

Key Club

by Alan Guchemand

Annually the Key Club has been giving some joy to the underprivileged of our town. You possibly saw them ringing bells on downtown streets early this month. This has been an annual tradition for Key Clubbers.

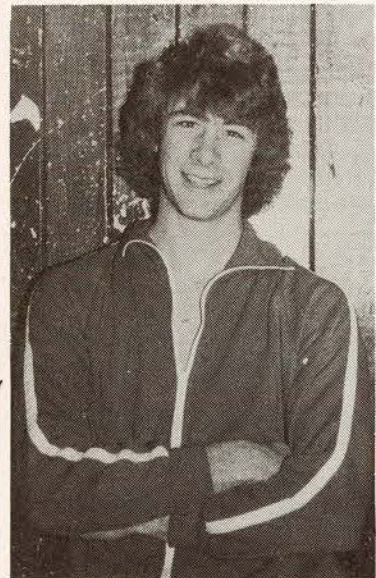
During the school year the club is actively making money to be donated to the Salvation Army and other community organizations. This year they cut wood and sponsored a dance. This enabled them to donate \$100 for the many activities of the Salvation Army.

The Key Club also gives baskets of food to underprivileged families in our community. Even though Salem is fortunate to have few of these families, we do have some. The club, along with other social organizations, remembers them during this the most important season for giving in the year.

Their most important Christmas activity is the party for the underprivileged children of our community. Each year the Key Club has taken an active part in seeing that these kids have a Christmas they will not soon forget.

The Key Club wishes to take this opportunity to wish the students and faculty a Happy Holiday.

Student Photographer



by Mary Ann Faleta

At age 13, Dave Chappell wanted to be a photographer. Dave is presently working for the Salem News as a writer and photographer. He also is on the yearbook staff, and takes pictures for the Bi-Weekly. Besides the Salem News, Dave worked for the Morning Journal in Lisbon and the Farm and Dairy in Salem. The pictures in the basketball program were taken by Dave also. Besides photography, he enjoys playing basketball and writing poems in his spare time. Taking time off from his work at the Salem News, Dave is our own Quaker Sam you see out with the cheerleaders trying to arouse school spirit. He enjoys being Quaker Sam because he feels he is helping the team and the school. While he is cheering at the games, his sister Diane helps him out by taking the game pictures for him.

Dave will also appear in the play, "Glass Menagerie" as Jim, a gentleman caller. The play is being presented by Mr. Viencek Theater Production Class.

Wishing to further his career in photography, Dave has already taken a course at Kent State Branch. He also hopes to go to the Art Institute of Pittsburgh next fall.



Congratulations Cheryl

On December 4, during the half-time ceremony of the John Adams—Salem High basketball game, Cheryl Stone became the new 1976-1977 Basketball Sweetheart. Cheryl was crowned by last year's Sweetheart, Gloria DeRoads, who presented Cheryl with the crown and the basketball necklace that is traditionally handed down from queen to queen. Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone and was escorted by Bill Southern.

Making up this year's Basketball Court were Cindy Dowd, escorted by Brett Albright, Lonnis Hall, escorted by Scott Guiler, Rosemary Gibson, escorted by Richard Karlis, Louise Moore, escorted by Dave Bennett, Judy Reese, escorted by Mark Watterson, and Becky Berger, escorted by Bob Ruark.

Following the Quakers victory, the Basketball Sweetheart and her court were honored at a dance held in the cafeteria. The group Magnum provided the music, while a Pep Club committee of underclassmen supplied the cafeteria with beautiful decorations. The crowning and the dance following were both sponsored by the Pep Club, while the Senior class provided the flowers for the occasion.

The Basketball Sweetheart and her court were chosen earlier this year when the Senior Class voted for their candidates. This year's court was voted on in a different procedure than past years. During the Fall, each senior voted for up to three girls that they wanted on court, then the two girls with the top number of votes became either Football Queen

or Basketball Sweetheart. Their courts were made up of the next twelve girls who received the highest votes next to the Queens. All twelve names were placed in a hat and six were drawn for the football court and six for the basketball court. The results of the balloting were kept secret until the time of each crowning.

White Christmas

by Debbie Madison

With the White Christmas only one night away, tri-chairmen, Caroline Boeckling, Michele Murdoch, and Dawn Fink, and the committee of sixty girls are working vigorously decorating the cafeteria, so they may see their ideas finally become reality. From their money making projects of bake sales, raffle tickets, car washes and the concession stand, the committee will sponsor the group "Sunshine" from Youngstown.

Yes, tomorrow night, December 18, this tis the night the guys and gals have anxiously been waiting for since early November. Comments have been heard throughout the halls such as, "What if his tux doesn't match my dress." Or, "You mean you went as far as Pittsburgh to look for a dress?" "I hope he remembered to order the flowers." And, "Are you sure this one night is worth all that money?"

