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The new faces of NHS

By Donna Paparodis

The Salem High School chapter of National Honor Society held its annual candlelight induction ceremony on Feb. 21 in the SHS auditorium. Thirty-four new members were welcomed into the coveted national organization.

Mr. Robert Viencek, advisor for the group, said: "When one thinks of N.H.S., the idea of outstanding grades comes to mind; however, that is only one aspect. The students who qualify with the grades must go through a rigorous process. They are required to have completed community service hours, be involved in various clubs or sports and have an impeccable character. From their credentials alone, it looks like we have another incredible group of new members coming into N.H.S."

The N.H.S. group at Salem High School has 10 offices. All of the officers spoke during the ceremony. Nick Costa and Jordan Umbs, the club's first dual residents, spoke on the importance of "Scholarship" and "Service" respectively. Karli Utt, the vice president, discussed "Leadership" and Lauren Rupp, the club secretary, addressed "Character." The National Honor Society pledge was led by Stephanie Wood, the chairman for the annual banquet in Salem.



The keynote speaker Judge Ashley Pike gave an impressive address to the current and new members of National Honor Society. He stressed the importance of giving back to one's community. Judge Pike also commended the parents who helped guide their children to this landmark occasion. Costa provided the evening's entertainment with two piano selections, "Egyptian Rhapsody" and "River Flows in You." Following the recessional, the members of National Honor Society greeted family and friends for refreshments.

Boys and Girls State delegates

By Ian Chandler

Ohio Boys and Girls State is a week-long event created by the American Legion. Its purpose is to form a student government and analyze its workings. It is specifically designed for high school students across the nation to learn different aspects of government, life, and community. Participating students speak publicly, develop several social and communication skills, and play different roles within their student government. Students will make laws, vote, pass legislation, and lead others. This all culminates in a higher appreciation for the function of government and the foundations of America.

Traditionally five junior boys and girls are selected to attend, along with alternates. Students from Salem High School attending Girls State are Reegan Barnett, Jessica Martinelli, Mallory Maher, and Nicole Slaven. Students attending Boys State are as yet unknown as we go to print.

This year's Boys State will be held at Bowling Green State University, and the Girls State will be held at Mount Union. The event advertises lifetime friendships, life skills, and appreciation for government as the main benefits for attending. The students chosen are among the most dedicated and committed select few in their class. Boys and

girls must apply and pass an orientation and an evaluation by the American Legion Post. It is not an ordinary camp, but rather, a week of learning for pupils to better educate themselves about our government and what makes it tick.



Juniors Reegan Barnett and Mallory Maher were chosen to represent Salem at Girls State.



Juniors Jessica Martinelli and Nicole Slaven were also chosen to take part in Girls State.

Project Prom 2012

By Reegan Barnett

Project Prom has been going on for many years. It is a place where girls go to get free dresses of all different types. Some have been used while others have been charitably donated. Even some dress stores will donate gowns to the cause. It makes prom affordable for everyone and allows everyone's prom night to be as special as it's supposed to be.

The date for Project Prom is March 31 from 12 until 4 PM, at the Salem Administration Building. Mrs. Bosheff, Salem's junior high guidance counselor, and Mrs. Deramo from West Branch are in charge of the event. Helping are both West Branch and Salem students. Any girl is allowed to get a dress as long as she has a need, no matter what school she attends. Those who attend should enter at the Cleveland Avenue entrance of the administration building.

More than just dresses will be available. There are also certificates to help girls with their nails, shoes, and hair! Jewelry and purses are also available at Project Prom. This will come in handy since prices for prom just keep adding up and sky rocketing out the roof. For any gown you choose, a man by the name of Keith is going to match shoes for it. A variety of dress styles will be available.

If you have a gently used dress that you would like to donate, you can call the school and they will pick them up, or you can just bring them into school yourself. They have about 300 to 350 dresses this year with sizes ranging from 2-20. Project Prom gives away approximately 50 dresses every year. Mrs. Bosheff had this to say, "It is a great event! To see the faces of some of the girls that find the perfect dress is so rewarding."

Hopefully Project Prom will be a great success again this year and continue for many years bringing smiles to girls' faces.



Salem students participate in annual Governor's Youth Art Exhibit

By Donna Paparodis

This month the forty-second Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition was held. Any high school student can participate in this important competition. Students can enter in just about anything: jewelry, ceramics, paintings, or even short films. You can use any medium and make it any size. Just let your creativity flow.

The Regional judging took place on Saturday, March 3 in the Salem High School cafeteria. Students from several counties surrounding Columbiana entered the competition in this region. Fifteen students took part in the whole contest. Quite a few of Salem's students made it past Regional, and their works went on to be judged at State judging, which took place on March 10 in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Three hundred students won at the State judging.

The following is a list of the names of students who made it to State from Salem: Stephanie Baker, Rosella Biddle, Kaity Culp, Erica Davis, Zachary Devine, Lauren Ellis, Geoff Forney, Josh

Harbin, Felicia Kessel, Colton King, David Lapin, Melissa Muniz, Brenna Price, Lynn Rudder, Jordan Umbs, and Ellen Walp. Over 12,000 total works were sent to Regional. The judges of the competition were college educators and artists themselves.

The winners from State will have their works on display at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus, Ohio. It is open to the public to come and view these works from April 14 to May 17, 9-5 PM on weekdays. A ceremony will be held to congratulate the winners at The Riffe Center Capitol Theatre on April 14.



Erica Davis, Ryan Murphy, and Stephanie Baker display their award winning works.

(To the left) Junior Ellen Walp and Seniors Josh Harbin, Meg Bell, and Geoff Forney present the work they entered recently in the Governor's competition.



Senior Brenna Price's visual art work was chosen for inclusion in the best 25 works of art for the Governor's Youth Art Display at the State Office Towers in Columbus. Three hundred final works were chosen from the thousands entered. Brenna's work was chosen from the 300.



Opinion

March Point Counter Point

Drop it like it's hot

By DeAnna Walker

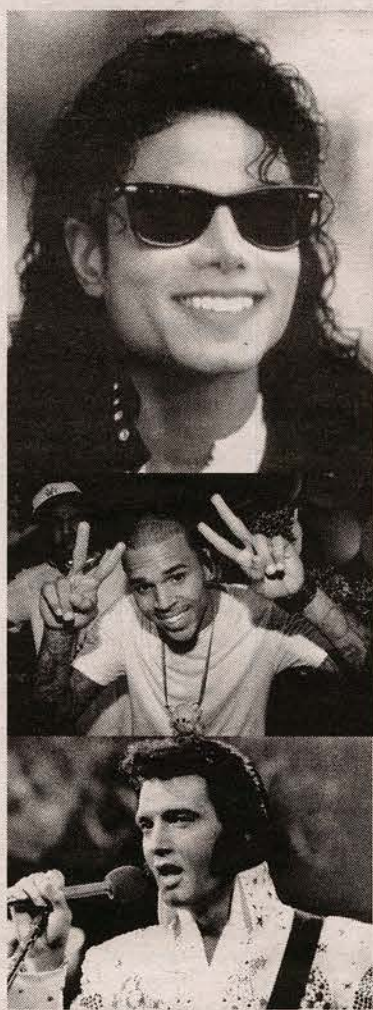
Dancing was popular back in the day, and it is still popular now. Everyone is busting a move. It may be at a dance, for a dance team, or even just for fun. But don't be caught with lame moves. Get up to date with the most recent dance crazes. Let's face it...disco is dead.

