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Salem Winter Homecoming Court 2012



aitlyn Louise Culp is the daughter Danny and Karen Culp. Her high hool activities include National onor Society, F.C.A., Chamber oir, Student Council class reprentative (10th, 12th), and Swim team. aitlyn's future plans are to attend llege and major in speech patholy or art. Her escort was Kyle ssom, son of Mark and Jill Hissom.



aylor Bryann Eshelman is the aughter of Bryan and Amy shelman. Her high school activies include Yearbook staff, Pep lub, T.A.C.T., and Concert Choir. aylor's future plans are to attend ollege and major in dental hyiene. Her escort was Ryan Eisel, on of Bill and Terri Eisel.



Eva Victoria Jackman is the laughter of John and Kelly Wood. Her high school activities nelude German Club (President), Delta Epsilon Phi, The Poets' Society (Treasurer), Key Club, and Pep Club. Eva plans to attend college and major in Aerospace Engineering and pursue a career n the United States Air Force. Her escort was Josh Harbin, son of Dan Harbin and Kim Schlegel.



Homecoming Queen, Courtney Fletcher



Courtney Elizabeth Fletcher is the daughter of Mark Fletcher and Mary Olita. Her high school activities include Yearbook staff, Pep Club, and Interact. Courtney's future plans are to attend Walsh University and major in psychology. Her escort was Canaan Bricker, son of Robert and Judy Bricker.





Rachel Lee Lutz is the daughter of David and Lora Lutz. Her high school activities include National Honor Society, Interact, Starfish, and Spanish Club. Rachel's future plans are to attend OSU or the University of Pittsburgh for nursing, with the ultimate goal of becoming a nurse anesthetist. Her escort was Ryan Yerkey, son of Dr. Matthew and Mrs. Lori Yerkey.



Cassidy Anne Polen is the daughter of Brent and Jennifer Polen. Her high school activities include National Honor Society (Special Events Coordinator), A.F.S. (President), Interact (Treasurer), Yearbook (Editor in Chief), Pep Club (Co-President), Spanish Club, Starfish, and Varsity track and field. Cassidy's plans are to attend Walsh University and major in nursing. Her escort was Jason Thomas, son of Scott and Michelle Thomas.



Lauren Nicole Rupp is the daughter of Melanie Willougby. Her high school activities include National Honor Society (Secretary), Student Council, Spanish Club, "Encore" show choir, and Varsity track. Lauren's future plans are to attend the University of Akron. Her escort was Jordan Umbs, son of Doug and Lura Umbs.



Gabrielle Marie Shivers is the daughter of Dr. R. Mark and Mrs. Jeanine Shivers. Her high school activities include National Honor Society (Historian), Spanish Club, Project Prom, Yearbook staff, Varsity track, and Varsity cross country. Gabby's future plans are to attend Mount Union and enroll in the Physician Assistant program. Her escort was Nick Costa, son of Tim and Melissa Costa.

Academic Challenge team takes county championship
By Reegan Barnett



This year's Academic Challenge County Champs are our own Salem Quakers. The group, and their advisor Ms. Habeger, is very excited by this accomplishment. Team members are seniors Ian Chandler, Tommy Panek, Nick Costa, Ciara Andrews, Stephanie Wood, and Joselynne Samu.

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Salem has won the County title for the past five years. This year only seniors have stepped up to the challenge to become athletes of the mind. They have been challenging themselves since the beginning of the year to get ready for the county meet, and these months of training have brought them great success. Some of those in Academic Challenge believe they won by simply being intellectually superior.

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Ms. Habeger is extremely proud of her organization. She believed that they deserved recognition in front of the entire school. During the winter homecoming pep assembly, she came forward to share what great accomplishments they have made and what road blocks they have overcome. She also encouraged more to come out to watch them. Ms. Habeger explains that Academic Challenge is in need of more students, preferably from the class of 2013, to step up next year. Senior Ian Chandler stated: "The Academic Challenge team is the intellectual equivalent of Chipolte." We all know how much people love Chipolte, so try the team on for size, and see if you fall in love with it too.

Homecoming spirit By Katelyn Rhodes

Monday, January 30 marked the first day of 2012 Winter Homecoming Spirit Week. On Monday the theme was Jersey Day. Most of the student body showed support by sporting their favorite athlete's jersey. Tuesday was hat and hoodie day. Wednesday showcased a blast from the past Retro Day. Senior Tyler Stouffer showed off his 70's inspired outfit that included a tie die shirt, peace sign necklace, and red tinted circle sunglasses. Thursday was Zoo Day in which the theme was to dress like an animal. Senior Felicia Kessel suited up like a snow leopard including some truly outstanding face paint, fangs, ears and a tail. Also, Senior Jonny McKee showed off a full body penguin suit. Finally, Friday was Quaker Crazie Day, and many showed up in their Salem apparel to show their Quaker Pride.

A pep rally was held at the end of the day Friday to prep the students for the big homecoming game. During the pep rally, homecoming court was introduced, and a dance off was held where senior David Lapin came out as the winner. Also a basketball shooting contest took place after which the losers had

to be made over by the winning

Friday evening the Quakers played against the Carrolton Warriors. During half time of the varsity game senior Courtney Fletcher was announced 2012 Winter Homecoming Queen. Even though there was only one queen, all of the other girls on court looked fit to be queens as well. After the game, the "Black Tie- White Noise" themed dance was hosted in the high school cafeteria. In order to get into the dance you had to be wearing some sort of black or white clothing. The turnout was approximately a little over 160 students.



Senior Felicia Kessel prowled the halls as a snow leopard on zoo day of spirit week.

Super Bowl halftime review

By Sierra Cannon

With an average of 80,000 tweets per minute during the Super Bowl XLVI halftime show, it's hard to measure the exact reaction of the viewers. Tweets from our own Salem High School student body ranged from praising Nicki Minaj and booing Madonna off the stage. Most celebrity tweets were written in a positive light toward all three performances.

Madonna was criticized for lip-syncing during her entire performance. But the criticism should come lightly; dancing around on stage and being able to perfectly belt out a few songs is a lot of hard work. In fact, Madonna made it look easy, and I doubt anyone critiquing Madonna so harshly could climb on stage and perform better. "I thought Madonna was phenomenal," raves Senior Kaitlyn Culp. Senior Aimee DeRoads sympathized, "I think Madonna did very well at the Super Bowl halftime show, especially for her age. Everyone complained about her lip-syncing, but she didn't the whole time and all singers do when they do a lot of dancing.

