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## SPRING



## VACATION



### A.F.S. And Rotary Exchange Students

By Edda Olafsdottir

Salem Senior High School will send abroad four exchange students after graduation, two by AFS and two by Rotary.

AFS has chosen their two scholarship winners and they are Emily Gibbs, 16, junior, who will go abroad for a year as a winter candidate, and Diane Curtis, 18, senior, a summer program winner. Emily says she would like to spend her year in France and complete her education in that language. Diane would like to spend her 2-1/2 months in Japan and she would go there she would meet into a completely new culture and new alphabet. They will probably know where they will go in May and leave the U.S. in July.

Rotary has also picked their ex-

change students for coming school year and the lucky ones are Peggy Hiegel, 17, senior and Scott Theil, junior. Both of them will probably go to Brazil and they will leave in August and spend their year there.

Last year's AFS scholarship winners from Salem High were Bruce Watterson, who spent his summer in Holland and Missy Smith now spending her year in Stockholm, Sweden. The current Rotary exchange students both living in Sao Paulo, Brazil are Dan Hoopes and Janine Hovis.

Being an exchange student gives you a lot of experience and new friends from all over the world. So if you are thinking about applying for being an exchange student, don't hesitate, do it, even though you have to go through a lot of interviews.

### Term Paper

The "sorry sorry seniors" are busily preparing for the next two months with their term papers. As it is term paper time again, the Barn and Burger Chef are rapidly losing business and pressure as the Dairy Isle is beginning boom due to its convenient location to the Public Library, which has become the seniors No. 1 hangout. Seniors are hoping that every-

one will understand their term paper blues, and reassure you that come the end of April, we will be back to our pleasant selves. Seriously though, way down deep, seniors realize that term papers are a worthwhile project, especially for college bound, and are learning many interesting tidbits of information of their chosen topics.

### County Festival

By Jan Milligan

While most people were on their way to the Salem-Poland Basketball game a bus load of kids were on their own way to East Liverpool for All-County band and choir practice. The students were picked by Mr. Cole and Mr. Howenstine to represent Salem at the 20th annual Columbiana County Music Festival. There were three practices held before the official concert which was on Saturday, February 23. The band had tryouts preceding the first practice. Sam came away with several first air honors and was the nucleus of the band. The choir personnel lifted their own weight against all other county schools.

The guest conductor for the choir was Donald Forsythe, a choir director at Ohio State. He combined any fine sounds to put on a well-

balanced concert. The two numbers "Ride De Chariot" by Smith and "Dixie" arranged by Norman Lubouff were interpreted by the choir with professional skill. Joe Lapinsky, a fine director from Y.S.U., led the band to a rousing performance. They performed Holcomb's "MacArthur Park" with the gusto of a symphonic band. The program consisted of many other songs with a few patriotic songs being done by combined choir and band.

Practicing and performing was not the only thing that went on. During the breaks on Friday night Salem kids could be seen hovering around radios catching the score of the basketball game. An enlightening part of the event was a rousing dance and a delicious "borgasmoard" held for the gang Saturday night.

### Art Awards

By Wendy Beilhart

Recently Salem High Art students were awarded for their entries in the National Scholastic Regional Awards. Students submitted their best works completed since last year's contest. Art teachers: Miss Yereb, Mrs. Polshaw, and Mr. Ross selected their works from the pieces gathered by students.

### Contest

By Whit Luce

Early Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. approximately 60 band and choir members, accompanists, chaperones, Mr. Howenstine, and Mr. Cole left for the annual District VIII Solo and Ensemble Contest. It is sponsored by the Ohio Music Education Association. Here the musicians perform for a judge who rates them on a scale of I to V. Rating I is defined as "An outstanding performance." The top rating was received by Andy Schuller on cornet, Cheryl Starkey on clarinet, Barb Roth and Vicki Schaeffer on saxophones, Mike "Choke" Milhoan on Baritone, Carol McClaren on Bassoon, Debbie Miller and Amy Cook on flute and Jon McCleery on cello.