We could start with the ever popular group and line dances that you hear at every school dance. They include the Cupid Shuffle, the Chacha Slide, the Electric Slide, Cotton Eye Joe, Crank That, the Chicken Dance, and the YMCA. All these dances are energizing, fun, and supa' fresh. There is no way you will look lame dancing to the beat with your friends to one of these dances.

Every dancer has his/her own skills. We can't all be the next Chris Brown or Michael Jackson, but you can surely catch someone's eye if you can learn to move like this. I mean, come on, do you really want to do the Twist? Who will you impress? Do you see dancers in music videos doing the Twist? I don't think so. Dancers now-a-days have more of a hip hop groove. Many

people have learned how to Jerk, Reject, Dougie, Cat Daddy, do the John Wall, perform the Stanky Leg, and, of course, everybody is doing the Bernie. I can't explain one by one how each of these moves is performed because it's just as difficult to describe a move as it can be to actually mimic one. Of course, living in the time we do now, you can see each of these killer dances on YouTube. There are numerous videos displaying and breaking down each dance so you can go from Urkel to Usher in no time at all. With the help from the Internet and other media, I'm sure you will all have no problem keeping up to date.

Everyone knows prom, freshman formal, and sophomore social are all right around the corner. Don't embarrass yourself with dead moves from back in the day. Be sure that when you get out on the dance floor you'll be able to drop it like it's hot. Show off your mad moves and leave everyone on the dance floor jealous. There is no doubt you'll catch some attention dancing to these recent trends.



Old school dance moves

By Katelyn Rhodes

Dancing has been around for centuries as a favorite past time for many. It is a way to release stress as well as an enjoyable activity. From sock hops to disco, dancing has remained consistent throughout our culture. Moves that I personally believe have stayed in our culture and will stay are moves from the past because they are classic and easy to learn.

From the nifty 50's and 60's some classic dance examples are the twist, the lawnmower, churning butter, the fishing pole, q-tip, the sprinkler, the mashed potato, and the popcorn. These dancing sensations have stayed because they can be performed to any type of music. These were the years of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, and The Beach Boys.

Let us move on to the groovy seventies. Those were the time of shag carpet, disco balls, Afro's and platform shoes. It was a time when groups such as Earth Wind and Fire and The Temptations were creating their unforgettable music for everyone to groove to. Eventually disco music was playing everywhere from cars to the grocery store making it possible to practice all the moves everywhere you went. Some of the more popular dances of the seventies were the bump, the

hustle and the bus stop.

The eighties brought a whole new era of dance moves with its new techno style pop rock music. Those times featured musicians such as Michael Jackson, Prince, Salt n Pepa, and Wham. The eighties brought big hair style trends and even bigger dance moves. Dances such as the cabbage patch, the worm, and the running man were started. Wham started the dance known as the jitterbug from their hit single "Wake Me Up." MC Hammer started the dance known as Hammer time. The group known as Kid n' Play named a dance after themselves called the Kid and Play. Pop legend Michael Jackson is known for his hits "Thriller" and "Smooth Criminal." Some of his most famous moves are the thriller which became popular from his zombie filled music video and his signature move, the moonwalk.

These moves can be used any time, any place. They are a throwback from the past that can help improve your dance skills. The lawnmower, the hustle, and the cabbage patch can improve your own personal collection of dance moves. Shake your groove thang', and bust a move with these moves.

War of words

By Kayla Mills

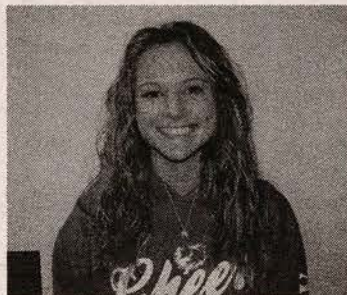
If you had one day left to live, what would you do?



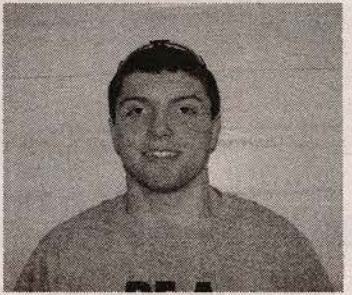
Freshman Ashley Burns: Chill with Drake and Wiz Khalifa.



Sophomore Dustin Elliot: I always wanted to go sky diving. I would go somewhere warm, go sky diving, and spend the rest of my day causing trouble.



Junior Lauren Atkinson: Put on a concert in front of thousands and thousands of people. ☺

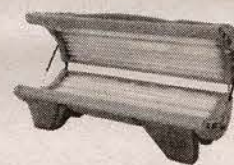


Senior Corey Coleman: I would slip and slide with Morgan and Kayla on a mountain.



Tanning for dummies

By Kayla Mills



Seeing as we are only a few days into the season of spring, it is unlikely that anyone is spending significant amounts of time bathing in the sun. Therefore, girls and boys of all ages are just dying to achieve that perfect, golden tan. There are two main methods of achieving this goal, and it has been a topic of debate for some time which method is more effective. In this article, the pros and cons of both spray tanning and the use of tanning beds will be presented.

The city of Salem offers multiple places to go tanning. This includes but is not limited to Bahama Bay, By The Beach, Sun Fantasy, and Sun Tan Bay. One advantage of tanning in a tanning bed is that you are given the opportunity to relax and tan in privacy. When getting a spray tan, someone is spraying every inch of your body. There's no covering up and no enjoying the experience. Another advantage of tanning beds is that you can get a nice, even tan without having to worry about having tan lines.

One disadvantage of using tanning beds is that it can be very time consuming. With spray tanning, you go one time, and you are instantly tan. With tanning

beds, you have to go practically every day to get your base tan, and then you have to go multiple times a week to achieve the skin tone you are looking for. Also, tanning can get very costly. Unlike spray tanning for which you pay one price to get one tan, at a tanning bed you usually have to pay for a month long package. These are not the cheapest things in the world. Also, when tanning in tanning beds, you are running the risk of getting sunburn. Besides having to walk around like a giant lobster, you also get to deal with the pain that accompanies it. You'll probably want to skip over the next thing I say because we both know that you have heard it millions of times. But despite how often you hear it, it's true. When tanning in tanning beds, you are running the risk of getting cancer. The ultraviolet rays are not good for your skin, and you could be potentially taking a risk with your life.