You bet your life it's worth it for just one night. It will be something both of you will remember for the rest of your lives.

But now, with the White Christmas just one day off, the tuxes are rented, dresses are bought, flowers ordered, and the reservations are set. So everyone is set and ready to have a great time, the enchanting night of December 18. Now it's time to stop dreaming about a White Christmas and GO!

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Spirit of Salem

By Dave Chappell

The week before last it seemed that there was a lot of controversy about the attitude of the Salem High School boys at the basketball games.

It seems that their vulgarity is disturbing the parents and has also given Salem High School a bad name. According to the School Behavior Code, there is to be no profane, indecent or obscene language either written or spoken towards a student, teacher or any other person. (which includes referees.)

It has been said that the crude language used, is the worst thing that ever happened to Salem sports. So for all of you high school students it is quite possible you will go down in history at Salem High as the worst group of fans Salem has seen yet.

People say that the referees made Salem lose their game, that the referees stink and other garbage of that sort. I asked a basketball player if the referee made Salem lose their game against Struthers a few weeks ago. He said, "We beat ourselves, we had too many turnovers." But for you people who still don't agree, ask yourself, when was the last time you saw a referee make a basket against Salem?

A parent talked about his 4 year old daughter who attends the games and someday has hopes of being a cheerleader for the Mighty Quakers. He went on to say that she runs around the house yelling Bull—_it, Bull—_it, because she thinks it's one of the cheers.

Basketball coach, Al Bailey said, "I don't think it should be used. It's not necessary." Another basketball player said yelling for the team is great, but what they are yelling is not.

Mr. Cabas is disgusted and ashamed of all you young men who sit in that corner. The visiting team is our guest, you should make them feel like they are welcome. In the future, if the vulgar yelling is not

stopped it might be hard to schedule teams and referees. What team would want to come and play where they are booed and swore at.

A few years ago, it was said that "You've got to beat Salem but you also have to beat the student body." You could bring those years back if you started yelling the right things. I know that you could very well be the most spirited fans yet. The Junior and Senior classes have some pretty big mouths if they would only use them for the right reasons.

Most of you are not aware that a referee can call a technical on the fans. So, if you want Salem to have to work harder for a victory, Keep It Up.

Last Friday, in the hard fought battle Salem had against South, the young men who had been yelling vulgarities, seemed to pull the old switch-er-roo.

They were great. They cheered the whole game. They even started a few themselves. They showed real spirit at that game. Let's keep it up.

"The enthused Salem students gave the team a lift," said one of the basketball players. They cheered almost the whole game as they have never done before this season.

The complete attitude of the young men who sit in that corner changed. Instead of the usual commotion that usually goes on during the National Anthem, I heard them singing. None of them were on key, but they were singing.

There was a bunch in the group that wore cowboy hats and gave exciting yee-ha yells when something went in Salem's favor. How, if only everybody would bring a cowboy hat and join the yee-has, Salem could very well be the most spirited school in the area. They could have gone from the worst to the best in only one week.

All good things must come to an end, so I will leave you with the words, Keep up the good work.

Teen of the Month

Many people have been wondering how Teenagers of the Month are chosen; well here it is. A committee of Becky Kynett (chairman) Pete Zimmerman, Scott Ramsey, Amy Varkonda, and Randy Riley meet on the third Thursday of every month. They look through a list of Seniors who are most likely to be good candidates from S.H.S. They pick 3 or 4 girls and 3 or 4 boys and call them in to be interviewed. Then, they pick one boy and one girl to be representatives. The ones chosen have to fill out an application form and return it to Becky so she can turn it in at Kent State Salem Branch. Here, a teen board studies all the application forms from the various area schools. These schools include Lisbon, Sebring, West Branch, Southern Local, United Local, and Salem. They then choose the Teens of the Month.

Both committees look for various multiple achievements, such as . . . character, leadership, service, citizenship, and scholastic achievement. Each student must excel in one (if not all) of these.

On their application sheets each candidate must answer questions about their education, and their plans after graduation. Also included are their hobbies, employment and activities. The

activities deal with clubs, sports, religion and offices they may hold in each.

Molly Merrill and Cheryl Stone have both been chosen area Teenager of the Month earlier this year. Jim Francisco and Dave Chappell were nominees earlier this year but were not selected. Even though they were not chosen, they may be renominated later in the year. We would like to wish Becky Berger and Mark Zimmerman Good Luck as they were selected to represent Salem this month. Congratulations to all of you!



Coach Bailey Can't Sit

by Rick Fithian

Does Coach Bailey get excited during basketball games? Does the sun go down at night? The answers are obvious. Coach Bailey is probably the most enthusiastic high school coach in Ohio and his attitude shows up in the way his team performs. There hasn't been three minutes go by in a game yet when Bailey remained in his seat. The coach prances up and down the side of the court yelling encouragement to his players and to the referees.