One group joined the pop star on stage with remixed versions of their songs "Party Rock Anthem" and "Sexy and I Know It." Madonna cruised right along with those songs and proved that her age does not

weigh her down. Nicki Minaj was a minor guest to Madonna's song "Give me all your Luvin," and was mostly well-received with no bad gestures to take away for her performance and a fan base that only grew after the show. She and Madonna rocked it on stage as cheerleaders, pompoms and all.

Cee Lo Green then joined Madonna in singing "Like a Prayer." He was a performer who also managed to stay out of the wrong spotlight, and he received little criticism and much more praise for his performance than his fellow entertain

Something we found that most people could agree on was how inappropriate M.I.A's gesture was during her performance. Cameras weren't able to react quickly enough to be able to blur the image and almost 111 million viewers were "flipped the bird."

Fellow Senior Bart Wyss was not so forgiving of any part of the show. He commented, "Worst of all time. Get someone good to per-

Humbled Senior Brice Cushman commented, "Could have been one of the weirdest halftime shows I've ever seen. Either way, Tom Brady lost and that's all that matters."

Some were not as impressed with the performers of this year's halftime show, but for others, the Giants taking home the win was enough.

February Point Counter Point: Long Distance Relationships Against Against By Reegan Barnett By Donna Paparodis Love is in the air for every

In a world where relationships are built mostly of physical contact and comfort, I find it hard to grasp the concept of a kinship that is separated by miles of land. Could you possibly feel the reassuring touch of your other half when they are far away from you? They're simply an idea in your head at that point. And that is not the ideal lovey, dovey warmness that you expect to come along with a relationship.

I find that when taken from someone you are so used to being around, it leaves an empty sadness that no one wants to endure. Things that you were so accustomed to doing are now changed. When you realize that you no longer get to sit together for lunch, it sends a pang of dejection through you. When your mornings are met with a text rather than a kiss, you feel lonelier each passing day. I would never wish this sort of feeling on anyone and certainly not myself. I believe the saddest feeling is that of loneliness. Everybody needs someone to lean on and talk to. Sure, you can talk to your boy/girlfriend even if they're away, but it's plain old not the same as talking face to face. If you need to vent about your problems and frustrations, it helps to have someone there to console you in your time of grief and not just a voice on a phone. Humans need that sort of comfort. Long distance relationships don't provide it.

Another con to these sorts of affairs is that you simply will worry all the time. It's inevitable, no

matter how much you love the other person. You constantly wonder about everything; what they're doing, where they're going, who they're talking to. Then the mind starts to wander and get a tad crazy. This probably shows more in girls than guys. You hope they aren't flirting, finding someone better, or not missing you at all. This worrying is a stress that no one needs or wants. It can also push your partner away. They may think you're becoming a bit suffocating and, well, crazy. That is what we all want to avoid, so I say that we stay away from this worrying altogether and have a relationship with someone

You may think you love your boy/girlfriend more than anything, and nothing will ever change that. Well, you could also be very wrong. When you're away from your companion for a good amount of time, your love could be affected greatly. Either of you could lose feelings for the other. Then when you see each other again, it's not the same as it used to be. Who wants to lose those feelings? That's just

All in all, dating someone who is far from you can have many cons to it. I'm not saying there are no pros, but basically the negatives would outweigh the positives. After all, relationships are supposed to be happy and exciting, not depressing and lonely. Stay close to the one you love; that's the best advice there is.

single person on earth. At one point in your life, regardless of whether it's for that pet gerbil or the man/gal of your dreams, you are going to fall head over heels. Love is universal, so why can it not last over miles of spreading sea? Well, here's the thing. Whether it is fifteen minutes of separation, three hours, or crossing seas — love that is true will last

in the long run.

True love, that stuff that sends your heart fluttering and yourself glowing, lasts regardless of how a person can challenge it. Look at all the soldiers across the world away from their sweethearts. Their love stands strong over shining oceans. Long distance relationships work because couples make them work together. You can call your sweetie or send them long love letters. Today there is even skype, so you can see your other half and hear them too. It may not be as good as seeing your other half in person, but it sure beats losing them for good. Also, if you survive the distance, which if you love the person enough you will, then you'll know FOR SURE that you're willing to put up with this person through anything. Life, and the heart, works in funny ways. You will strive for any way possible to see that special person or to just hear their voice. You'll be an owl and stay up all hours of the night if the time difference interferes with calling them. Or you'll hop the first flight to Timbuktu at any chance you get to see your beloved.

Long phone calls, sappy voicemails, cute texts, and funny pictures all mix into surviving your distance. Anyone who is worth your smile and your love will last what may seem the millions of miles between you. Distance between you and your love is actually sometimes even good. The longing to see them makes the heart grow fonder, and it just makes you need that person more than you already do. Yes, you will miss them. Yes, it may hurt something awful. And yes, you will make it. Life has its weird ways of making things work. Just like fate made the two of you meet, it will have the two of you last if that is what is meant to be.

You can't worry going into a relationship about how far away you're going to be from that other person. You just have to let it be, and whatever happens, happens. Love is crazy; it's even magical. It will carry across oceans, it will carry across states, and it will carry across cities. Don't let the haters be hatin', and DO NOT give them the satisfaction of winning. Ignore all of their whining and depressing talks about how it won't last, even if you're just forty-five minutes away? Well, sweethearts, that's because it did'nt work out for THEM. So don't worry, and don't listen because everyone is different. If you believe your relationship will last the test, then it WILL. All you have to do is believe. So get out there all you boys and girls, and don't stop believ-

War

By Kayla Mills

What is your zombie apocalypse plan?



Freshman Jonny Lockett-Find an airport and hit them with airplanes.



Junior Reegan Barnett-DO NOT LOSE MY BRAINS TO THE ZOMBIES. That is all. ©



Sophomore Sydney Spencer-Hide in Tractor Supply.



Senior Johnny McKee- First I'll get Tyler Brooks and Tommy Treiff. We'll go to my house and get the guns. We'll gather all of the food and ammo and then make our way to my mountain cabin in the Appalachian Mountains, with some girls, of course..

Spring trends By Katelyn Rhodes



Spring seems to be coming sooner than we expected with the ary. That makes it time to put the coats and gloves in the attic and start shopping for new spring trends. This year floral prints and bright solid colors are going to be popular for women. These items can be affordable and cute at stores such as Charlotte Russe, Dillards and New York and Company. Rompers are coming back this season just like they did last season, but they seem to be a little more popular this year. A high waisted mini skirt with a collarless tee is cute, comfy, and affordable for this spring. Something that keeps getting increasingly popular is Victoria's Secret's Pink line of Yoga Wear. They include fun and bright prints on the waistbands, and some even have rhinestones. All of their yoga wear features the Pink logo on the back. Senior DeAnna Walker said, "Their clothes are always bright and cute, and they last a long time." Within the last few months, the

shoes called Sperry's have been popping up, they are a comfortable snoe that comes in cute prints, patterns and sequins. Sperry's will definitely be a must have for girls

this spring.