As far as places to get a spray tan are concerned, the only place known at this time in the Salem area is Sports Connection. One advantage of spray tanning is that you are not running the risk of getting skin cancer. Also, for someone who doesn't have a lot of time on their hands, spray tanning is defi-

nately the way to go. You only have to go one time, and you have an instant tan. Finally, it is less expensive to get a spray tan when you are only looking to be tan for a short period of time.

Some disadvantages of getting a spray tan are that there is a possibility of turning orange instead of tan. Speaking from experience, every person is different, and spray tans certainly don't look good on everyone. Also, if you plan on having a tan all the time and are continuously getting spray tans, it will certainly start getting expensive. Another disadvantage is that when you get a spray tan, your skin tends to look oily. Spray tans only last on the skin for approximately a week. After this, you go back to your normal, transparent color.

For those of you who are pale and proud, embrace it. It's wonderful to know that some are still secure with who they are and what they look like. But for the rest of you who are suffering from leukophobia, (the fear of the color white), you just have to find the tanning method that is best suited for your personal needs. Good luck everyone, and happy tanning! ☺

Here Comes Treble

By Meg Bell

By Sierra Cannon

Playlist theme: Chill
I'm sure we're all tired of a cold, but I'm not talking about temperature when I say chill (elbow ache.) It's okay to take a break from the constant school/work/sports/tracurricular routine and just sit and do nothing but slip on your headphones. If you'd like to listen to these songs without giving your arm to iTunes, you can listen to the playlist "Chill" on my Youtube channel blackinkwhiteskies.

"Dust" - Mazzy Star
A bit more on the melancholy side of surprising for Mazzy Star) this song is very soft, very slow, yet it's a lot. Try not to fall asleep.

"Broken Drum" - Beck (Boards of Canada remix)
It's hard to tell what sort of mood this song conveys, but it's definitely relaxing, maybe even a little settling. Those who enjoy Beck may be a bit put off by Boards of Canada's contribution, but it's really an interesting song.

"Nonanimal" - Andrew Bird
The lyrics are one giant example of iteration, but it makes you feel as if you're just under the surface of an ocean looking up.

"Fire Ants" - Bibio
A slight change of pace, Bibio starts the song with British children talking about ants. I have no idea, but the beat is catchy.

"Couch" (featuring Ace Creator) - Earl Sweatshirt

A little more aggressive but still has a nice beat. The lyrics take getting used to for those not familiar with Earl or any of the others, but give it a chance.

"The Edge of the World" (Prelude) - Flood of Red

Switching gears again I add another slow song with a post-hardcore influence. Don't worry, this isn't something you would mosh to. I have to keep true to the theme here.

"Brothers on a Hotel Bed" - Death Cab for Cutie

Most know and appreciate Death Cab, but this song is often overlooked and underappreciated. Reminiscent of a road trip but still slow and lazy sounding, it fits in nicely.

"House of Leaves" - Circa Survive
Of course I have to add in something with Anthony Green, how could I not? A hidden track at the end of *Juturna* and based on the novel *House of Leaves* by Mark Z. Danielewski, it's disturbing, unsettling but nonetheless slow paced. It ties up this playlist with a bit of confusion and leaves the listener wondering "what just happened?"

People have always been able to relate to music, whether it is through the lyrics, music, or both. Music easily casts different shadows of emotions over its listeners. Here, I have provided a list of five songs that are a little less than cheerful, but are almost guaranteed to evoke thoughtfulness.

1. "Oceans" - Hawthorne Heights
Lyrics tell of the uncertainties of war and speak from the perspective of the person left at home. "Oceans" effectively places the listener in the shoes of someone else. "You live in letters sent with shaky hands and circumstances..."

2. "Eight Feet Tall" - Gabriel Mann
His lyrics tell of the struggle to overcome something when everyone else doubts you. While not entirely uplifting, the song empathizes and through that encourages someone to go on. "It's so hard to stand under that weight; hard to be eight feet tall."

3. "Run" - Snow Patrol
The meaning behind the lyrics has been debated, but to me the message is clear. The lyrics are written from the view of someone who has to say a long goodbye to another person who is leaving but who will someday return. "Even if you cannot hear my voice, I'll be right be-

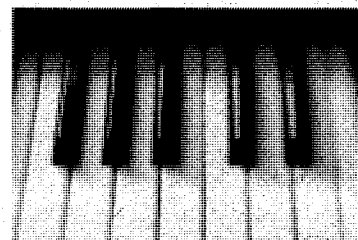
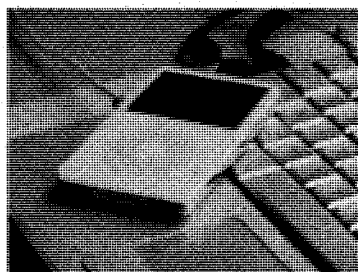
side you, dear."

4. "Remembering Sunday" - All Time Low

The meaning behind the lyrics is unclear, but some songs are meant to be ambiguous because that allows the listener to relate to the song. "The neighbors said she moved away; funny how it rained all day."

5. "Your Eyes In the Candlelight" - Michael Whalen

This instrumental music allows for reflection, and the absence of words opens the song up to an infinite number of meanings.



Need a pick-me-up?

By DeAnna Walker

-I wrote this poem for you. Roses are red. Violets are blue. I'm not a poet, but man, you're hot.

-Something's wrong with my cell phone. Your number's not in it.

-You look a lot like my next boyfriend/girlfriend.

-See my friends over there? They want to know if you think I'm cute.

-I'm like chocolate pudding. I look like crap, but I'm sweet as can be.

-I was blinded by your beauty, so I'm going to need your name and phone number for insurance reasons.

-Are you from Tennessee? 'Cause you're the only TEN I SEE.

-Do you have a Band-Aid? I scraped my knee falling for you.

-I lost my phone number. Can I have yours?

-Is your dad an alien? 'Cause you're out of this world.

-Do you believe in love at first sight, or do you want me to walk by again?

Top 10 best rappers of all time

By Brent Bosworth

Ludacris.
This rapper has earned his spot in the top ten because of his speed and rhyming abilities. He also just has a great voice for a rapper.

Based God.
This man is one of the greats, in my opinion, not only because his older music was funny but he teaches a good lesson through his music about how street violence and sell-drugs are the things that ruin society.