Coach Bailey has a good reason to be enthusiastic, for he is no newcomer to the game of basketball. He played high school ball down on the river in East Liverpool. Bailey has held many prestigious coaching positions in his career. Among these were top man at Duquesne University and assistant coach of the Virginia Squires of the old American Basketball Association.

The early games of this season,

Bailey's first as head coach of the Quakers, have shown that the coach believes in the fast-break offense. He drills his players during practice in getting the ball up the court quickly and putting the ball up. The team uses no set offensive plays. They work the ball around while running patterns in order to get a good shot.

The first few games have also shown that Coach Bailey puts a strong emphasis on defense. The Quakers have worked in practice on getting defensive position and it has been very effective. Their opposition has been called with an unusually high number of charging fouls.

Before the season started, Coach Bailey told his players that the two most important characteristics they would need to play ball for him would be unselfishness and aggressiveness. With these things in mind, eleven Salem High athletes and one enthusiastic coach have developed into a very competitive basketball team.

"Song Remains The Same"

by Murf

Led Zeppelin has pulled another "gig" out of the hat. This time it isn't an album but a movie and a live album. The name of this Super-Duper double is "The Song Remains the Same." The movie and the sound track is produced by lead guitarist, Jimmy Page. The movie is filled with the fantasies of each member of the group. The members of the group act out their songs and relive their lives.

Tickets cost from 10 dollars to 15

dollars. The "live" album is a double set and is filled with songs like, "Whole Lotta Love," "Moby Dick," "Stairway To Heaven," "Dazed and Confused," "The Song Remains the Same," and "Rock-n-Roll." The songs were recorded at concerts during the 1973, 74, 75 seasons. The name of the album is "The Song Remains the Same." The members of the group are Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, John Paul Jones, and John Bonham. Jimmy Page is lead guitarist, Robert Plant is lead vocals, John Paul Jones on Bass, and John Bonham hitting drums.

Led Zeppelin has turned out other hit albums like "Physical Graffiti," "House of the Holy" and "Presence." The group has many more albums to their name. Led Zeppelin is turning out new ideas and who knows what they will come up with next? Just wait and see!

When It's Christmas

It's Christmas! How much is said by those two words! The weeks of eager anticipation: hoping for a dream come true. The secrets: preparing to surprise someone with joy... with a gift deeply desired. The greetings: from old friends who would otherwise be lost forever. The wonder of a child on Christmas morning. The sheer jubilation of church on Christmas Eve. The magnificence and overwhelming reality of the Christmas Story. The magic power of heartfelt charity to renew the soul. The realization that Love is the source of it all. Yes, it's Christmas! How bleak our lives would be if it were not so.

EDITORIAL

With Salem's curfew law a little over a year old, there hasn't been any reports at all given on how it's been working out.

The curfew for the city of Salem went into effect in October of 1975. The main concern for this was to keep the young people off the streets during the late hours and also that the vandalism in the city would drop. City Council came up with the following for the time allotment; children the age of fifteen and under, on week days have until 11:00 p.m., on weekends 'til 12:00 p.m. For people sixteen to seventeen years old have until 12:00 p.m. on week days and 'til 1:00 a.m. on weekends. For both age groups they are not allowed out on the street until 6:00 a.m. unless special permission is given by the chief of police.

All that I am asking is that a report would be printed up so that the people will know if the curfew has worked to show if there has or has not been a drop in the city crime rate and also if the young people of Salem have been obeying the new curfew law.

MBS

Hi Buddies, bet you missed us, huh?

Hats off to the performers of the play "The Miracle Worker" who performed miracles during their three performances. You all did a fine job and should be commended. So we are commending you.

Congratulations to the basketball court and also to the basketball sweetheart Cheryl Stone. The girls looked really fine and their escorts looked superb.

Back by numerous requests, MBS's Book Review. This week we are reviewing a book. Here is the name of this week's book — Dr. Seuss's (He has so many fans) *The Cat In The Hat*. Due to mature subject matter, Parental Discretion is advised.

So much for the book review. Now, getting back to serious business. There are five more days, including the weekend, until Christmas Vacation. This year, Christmas Vacation, including weekends, will total 11 fun-filled action-packed days and nights. Enjoy it while you can because it will go by **extremely** fast. Stay tuned to this column for Spring Break countdown and then for the final countdown till the end of school.

Be sure and support the Basketball team during Christmas break. Watch the Quaker Roundballers in all three of their upcoming games.

And now, yours and our favorite (No stupid, not the end) Buzzin' Through The Halls... No more Bull *#%*... Christmas is just around the corner, kiddies... I haven't started my Christmas shopping yet... I'm dreaming of a White Christmas... What can I get Milton for Christmas?... The goose isn't the only one getting fat... Well, how many do we get now... Wednesday was the big day, thus ending the remaining person in the crutch brigade... Hi Frankie... Did ya get your dress yet?... Remember, it's not too late to get a date for the White Christmas dance. Call collect 337-9711 and ask for Tonie!!