The guys also have some upcoming fashions to look for this spring 2012. Logo tees are going to be in with things like company brands, sports teams and artists printed across the front. These shirts can be matched with a pair of corduroy cargo shorts from American Eagle. Pastel colored polos are also a must have this season and can be found at stores such as Express and Macy's. The snap back hat has become increasingly popular and can be found at Lids. To finish off the men's spring trends is a pair of Free run Nikes. They are thin and a sort of mesh material that allows air to flow through the shoe while you are wearing them whether it is for running or just to school. These shoes are a hot item to obtain for spring.



This playlist has been care-

illy constructed to flow with

oods. We start off with a more posi-

ve view of love and move into con-

ision and eventually heartbreak.

hough some might find a few songs

o mushy for their tastes, remem-

er that it's February, so suck it up id snuggle up with your signifi-

int other (or cat, if you're forever

one). I'm not going to describe

ich song, so you'll have to listen

r yourself. If you would like to lis-

n to the songs, visit my Youtube

age where I created the playlist en-

tled "February": youtube.com/

Sleepyhead" by Passion Pit off

eir album Chunk of Change. The

die-pop/electronic sound may ap-

eal to some and turn off others.

ichael Angelakos's unique voice

an acquired taste but give it a try

Anthony Green - She Loves Me

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Angels & Airwaves – Breathe

and or many of its kind in the genre,

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m sure it can grow on you if you

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Of course I have to include

I'm not a big fan of the

Some may have heard of

Passion Pit - Cuddle Fuddle

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By Meg Bell

not, it's still a good love song with simple lyrics that most can relate to.

Murmured vocals are laced through the passionate instrumentals. Not much needs to be said except close your eyes and listen.

4. The Cure – Underneath the Stars

5. Tyler, The Creator – She

This could almost fit into the R&B genre, but not quite. The lyrics are a little out there but the feeling is definitely present. 6. Coheed & Cambria – Wake Up

One often thinks of "Welcome Home" when they think about Coheed but this is a bit softer. Claudios's raspy voice gives this love song a rough edge.

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7. Closer 2 Closure – Let Love Bleed
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"What?! I though Sleeping With Sirens did this song?" Kellin Quinn's original grouplet Closer 2 Closure did it first, and better in my opinion. A little more acoustic and his falsetto shines through, if you're into that sort of high-pitched whininess.

8. Lydia – Now The One You Once Loved Is Leaving

Lydia is the king of depressing love songs alongside Death Cab for Cutie and Bright Eyes. A run through of the album Illuminate is enough to make The Notebook seem like an uplifting

"The Last Saturday" – Broadway.
This song repaints a fading portrait
of happiness, perhaps a collage of
photographs discolored by time. It
can be perceived as a dying
memory, making it all the more wist-

Here Comes Treble

"The Best I Ever Had" - The

This catapults one past a barrage of pop-punk scenes into a reverie of youthful friendship and camaraderie, like a home video one watches in cheerful remembrance.

"Long Lost Friends" – Transit Perhaps one of the best songs on this playlist, if not the best, this tune reminds us that we all have that hole in our hearts that can only be satisfied by a certain someone – perchance a companion we once have lost but who resides eternally within us.

"Younglife" – Anberlin
In an upbeat, lifting manner, this
song reminds us of our wacky escapades as teens – a solemn
thought for you seniors out there.

"Remember" – Casey Sabol
One of the finest breakup songs
ever has to be this longing melody
with vocals that soar through the

troposphere and into the heavens. It's almost like a parallel universe in which one can get lost in a single moment.

By Ian Chandler

"Dark Blue" – Jack's Mannequin This song faces a tragic water situation with no escape – but loads of symbolism. When you face a decision that seems overwhelming, what do you do? What can you do, except let it consume you? Let this be an epitaph of old choices – don't pave any unsure paths in your life.

"The Ghost of You" – My Chemical Romance

The music video for this song is set in a post-war era and lends an eerily adequate feel to the song. Like a soldier gone off to battle, an apparition of a loved one, now gone, haunts the singer. I feel that there is a universal truth to this song; the fight doesn't last forever.

"Jetpacks Was Yes" – Periphery Finally, a surreal dreamscape of ethereal melodies and harmonies blending into a reality that may not be real. Transcending the now and going beyond truth, this song hints into the afterlife with a spooky feel that will leave you tingling with anticipation of something more.



In need of a read?

By Ian Chandler

Murder mysteries seem to abound nowadays. There is an endless supply of CSI-type shows on the telly. While perusing the titles on my proverbial shelves, I decided this would be an excellent book to review and is indeed a prime choice for this month's slot.

Thr3e by Ted Dekker is the story of Kevin Parson, a seminary student in Long Beach, California, who receives a call from a mysterious stranger who calls himself Slater and seems to have an obsession with the number three. He tells Kevin that he has three minutes to confess his sin to the world, or the car he's driving will blow up. Frantic, Kevin escapes in time for the car to explode in a parking lot, but this raises questions about Slater. His identity seems to coincide with a serial killer who calls himself the Riddle Killer, and Kevin quickly gets whisked away into a plot involving good and evil, childhood memories, and friendly help. Slater keeps giving riddles with ultimatums, all involving the number three, and Kevin hopes to dismantle the killer's identity and his connection with the Riddle Killer. This all builds up to a twist ending that will absolutely make you question the entire book and perhaps even reality.

Disclaimer: There is a faith aspect to this book, as its central character is in seminary—that's fancy church college, kids!—and good and evil forces are discussed in the book. However, it does not scream "Believe in Allah!!!!!" so read the book for what it is—a strong thriller novel that will make you want more of Dekker's works.

When first reading this. it seemed like an ordinary murder mystery type book to me. This notion was quickly removed when I got into the novel, as it turned out to be an amazing experience that truly left me scared. Yes, kids, this book is written so well, the that you may be looking over your shoulder more than once during reading it. It is a fantastic read, though, and brings in elements of both faith and psychology. Ted Dekker's writing is very clear and descriptive in the right places, balancing between Meyer and Paolini in terms of the latter, although it leans on the lighter side of detail.

The ending of this book, as previously noted, is a strong facet of the book that makes it jump out as an excellent work. Trying to systematically figure out the plot of *Thr3e* is like trying to put a puzzle together with smoke obscuring the picture and the pieces. It revolves around the eponymous digit as well and is a key focal point throughout the book. I modestly give it an 8 out of (17+3)/2 stars. If you need a good, timely read, pick this up. You will not be disappointed.