Tyler, The Creator.
This man is the fearless leader of Odd Future and earned his spot by his inappropriate creativity and ches people to not be afraid to say what's on their mind.

Machine Gun Kelly.
A lot of people say they like this guy because he's from Cleveland, but I made a song about it. However, I chose him because he has a unique flow and is extremely fast. So, his songs actually have meaning unlike a lot of other rappers to-

6. Earl Sweatshirt.
The fact that he wasn't the one who started Odd Future means nothing. This man earned his spot by being not only the best in Odd Future but the most creative.

5. Hopsin.
This rapper is amongst the greats, in my opinion, because of his creativity and ability to trash the names of other rappers and still have mutual fans.

4. Tupac/Biggie Smalls
These two should be a given. They are simply legends that will go down in the history of rap music forever.

3. Eminem.
This might make some people upset because it's a generic answer, but he truly is one of the best rappers out there. This is proven because he changed his whole outlook on life throughout his albums and kept a majority of his fans' respect in the process.

2. Ice Cube.
He got his start in the notorious rap group N.W.A and eventually

branched out on his own leaving them behind, proving they were next to worthless without him. That's how he got his spot.

1. Mac Miller.
The reason I chose him for number one isn't because I believe he is literally the best ever. It's just because, in my opinion, he is a rapper amongst other forms of a musician, and he expresses meaning through both his lyrics and his beats.



Mac Miller showing off his prize-winning hip-hop skills.

And the 5 worst rappers

By Brent Bosworth

5. Gucci Mane.
This "rapper" has a slow, deep voice of disappointment. He has many fans, but honestly, everyone I've talked to about him say they like him because of how bad he is.

4. Zach Leland.
Need I say more?

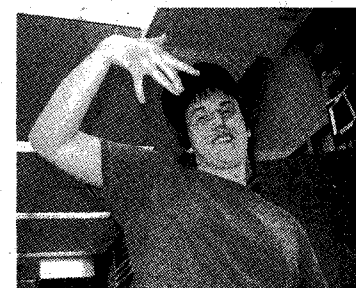
3. Nicki Minaj.
This woman destroyed music. She is a perfect example of how a kind of decent looking woman can get famous for talking trashy about herself and dressing like a prostitute.

2. Lil Twist.
This young rapper would be a little better if he perfected his nonexistent flow and didn't sound almost identical to other untalented members of Young Money such as Nicki and Chuckie. He sounds like a pre-teen female trying to be hardcore.

1. Lil Boosie.
This man is the worst thing to happen to all of mankind. His "music" is a disgrace to rappers everywhere. He is currently in jail waiting trial for a first degree murder charge in which case, if he is found guilty, he will receive the death penalty.



Above, Lil Boosie poses for an intimidating photograph - admittedly a bit useless, considering he's on death row for murder charges. He is the number one worst rapper, according to Brent Bosworth.



Here, Salem student Zach Leland shows off his mad talent of being the fourth worst rapper in the universe. His flow is like a leaky faucet, but he's an A plus student in our books.

Feature

Student of the month: Corey Little

By Ian Chandler



In Salem's sadly ever-dwindling pool of eligible candidates for the highest honor bestowed upon an individual, this reporter has managed to discover a hidden talent responsible for most of the remaining awesomeness left in our school. You probably know him as Mr. Fun. This oh-so-accurate moniker describes one of this town's teen phenomenons whose legacy will live on long after America is dead. Ladies and gentlemen, I proudly present to you... Sir Corey Little.

Corey is an elegant master of charm in the ranks of Machiavelli and Chris Farley. He enjoys life to the fullest, as evident by his responses to my brutal series of interrogations done in a musty, dark room with a single overhead lamp, bad-cop style. When asked of his least favorite color, he chose blue-green because of its inherent indecisiveness. Here is an individual who knows what he wants. Further confirming this fact, he chooses blue because "it is an awesome color," which indeed it is. He asserts his dominance in the wild and showed this during the questioning process by answering a question that was not a question! To the Schrutean phrase "False. Black bear." he responded, "True. Black bears are brown ones in tuxedos." And there you have it.

His star qualities continue with his self-described description: "I am Corey Little and have a great sense of humor. I am a romantic and love a simple romantic candlelight dinner with my soul mate. I love to air guitar and play *Guitar Hero*, and I'm extremely easy to get along with." His Hemingway-esque sentence structure reminds one of the 1940s, cheese, and wine. His dream garden would be "medium size, lined with fire flowers, ice flowers, and super mushrooms like a Mario garden. Also turnips." His uncanny Dwight-ness continues in his choices of horticulture.

His plans for the present and future are in the forefront of his cerebral cortex. He notes, "In my typical day I wake up and put off getting ready for school. On my way I battle demons with twin katanas, my weapon of choice. I then attend school and learn. Afterwards I battle off more foul beasts, go home, sit back and relax with a Mountain Dew,

sometimes my girl." Ha! There is the recipe for an immortal life the world has been waiting for with such bated breath! Let it never leave your mind, journal, and/or apothecary.

His favorite quote is: "The task ahead is never greater than the force behind you." One could only assume that the works of such great philosophers such as Socrates, Thomas Aquinas, and Daniel Kibler led him to such an inspirational quote. Its Osteen-ish qualities stand out, while not overly cheesy, and provide true motivation for our humble student body. He says of his post-death career, "I become a spirit and train in Spirit World as a martial arts spirit detective." Such a highly faithful shogun shall never perish in this life, surely. If Corey Little goes, he will be a first-rate MASD. Although in five years he does see himself "alive and working, making money," which bodes well for this legendary figure.

However, exactly four of his attributes stand out as a model student, and model human, for that matter. First, his favorite color is blue - which empirical evidence supports as the best color in the world. Second, his ability to constantly be relaxed and yet opinionated; fun, yet taciturn; and calm, yet passionate place him in the highest order of human beings - Homo epicus. His penultimate victory lies in his hatred of the movie *Twilight* and all associated memorabilia. He nobly quotes, "You don't make a romance with sparkly vampires and werewolves." Please, EVERYONE, take this advice to heart!

Finally, when asked for any words of wisdom to his fellow students and underclassmen, he confidently answered with the following: "Stay classy, laugh at yourself and remember to give seniority to the seniors. Also, never diss Pokémon."

Seriously, guys, take an example from this man. He is a true man among children in the senior class and school, and anyone who hates *Twilight* and blatantly endorses Pokémon gets my presidential nomination. Kids, next time you vote, just remember. Corey Little 2016. His campaign slogan? I can't tell for sure, but I do know this: He will put the fun in America. Until next time, and remember - if you try hard enough, you can be SOMEone too.