Toodles, and Merry Christmas.

A YEAR OR A DAY

Seen from a height of a thousand miles the earth looked the same as it did

How is it we can fly faster than day but we can't find the things we need.

Young man said the old man
Let the youth in your heart be at rest

We may all be dead in a year or a day
When the devil is put through the test.

The day of creation is our finest hour,

It's something we ought to defend
But it's been so abused since the first day of light that no glory can come in the end.

Young man cried the old man
There is victory in staying alive
And if you care so little for the world we're in

Why and what do you want to survive.

Can't we try, let the past go by,
with its lessons firmly settled in our minds

To our children one by one and before the darkness comes, let us leave a world full of light of a different kind.

In truth they should meet and with love their hearts should beat
And with patience solve the problems of our time

It wouldn't be so hard to do, it's only up to me and you

Let us not bequeath a life that is a crime.

—Uriah Heep

IS THERE REALLY A SANTA CLAUS?



by Margaret Gibbs

To all Americans, Santa Claus has always been a jolly old man with red rosy cheeks, trimmed in red from head to toe. But this is not how he originated. He was born in Patras, a city of Lycia, in Asia Minor. His entire family was extremely holy. After many years of doing good deeds and services, he was made Archbishop of Myra. St. Nicholas died on December 6, about 343. Six hundred and sixty years later, Vladmier of Russia came to Constantinople for baptism and took the tales of St. Nicholas back with him. St. Nicholas then became the Dutch brought St. Nicholas to the United States. His pale face had become fat and jolly. Putting aside his robes and staff, he now wore an ermine trimmed red cap and suit. His European birthday was also changed from December 6 to December 25.

Thomas Nast, a famous

cartoonist, created the white-bearded gentleman with his red, ermine-trimmed coat. Washington Irving, famed American writer, described him as a tubby little fellow with a jolly manner who sped through the air in a reindeer sleigh. It is from this description that Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's poem, "The Night Before Christmas," was written. So, this Christmas Eve, watch for Santa Claus and thank the Dutch for bringing his character to the United States.

Look At Yourself

The games we play, the things we do to impress people, our masks, fronts and attempts to be so professional, so organized, hide who we really are. These things are our protective armor. Our challenge in life is to take off this armor. When we do, we can honestly respond to the question: "Will the real you please stand up."

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Christmas In The Library

by Tammy Ritchey

"Christmas Spirit" was first brought to Salem High by the library. It was decorated by the library club, library aids, and librarians, Mrs. Simcox and Mrs. Gbur. They decorated November 30 after school and it took about two hours. Many of the decorations on the tree were made and brought in by club members and their advisors.

An Inner Look at Mr. Fisher

by John Carlariello

More freedom to the students are the thoughts of Tom Fisher, boys' phys. Ed. teacher. The former student and great athlete is in his second year of teaching and has brought back fun to boys in physical education. Mr. Fisher has accomplished many things in life, going back to when he was in school.

Everyone who knows sports in Salem knows Tommy Fisher as a great all around athlete. At St. Paul he competed in Intramural Football and Church Basketball. Cardinal Rooney High School attempted to recruit him but he kept loyal and went to Salem High. As a freshman he competed in football, basketball and track. His great career began his sophomore year where he lettered in Football and Basketball. As a Junior and Senior, Mr. Fisher played both ways at end in Football. He was all county both years, and in Ohio second team his Senior year. Mr. Fisher was awarded most valuable player, most outstanding and most valuable lineman in his senior year. As a Senior in basketball he was named second team Big 8, and received the coaches award.

