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Arms-Hostage Swap

by Sharon Corl

Who done it? This is what the American people would like to know. Just who is responsible for selling arms to Iran in exchange for hostages?

President Reagan would like to have this question answered as soon as possible, but it may be a long time before that can happen due to the 5th amendment. So far three White House national security aides, Poindexter, North, and Earl have all pleaded the 5th when questioned about the incident.

President Reagan, who first denied accusations of selling arms in exchange for hostages, now claims that mistakes were made in his decision to secretly do so. All lives are precious, but many Americans feel that selling arms to Iran in exchange for the hostages was no answer.

I questioned a few students and teachers about President Reagan's decision and whether or not they felt he really knew what was taking place. Here are their replies:

Mr. Morris — "I think Reagan knew more than he let on."

Dawn Pitts — "I believe President Reagan was pressured by the families of the hostages and that is the reason he decided to sell arms to Iran."

Mr. Trough — "I'll take the 5th."

Michelle Baker — "I think he didn't know. I think they tricked him."

Nick Citino — "For shame, for shame! Irangate has destroyed a fair politician's reputation."

Mrs. Coy — "I personally don't think Mr. Reagan knew as much as they say he did. He is just caught in the middle."

Lori Wilson — "I feel that if Mr. Morris was president none of this would have happened."

White Christmas 1986

by Beth Haschen

On Dec. 26, 1986, close to 150 juniors and seniors will be putting on their best for the White Christmas Dance. The girls will dress in formal gowns, and the boys in either tuxedos or suits — will be enjoying themselves at Timberlanes here in Salem for a Teddy Bear Christmas.

They will arrive at 7:00 to enjoy choice of steak or lasagna for dinner at 7:30. After dinner at 9:00 a D.J. will play their favorite tunes until midnight. They will be able to enjoy cookies and punch during the dance.

Who is responsible for all of this? Well, Mrs. Hayes is the organizer and the chairmen of the committees are as follows: on the dinner committee are Angie Hartman, Valerie Davis, and Chris Cosgrove. In charge of picture background are Matt Althouse, Chris Abrams, and Kim Evans. Handling the tickets is Mike Fromm. Making sure the entertainment is enjoyable are Willie Colbert, and Diana Huffman. Handling the programs are Amy Winters, Sue McKinney, Joan Burchfield, and Robin Penny. In charge of refreshments are Tina Allison, Lori Wilson, and Nicholette Ehler. Making all this possible on the money making committee are Mark Apicella, Wendy Whitehill, and Tina Mitchell.

The 1986 White Christmas Dance and dinner has had a lot of hard work and effort put into it, and is sure to be beary successful!!



Panezott faces off.

New Season Opens

by Bobbi Galchick

The Salem High School Varsity Wrestling team opened its season with their first match at home. We lost against Marlinton 39-35. Aaron O'Brien won his match with a pin, Joe Good, Eric Kunar, and Jason Beagle also won with a pin. Clarence Fields won with a superior decision. Jeff Swartz won his match with a technical fall. Their next match will be on Dec. 17. This will be at home with Ravenna. Saturday, Dec. 20 will be the North

Canton Tournament. This is where the best wrestlers from state come.

The line up for this year's team include Aaron O'Brien at 98 lbs., Robyn Anderson at 105 lbs., Joe Good at 112 lbs., Larry DeJane at 119 lbs., Clarence Fields at 126 lbs., Jeff Swartz at 132 lbs., Chad Hays at 138 lbs., Kevin O'Leery at 155 lbs., Joe Righetti at 167 lbs., Eric Kunar at 175 lbs., Mark Panezott at 185 lbs. and at heavy weight is Jason Beagle.

"There are only four seniors but a good nucleus of sophomores and juniors," said Coach Kunar. There are eleven returning letterman. Coach Kunar said, "Mike Lutz, Jeff Swartz, and Chad Hayes all had good years." He says they should have a good season this year.