Study, sleep, suit up

By Ian Chandler

As a student, I partake in the writing of the school newspaper, *The Quaker*. However, this means I must contribute articles. I am glad to do so, but sometimes, my Pensieve of ideas runs dry, and I am left with the dregs of inspiration in my feeble remains of a school-ridden cerebellum. This often plagues many students, and with the deadly Season of the Research Paper™ upon us, we must fight the oppressing wave of writers' block and stand valiantly in the face of boredom! I admit, it may not be storming the gates of Mordor, but it will at least guarantee a decent grade in any one of your given classes (this technique cannot be used for multiple classes or it will overload - be wary, young Padawans).

Following are some ideas to stir your creative juices and mix some spices into your thought processes - think of them as extra ingredients that will allow you to whip up a dish worthy of Gordon Ramsay himself.



Listen to music (if you can't listen to music during class, "play" a favorite song in your mind). Research has shown that music can help you study and heightens concentration to a sharper level. Classical music works well for this.

Take a break! Occasional breaks are healthy and give the mind a rest to avoid overheating. Stretching helps greatly, as it enhances blood flow which improves brain function.

Take good, legible notes. Type them if you have to. I cannot write coherently at all, and typing definitely saves the deciphering of that chicken-scratch cuneiform you call penmanship.



Atmosphere is a key factor. Trying to cram 5 weeks of chemistry knowledge while at your buddy's doom metal stupidcore band practice probably isn't the best idea. Although cliché, the library is a fantastic place to study, and Salem's outstanding branch provides numerous resources in its computers, research information and resources, and, of course, many well-written, informative books.

DO NOT stay up late to study. This includes "cramming" for a test the night before or morning of said examination. I have fallen victim to this myself a few times, and, believe you me, it does not aid your sleep schedule, which brings me to my next point...

SLEEP! Sleep is important. It's a recharging period for your brain and body to prepare for the coming day and its accompanying workload. If you stay up watching reruns of *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, it's likely your intellect won't be up to par for that first period HOG test.

And finally, remember. Not all methods work for everyone. Find out what suits you best, and stick with it! With all best wishes, remember the three S's: study, sleep, and suit up.



Brent says

By Brent Bosworth



This month I have decided to go with a more or less touchy subject. A lot of people might hate me for this, but I'm going to talk about why racism needs to die. Even now, in 2012, I hear racist comments everywhere I go, and I can't help but ask certain people... why? I understand that some people are from the South, and they hate the fact that we took away their right to own people. Eventually they would have realized that it was wrong, if for some odd reason they didn't already know that. That was how long ago? Get rid of the thought that because you're white you're better than any other color because in reality the individuals that are truly superior are the ones that can see race means nothing.

The thing that I think bothers me the most about racism is that racist white people complain

about how we have to live with African Americans when in actuality they came here because we stole them from their homes. If you think that buying and selling people is acceptable, how about we bring back slavery and do it with white people this time? Doesn't sound very appealing, does it? We have spent so much time generating hate throughout the country that we have forgotten how to care about one another. There are all these white people that hate all races for stereotypical reasons instead of ever trying to get to know someone from another race. For the people that still proudly display their rebel flags, grow up and stop living in the past. You're a teenager who was not alive during that time and have always lived in the North. You shouldn't even have the right to display it.

If we as people can't learn to live in peace with one another, then we will never truly succeed in being happy. We don't have any reason whatsoever to hate someone because of the color of their skin; we didn't in the past, and we never will. The things that are said about people because of their appearances are just disgusting. Treating people like worthless objects because they don't look the same is wrong. End of story.

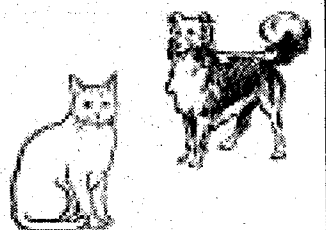
Clubs and classes

By Jeff Dyke

NHS: The members of NHS hosted a St. Patrick's Day dance on Friday March 16 in the high school cafeteria. If students wore green, they were given a ticket making them eligible for one of the prize drawings during the dance. The money for the dance was donated to the junior class to help with prom expenses. This organization is also taking orders for Quaker clothing, and the orders for the clothes are due April 1. T-shirts, sweat pants, shorts, and back packs are some of the items available. Mr. Viencek is the advisor of NHS.

Sociology: Mr. Motz's sociology classes were recently involved in a project to create their own ideal school system for grades K-12. This was an interesting project with a winning group being declared in each class.

Key Club: "Sadie's Pet Pantry Cat and Dog Food Drive" Members collected pet food for people who cannot afford to feed their animals. Their efforts were combined with Sadie's Pet Pantry. Cat and dog food is then distributed to deserving families who visit the food pantry. Mrs. Cochran is the advisor of Key Club.



German Club: Delta Epsilon Phi and German Club celebrated their Karneval/Fasching party this month. Some members created decorative masks for this event. Senior Eva Jackman was the winner of the Mask Contest. If you are in need of community service hours, see Frau to sign up to work on recycling days each Wednesday.



Artist of the month:

Zack Myers

By Meg Bell



Zack Myers is truly a winner – not only did he recently win the recent Salem Super Cruise Logo Contest, but he's made it to state in the Governor's art competition while he is only a mere sophomore. An aspiring tattoo artist and nurse (for backup, he said), Zack hones a variety of artistic skills.

Armed with a pencil, Zack uses tattoo art as his inspiration, as well as Roy Lichtenstein, the renowned pop artist. Zack also owes his art skills to all the classes he's taken here at SHS – Drawing, Painting, and currently Sculpture and Portfolio. His artwork often reflects high contrast and plenty of edgy subject matter with a graphic influence. Not only does he want a tattoo apprenticeship and possibly nursing, he'd also like to eventually go to school for animation.

Obviously, Mr. Myers has plenty of aspirations and dreams, and others acknowledge his skills with the variety of awards he's won. Be sure to look out for him in the future. He might just be one day taking your blood pressure, designing cartoons, or shoving ink-filled needles in you.

Spring break

By Reegan Barnett

Even if it is only for five days this year (including the weekend), you can still pack fun into your spring break. Yes, it may be hard, and yes, all you may be able to think about is sleeping. A good time is still a possibility; there are so many things you can do. If you're just staying in Salem, you may think wow, it's boring here, and we have nothing to do. You're wrong. You have your imagination, along with your friends, to depend on.

The weather we've been having lately is extremely warm for this time of year. Just think of how warm it could be over break?! You could probably have the first bonfires of the year with all of your friends, yum, marshmallows! You could also have water fights (or nerf wars) around your neighborhood or with your friends. There is also the possibility of throwing a BBQ and inviting tons of people. (Or have that friend with a pool throw it.) Go to your friends parties. I mean someone has to have one, even a friend from a different school!