Reese's Pieces, I don't know who John Cleese is?

By Brent Bosworth

The band that I have chon to write about for band of the onth is I Set My Friends On Fire, "ISMFOF." The band got their art in 2007 after the disbanding of Ve Are The Cavalry," former memd Nahil Moo lehana an ot together to form their own oup. They started to become welliown from Myspace when they ade a cover of the popular song 'rank That" by Soulja Boy. They tually received so many plays on at song that their page was taken wn three times because the runrs of Myspace believed the band as using software to raise their mber of plays.

The first thing released by e band was a self titled EP that d only a couple songs on it such "ASL," "Crank That," and leauty is in the Eye of the erholder." Shortly after that the oup signed with Epitaph Records d started recording their first full ngth album, "You Can't Spell aughter Without Laughter" which is then released on October 7, 08. ISMFOF got a lot of negative edback and a lot of mixed emons toward the album from mulle critics. The album, however,

reached number 27 on the Billboard Top Heatseekers chart. In November of 2008, the group got together with the Internet duo known as "Smosh" and recorded and produced a music video titled "Sex Ed Rocks" which received over 18,000,000 views. Then in September of 2009 they teamed up again and made the video/song "Four Years Fourplay" which received over 4,000,000 views.

ISMFOF entered the studio yet again in 2010 to start production on their second album "Astral Rejection." They played the popular music festival "The Bamboozle" on May 1, 2010, and went back to the studio to continue recording on June 2, 2010. The band was getting many show opportunities around this point in time, playing with the popular artists Dance Gavin Dance, We Came As Romans, Silverstein, Sky Eats Airplane, Asking Alexandria, Chiodos, Of Mice and Men, Iwrestledabearonce, and Whitechapel, etc. There album was released June 21, 2011. After that they started getting headliner tours. Although, Nabil Moo ended up leaving before these opportunities came, they are still a great success.

This spring Salem High School plans to perform Betty Comden and Adolph Green's Singin' In The Rain. This musical is definitely going to be one to remember. The musical will be performed on April 20, 21, and 22. Admission will be \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens.

This year our stars are Tyler Stouffer as Don Lockwood, Niki Slaven as Kathy Seldon, Mitch Hendricks as Cosmo Brown, and Jocelynne Samu as Lina Lamont. There are many other students involved with the feature as well. Singin' in the Rain focuses on the on screen stars Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont. Unfortunately, Dora Bailey (DeAnna Walker) and her media crew have eluded many, including Lina, into thinking that Don and Lina are a couple. Don's best friend, Cosmo, has been with Don through his rise to fame. Their hard work is finally paying off. The latest Lamont and Lockwood film is being turned into a musical, and while Don has the perfect voice. Lina is .. well... a little off key. Even after help from a diction coach and support from her best friend Zelda Zanders (Annie Saltsman), it's decided that Lina's voice has got to go. In order to save their movie, Don and Cosmo agree to dub Lina's voice and use Kathy Selden's voice, an aspiring actress Don meets while running from his fans. When Lina

discovers this deceiving plan, the jealous star tries to make sure Kathy receives none of her credit. The truth comes out about Lina's voice when she decides to speak and sing to her public.

Singin' in the Rain

By DeAnna Walker

There is much more to this musical, and you'll see many more faces appear on stage in the spotlight. This musical comedy is sure to bring smiles and laughs to anyone who attends the performance. I know you're all now anxiously awaiting for this tremendous performance from our talented S.H.S. cast, so be sure to keep your eyes and ears aware of ticket sales and the quickly approaching musical dates. Nothing beats singin' in the rain.



A screenshot from the original 1952 film production of Singin' in the Rain. The SHS drama department will reenact this - rain and all - this spring.

Feature

February Student of the Month: Jacob Thompson By Ian Chandler

February is a dull month. Not many things can spice it up or galvanize it; slushy precipitation dominates our mother country of Ohio and only Presidents' Day breaks the monotonous molasses of the month that mirrors our morose weather. Luckily, we have an individual - out of rather a thinning selection of qualified students - who can shake the foundations of our scholastic environment. Welcome to the SOM family, Jacob

Thompson.

Jacob is indeed awesome, donning a red and white Asking Alexandria shirt for our picture-taking excursion. His many qualities include being human. When asked to describe a night sky, he proceeded to paint Van Gogh's epic with words: "black with stars." The detailed simplicity of this statement brings to mind that of quirky aphorisms that ring true throughout the ages. His favorite U.S. president is Ronald Reagan, and his favorite card game is euchre. When asked to describe his ideal dining room, he said that it would be large, with all of his closest friends and Sir Robert Viencek as his waiter. This is an eloquent portrayal of the highest tier of society imaginable, obvi-ously in the Victorian sense. I would gladly dine with such distinguished company, perhaps with a non-alcoholic Merlot and some finger sandwiches.

Jacob also has grandiose ambitions. He plans to "go to Walsh and major in history education," most likely so he can train young rubes to inherit his amazing qualities. His confidence shows in his motto: "I'm sexy and I know it." Jacob indeed has a sexy mind, for an un-sexy mind could not produce such high caliber sagacity. He enjoys the movie Goodfellas and the popular television documentary about the colonies, South Park. The Three Types Of Lies According To Jacob Thompson are Santa Claus, the Tooth

Fairy, and the Easter Bunny.

If Jacob was prime minister of Canada for two days, he would "eat bacon with maple syrup," and pass into effect a law that stipulates the following: On every utterance of the popular Ca-nadian phrase "eh?" one would have to be slapped with a trout, the next step up from tasing. Former SOM Zach Maenz further commented on the matter, saying, "I can just imagine...holsters." Trout holsters, kids. Get your patent applications ready.

Sometimes, however, it is best for the SOM himself or herself to describe themselves in their own words. Jacob describes himself in the following words: "I am Jacob Thompson, I am a swimmer, I am vice president of Student Council, I have caught all the Pokémon, I can't believe it's not butter, I don't need to take the yellow brick road to see the wizard, I once ran through the Kool-Aid man wall, I am the cool side of the pillow." These sacred words hold true, and I myself can attest to his skyscraper-high level of awesomeness achievement; however, it was found shortly after his interview that he had plagiarized these words from Jacob Thompson.

He says, "Laffy Taffy is best in banana, and the economy needs to get better." Surely a man of his canon should run for the presidential spot himself! Vote Thompson 2012 this year as a writein, and you and your fellow countrymen will be all the better for it. Imagine a game of euchre with Ronald Reagan under a night sky.
I would like to close this

month's taciturn article with Jacob's words of wisdom to fellow students and underclassmen: "Drama: It's not worth it. Smile, it makes the day better." Please, PLEASE heed his words. The senior speaks truth, and this is the easiest way to learn it. I'm Ian Chandler, this has been the Student of the Month time, and remember, you can be SOMeone too.