J. V. Winning

by Lisa Esterly

With goals of winning the M. V. C. and doing well in regular season play, the boys J.V. Team now 5-1 and in league play, has a lot on their minds.

Coach Allen enjoys working with his team that has much potential and should brighten the way for the future Varsity boys' team.

To an average basketball fan, the words "monster," "mash," and "shot gun," may mean exactly what is found in Webster's. But, to the boys' basketball teams these words, often used in a sign language sort of way, are the defensive plays of the team. Man to man, full and half court pressure is the name of the boys' defensive game.

The team consists of Burt Capel, Roger Edling, Mark Herron, Scott Jones, Jon Mitchell, Brooke Pidgeon, Scott Sommers, Tim Steffen, Rob Wiggers, and Tom Wiggers. Edling, Herron, Mitchell, Pidgeon and Sommers get to see Varsity action as well.



Rivalry Ended

by Charles C. Dickey and Rick Wyand

Weeks have passed since the Salem-West Branch game, but there are still questions in people's minds that they would like answered. The games between Salem and West Branch have been cancelled from grades 7-12.

The schools decided it was in the schools' best interest to cancel the games. By cancelling the games they are in great hopes it will cool down the rivalry a bit. The two schools had a few meetings before they decided to cancel them, but the two schools have been talking about planning a dance or something to bring the two schools closer together.

If the Salem-West Branch games were to start again there would be

several changes made, but they are not going to say what the changes are at this time.

There have been a lot of things that have led up to the cancelling of the games, such as fighting at the games, throwing rocks at buses, burning of the letter S on the West Branch football field, and vandalism of both schools.

The two schools will meet again and decide what to do between the two schools. Before they cancelled the games there was a lot of thought put into it, before they made the decision. The two schools will lose money by cancelling the games, but they have to think about the welfare

IOE UPDATE

by Anna Holwick

The Accounting II class sponsored the Annual Business Luncheon for the IOE Department, which was held at the Lee Win Restaurant on Wednesday, December 17. The guest speaker was Ms. Cathy Volpe, who is an instructor in the Office Management Program at Kent State (Salem). She focused her presentation on job interviewing.

The IOE classes sponsored four children in the "Dress-A-Live-Doll" project sponsored by the Salvation Army. Each child was given one outfit. Churches and other organizations will be providing other needed items for the children to insure that they have warm clothes for the winter.

The competition between the IOE classes (Juniors-vs-Seniors) for food for the Thanksgiving baskets was an overwhelming success. Each family was given two large boxes full of food, plus a 12-lb. turkey. We derived a lot of satisfaction by helping people who are less fortunate than we, especially during the holiday season.

The IOE Department wishes you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Be A Good Fan

by Dan Murphy

Students and parents usually go to sporting events to watch and cheer their team to victory. During these games students and their parents should remain in their seats and enjoy the game. Instead some individuals leave their seats and start causing all sorts of trouble. Types of trouble these individuals can get in are fights, breaking things within the school, and many other types of rule breaking acts. Within the school they will break windows, clocks, and many other things. They may use rocks, knives, and many other tools.

Fights are usually the main type of trouble students may get into. Some of the students do not care what the odds are, they just want to fight. These fights usually break out during the Salem versus Campbell and Salem versus West Branch games. Before the Quakers return from Campbell there is a bit of trouble with fights and rock throwing because of the result of the game. Fighting is one of the main reasons Salem will not be playing West Branch until they are on better terms. Therefore if students and their parents go to football and basketball games they should stay in their seats and enjoy the game, instead of running around causing havoc.