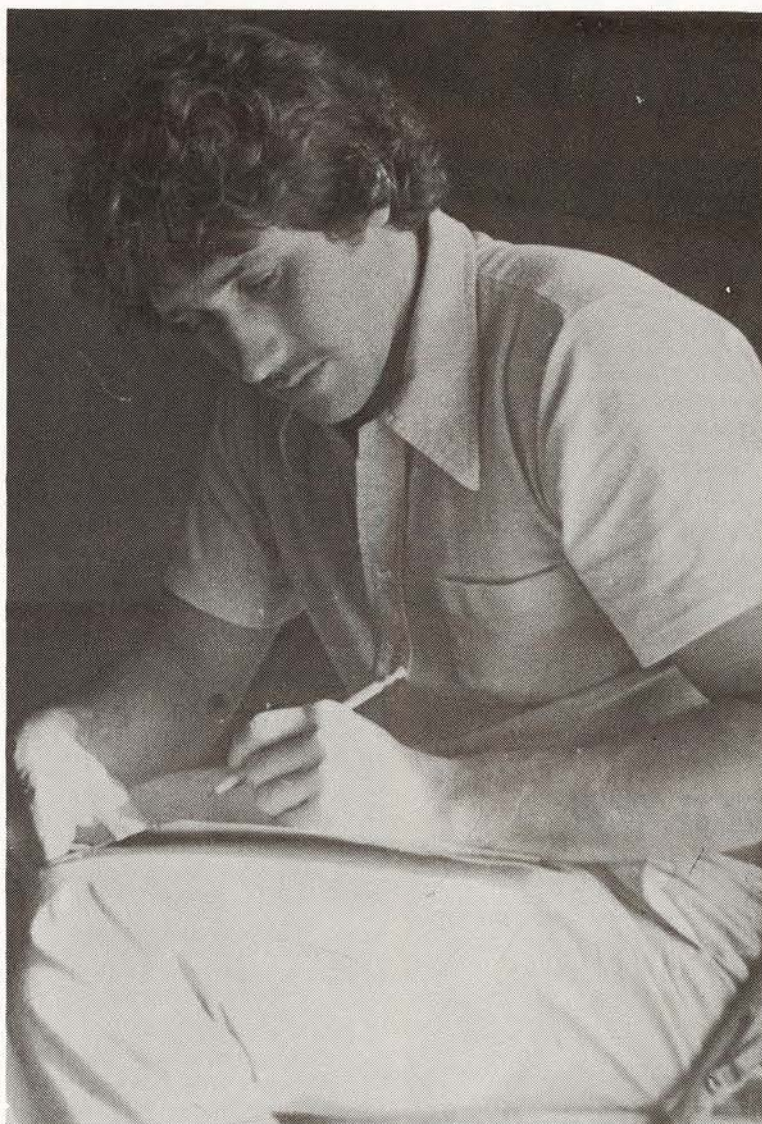
In college Fisher attended Bowling Green University. He played defensive end for the Falcons, and started his junior and senior year. As a junior Mr. Fisher was named second team Mid American

Conference. In one game against Purdue he was given the honor of being Midwest defensive lineman of the week. He also was M.A.C. lineman of the week three times.

Something happened to Tom Fisher which ended his playing career. He was injured on a runback of an interception. A smashed nerve in his shoulder temporarily paralyzed him for six months. Even though he was injured he still was named honorable mention his senior year.

This ended a promising career which could have ended with the pros as Detroit and Chicago of the N.F.L. was highly interested in him.

That was then and this is now where he is an assistant football and track coach. Mr. Fisher is currently working on a way so that juniors and seniors can take a six week or full course in physical education. Students have become to respect his teaching techniques and know that physical education is no fooling around. Students lift weights twice a week and compete in volleyball, basketball, touch football, and many other sports. Mr. Fisher has certainly changed Phys. Ed. and has done a lot for S.H.S.



Mr. Fisher, boys' phys. ed. teacher, is talented enough to be pro.

Kid Stuff

The wise guys tell me that Christmas is Kid Stuff . . . Maybe they've got something there —

Two thousand years ago three wise guys chased a star across a continent to bring frankincense and myrrh to a Kid born in a manger with an idea in his head . . .

And as the bombs crash all over the world today the real wise guys know that we've all got to go chasing stars again in the hope that we can get back some of that Kid Stuff born two thousand years ago—
—Frank Horne

What Do You Want For Christmas?

by Santa Claus

Now is the time of the year when all of the little kids and Big Kids start seriously thinking of what they want Santa to bring them for Christmas. But instead of them writing letters to me, this year I decided to go around and ask them. Without them knowing who I was, of course! Here were some of the requests:

- Charlie W. — "The Bionic Woman and Puppy"
- Kimmy W. — "snowtires"
- Rick F. — "a new cutlass"
- Alan G. — "Hawaii"
- Rick M. — "more vacation"
- Joe W. — "a G.I. Joe with life like hair"

- Teri W. — "stretch armstrong"
- Becky C. — "my license"
- Barb W. — "Tony"
- Judy R. — "my license too"
- Molly M. — "to stay up and see Santa Claus on Christmas Eve"
- Lydia M. — "everlasting love"
- Sandy E. — "a cute guy"
- Linda B. — "corvette"
- Dave C. — "Farrah Fawcett Majors"
- Wabbit — "a bunch of carrots"
- Mr. Engle — "a new Red and Black corvette"
- Melody P. — "a St. Bernard"
- Pete R. — "a baby tiger"
- Mr. Monteleone — "un traje nuevo"
- Laura H. — "Clyde"
- Jody S. — "life-sized stuffed animal"
- Amy V. — "a hoolahoop"
- Boni M. — "a double cheeseburger" (did ya hear that RAT?)
- Tim T. — "wine, woman and song"
- Brett A. — "a poster like Bill's"
- Bill S. — "a toy drum"
- Walt D. — "go see Kiss in concert"
- Clyde W. — "2 or 3 girls"
- Jim S. — "box of shotgun shells"
- Donnie I. — "Charlies Angels"
- Doug W. — "30 pounds"
- Mary M. — "10 pounds off my body"
- Sue S. — "it's a boy" baby doll"
- Marianne K. — "a date"
- Buffie M. — "everything"
- Becky K. — "something to hug"
- Mrs. Holyroyd — "hope no one gets the swine flu"
- Miss Rossi — "my own home on some warm island"
- Linda P. — "half of Europe"
- Kathy B. — "a ping pong ball"
- Bonnie C. — "a ping pong table"
- Deb S. — "a ping pong paddle"
- Deb G. — "a ping pong net"
- Joyce P. — "a guy"
- Clay T. — "a new tonka toy"
- Mrs. Miller — "EVERYONE TO HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!!!!"