Do something crazy, anything your wild mind can imagine! (Please make it legal.) Take a spontaneous road trip with friends/family. You can play "I spy" in the car. I spy with my little eye... green? It's grass, AGAIN!! For all you gamers out there, have a game tournament. What is better than sitting around for an entire night playing it up with your besties or rivals? Head to the courts for some pick up volleyball or basketball games! Everybody loves a good game and some exercise! Also you could really do some spring cleaning. I mean, admit it. How many of our rooms at homes look like a trash yard? And for all of you shopaholics, well, here's five free days to do what you do best — spend money.

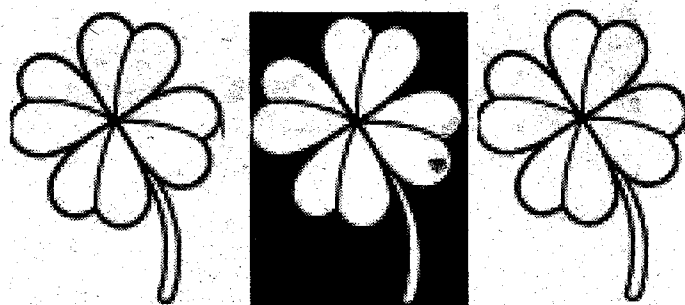
So whatever it is you choose to do this break, get up, get out, and do ANYTHING! Have some fun, live a little! You're only in high school once, and you only get spring breaks for so long.

*Have a great
spring break!*



So superstitious

By Sierra Cannon



March 17—Saint Patrick's Day. This day has been associated with "The Luck of the Irish," Leprechauns, and all things green. Superstitions have even been thought of in relation to Saint Patrick's Day. Some superstitions have historical references and others almost common sense. Superstitions are fun to discuss and even play along with, but it's important to keep in mind that most are purely for fun or are terribly dated beliefs.

It is said that to ensure a happy marriage, the bride must wear all of four items: Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Folklore warns that if you sweep under a woman's feet, they will never marry.

Superstitions that deal with wishes include the idea that if you are able to blow out all the candles on your birthday cake with one breath, your wish will come true. The same idea is applied to blowing away all the puffs on white dandelions. As kids, we always crossed our fingers when hoping for one of our wishes to come true or when wishing luck to someone else.

People who are superstitious usually take steps to increase their luck or to avoid or ward away bad luck. To bring about good luck, people wear a rabbit's foot (most are fake) around their neck or on a keychain. A nautical star also sym-

bolizes good luck or guidance to a good path in life. Some people keep a Buddha figure or a horseshoe in their home to invite a positive aura. It is considered lucky to find a four-leaf clover or to have a cricket as a guest in your home. If a ladybug lands on you or you see a falling star, positive things are said to be in your future. There is also a saying that states: "Find a penny, pick it up. All day long you'll have good luck." If you find a penny facing downward, you're supposed to turn it so it is facing up and leave it for someone else to find.

The downside to believing in so many things that bring good luck is that there also things that are said to bring bad luck. Friday the thirteenth is generally thought of as an unlucky day. Walking under a ladder will give you back luck (or if you're already unlucky, you might be injured somehow) and opening an umbrella in your house is said to be unlucky. Breaking a mirror is said to plague you with seven years of bad luck. If a black cat crosses your path or you kill a ladybug, bad luck is said to fall upon you.

Although science (and common sense) has defeated superstition for the most part, we're almost all guilty of following at least a few of these from time to time.

Ignorant at Best

By Brent Bosworth

Who should decide for our immoral society,
What is right and what is wrong?
We spend all this time at war with each other,
We forget what it's like to get along.

We are the ones, who destroyed this planet,
Why would anyone trust us to fix this?
Instead of continuing to fight over power,
We should all make the best of life as it is.

Who are we to hate one another, just bigots,
Who should be left out at sea to drown?
If we could all set sail together, I gladly
Would throw anchors overboard taking us down.

We will never be capable of declaring right and wrong.
Everything about us and our world should be gone.
I might come off as bitter, but that's not the case.
I can just accept the fact that we're a worthless race.

Poets' Corner



Skull Words

By Meg Bell

How dare you say I can not speak?
Hold your tongue; sew your lips shut,
We don't want to hear it.
But what good are words tossed around
Inside a skull? I hear the echoes but
Echoes they stay. Words prompt action
And without the utterance they remain
Mere whispers...not worthy of breath
To give them life but rather dead
Pieces of matter, not given the spark
To be born.

Sports

March Senior Spotlight

By Reagan Barnett and Jeff Dyke



Cassidy Polen-Track

What is your favorite pump up song?

"Wobble" by V.I.C.

What is your favorite memory?

Breaking the shot put record at the Marlinton Relays

Who is your biggest rival?

My teammate Cierra Trybend; I always try to beat her. It's a friendly rivalry.

Do you play any other sports?

I used to play volleyball and softball.



Paige O'Brien-Track

What is your favorite pump up song?

"I'm Sexy and I Know It"

What is your favorite memory?

Hiding behind the bleachers with Cassie Davidson during warm-up.

Who is your biggest rival?

West Branch in the 4x4

Who is your favorite athlete?

Paige O'Brien



Kenna Bullard-Tennis

What is your favorite pump up song?

"All I Do is Win"

What is your favorite memory?

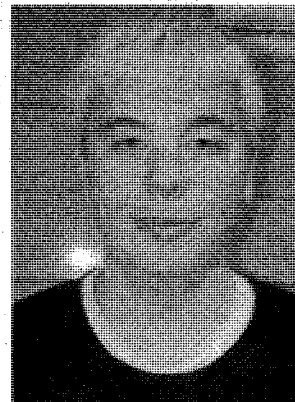
Sleeping on the floor at sectionals with all the girls that graduated last year.

Who is your biggest rival?

When I was on the girls' team it was Poland, but playing with the boys might be different rivals.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Serena Williams



Mike Dennison-Baseball

What is your favorite pump up song?

"Fun House" by Pink

What is your favorite memory?

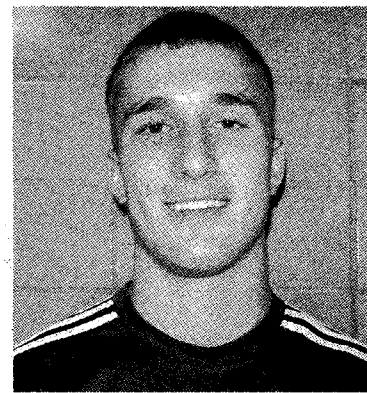
Coach Andres throwing a bat and making us run five minutes before the game.

Who is your biggest rival?

Storm Hauter

Do you play any other sports?

Water Polo



Mitch Moroscher-Tennis

What is your favorite pump up song?

Big Sean "Marvin Gaye and Chardonay"

What is your favorite memory?