Dont no how 2 spel grammer? By Ian Chandler

As a regular user of the social networking mammoth Facebook, I browse a myriad of status updates as part of the universal quest to attack boredom head-on. However, no mildly functional website is without a deadly disease. In Facebook's case, it is an absolutely inexcusable case of epidemic misspelling that transforms ordinary muses into beastly demons filled with vitriol to obliterate any conventional order once thought to be in the world.

Spelling and grammar is a necessity of life, seeing as it is part of this little thing called education that's not really important, except it provides jobs and eliminates ignorance, but we're Amurca. We don't need that, of course. One has to admit that these functions serve our society to make us literate, informed, and competent. The chances are extremely good that if you understand basic English, you will make it through college and land a solid job to provide for that family of three for which you now are responsible. Can you see the connection between literacy

Literacy is a fundamental building block of success. Illiteracy was a main cause of trepidation among newly freed slaves. Since slave masters had refrained from teaching reading and writing to the slaves, they had a difficult time trying to secure a job to provide for their family and were disadvantaged in an economically struggling nation. As you can see, their illiteracy proved to be a stumbling block in the way of what

should have been a new, free life.

It is estimated that two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare, according to begintoread.com. Did you read that? Fourth grade! We're quite past that now. But this goes beyond mere literacy. It goes into fluency and proficiency. Being proficient in spelling and grammar is one of the most important skills a person can know. Why? It provides better understanding of curriculum, which leads to better education at better colleges and universities, which leads to better paying jobs and more stable lives - you get the idea.

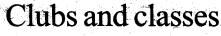
Teenagers today butcher spelling and grammar, ripping the flesh off the carcass of English rules and regulations and using the bloody bones to play catch. Please, for the love of Chaucer, educate yourselves. Do NOT make these mistakes. I've outlined for you why good English is important. It is an absolute staple of LIFE. It paves the way for a smooth ride throughout your college and work careers. It also helps you to not

sound like a blubbering idiot.

And yes, some people may argue that Facebook is not a classic novel. However, not sounding like a byproduct of a 13-year-old scene girl and a 40-year old hick father always - ALWAYS - gives you an edge over most of the population. And while social networking sites are indeed for casual conversation, one can dictate oneself with the rules of proper grammar. Otherwise, we will end up with a President who gives his State of the Union over IM giving such rich statements as: "Iran nuked Iraq. Smh #epicfail." The real world requires intelligence, kid.

Although occasional misspellings are not the end of the world, please do not make it par for the course. Clearly written statements aid in the fluency and eloquence of understanding and furthermore increase personal comprehension. It is never bad to sound too educated or too

Many people, however, lack the basic understanding of the rules of grammar to properly compose a complete thought into a legible sentence. If you didn't understand this article, you are probably one of these people. Chew that over as you go to your next English class



By Jeff Dyke

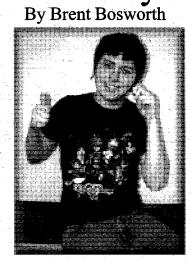
American Field Service: On Friday, February 3rd members of the A.F.S Club surprised foreign exchange student Saskia Welch on her birthday. They had cake and drinks for her and they wrapped up the party by presenting Saskia several different "Quaker" gifts and cards.

Active Physics: Mr. Kibler's active physics class made Rube Goldbergs in January. The machines created could do a variety of things. One could turn on a light, one could make Kool-Aid, and another could crack an egg. A.P and College English: These classes have begun work on the annual required senior research paper. The papers will be due prior to spring break. Seniors can finally breathe well when this is over Lucky for Mr. Viencek's college writing class; they have already completed this assign-

N.H.S and Spanish Club: The members of these clubs sponsored a Banquet of Salem meal during February. The members of these two clubs helped to serve and clean up at this event.

Ski Club: Despite the fact that this has been a very warm winter, the Ski Club managed to make a couple of trips to the slopes. This club provides a great opportunity for the kids who love to ski and snowboard.

Spanish Club: The members of this club are planning the annual trip to Cedar Point this spring. If you are interested you need to see Mrs. Neapolitan or Mrs. Hutson.



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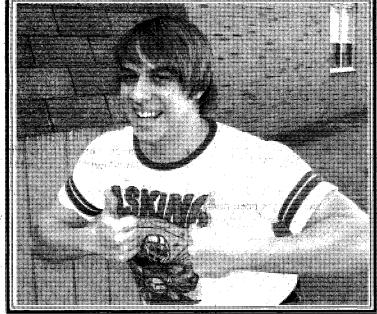
Brent approves this message.

Since I've recently realized that all I use this article to do is rant, I've decided that I want to talk about people that dress trashy this month. I find it hilarious that no one understands why the females in this country are starting to dress trashier at younger ages. It's easy to see that the reason for it is because it's what's expected from all women by our backwards society. The men of our society today want girls to be something they're not, and that's why too many single girls in America seem to think they're super models.

It's not as bad with men, but it's still definitely there. They find it's completely necessary to walk around half naked even when they don't have the body to do it, so it's clearly unacceptable. They also think that when they do wear shirts that they have to be literally skin tight. The best part about all this is everyone pretends they don't know why every other country in the world hates us. This wouldn't be the same if our ignorance didn't lead us into believing that we are better than everyone else. It's sad because, I think, we are worse off than everyone else in the world all because of our attitudes and outlooks on life.

The bottom line is that no one will ever look perfect, but we don't have to scum ourselves up to make us feel better about ourselves. We go through so much of this trouble to make ourselves look appealing to others that we lose control of who we are in the process. Then you have a nation of distressed, ignorant morons who think they are superior to the rest of the world. That just makes us look worse. It's about time we clean up our acts because in this reoccurring process that we have now we are all becoming those "scummy

> Happy St. Patrick's Day March 17



Jacob gives the thumbs up sign of approval.

Feature

The Puuuuurfect companion Artist of the month: Gena Koons By Kayla Mills

As you all know, Valentine's Day has recently passed. We all love this holiday being that it is dedicated to buying that special someone heartfelt gifts and high-calorie chocolates. So there I was, just thinking about this horrid holiday and how was thank-ful that it had passed — for I had no valentine. But all of a sudden, an idea hit me like a big semi truck on a February night. I wasn't alone on Valentine's Day after all! I had my kind, ferocious, handsome...cat. Yes, I said cat. I'll give you a minute to think of as many crazy cat-lady jokes that you can think of. Go.