Songs Of Christmas Greet The Year

by Jillian M. Bonfert

Just this past Sunday the Salem High School Concert Choir and the Salem High School Chamber Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Jeckavitch presented this year's 1986 Annual Christmas Concert. The concert was held in the high school auditorium last Sunday Dec. 14, at 3:00 P.M. and ran until 4:30. The Concert Choir opened with Melchior Teschner's "All Glory Laud and Honor" and closed with W. A. Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis" for the first set. Then there was a vocal solo performed by Jennifer Schlueter, and Valerie Davis to Antonio Vivaldi's "Laudamus Te." And following that a piano solo performed by Brenda Ackelson, also a senior here at Salem Sr. High. Then the Salem High School Chamber choir opened with a song arranged by Llywelyn Gomer, entitled "Sans Day Carol" and closed with the ever popular "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" arranged by Edwin Fissinger.

Ending out the concert, The Salem High School Concert Choir re-opened for the second set with Meredith Wilson's "It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas" and ended with the all time favorite "Silent Night" accompanied by Mindy Baquer, Flutist, and presently a junior here at Salem Sr. High. After the Concert there were punch, tea, and cookies served and the event ended with mingling people and a sense of Christmas in the air.



Missing Fans

by Lisa Esterly

There's one question that has been on my mind since the basketball season has started. Where is everyone? The balcony bleachers, mostly populated by Jr. High age kids, do not even need to be pulled out.

Remembering the basketball games of earlier years, especially the 1984-85 season, the bleachers were packed. A person was afraid to move at half-time for fear of losing his seat. Now, a person can have a different seat every minute if he wanted to see the game at every possible angle. Some students think if the team were having a winning season the attendance would rise. The teams need the support of the fans in order to do this. Others I talked with feel if we could have more dances after the home games more of the student body would come to the games also. As of the present we are allowed one dance per month. This comes with the reasoning that the chaperones do not want any trouble, in reference to the gang fight that broke out during a dance my freshman year. Personally, I do not feel that reason can be justified when one considers that almost everyone involved in that fight (we're talking 99%) no longer attends S.H.S. I think that the student body now should be given a chance. Though the problem still lies at the low attendance of the basketball games.

Our teams work hard and deserve more support than they are receiving. It is an extremely sorry sight when the cheerleaders have no one to chant their pleas of, "give me an S"

Foreign Christmas's

by Tracy Early

Christmas is celebrated around the world in many different ways.

Christmas Day in Spain means Family Day when family gatherings are held. Each home has a manger scene called a Nacimiento. Family gifts are placed in the Urn of Fate and drawn out on Epiphany Eve, January 5th. The children stuff their shoes with straw. In the morning they find presents left by the Wise Men. Felices Pascuas!

In Mexico the posada is the religious celebration which begins nine days before Christmas. Boys and girls go from house to house looking for shelter, just as Mary and Joseph looked for a place to stay in Bethlehem. The children receive gifts and candy from the pinata that they hit with a stick. Feliz Navidad!

On Saint Nicholas Eve, Dec. 5th, gifts are exchanged in Holland. Saint Nicholas and his servant, Black Peter, visit homes to leave gifts for children. He wears a red cap and cape, and has a white beard. He arrives by boat in Amsterdam, where he is greeted by the mayor. He rides into town on a white horse with his servants nearby. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are devoted to church services. Later in the day there is a feast and the children go ice skating on the canals. Hartelyke Kerstroeten!

Swiss children also believe in Saint Nicholas, but arriving on Dec. 16th. The festivities end on New

Year's Eve, when masked "Santa Clauses" make calls at children's homes. They also believe in Father Christmas and his wife Lucy. She gives gifts to the girls and Father Christmas gives to the boys.

In Czechoslovakia, on Dec. 6th, Svaty Mikulas descends from heaven on a golden cord. He is accompanied by a white angel and a devil named Cert, who is dressed in black. The trio make its rounds from house to house giving gifts to children.