Ensembles which earned a superior rating include a French Horn Quartet with Barb Coy, Dorothy Paparodis, Debbie Zimmerman, and Sally Kendall; a woodwind trio with Debbie Miller, Cheryl Starkey and Carol McClaren, a brass quintet with Gary Walker, Jon Whinnery, Steve "Doc" Barrett, Phil Campanelli and John McQuilken, a clarinet quartet with Dena Rena Paparodis, Helen Paparodis, Shirley Cooper and Missy Falk, a brass trio with Natalie Gilbert, Dorothy Paparodis, and Karen Stiffler, a brass trio of Debbie Zimmerman, Vicki Saltzman, and Bill Bentley and a brass choir composed of nine members of the band.

Gold Key winners are: Gary Costlow, Wendy Beilhart and Leeanne Curtis. Leeanne also received a gold ribbon which means that her winning acrylic painting will go on to New York for national competition.

Students receiving honorable mention are: Judy Barnhouse, Ed Bennett, Glenda Boyer, Rita Graybeal, Becky Guappone, Harold Shaffer, John Young, Carolyn Janosik, Terry Martinelli, Phyllis Schehl, Chris Gorbey, Cindy Farcas, Mary McCorkhill, Terri Yuhaniak, Judy Reese, John Tolson, Brad Herron, Cher Stone, William Baillie, Shelly Englert, Cindy Koons, Evie Meine, and Don Whitacre.

### Bomb Scare

By Peggy Hiegel

Lately at SHS, the fire bells have been ringing quite frequently. On Monday, February 24, and Tuesday, March 5, the office phone rang before 8:00. Both times the mysterious male voice asked for Mr. Cabas. Each time he said the building will blow up. The student body and the faculty were instructed to leave the building immediately. The weather was not the best to stand and wait in.

### Juniors Work Hard For Prom

By Mary Pat Webb

The Junior-Senior Prom will be held Friday, April 26, 1974, in the Senior High cafeteria. The theme has been chosen but will be kept a traditional secret to surprise all the seniors. Each committee has been working very hard. The murals are well underway and decorations are in the making. Also, the servers and escorts were recently chosen.

The After Prom will be held at the YMCA in Youngstown this year. There is a pool for all the swimming fans and ping-pong and pool tables. Also the movie "Cool Hand Luke" will be shown. As an

### Around Our School

SENIORS

Basketball has once again made us proud to say "We're from Salem" and has helped make our last year a memorable one. Leading the team are our seniors—Tom Jesko, Dave Warren, Barry Hollinger, John Botu, and Mark Hurray. Way to go—MIGHTY, MIGHTY SENIORS!

JUNIORS

As usual this should be titled "PROM NEWS" because that is always the major news in the JOLLY, JOLLY JUNIOR CLASS. Prom is less than two months away and most juniors can be heard groaning from a terrible headache or a terrific pain in the . . .

SOPHOMORES

Sophomores have been hit by spring fever and are finding it hard to concentrate on such exciting courses as health and biology. Congratulations to all the soph cagers and grapplers who foretell a bright future for Salem athletics . . . scruba!!!

FRESHMEN

Two thirds of the school year is already over. Freshmen have been busy filling out their schedules. Most of us found a really wide variety of subjects to choose from. Freshmen are no longer a small minority and can be found in most clubs and activities around the school. Keep up the good work Frosh . . .

### Musical

By Mike Allison

The production "Once Upon a Mattress" is now in its fourth week of rehearsal and is proceeding excellently. Most of the cast has had practice almost every night after school, and those that didn't were at home busily rehearsing their music. The music, under the direction of Mr. Cole, and the acting, directed by Mrs. Miles, must still be coordinated together for the overall effect, but the cast has been reassured that that will come along later. Nearly everyone in the production must have the talents of acting, singing and dancing, along with the time after school for rehearsal.

Mrs. Miller holds first place for answering four calls. Mrs. Holroyd answered two calls. And last but not least, Mr. Cabas answered his first call on March 5.