I refuse to be that person who continuously huffs under their breath, "All boys are the same," because they're really not. It is just kind of difficult to find that special someone while in high school. That is why it brings me great joy to come home every night to my loving cat. There are so many reasons why I currently think that cats are better than boys.

One reason why cats are better than boys is that boys never seem to have enough time for their significant other. Whether they're involved with sports, studying for a test, or hanging out with their friends, they never seem to have the time to fit you into their busy schedule. And when they do, it's usually doing something that they want to do. The great thing about cats is that they always clear their schedule for you. If you want to cuddle and watch a movie, they are more than happy to tag along. In this relationship, you're the one that calls

Another great thing about cats is that they're very dependable, unlike the male species. Cats are just all around thankful for what they have. They realize that they could be out on the streets — cold, hungry, and desperate for companionship. And they realize how lucky they are for having someone like you in their life. Boys, on the other hand, always strive to find something better. They're very into upgrading now-a-days. When something better comes along, they simply toss you to the side without a care in the world. Cats love you uncondition-

Something else that I favor about cats is that they will never leave you. We all make mistakes in relationships and whether or not said relationship survives is based on what you do to make that mistake right. With boys, it normally takes a good amount of begging and pleading, followed by admitting that you were wrong and promising to make it up to them. With cats, buy a can of tuna and call it done. It's so simple! You're feline companion is satisfied, and it only cost you a dollar out of your pocket. I don't know how much better it can get. You never have to worry about a cat leaving you. They can't reach the door-

I think we can all agree that one of the most stressful times in a relationship is when that significant other has to meet your parents. You have to worry about you're boyfriend saying and doing the right things, sounding smart, looking smart, etc. Well, you're not going to believe this, but you don't have to worry about that kind of thing with cats. Your parents are either cat people or they're not. It's very simple. And even if your parents aren't cat people, you can't let that stop you and your fluffy friend! Did parents stop Romeo and Juliet from being together? Don't answer that.

One day ladies, you will find the boy of your dreams. But "one day" may not mean in high school. Until then, do yourself a favor and get a cat. They're the puuuuurfect companion for anyone!

This article is dedicated to the love of my life — Fat Louie Perez Mills — forever and always, baby.

By Donna Paparodis



The majestic person that is Genevieve Koons has been creating artwork since she was just a lass. Ever since she could hold a pencil, as she says, she has let her creativity flow through her fingertips. Let us delve into the person behind the masterpieces.

When she began, she says she "observed many people and many things" to get an idea of how to draw and techniques she could use. But, she also says "the rest just comes naturally." Obviously, the bulk of it comes from her natural talent, of which she has abundance. Clearly she has a reason to be conceited if she ever chooses to be.

Genevieve says that she likes to create "the good kind" of art. I mean, what else is there? I'll tell you what else there is, nothing. That's because the good kind is the best kind, and she only makes the best. Something that makes a big influence in the art that a person creates is the media they use. Gena tells me that she likes to experiment with different kinds of media. So, if any of you out there are aspiring artists, I'd take Ms. Koons' words of wisdom and also try new ways to create a masterpiece. She would know, so if you took advice from anyone it

should definitely be from her.

She enjoys drawing, painting, or whatever she chooses to do because "it's relaxing." Genevieve also tells me, "it's only about me and my own creativity." Ah, spoken like a true artist. Only a brilliant mind would speak in such an intelligent tongue. Maybe you all should take some notes and strive to be this remarkable. On a side note, Genevieve would like to add that Courtney Fletcher is so beautiful, and she enjoys thinking of her when she is creating her art.

I was curious where this artistic ability was going to head to in the future. So, I asked if she planned on pursuing a career in the art field. She replied with this: "Yes, I would like to become a cosmetologist and style hair, makeup, and nails." Wow, what a curveball and all of you thought she only worked on paper. No sir, this girl even creates art on people. How crazy is that? I mean really, so many talents packed into one person. It's just not fair.

As I've said before, if there

are any struggling artists out there, feel free to walk up to Gena and ask her any art question you may have. I'm sure she can answer anything. After all, she is the master.

Top 20 Youtube videos

By Kayla Mills



For most of us, it is all too often that we find ourselves sitting around the house complaining about how bored we are. Trust me; we have all been there. One thing that really passes the time is going on the Youtube. For those of you who live under a rock, Youtube is a website in which users can upload videos for others to watch and comment on. Below is a list of my top twenty favorite Youtube videos of all time. For those of you who know me, you probably know that I laugh at just about anything. But I compiled this list with the help of some of the members of the newspaper staff. You might actually find some of these funny.

1. Malk - Julian Smith 2. I Am Mad!! - CopperCab 3. Trees Hate You - Julian Smith 4. Space Unicorn – Parry Gripp 5. Llamas With Hats (series) -

SecretAgentBob 6. My First Hardcore Song by 8 Year Old Juliet - The Troyboy TIME 7. Weird Kid Freaking Out -

96JaaFoX69 8. Peter Is A Shark - BadDaman2k9 9. Waffles – Jeffrey Dallas 10. Final Destination 5 Parody -

WasteTimeChasingCars

11. Kids Funny Reaction To Spiderman Kiss - BabyTedster 12. Probably The Worst Music Ever - Setrocsa

WkukFanz 14. Funny Grudge Prank Video -

IBCaptainChunk 15. Old Spice Bowling - OldSpice 16. Scary Lil Girl Laughing - caitangel101

17. Annoying – thatonekid100 18. Youtube Challenge: I Told My

Kids I Ate Their Halloween Candy - JimmyKemmelLive 19. Paranormal Cativitty

P4rrotBoy94 20. Top 50 Things To Do With A Marshmallow!!!! - iAMpawl44



Contradicting A Structure

As the clouds descend down upon us, They cover up your empty promise. You're just a myth up high in the sky, Your followers would not condone this.

The people who tell your false tales lie, They will surely be doomed down under. If they could offer some significant proof, Your existence would no longer be a wonder.

People base their life on superstition, But who's to say you're not there? People can doubt you, let them, What are they going to prove?

When it comes down to it, Those who disbelieve may never see. Also when it comes down to it, We will see who truly believes.

Untitled

I see everything as cynical, For how else is there to see? Everything, that I've seen, Means little to nothing to me.

I could do a lot for this world, But what would be the reasons? Nothing can truly be changed, Except for the different seasons.

If we were put here to make a difference, Why has a difference not yet been made? All the time we've spent doing nothing, Our world slowly but surely will fade.

As all of our hopes and dreams all die They still mean little to nothing to me. I see everything as cynical, For how else is there to see?