Going to state

Who is your biggest rival?

George Barth

Who is your favorite athlete?

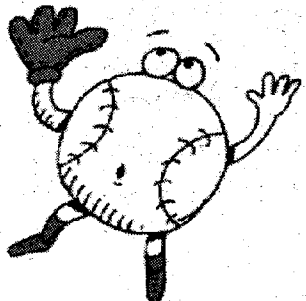
Rafael Nadal

The Early Bird Games

By DeAnna Walker

Softball season has started again. The varsity team is coached by Ms. Jodie Hippely and assisted by Mr. Buddy Wood. The team wants to start off the season right. Let's face it, practice makes perfect. Any good team needs to practice. It is a necessity of every sport or activity. Without practice, how can you expect to get any better? Of course, everyone wants to get their practices in to insure their season will be outstanding. If you can improve before season, then once the first game rolls around, the team should be very confident with its skills and attributes. What better way to practice than to actually play a game against some of your upcoming opponents? This is why Salem softball is holding its first ever Early Bird Games.

The Early Bird Games will be a series of games in a variety of Salem locations. Many local teams, including Salem, will each have two games. The games will be located at the fields in Memorial Park, Kelley Park, and at the official Lady Quaker's field at Southeast Elementary. The Early Bird Games will take place on Saturday, March 17 from 10 AM to 6 PM.



Davis creates winning logo

By Jeff Dyke

The storm and water management company was in search of a new mascot. So they asked the Salem Community for help. They responded by having the drawing, painting, and the AP art students of Salem High School create a mascot, to be recognized and identified as the messenger for the campaign. Fifteen students entered the contest and submitted their work. Their work was on display in the show case outside of the library so students could vote for the one they liked the best.

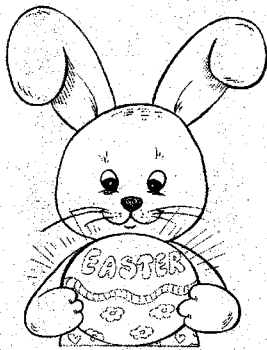
After two weeks of voting, the votes were collected February 29. After the winner was chosen, the students then had to create brochures, posters, and bulletin board displays and also public presentations and material for airing on the local cable channel. It is very important that the public be aware of what is going on, so they know the responsibilities they have as well as others in the community.

The winner was junior Erica Davis who came up with the logo of "Hagly the Hippo." This logo will be featured on materials circulated by the storm and water management company.

March Calendar

By Katelyn Rhodes

March 30- No School
 April 4- Alumni Application Day in the library 11:20am to 2:45pm
 April 6- Spring Break Begins/ No School
 April 11- Classes Resume
 April 20- Spring Musical in the auditorium
 April 21- Spring Musical in the auditorium
 April 22- Spring Musical in the auditorium

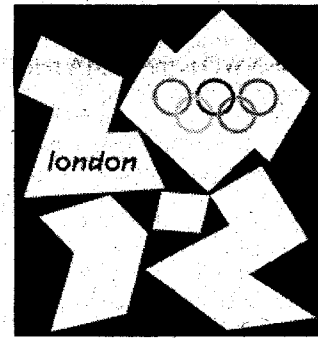


GOOD LUCK TO ALL SPRING ATHLETES!

2012 Summer Olympics

By Jeff Dyke

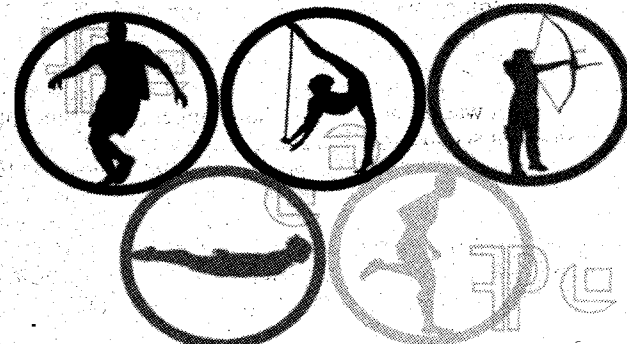
The 2012 Summer Olympics are to start July 27, 2012, and go on until August 12, 2012, in London, England. London beat out major cities to host this summer's games such as New York City, Moscow, Madrid and also Paris. This is the third time London has had the honor to host the Olympics. Over 200 nations will participate in over 300 different events. Millions of people all over the world will be gathered to watch their country battle it out and see who brings home the most medals. The USA won the medal count in 2008, but China had



the most gold medals with 51.

The Olympic committee has also added a couple of new events to the summer games this year. A lot of big winners from the last Olympics were Team USA basketball, and who could forget what Michael Phelps did in the 2008 games? There is also the memory of Usain Bolt breaking the world record for the 100 meters.

This is one of the most anticipated summer Olympics in history. A lot of records were broken in the previous Olympics, and they are being threatened this upcoming Olympics. Good luck to all of the athletes and "Go USA."



Quaker Board

Conspiracies..what do you think?

By Donna Paparodis

People have always been intrigued and mystified by the curious happenings that conspiracies suggest. Some are entirely far-fetched, while some point out such baffling information that you see the eerie possibility that it could be real. They range from aliens to plots to take over the world. And they are something that captures the interest of many people.

Let's look at the famous conspiracy of the Illuminati. The thought is that there is an elite group of men, which began in 1776, whose ultimate goal is to rule the world and manipulate the way you feel and think. The first of them was Luciferian Freemasons. Their goal to control the world was motivated by their desire to do so for their lord (who that lord is, is unknown). It is said that they are controlling things we hear and see such as the news and music. Supposedly, they control recessions, inflations, and even elections. There was speculation that the Illuminati worked it so that George W. Bush won over Al Gore in Florida, even though that was not the real result. This may be a far stretch, but I have read that the Illuminati have killed famous people who have tried to speak out against them or disagreed with their plot. They'll do anything they want to reach their ultimate goal and will shut up anyone who stands in their way. The Illuminati is shaping the NWO (New World Order). Another popular conspiracy theory that ties in with the NWO is the FEMA relocation camps. These are supposedly designed to house large numbers of American citizens in a state of martial law, in which the military will rule over designated regions in the event of an emergency that the government fails to handle. There are also hundreds of thousands of mysterious plastic coffins in states such as Georgia. They could be for people, or they could be used for something completely harmless. But why would we have these camps already made? There seems to be no impending danger in the foreseeable future. So, you can make your own assumptions about what to believe.