These bomb scare calls, which are obviously false alarms, disrupt the school. For this reason, Student Council is offering a \$100.00 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bomb-scare caller.

added attraction there will be a group for more dancing or just listening.

There had been much controversy over where the After Prom and the Prom would be because we wanted to do something different but also do what was best. There has been a limit to the money involved and we can spend only \$1200.

We've had several concession stands for the "AA" tournaments at SHS to make money and many people showed up to help. We made a lot of money which will help us buy the senior gift next year and we had fun while doing it.

### Lenten Breakfast

By Marty Field

If you see some students coming to school on Thursday mornings with a dazed, lack of sleep look about their face maybe they've been to the Lenten Prayer Breakfast. These breakfasts will be held every Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church across from the High School. Each week a different church has the program. To date only one breakfast has been held; the Presbyterian Church presented a play which delved into the realm of time. These breakfasts are great opportunities to see friends and chat before school. It is also a great place to wake up to a free breakfast. The food isn't fancy but it is filling.

# NEWS EDITORIALS AND COMICS

## For A Friend

By Elaine Eskay

From the blinding sunlight outside, I enter through the enormous arches into a null atmosphere of darkness. I squint my eyes and finally begin to perceive silhouettes of objects taking shape before me. A single stream of light beams through the glittering stained glass window plays on the golden screen of the altar. Acting as if I were walking on eggs, I gently step down the narrow side aisle and slip into a splintery old pew. The crotchety kneeler complains and moans in pain. Every movement echoes in the vastness. Now visible are several levels of canopies aiming their little spears of light at heaven, their shadows drifting around mysteriously on the bleak wall behind them. The dull of my own heartbeat pounds in my ears: no other noise is audible. Now, completely accustomed to the darkness, I notice even the slightest details. Tiny dust particles frolic in the warm air. A passing fly stops to investigate my neck and quickly continues on its way. Happiness seems to radiate from the four walls. The church is my friend now. It comforts me and seems to say "I like having you here; come back again."



## Jazz Band

By Freeda

Last year a new course was added to the curriculum. This course was Stage-Jazz Band.

Yes, Salem High School has a Jazz Band. It meets every day sixth period and is led by the Band director, Mr. Howenstine. The Jazz Stage Band consists of four trombones, two cornets, three saxophones, guitar, tuba, bass, piano and percussion.

Stage-Jazz Band is a period of music both current and dated. Recently the band has been working on developing a blues melody from chord structures. They call it

"Blues in B flat." Favorites such as "Alfie," "Mantilla Lace" and "My Funny Valentine," are included in their repertoire. Jazz-Stage Band recently received a recalled "Fuzzmobile." It includes a tape of a moose synthesizer which plays with the band. This adds a note of variety.

The Jazz-Stage Band made its debut recently at a citizenship class party at the Y.W.C.A. Other gigs include playing for the Kiwanis Club and of course the Band Banquet.

So if people ask you "Does Salem High have a Jazz Band?" which I know is one of the most asked questions around, you can say "Ma Fai, oui," which is French for "we sure do."

enjoy, so much to do, and so many places to go. The following lyrics by "Pink Floyd" show how many people miss a lot in life. Be sure to catch the last line.

All that you touch  
All that you feel  
All that you taste  
All you feel  
All that you love  
All that you hate  
All you distrust  
All you save  
All you create  
All you destroy  
All that you do  
All that you say  
All that is now  
All that is gone  
All that's to come  
and everything under the sun is in time

but the sun is eclipsed by the moon.\*

\*Roger Waters "Eclipse" from Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon*.

## J. R. R. Tolkien

The world was young, the mountains green,  
No stain yet on the Moon was seen,  
No words were laid on stream or stone,  
When Durin woke and walked alone.  
He named the nameless hills and dells;  
He drank from yet untasted wells:  
He stooped and looked in Mirror-  
mere,  
And saw a crown of stars appear,  
As gems upon a silver thread,  
Above the shadow of his head.