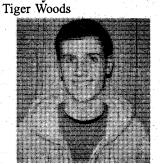
Poet's Corner



Dillian Franklin-Golf What is your favorite pump up song?

"Party Rock Anthem" What is your favorite memory? Everything Eric Spencer did and

Who is your biggest rival? West Branch Who is your favorite athlete?



Corey Little-Cross Country

What is your favorite pump up

"Innocence" by Disturbed What is your favorite memory? Seeing all the wipeouts at A.C.C last year

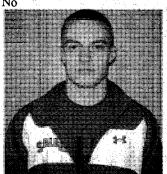
Who is your biggest rival? Whoever gives us the biggest Who is your favorite athlete? Ex-Quaker Alex Stone

February Senior Spotlight



Morgan Crosser-Softball What is your favorite memory? When Rachel went to the bathroom in Lakeviews outfield before our game

Who is your biggest rival? Canfield Who is your favorite athlete? Stacey Nuveman Do you play any other sports?



Trent Kenreigh-Baskethall What is your favorite pump up song?

"Straight to the Bank "- 50 Cent What is you favorite memory? Beating West Branch in the tournament junior year Who is your biggest rival? West Branch Do you play any other sports?





Jimmy Norkus-Wrestling What is you favorite pump up

song?
"A Warriors Call"
What is your favorite memory?
Placing fourth this year in the Who is your biggest rival?

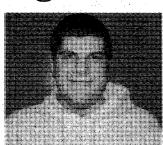
West Branch Who is your favorite athlete? Dan Gable



Stephanie Wood-Soccer What is your favorite pump up

"Superbass" by Nikki Minaj What is your favorite memory? Fun times at soccer camp @ Who is your biggest rival? West Branch Who is your favorite athlete?

David Beckham



Zach Brine – Soccer What is your favorite pump up song?

"Can't be Touched" - Roy Jones

What is your favorite memory? Nick breaking the trophy case freshman year Who is your biggest rival?

West Branch Do you play any other sports?



Andrew Pietzrak-Golf What is your favorite pump up sing?

'Rocket Man" by Elton John What is your favorite memory? Everyday Biggest Rival?

Who is your favorite athlete? Mitch Maroscher



Jake Thompson-Swimming

What is your favorite pump up song?
Lady GaGa "Bad Romance" What is your favorite memory? Swim meets

Who is your biggest rival? Hubbard, Beaver Local Who is your favorite athlete? Michael Phelps



Jonathan Fortney-Baseball

What is your favorite pump up

"Heart of a Champion" by Nelly Who is your biggest rival? West Branch

Who is your favorite athlete? Asdrubal Cabrera Do you play any other sports?

It's time for March Madness

By Jeff Dyke

The time is almost here. The sixty-four teams who try to win the national championship are all still vying for a chance to be in this tournament. It is one of the most exciting times in the world of sports. veryone wants to be the Butler of the tournament. They want to be the Cinderella story. There is a field of sixty-four teams, but there is only one who can be called the national champion. Most teams will not make the tournament, but the teams who do realize what they are playing for and what an opportunity they have.

When your team is selected into the tournament you play in one of four regions. It is better if you are a mid to lower seed in the tournament. If you are a high seed such as sixteen, you will have to play the one seed, and the one seed has never lost to a sixteen seed. It is truly amazing if a school such as Butler, Kent State, and many others make it through the first round; however, Butler has proven itself. They have been to two of the last three championship games. They were the team that nobody thought would make it there because they are not accustomed to playing the high caliber of

teams who are in the tournament. They have more than proven themselves as a team someone should always watch.

There are five different stages you can make it to in the tournament. First is the round of sixtyfour which are the teams who got picked to play in the tournament. The second round is the round of thirty-two where the teams who won in the first rounds square off. This goes on until the final two teams are standing. They then play each other, and that is how the national champion is determined.

It is a great time of the year in sports. March Madness is one of the most intense and shocking times in the wide world of sports. It is a can't miss if you are one of the people who just love to watch the excitement of all these teams vying to be the national champ and call themselves the best team in the country.

This year's Super Bowl was packed full of entertaining advertisements in between the action of the game. They featured cute animals, sexual innuendos, food, and other things we Americans enjoy. In some ways, the commercials are more enjoyable than the game. These attempts to get us to buy things would be more successful if they were this funny all year. Let's go over a couple of them, shall we?

Skechers went with the cute animal approach this year while showing a French bulldog winning a dog race. Of course, the dog is sporting their stylish running shoes to accomplish this feat, and it does an adorable moon walk at the end. Who doesn't love dancing dogs in people shoes? I'd buy 'em.

Then we move on to Hyundai. While an office worker tries to give up on solving a problem, various workers from every part of the car making process start singing a song to encourage him to keep trying. This cute compilation of many voices shows you how all of the different parts of the company work together to make their product successful.

The 2012 Super Bowl commercials

By Donna Paparodis

Volkswagen got creative; they also used cute animals to promote their product. When a cute dog tries to get through the doggy door to see the new Volkswagen car, it realizes it's time to lose some weight to fit through. It begins an exercise regimen and finally makes it through the door to admire the new bug. This commercial ends in a famous Star Wars scene where a character makes fun of Volkswagen's commercial from the previous year which starred a little Darth Vader, saying that this year's was funnier. This is one that would be more humorous seen and

not explained. I'm sure a lot of people appreciated how vampires were made fun of in this year's Audi advertisement. They promoted their new LED headlights by having a vampire arrive at a party with some O+ to get the party started. Unfortunately this resulted in the killing of all of the other vampires with his headlights that are comparable to daylight. Clearly those are some good headlights, so Audi better be bringing in

the cash after that show. We Americans love our food. It's made pretty clear by the

Oikos yogurt commercial in which John Stamos appears. He playfully teases the woman in this commercial by bringing the yogurt up to her mouth and pulling it away. This bad idea results in John Stamos receiving a forceful head butt from her. She wants her Oikos yogurt, and they want you to want it too. This is a favorite of mine and DeAnna Walker's, who says, "Ifhe was sell-ing yogurt, I'd buy it."

Finally, there is the Pepsi commercial. This one features Elton John, who acts as a king that is trying to find a sufficient form of entertainment. He denies the bad ones Pepsi, but when a magnificent singer arrives and blows him away, she gives Pepsi to all of the king's court. Don't you wish you were there? Not to mention Elton's boots were a real

Every year the Super Bowl commercials make us laugh. But I also wish they'd make those kinds of commercials all the time. Lots of people would watch them a lot more if they were more entertaining. But, at the same time, it gives us all something small to look forward to in our boring, average lives.