Then there's the suspicions behind the 9/11 attacks. Some believe that it was a premeditated operation, and people knew about it beforehand. For example, a great deal of American Airlines stocks was bought before the tragedy. This is the same airline that crashed into the Twin Towers. Many say that traders on the stock market were told about the coming disaster, so they bought stocks to profit from it. Another suggestion that has been made is that the buildings went down due to explosives and not the planes. The idea of a second plane has been challenged numerous times. On the news that was broadcasting live, it shows a second explosion with no trace of a plane anywhere. On the evening news later the same day, a plane had been added in to look like it was the cause of that explosion. Was the government trying to hide an inside job by

tricking Americans into thinking terrorists took the towers down? There is also the fact that theorists say there is no way an aluminum plane could go through a steel building. So, if that was impossible, what happened? There are many suspicions that bombs were placed in particular spots to take the towers down. So was someone trying to cover themselves by blaming it on someone else? Or is it all a big crock? Again, the reader can make his or her own assumptions about what to believe about these ideas.

There are so many other conspiracy theories out there. I suggest you go read about some. They can be very interesting. They may give you something to think about or just a good laugh.



A plane on the approach to strike one of the Twin Towers.

Spring Break '12

By Sierra Cannon

Spring break has always been an extremely anticipated event by both students and teachers. It is a week-long break that allows time off during the school year.

Last spring teachers were given the choice to vote on a number of possible schedules for the 2012 Spring Break. The choices included an option to keep the original days for the break with the students getting out of school in June or the option to shorten the break which would allow students to get out in late May.

The process is started when the Board of Education develops some calendar options and then asks members of the school unions to vote on the options. The representatives of the union tally the votes and pass them on to the school board. Eventually an official calendar is produced and then followed throughout the school year.

When asked how they felt about spring break being shortened, seniors Trisha Phillips, Felicia Kessel, and Jessica Dinsio agreed that shortening spring break was a bad move and said that a lot of people take vacations during spring break. But someone obviously felt differently than the students because the calendar gives us a five-day break starting after school on Thursday, April 5 with classes resuming on Wednesday, April 11.

Fallen Stars

By Katelyn Rhodes

Over the years, a trio that includes Marilyn Monroe, Amy Winehouse, and Whitney Houston have all passed away from reported drug overdose, drug abuse, and alcohol abuse. These three women have been very influential in our culture and society today. They sadly had their lives cut short because of their unfortunate addictions to either illegal drugs, overdose of prescription substances and abuse of alcohol. They were all beautiful, extremely talented, and will all never be forgotten.

The Femme Fatale we all know as Marilyn Monroe was actually born Norma Jean Mortenson on June 1, 1926, in Los Angeles, California. She started her career as a swimsuit model but soon after moved on to being a big movie star. Monroe captured roles in films such as *Some Like It Hot*, *The Seven Year Itch*, and *Something's Got to Give*. During her lifetime she starred in 30 films. At the age of 36, Marilyn was found in her home by her housekeeper on August 5, 1962. The cause of death was reported to be an overdose of sedatives.

British retro, hip-hop, sassy soul singer Amy Winehouse was born in Southgate, London, on September 14, 1983. She gained her love of music through her father Mitch Winehouse. When she was younger she formed a group entitled Sweet 'n' Sour which she later said could be described as "The



little white Jewish Salt 'n' Pepa." Amy is mainly known for her hit single "Rehab" from her *Back to Black* album. Her soulful voice was sadly silenced forever when she passed away on July 23, 2011, at the young age of 27. The cause of death was reported as alcohol poisoning due to an immense amount of alcohol in her system.

Known as a child as Nippy and later the Prom Queen of Soul, Whitney Houston was born August 9, 1963, in Newark, New Jersey. Her musical interest came from her mother Cissy Houston who was a gospel star. She started by merely singing in her churches choir and moved to super stardom. One of her most famous hits was and still is "I Will Always Love You" which was ranked number 65 on the American Film Institute's list of "The 100 Years of The Greatest Songs." She was beautiful and immensely talented, but her truly gifted voice was put to rest on February 11, 2012, at the age of 48. The cause of her death is speculated to be a lethal combination of prescription drugs and alcohol.

College Checklist

By DeAnna Walker



COLLEGE NAME: Kent State University

LOCATION: Kent, Ohio

MASCOT: Flash the Golden Eagle

TUTUION: Commuting - \$9,346 On campus - \$18,176

POPULATION: 27,855-on the main campus 42,185-from all campuses combined

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 21:1

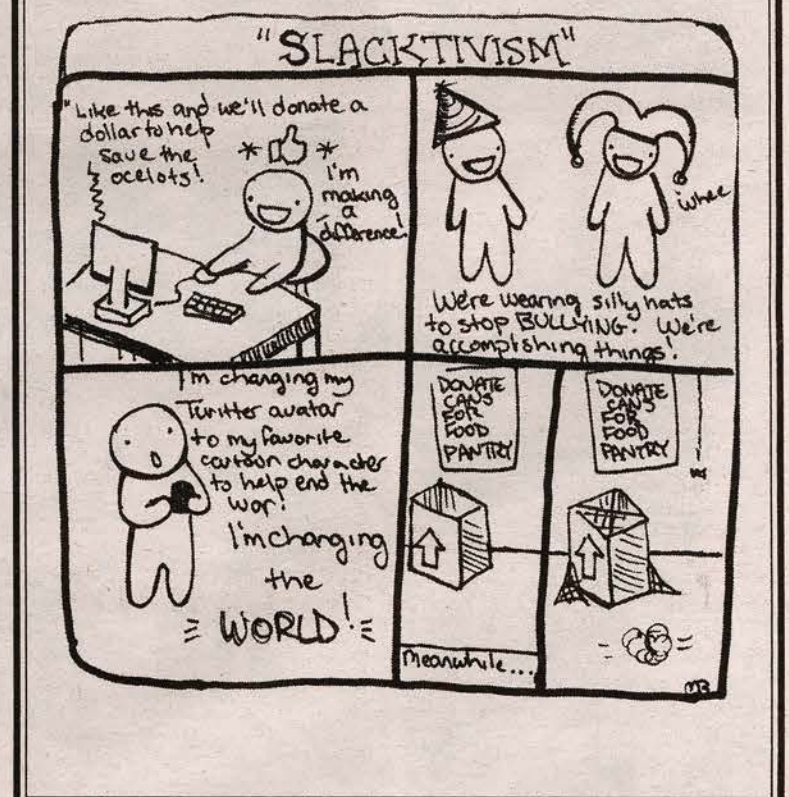
REQUIRED/AVERAGE ACT: The average ACT falls between a composite of 20-25.

INTERESTING FACT: There's a rumor that the Elgin House on Columbus Street inspired the mansion in the movie "Psycho."

OPEN HOUSE DATES: There is an open house on April 18th for high school juniors. For any other grade levels, call Admissions (1-800-988-5368) to set up a campus visit.

Cartoon Corner

By Meg Bell



Quaker Clips