Calendar Events

- Dec. 17 — Boys Basketball, Canton Timken away.
- Dec. 18 — East Liverpool Wrestling Tournament away, 12:00. White Christmas Dance, Juniors and Seniors at the high school, 9:00.
- Dec. 21 — Boys Basketball, Freshmen play Springfield Local, Varsity and Reserve play Cardinal Mooney.
- Dec. 23 — Wrestling East Liverpool — home 7:00 p.m. Christmas Recess begins — school dismissed.
- Dec. 28 — Boys Basketball freshmen, Reserve and Varsity play West Branch home. Dance after the game.
- Dec. 30 — Boys Varsity and Reserve play Ravenna — away. Wrestling Canton McKinley home 7:00.
- Jan. 4 — Freshmen Basketball Youngstown East, away. Wrestling, Boardman, Home 7:00.
- Jan. 6 — Freshmen Basketball Canfield away 7:15. Girls Basketball, Beaver Local, home.
- Jan. 7 — Boys Basketball, Barborton, away
- Jan. 10 — Freshman Basketball, Westgate, home 5:30, Girls Basketball, Warren Reserve, away 6:00.
- Jan. 12 — Wrestling, Warren Harding, home 7:00.
- Jan. 13 — Freshmen Basketball, East Palestine home 5:30. Girls Basketball, East Liverpool, home 6:00.
- Jan. 14 — Boys Basketball Varsity and Reserve play Alliance, away.
- Jan. 15 — West Branch Wrestling, away 8:00.
- Jan. 17 — Girls Basketball, Niles McKinley, away 6:00.
- Jan. 18 — Boys Basketball, Freshman play Niles Edison, home, 4:30.
- Jan. 20 — Girls Basketball, Canfield, away, 6:00.
- Jan. 21 — Boys Basketball, Varsity and Reserve play Niles home. End of third six weeks and semester.

Editorial

Our athletes need more pep assemblies to be shown that the school has faith in them and that their fellow students will stick with them whether they win or lose.

During football season, we only had three assemblies. We didn't even have one for the last game which would have helped the Senior guys, especially, to have pride in our school. And we haven't had one yet for basketball or wrestling.

The teachers, principals, and coaches feel our pep rallies don't have any significance. So now they're giving us so many minutes to do something. How nice of them. These assemblies are given by the students not teachers, coaches or anyone else. Five minutes certainly isn't enough time to show how much spirit the cheerleaders, students, and athletes have. The purpose of a pep assembly is to get "everyone" excited about the particular sport we're participating in at the time and to show that we do care.

Cheering isn't the only thing that should be done at one of our assemblies. I think a "pep talk" should be given by the coaches and the athletes should be introduced and be given appreciation. Also, just about the only athletes who are really noticed are the football and basketball players. At our pep rallies, we should give a hand to wrestlers, cross-county, track, girls basketball, girls volleyball etc...

Skits are alright to be put on but only if they have a significance. And I realize that the kids in KISS put in a lot of work to perform, but they shouldn't be a part of the assembly unless they too, have a significance.

We students do appreciate the things we're allowed to do, but I hope the cheerleaders and students will be having a little bit more appreciation from the "adults" and that we'll have more pep rallies in the future. After all, school shouldn't be a constant prison.

Spanish Club

by Nancy Yuhaniak

Last Thursday Spanish Club held its annual Christmas party in the high school cafeteria. A late supper is served and the traditional making of pinatas was performed. The party was enjoyed by all members who attended.

Future fund raising projects are planned for early in the year. A dance on January 22 after the Salem-Youngstown Fitch game with "lockwork" playing and a concession stand in February will provide for future Spanish Club events.

This year's officers, advised by Mr. Monteleone, are: President, Kyle Franzen; Vice-President, Rich Mueller; Secretary, Olga Navarro; Treasurer, Georgia Muhleman.



Hi! You can salute me now. I've just earned a promotion for myself — before I even change my status from Danny DEP to Danny SOLDIER. You see, three of my friends have joined the Army too — one chose an assignment in Hawaii, the other two decided on Europe. As their "part-time recruiter," a promotion (and \$40 more pay per month in the Army) is my reward.