Quaker Board

Eat, Pray, Love By Sierra Cannon Eat, Pray, Love, is a memachieved a state of ha

Eat, Pray, Love, is a membir by Elizabeth Gilbert that explores three important aspects of life. Her book remained on the New York Time's Bestseller List for 187 weeks consecutively and was even turned into a major motion picture.

EPL is divided into three different sections, each offering stories and lessons learned from three very different places in the world:

Eat: During this part of the novel, Liz tells of her journey through Italy. Her experiences include enrolling in an Italian language class because of her admiration of the romance language, scoping out Italy's best pizza shop, and attending a soccer game with extremely passionate fans. She spends four months in Italy and leaves us with a message about enoying yourself and how important "Il bel far niente (the beauty of do-ing nothing)" is. Her lesson is re-flected through her words: "The beauty of doing nothing. This is the goal of all your work, the final accomplishment for which you are most highly congratulated. The more exquisitely and delightfully you can do nothing, the higher your life's achievement.

Pray: Liz spends three months in India living in an ashram with others who are each seeking something of their own. The people she meets teach her the importance of balance within one's self. Through her meetings with such different characters, she is taught to find a peace within her spirit. She finds faith within God and within herself and learns an important lesson about happiness, "...people universally think that happiness is a stroke of luck, something that will maybe descend upon you like fine weather if you're fortunate enough. But that's not how happiness Happiness is the consequence of personal effort. You fight for it, strive for it, insist upon it, and sometimes even travel around the world looking for it. You have to participate relentlessly in the manifestations of your own And

achieved a state of happiness, you must never become lax about maintaining it, you must make a mighty effort to keep swimming upward into that happiness forever, to stay afloat on top of it. If you don't, you will leak away your innate contentment."

Love: Her last few months are spent in Indonesia where she meets a medicine man named Ketut whom she immediately connects with and finds inspiration in. In much of this section of the book, emphasis is placed on the conversations between Ketut and Liz. Curious in nature and desperate for answers, Liz has an endless amount of questions for the medicine man, who almost never directly answers her. Instead, he words his replies in a way that allows Liz to discover for herself exactly what he means and how what he says is supposed to apply to her life. One of the most important things he did was tell her the following: "To find the balance that you want, you must keep your feet grounded so firmly on earth that it's like you have four legs, instead of two. That way, you can stay in the world. But you must stop looking at the world through your head. You must look through your heart instead; that way you will know God.'

Elizabeth Gilbert is an extremely likeable author because of how easy it is to relate to what she says. She describes parts of the human experience so well that unexplored events in our own lives seem to become familiar adventures. She talks about going through a divorce and while not all her readers may have experienced that, she explains it in such a way that it makes you feel like you've been there. She does a phenomenal job of really connecting herself to her readers.

To me, Eat, Pray, Love as a novel was 352 pages of absolute brilliance. The novel allowed Liz to tell her story and to share her experiences in hopes that her encounters would be able to change someone else's life for the better.

February Calendar By Katelyn Rhodes

March 3- Ohio Governors Regional Visual Art Competition in the cafeteria 8:00am to 3:00pm

March 8- Track and Field Officials meeting in the library 7:00pm to 8:30pm

March 10- Band spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria 3:00pm to 7:00pm March 16- St. Patrick's Day Dance in the cafeteria

March 21- High school cheerleading tryouts in the gym 5:00pm to 8:00pm

March 22- High school cheerleading tryouts in the gym 5:00pm to





School, work and homework... oh my!

By DeAnna Walker

In today's world, there are many students who have jobs as well as attend school, but is it too much? Has it become a problem balancing your grades, your job, and everything else you're involved with? Being a student with a job, I know that this can really be hard. I work, go to school, am involved in sports, am a cast member of the musical, and, trust me, it's a lot. I'm overwhelmed with stress at some points, and I'm not alone.

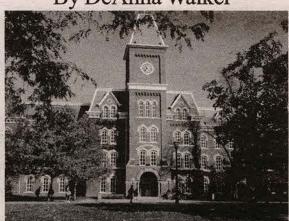
Senior Abbie Maenz feels my pain. Often, Abbie isn't able to study or focus on school as much as she'd like because she works so late. It is important to note that she's an athlete as well. Students can legally work until 11 PM on school nights, which can call for a late study period or homework session. This lack of sleep is just adding to the stress and responsibilities. Some students have even admitted to skipping school or arriving late due to lack of sleep thanks to a late night shift at work. Also, there is always the stress of dealing with customers. Customers are not always right, but if you want to keep your job you have to act as if they are. There are some people who are having a worse day than you, and, unfortunately, you're left to deal with their attitude and pessimism. Work with school can seem like a huge work load.

However, Senior Kaitlyn Kelm feels work and school isn't a hassle at all. She casually states, Working during school isn't that bad because we close at 9. That leaves me plenty of time to do my school work and finish anything else I have going on." She shared that she has easily maintained her grades, homework, studying, and even dealt with a sporting sched-ule, too. Her GPA has budged and may have even risen a little bit, proving work's nothing but ease for her. Work is a good way to learn responworld before having to completely enter it. Oh, and, of course, with work there is money... moolah... cash. You can never have enough of that green stuff. Working as well as being a student also has its ben-

Yeah, school and work can seem like a lot on your plate. It can be very stressful and aggravating, but it also has many pluses to it. If you feel you can handle it, a job is not a terrible idea. But there's certainly no shame in focusing on your grades and schoolwork.



College Checklist By DeAnna Walker



Ohio State University, here we come! COLLEGE NAME: Ohio State University

LOCATION: Columbus, Ohio

MASCOT: Brutus Buckeye

TUITION: Full time (commuter, Ohio resident) - \$9,711, Full time (on campus, Ohio resident) - \$19,926

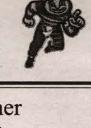
POPULATION: 56,867 students at the Columbus campus

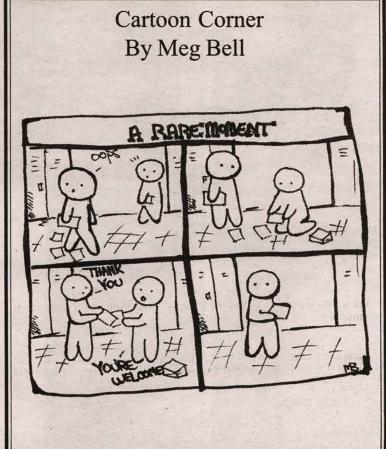
STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 19 to 1

AVERAGE ACT/SAT: 28.1 is the average ACT score for first year students

OPEN HOUSE DATES: To schedule a visit to the Columbus campus, go to campusvisit.osu.edu and make a reservation.







Quaker Clips