The world was fair, the mountains tall,  
In Elder Days before the fall  
Of mighty kings in Nargothrond  
And Gondolin, who now beyond  
The Western Seas have passed away:  
The world was fair in Durin's Day.

A king he was on carven throne  
In many-pillared halls of stone  
With golden roof and silver floor,  
And runes of power upon the door.  
The light of sun and star and moon  
In shining lamps of crystal hewn  
Undimmed by cloud or shade of night  
There shone for ever fair and bright.

There hammer on the anvil smote,  
There chisel clove, and graver wrote;  
There forged was blade, and bound was hilt;  
The delver mined, the mason built.  
The beryl, pearl, and opal pale,  
And metal wrought like fishes' mail,  
Buckler and corslet, and sword,  
And shining spears were laid in hoard.

Unwearing then were Durin's folk;  
Beneath the mountains music woke:  
The harpers harped, the minstrels sang,  
And at the gates the trumpets rang.

The world is grey, the mountains old,  
The forge's fire is ashen-cold;  
No harp is wrung, no hammer falls:

The darkness dwells in Durin's halls;  
The shadow lies upon his tomb  
In Moria, in Khazad-dum.  
But still the sunken stars appear  
In dark and windless Mirrormere;  
There lies his crown in water deep,  
Till Durin wakes again from sleep.

—J. R. R. Tolkien

## Book Review

Among enchanting fantasies, the works of the late J. R. R. Tolkien rate very high. The story begins with *The Hobbit*, a scintillating tale of the travels of Bilbo Baggins who is the very name the book is named for. Bilbo's friendship with a wizard is the cause of his embarking on a long journey in the company of dwarves. As they travel they encounter trolls, goblins, giant spiders and other strange creatures. Among these was a man who had the ability to change his form into that of a bear. And why all of this journey of hardships? Why to defeat an ancient dragon and reclaim the treasurers of the Dwarves' heritage. Little does Bilbo know however that he is laying down the foundation for an astounding series of events that will take all of the middle earth in later volumes which are the famous trilogy, *The Lord of the Rings* and in their separate titles *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers*, *The Return of The King* and numbered one, two, three respectively. Within this trilogy is contained a chronicle of the Great War of the Ring which occurred during the third age of the Middle-earth.

These books contain the ticket to true reading enjoyment. They have received the praise of noted authors, poets, and critics.

This saga is the fruit of labor and although it does contain a few inconsistencies it continues to please readers of all ages. It is truly a great work of literary art and has found a home in many libraries public and private. The collection is available in paperback through Ballantine books and may also be purchased in a hardcover edition.

This is something to take your mind off a world of hassles and tattle for a while into a world of fantasy and adventure.

## Eclipse

Life is . . .

A warm March day . . . a freaky old house in the country with a beautiful view over a wide valley . . . waiting in line to see "The Exorcist" and find the theatre has run out of seats . . . not turning in your theme and getting two F's . . . a thunderstorm on your convertible with the top down . . . taking journalism . . .

Life is a collection of experiences. Some are good and some are not so good, but all of them have one thing in common. Each one of them adds to a life, makes it interesting and challenging. There is really no experience one can not extract some good from. Even hardships and failures can be of benefit to anyone who has some intelligence. One can at least learn which ways do not work and help to make life more enjoyable. There is no point in trying to escape from difficulties, they will still be there. There is nothing too great to overcome. Instead, try conquering them. One has much to gain from such an action.

Why anyone could not enjoy such a wonderful experience as life is beyond me. There is so much to

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# Phoenix

couple of weeks ago a new group appeared on the "Salem Scene." The group consists of sophomores, their names and instruments they play are as follows: Greg Smith, lead guitar, keyboards, and vocals. Greg Equizhi, rhythm guitar. George Equizi, bass. Roy Paparodis, Bass. Last but not least Dave Wooding, lead singer, recorder, and a mean cow-

The group has been playing music for about a year. It seems they are together member by member. The first person to start up was

Greg Smith. He was the organizer and is the leader of the band. Then came Roy and then the Equizi twins. Finally Dave joined in and the band was on its way.