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SEES IT

Roundballers Expect Comeback

by Barry Shuman

The Quakers are struggling to come back this week after losing three of their first five outings in close games. In combined total points for five games the Quakers scored 324 points to our opponents' 296. Close games in the last minutes have hurt the Salem Squad. In the first game against Zanesville, the Quakers were winning throughout the contest only to lose the lead in the last minute and twenty-eight seconds. But the Quakers regained the lead for a few seconds, but lost the game, 57-52. Bill Thorne was high scorer with 15 points and Randy Fortney had 14 points. That game was a heart-breaker. Salem

then came back with a big demanding victory over Youngstown Wilson by the score of 81-39. Randy Fortney was high scorer for Salem with 18 points on the night. Every player on the team played exceptionally well, and Wilson was sorry they ever messed with the Mighty Quakers. That evened the record at 1-1.

Then the Quakers returned to the floor the following night to handle the toughest team out of Cleveland. The Quakers did it again! This time with a close score in the final minutes, the Salem Cagers held on to defeat Cleveland John Adams by the score of 68-66. Fortney was high scorer again with 24 points. That put

Salem over the 600 mark with a 2-1 record. With Struthers coming to town, things looked good for the Quakers. But turnovers and questionable calls by the referees hurt the big team, and Salem lost its second close game. Fortney was again high scorer with 24 points. With Youngstown South coming to town, Salem looked to up their record to 3-2. Salem hadn't lost to South on their home court in four years. Unfortunately the flu had hit Salem and Bill Thorne and Bill Shivers had only attended one half day of school and weren't up to par. Salem lost one of their biggest assets, Bob Jesko, who irritated a football injury against Struthers. Salem lost another close game to South by the score of 72-66. If Salem would have

been at their best of health, the tide probably would have gone the other way. Randy Fortney was high scorer for Salem with 28 points against South.

Tonight, the Quakers should be in good health, and play their first away game at Canton Timken. The team is looking forward to bringing their record to 3-3. Randy Fortney was asked about the season and his reply was, "We should be five and 0."

All the statistics show that Salem is a fine contending team and is not easy to beat. True, the record for Salem should be 5-0, but close games can go either way. We hope the fans stand behind Salem, and let the team prove that they can do the job. Everyone on the Quaker squad must be congratulated for their fine efforts. We know they will come through with a winning season. Good luck and BEAT TIMKEN!

CRACKBACK



Here we are! Back with another fun filled, action packed, article of your favorite column, CRACKBACK.

In the picture above, being revealed for the first time ever publically are the editors of Crackback. Once again Crackback sends its congratulations to this year's Basketball Sweetheart, Cheryl Stone and her court.

With Christmas vacation starting next week, we get a total of twelve days off (counting weekends). So until next time, whatever you do, do what you do best, but don't get caught!

Now as the gridiron season has ended, the spotlight now focuses on Basketball. The district champs will be up against some tough competition from the big 8 and area teams. As for the fans who sit in the section where it is the loudest, we support the cheering and spirit that

helps to make an S.H.S. basketball game a thriller. Crackback sees the Big 8 predicted to end up like this: Barberton, Warren Reserve, Salem, Alliance, Massillon, Warren Harding, East Liverpool and Niles.

The Salem Quaker matmen are just opening the 1976-1977 grappling season. Coach Bennett's wrestlers have been practicing for about six weeks now, but the guys that were out for football have been at it only about three weeks. Coaches Bennett and Nelson are looking for a better season than last year's 6-6 (which is the best in Salem history) with the acquisition of East Liverpool and Ursuline, and Austintown Fitch dropping out of the Eastern Ohio Wrestling League.

The Quaker grapplers first match came against the Ravenna Ravens, with Salem losing 57-3. The only varsity victory came at 105 by Jessie The Quakers also lost to Beaver Local last Tuesday.

stage in basketball. This is where the players are developed for future playing. No school can have a good varsity team without some type of preparation of players in earlier years. With the change of schedule this year the boys have to be that much more in shape, physically and mentally. There is quite a bit of stress on the players because of the change in playing schedule. There's not as much emotional stress on the reserves as the varsity, but the boys still get mentally down especially after a defeat of a close game. Also it is hard for the boys to play a Friday and Saturday night game because emotionally it's hard for the boys to get ready to play. Coach Allen remarked, "The kids have worked very hard so far and they have been very cooperative." This year has consisted of, "new system, change, and adjustment." Good luck to the reserve team; and as for the fans, keep up the Salem Spirit and support your team.

JV's Under New Management

by Sue Riley

If you have heard noises coming from the gym after school, don't worry; it is only the reserve basketball players hard at work.

The boys have been conditioning since the beginning of the year. This allows the boys to come into the gym to shoot around. Regular practice started the first week in October. Mr. Allen is the new reserve coach this year. Coach Allen is a health teacher at the high school.

