growing trend in recent years. Stores debut the wintry season often in mid-November, it's not uncommon to see some candy canes or snowflake-laden wreaths in late October. National retail store Costco even premiered Christmas items in late September. However, this all pales in comparison to the infamous Black Friday, which has shoppers nationwide lining up to retailers in the wee hours of the morning to score limited time deals on flat screen TVs, Snugglies, fish, and fruit. This day has produced cases of people being literally trampled to death by the hoards of consumers breaking doors in their obsession to purchase at low prices. Cyber Monday soon follows Black Friday with oodles of savings. Why are Americans so obsessed with ridiculous deals for a holiday that won't even happen for a month and a half?

The answer isn't as surprising as one might think. Experts say that shopping is similar to the primitive instincts of hunting and gathering, two habits that evolution has not stripped away. And Americans are obsessed with consuming. In the lifestyles of many drug-induced, fly-by-night celebrities to fattening, unfulfilling burgers available at any fast food joint, why American habits leave them wanting more and more until they

are afflicted with the consequences of hollow gluttony. Our problem, it seems, is seeking completion in the stupidest of places, desiring what is worst for us and what will kill us.

Naturally, we carry this want over into shopping. Hoarding is another basic instinct that arises from the same hunting and gathering sense. This varies for men and women. It seems, for men, shopping is not a necessity but serves as a sign of dominance, whereas with women it appears to be more of the sensory experience. When asked what it is about compulsive shopping that is so attractive, Kayla Mills expounds, "It just gives me this tingly feeling inside when I buy something." Junior Chaz Labbe, who witnessed three fights this Black Friday (two between women, one between men), notes, "The guys are more relaxed in the area of sales. They're not as big shoppers, but once they get the chance to get something they want, they'll go for it." This conclusive evidence backs the theory that women are more sense-oriented and men are more hunting and success oriented.

This year's Black Friday had the usual share of tragedy. A 61-year-old man in a West Virginia Target location collapsed and died on the date. Sources say shoppers ignored his corpse and stepped over it to go on their way for bargains. A woman supposedly attacked twenty shoppers in an LA Wal-Mart with pepper spray in a savage, animalistic hunt for video game paraphernalia. At our own friendly Salem Wal-Mart, there was

a hubbub over towels, in which there were legitimate fistfights due to the eighty-eight cent price tag. It seems Americans will stop at nothing to secure drastic savings in this tighter-than-skinny-jeans-on-a-fat-guy economy. "It was like watching ants eat away at a carcass," replied senior-ifc Nichole Santini about Black Friday 2011. "They tore away the boxes and all that was left were little cardboard pieces."

So what can you take away from this? If you really want good savings, choose a strategic time of day. Yes, all the ninety-nine cent flat screens will be taken in the time span from 1:00 A.M. to 1:01 and a third A.M., but a large selection of deals will still be available around at six in the morning. Even later in the day, bargains abound. Straggling can sometimes be a good strategy to get what you want for a great price, but if you really want the new Tickle Me Elmo, you'll have to sleep outside Macy's in Herald Square for four weeks prior.

Honestly, awesome prices are aplenty throughout the year. If you use an arsenal of coupons, timing, and Snoopy-level skills, you should be able to keep your wallet overweight - just overweight. Michelle Obama made obesity illegal in 2011. Nevertheless, simply use a savvy eye, and you'll hopefully keep enough cash to buy gas, cars, the occasional taco, and assorted cough drops. And please, for the general safety and public welfare, do not go bat-faces crazy in the middle of an Old Navy and assault people with your pinky fingers.

Let's work hard for prom 2012

By Kayla Mills

Prom is a topic that has been on the mind of many students. The 2012 prom will be held on the Gateway Clip in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Angelo is the advisor for the juniors and will be planning the prom with the help of the students.

Various fundraisers have been previously discussed in hopes that the prom or class will earn a substantial amount of money to go toward the event. A video game tournament had been planned recently but was cancelled due to lack of participants.

Future fundraisers that the prom or class is hoping will succeed are selling of pepperoni rolls. Mr. Angelo also talks of a fashion show for the future. The fashion show will show off the latest styles in prom dresses and tuxedos. Students from other schools are rumored to be involved in the show. The event is also rumored to promote different places to get hair nails done as well as places to purchase dresses and accessories. The fashion show is expected to happen after Christmas.

Another idea for a fundraiser is powder puff volleyball game. The

game is just going to be guys and students as well as faculty who are invited to participate. Also, the junior class is considering selling raffle tickets for a lazy boy chair that a student can sit in during a varsity basketball game. Who wouldn't want to pay a small price for V.I.P. seating?

Finally, during the varsity basketball games, Mr. D'Angelo and a group of students will be working the concession stands. Chick-Fil-A sandwiches will be served as well as Mary's pepperoni rolls.

The after prom for this year's prom has not been discussed. With everyone so worried about how they are going to raise money for the prom itself, there have been no discussions of after prom.

According to Mr. D'Angelo, \$17,000 is needed to make the prom work. Currently, the junior class has \$7,000 in their account. Seniors are encouraged to pitch fundraiser ideas and participate in fundraisers in the future. Also, if juniors or seniors are interested in having an after prom, parents need to start getting involved.

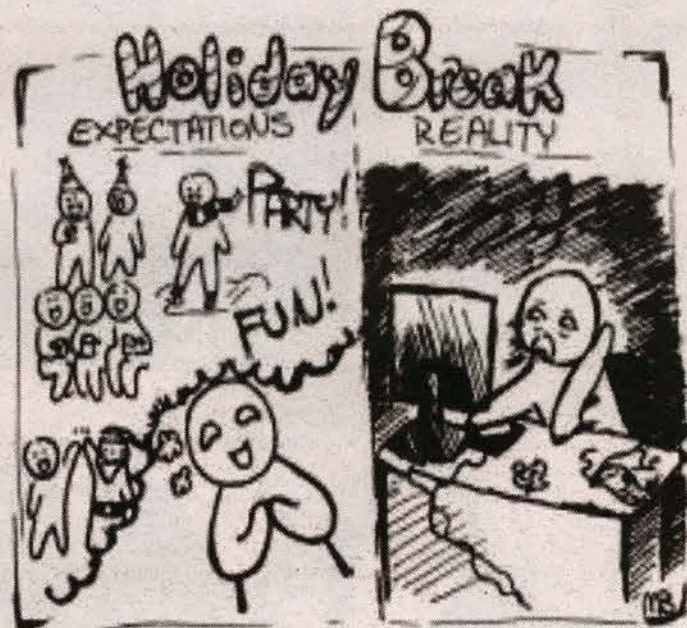
There have also been rumors

that the junior class is trying to get the money for the boat back and are trying to have the prom at a hall instead of on the boat. These rumors have been confirmed and are very true. Now, before we get our pitch forks and start an angry mob, keep in mind that the junior class can do so many things for \$7000. Maybe our prom won't be on a boat, but we'll still have the prom of all proms on land! Also, if we were to have our prom at a hall, the price for prom will be much lower. This can be a major benefit for those who are struggling right now. But nothing has been set in stone. At this time, the junior class doesn't know if it can get the money back for the boat. Either way, the prom is going to be something we will never be able to forget.

The current price for prom tickets is set at \$50 per person. If the junior class can raise enough money, there is a chance that this price will be slightly lower. Keep in mind that this is your prom. If you want it to be a successful night, we all need to do our part and raise the money we need to make it the special event we've been waiting for all year.



Cartoon Corner By Meg Bell



Quaker Clips