Last to join the swing were the "Roadies." In case you didn't know what roadies are, its someone who travels around with the group. The roadies are Ken Foust, Jim Elrod, and Chris Lowry. Ken is the head roadie, Jim takes care of extension cords and Chris is in charge of recording.

The kids they play for vary in

tastes. In Lisbon the favorite is "Jumping Jack Flash," in East Liverpool it's "Rock & Roll Hoochie Coo." The kids in Salem like just about everything.

The group started off playing parties. Their first dance was at The Eagles and as Greg Smith will tell you, "that one isn't worth mentioning." Then came the Country Club and from there, they played all around.

This weekend they're playing in East Liverpool, so if you want to follow the group, come.



## Linda Booth Salem High Bomber

By Linda Booth

Let me sum up the Roller Derbies, burns, bruises, jams, falls, speed, gay, queens, fight, and traveling. I skated in the Roller Games at the Tri-City Bucks, an extension team of the Los-Angeles Derbybirds. First I had to go through a training school, along with some friends, Donna Fox and Reed from Alliance, and my sister, Cathy. Donna, Patti, and I skated in games but Cathy only skated in the training school. In the school they teach you first how to skate if you don't already know to skate, then how to fall without getting hurt, then how to block while holding your balance, and finally help you build up your skills so you can go out on jams. During your first few games you will usually just skate a jam or stay in the pack to block. No fighting

is allowed for a while. The team girls captain usually watches over you like a "Mother Hen."

When I was skating, I only skated for nine weeks. I was once in a fight with a girl named Vicki Stepe and had to be carried off the track. I had to quit because I was only fifteen at the time. The legal age to join is seventeen to twenty-eight. Other than the age there is no other requirement.

I am not going to hide the truth. Part of it is fake, but only where the most action is to take place. If there are cameras there, or if there is a big crowd the hardest blocking or fighting is to take place in front of them. The skaters; a lot are straight, some are gay. The skating is ruff and not easy to take.

This is the fast moving and exciting "ROLLER DERBY."

## Travelers

By Wendy Dillon

Hello! Since we have all been discussing the process of signing up for next year's courses we are going to devote this column mainly to sophomores. All year you have heard about how great vocational school is. Well, now is your chance to find out for yourself. IT'S DIFFERENT!! Remember saying, "Try it you'll like it?" Well, give it a try. We have a total

of 5 girls and 17 guys. If any of you people are curious we'll give you their names and occupations. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of these people or go see your counselor. **Cosmetology:** Val Weber, Wendy Dillon, Della Morris. **Auto Mechanics:** Dave Anderson, Mark Lederle. **Welding:** Jeff Nedzelski, Don Walzer, Bob Quinn. **Printing:** Jim Price, Dan S. **Electronics:** Randy Ziegler, Rick Nordquest. **Auto Body:** Mario Carreon, Cliff Muhleman, Tim Eaton, Bob Krepps, Dave Ziegler, Bob Osborn, Dave Lehman, Don Campbell. **Commercial Art:** Vicki Zerbs, Harriet Ellis.

Students wishing to purchase textbooks may do so by seeing Mr. Esposito in room 175. No orders will be accepted after March 15th.

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## Leprechauns, Lollipops And Roses

Hi, and Happy Spring Fever days to all. Due to the beautiful warm days, we have noticed that "buzzing" season has opened once again. Unfortunately the buzz routes and laps have been limited by the high cost and "supposed" shortage of gas. It's too bad, too. Now that the Soph's are getting their licenses they are having trouble getting initiated into the International Society of Buzzers of which Mary Ospeck is the local president and Katy Steele is the national president. Dave "Ronnie" Warren is past president of the local club. It seems that the international buzzing route (Southeast, Edgewood . . . ) is getting all grassy and grown-up from lack of use.

It has also come to our attention

that several true, loyal Quaker fans had some trouble at the recent Niles game. Ask the cheerleaders about their fist fight with a group of Niles's "sophisticated" young ladies.