There were approximately 35 guys from the sophomore and freshman class that tried out for the team, but only 12 boys could be kept to play.

A normal practice for the reserve team consists of warm-ups, (flexibility), fundamentals of shooting, ball handling, then the boys shoot around for awhile. After this they practice their offensive and defensive plays and then they finish up with a scrimmage between themselves.

The reserve team is a preparation

Frosh Basketball Underway

by Frank Batcha

The Salem Quaker Freshmen are off to a good start as they defeated the Canfield Cardinals Freshmen 60-38 on Friday, December 3 at Salem.

The freshmen, under the direction of coach Chet Tetlow, have been working for more than a month sharpening their basketball talents. The Quaker frosh have a large team, with 23 men on the squad. The freshmen practice every night from 6 to 8 o'clock. The idea of Freshmen basketball is to sharpen the skills of the young ballplayers and to teach them the fundamentals of basketball so they can work more with advanced plays as reserves and varsity.

The Salem Freshmen beat Poland on December 14 at home. The rest of the home season is as follows:

- Dec. 21 — Springfield Local
- Dec. 28 — West Branch
- Jan. 10 — Westgate
- Jan. 13 — East Palestine
- Jan. 18 — Niles Edison
- Jan. 25 — Warren Harding

The freshmen cap off their season on Feb. 10 at Springfield Local.

The first two teams are: Lew Pittman, Jeff Strabala, Ken Davidson, Mark Shivers, Bob Faulkner, Tim Bergman, Brett Smith, Barry Magyros, Jeff McGuire, Dan Deville and John Sorge.

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Super Fan, Quaker Sam

Quaker Sam is Salem High School's mascot and is seen by literally hundreds of students, parents, and visiting teams from surrounding areas, but few know anything about him.

Quaker Sam was born long ago in the imaginations of men. He came back last year after a long absence from activity. Vic Leija obliged to be Quaker Sam last year. This year's Quaker Sam had to write an essay to become Salem's mascot. The principals voted on the best essay. Being Salem's mascot is a big job that calls for a lot of responsibility. A mascot must be able to get the team and the fans fired up for the game. Quaker Sam says he has had a hard time thinking of unusual things to keep up the enthusiasm.

Some things he has done to keep up the spirit are cheering with the

Athletes Honored by Boosters

by Patty Borkowski

Salem's football, cross country, tennis, golf and volleyball teams were honored by the Boosters Club on November 23 in the high school auditorium, with Charles Schaeffer as master of ceremonies.

Awards were given to those athletes who completed a fine season in their sport and roses were presented to the homecoming court and cheerleading squad.

On the football team, Nick Whitacre received Salem News' "Most Valuable Player," trophy, and Randy Mellinger received WSOM's "Most Outstanding Quaker" award. Jeff Saltsman was given the name of 33rd annual recipient of the Knights of Columbus "Academic Award," highest scholastic average on the team. Mike Murphy was awarded the most valuable back, Andy Baillie was the most improved player and Tim Tamati was awarded the most valuable linemen award. Andy Baillie also received a plaque for a new record in football by an 80-yard fumble return.

Other trophies for the most valuable player and the most improved athlete went to Paul Hoffman, Kevin Guchemand, Alan Guchemand, Mary Hess, Marcia Loudon and Cathy Yeagley.

Men of the Mat

by Tim Williams

This year the Salem wrestling squad, coached by Mr. Bennett, expects to have a winning season. They started their season by a crushing defeat from the Ravenna team, on December 7. They plan to come back and win most of their remaining matches. The score of the opener in Ravenna on Tuesday was 57-3 varsity and 51.8 reserve.

The varsity and reserve squads both have 13 team members. Mr. Nelson coaches the reserve wrestlers.

There are six returning lettermen this year, they were Pete Zimmerman, Dave Sabatino, Mark

Watterson, Jesse Christy, Dan Miller, and Rick Eakin.

The wrestling schedule consists of 13 matches between December 7 and February 18. Five of these contests are Eastern Ohio League Matches. The wrestling team needs support from the school. A lot of students aren't interested but wrestling is a great spectator sport. Quite a few people identify high school wrestling with Studio Wrestling on television. It is quite different. High school wrestling has 3 quarters of 2 minutes each. Three points are scored for a near pin, one point is given for an escape, two points scored for a reversal, and two for a takedown.



cheerleaders, leading the team out onto the court, and trying to keep up the spirit after the game is over.

Quaker Sam hopes the great spirit and good sportsmanship shown for the first time at the South game by the entire student body will carry over through the rest of the season.

This year's Quaker Sam was first introduced at the Salem-West Branch football game and is familiar to fans in his black knicker pants, white socks, and Quaker Sam head. He says he gets along great with mascots from other schools "But then, they were all girls."

When asked how he felt about being destroyed last year he replied, "It was a shame, but since they rebuilt me, I'm bigger, better, stronger, and faster, all to support the mighty Quakers!"