Now, for heard in the halls of SHS . . . No meat on Fridays . . . if the semi-formal was a week away . . . did you hear who got asked . . . another term paper? . . . what are you going to do after graduation? . . . cry a lot . . . what radio station do you listen to . . . WFLY . . . Sign off . . . Click.

To think about. "If a man does not keep pace with his companions perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears how-

ever measured or far away."

—Henry David Thoreau

### I ONLY WANTED TO

By Felix Pollak

I did not want to go, They inducted me. I did not want to die, They called me yellow. I tried to run away, They court martialed me. I did not shoot, They said I had no guts. They ordered the attack, and shrapnel tore my guts. I cried in pain. They carried me to safety. And in safety I died. They blew taps over me. They crossed out my name and buried me under a cross. They made a speech in my hometown. I was unable to call them liars. They said I gave my life. I had struggled to keep it. They said I had set an example. I tried to run. They said they were proud of me. I had been ashamed of them. They said my mother should be proud. My mother cried. I wanted to live, They called me a coward. I died a coward. They called me a hero.

## Salem High - 2174

By Brent Tice and Gary Zocolo

We would like to take you on a journey that we experienced by a stroke of luck. Can you imagine what Salem High will be like in 200 years.

Upon wandering into the basement of the school, we stumbled on to an apparatus of peculiar appearance. We stepped into the door in the front of the machine. We fiddled with some knobs and buttons. To our amazement we were hurdling through space and time.

In an act of panic, we shut the main power off and low and behold, we had arrived at Salem High in the year 2174 A.D.

We crawled out of the amazing machine, a little light in the head. Salem High has since been relocated to 127th Street on Salem's north side. We decided to explore the new facility of education.

In every room the students, shaved bald, sat listening attentively to a computer that was spilling out information. In order to give the school a more congenial appearance, all computers were dif-

ferent in size and shape.

We strolled down the corridor and observed a computer named the Ulysnex, a small, thin computer instructing students in English. Upon further exploration down the corridor, we noticed a computer named the Milesey. Then a stereo system was activated to tell students of a rocket with its lights on. We were informed that we heard the voice of the assistant computer, the Cabex. There are many more interesting stories to this school. We'll tell you more in the next issue.

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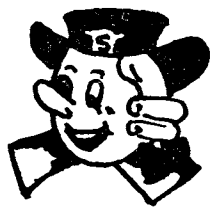
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# AS SAM SEES IT



## Basketball Tournament Action

Again Salem Mighty Quakers repeated as Sectional Champs at Ruthers Fieldhouse. In their first meeting the Quakers beat Poland in a great defensive game 44-40. In a Sectional Championship game Salem defeated a cocky Niles 70-63.

Coach Archibald's Bulldogs went to tournament action with upset in their minds but a tremendous defensive effort by Coach Rogos' Quakers thwarted their effort. Said to be one of the best displays of defensive tactics in this area this year, each team averaged 10 points per quarter.

Salem managed to put only four points on the board in the first quarter and a cold shooting Poland only made two buckets also.

With only about a minute left before halftime Salem took the lead for good on a bucket and two foul shots by Paul Shivers. Salem led at halftime by a score of 16-13.

In the second half Salem kept a consistent lead of about 6 points. The fourth quarter saw Salem full ahead by 12, but Poland kept its press on and rallied to pull within two of the Quakers.

Coach Rogos inserted John Sheets in the line-up and the Quakers managed two buckets to keep the lead for good. Paul Shivers paced the Quakers with 12 points and 8 rebounds. Tom Jesko popped for 10 points and John Sheets added 8. Jesko also had 8 rebounds.

Last Friday night the Salem

Quakers had a score to settle with the Niles Red Dragons. During the regular season, Niles defeated Salem 71-60 at Niles. That was when the Salem people got a preview of the kind of fans Niles had.

The Quakers came out fired up but had a kind of slow start after matching Niles with two baskets they let the Red Dragons go and score six unanswered points. Salem had a hard time trimming that lead, and at one time were down by the score of 32-22. Coach Rogos called time out and he must have said something pretty good as the Quakers came out "smoking." Led by flying 30 foot moon-beam shots from the cannon of Barry Hollinger and the vicious play of Dave Warren, Paul Shiv-

ers, Tom Jesko, and Jeff Foust they cut the deficit to 36-34.

During the third quarter the Quakers shut off the Niles fast-break and handled the zone press pretty well and at the end of three quarters of play it was Niles 47, Salem 44. Then in the fourth quarter it was like a fire had been lit under the Salem players as they racked up an unheard of 26 points in the fourth quarter. Twelve of these twenty six points belonged

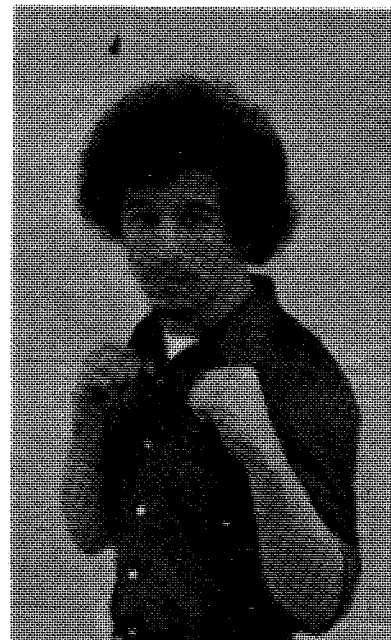
to Dave Warren, as he had the best night of his career finishing with 20 points. The final score was Salem 70, Niles 63, giving the Quakers and Coach Rogos their 2nd straight sectional championship. The Quakers avenged the defeat that they had acquired earlier in the season and which had haunted them the rest of the year. The loss to Niles had cost Salem undisputed possession of second place in the "Big 8."

## Dennis Plegge

By Brad Metz

Dennis Plegge: high school senior and welterweight boxer. Dennis was a wrestler his freshman, sophomore, and part of his junior year. He first became interested in boxing at the age of 14. So, he started going to Youngstown to watch boxing matches. Then, one day when he and his brother were in Alliance, they saw some guys coming out of a store with some boxing gloves. Naturally Dennis and his brother followed them. They ended up in a small gym where these guys were working out. After seeing this Dennis decided to give boxing a try.

Dennis trained for one year before his first fight. His training was mainly running and learning the fundamentals of boxing. Then his first fight came in 1971. Dennis was then 15. His opponent was Al James. James was 28 and the fight was for the Golden Gloves, flyweight division. Dennis won a 3 round decision. Since then he has fought 8 times. His record is 6 wins, 3 losses with one technical knock out (T.K.O.) Dennis has also fought a guy on the American Boxing Team. The fight was stopped in the third round because Dennis broke his hand. A few weeks ago, Dennis beat Jerry Burns for the 1974 Golden Gloves. He kept him off balance with solid left hooks and right upper cuts. This is Joe Frazier's style. Dennis says, "My left hook is my damaging punch and I hope to have a few more knockouts in my future fights and with my left hook developing more every day there is no reason why I couldn't. Dennis' trainer is Clarence John-



son of Alliance. Johnson himself was a professional middleweight fighter. His first trainer was Pete Tomez of Youngstown. Tomez trained Ernie Shavers when Shavers was an amateur. Dennis has also worked out in the same gym as Ernie Shavers.

Dennis says he would still like to keep boxing if his hand doesn't break again and he would also like to box professionally. But first he would like to try out for the 1976 Olympics.

His brother Bob is a boxer in Germany. Bob lost a close decision to the middleweight champion of Germany.

Dennis has an upcoming fight at the end of March. It will be held at Alliance Stanton Jr. High and it will be a professional-amateur card.

## Spring Track Starts

The first meeting of spring track is held Feb. 28 at Reilly Stadium. About 70 athletes reported, which breaks down to 25 freshmen, and 45 varsity members. Coach alter "Bing" Newton said that he is expecting a good season. He stated that the team has never worked as hard as it did this last winter, and he feels that the team is stronger than it ever has been. Coach Newton also said that the team would have to fight to defend its county title for the fourth consecutive year. He said that this year the team was also going to push for the sectional crown. Assistant Fitch has had it too long, and we are the team that will take the sectional title away from them," he stated.

Helping Coach Newton this year is assistant coach Tim Predieri who is coaching the Weight men. Rich Colian, former Salem trackman, is also helping Coach Newton in his spare time.

This past winter the trackmen kept track of the miles they ran, and added it to a team total. The squad ran a total of 12,200 miles in three months, smashing the old record of 10,500 miles, which was set in 1972-73. Figuring that the average car gets 15 miles to the gallon, the winter trackmen saved the country 813 gallons of gas (of course they used some of that to go to winter track meets in Pittsburgh). The athletes did well in the indoor meets in Pittsburgh, and this should help them considerably

when the season comes.

The distance squad (880, mile, 2 mile) is ready to turn in another good year, and will once again be one of the finest distance squads in the district. Roger Nordquest and Dave Smith are the mile squad leaders, John Piersol and Bob Spanbauer are the 2 mile squad leaders, and Dan Warner is the 880 leader.

The sprinters are expected to do well again this year. Dave Ray and Dave Stevenson are the squad leaders of the sprinters. Don Farmer and Scott Citino are the 440 squad leaders. These boys are expected to fill the shoes left open from last year.

## 7 Eyes

In the reserve wrestling circle, Ed Smith went undefeated while the whole team had a winning season of 8-4. One of the tear-jerkers of the season was when Brian Smith wrestled a 345 pound gorilla. Brian put up a good fight, but was pinned after 2-1/2 seconds of the match.

168 people reported to the first track practice. After the first day, 123 people left. After everyone was told to get haircuts over the ears and collar another 10 guys left. So with 42 guys left, Salem is expecting a repeat performance in the county meet. You get up at 6:45 a.m. and look out the window, you may see nuts running down the street track. These dedicated men run 3 to 4 miles before school. I don't want to mention any names Mike Doyle, Bob Spanbauer,

Mike Snyder, Kim Morrison or Dan Warner.

If you were at the Niles-Salem game last Friday, you were fortunate enough to see a very tough Niles rooting section. They were the toughest fans this side of the Mississippi. They believed in fighting fair and square such as: 40 fans to 1 Salem fan or a group of about 30 fans trying to kick in a car.

Church league basketball came to a close last week. The champions were St. Paul A. St. Paul's team consists of Mike and Vic Watterson, Len Batcha, Jay Cope, Maurice Smith, Cliff Muhleman, Mike Colian, and head coach Bob Schaefer. Their record was 8-1.

## Wrestlers

Wrestling season came to a close last week as the four tournament finalists all bowed out of competition. The last regular season match was with Canfield at the Salem Gym on February 15. This was a close match as the Quakers lost only by a few points. The varsity team ended up with a 3-9 record, and 0-7 in the league matches. This is a let down after doing so well in the EOWL (Eastern Ohio Wrestling League) tournaments. All we can do now is look forward to next year's competition. There are 8 or 9 experienced varsity lettermen returning next year. Also, many of the reserves will improve for next year as they compiled an 8-4 record.

## AA Tourney

By Mike Doyle

Salem is the host of the AA E.O. sectional and district tournaments for the third year in a row. Opening round action it was Youngstown North 56, Canfield 35; Waterloo 69, Rootstown 57; West Branch 54, Campbell Memorial 44; Minerva 63, Field 55; St. Thomas Aquinas 68, Columbiana 59; Springfield Local 46, East Palestine 4-0; Beaver Local 55, United 54. For the sectional crowns it was North 65, Waterloo 52; West Branch 74, Minerva 55; Aquinas Springfield Local 48; and Beaver Local 66, Lake 58.

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