Russia has many Christmas traditions, because the country is so large. There is Grandfather Frost and the New Year tree. Babuschka is the Russian version of the Italian Le Fefana. She is the old woman in search of the Wise Men. On her journey she rewards good children with presents. She creeps into houses at night carrying a lighted candle. A young woman, Kolyada, in white robes is driven on a sled. Children sing carols to her. There is also the tradition of letting a chicken predict the future. The chicken will visit five objects spaced out on the kitchen floor, whichever one it visits first predicts the future. Money: wealth, charcoal: death, thread: hard work, ring: marriage, object representing hope: journey. Hristos Razdajetsja!

In Germany, Kriss Kringle, meaning Christ child, passes out the Christmas gifts. He wears a white robe and a gold crown. The good children receive gifts, the bad ones get an armful of sticks for spanking during the year. The Advent wreath is very popular in Germany. Four candles are placed inside of a circle of greens. One candle is lit each week before Christmas. The Christmas tree comes from Germany. It is trimmed with apples, cookies and candles. Froehliche Weihnachten!

In the United States, the Christmas tree is very important in homes. Under the trees or on a mantel there are small manger scenes. Houses are decorated with lights, holly or wreaths are put on doors. Yule logs are burned and mistletoe is hung. Decorating with poinsettias was a custom started in the United States. Merry Christmas!

"Return To Sender"

In response to an article that appeared in the Salem Quaker, Friday, Nov. 21, entitled "Future Bound," a portion of the article stated Military mail is dangerous hit me close to home.

Obviously the reporter, who wrote the article has a very limited memory span. He failed to mention the important options and benefits that a military enlistment offer.

My knowledge of "The SERGEANT" is that he is a professional non-commissioned officer and is highly trained in his profession. And if an individual is so-closed minded and only recalls a very limited portion of the interview I regret that he would consider majoring in Political Science.

So now that I've voiced my opinion I would just like to say the Army is a great place to get a future education like thousands of students do. 800,000 people can't be all wrong!

"The SERGEANT's daughter"
Renea Hancock

Winter Track

by Dan Murphy

Any student interested in coming out for Winter Track should report to Reilly Stadium tonight after school or Monday afternoon for practice. Walter Newton will be the coach. Mr. Newton believes that these practices and indoor meets will help endurance for the spring season. Students going out will run about six meets. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Newton or talk to Dan Murphy.

Resolutions Can Make Changes

by Matt Wolf

A formal expression of an opinion is what Webster calls a resolution.

It's that time of year again when New Year's resolutions are made and we all try to change our bad habits and become better people. Although we try to keep them, New Year's resolutions are seldom kept. We do a good job for a week or two but then our resolutions slip from our mind.

Let's all start out the New Year here at Salem High School by trying to keep at least one of these resolutions.

1. Be more tolerant and understanding in our relationships with West Branch.
2. Be considerate to teachers and other students.
3. Be more attentive in our classes.
4. Learn to appreciate the pizza on Fridays.
5. Listen to your teachers.

Resolutions can change our lives and the lives of those with whom we come in contact. Think about it!

Quakers Rebounding

by Matt Althouse

Scores seldom tell a game's whole story. In the December 15th clash, Salem vs. Youngstown Ursuline was no exception.

Despite the final, 73-57, the Quakers showed they could go toe-to-toe with the powerful Irish, led by All-Ohioan Shane Johnson.

Salem, falling to 1-5, stayed close to the now 4-0 opposition through most of the contest. Early after the tip-off, the Quakers took the lead only to slide behind by four points at the end of period one.

With 4:35 left in the second period, Salem went ahead on a spectacular Chip Null lay-up. Then, Ursuline battled back to find the score in their favor, 33-30, at the half.

After another period, the Irish furthered the gap to 50-43. The last several minutes of the game Youngstown opened up. With 4:30 left, Ursuline only led by seven before zooming to the final score, 73-57.

Salem played well against the strong Irish cagers considering the popular issue of the squad's inexperience.

Physical ailments should also be mentioned. Richard Wrask has been ill and Ben Cope did not dress due to bronchitis. Brett Bezeredi is still feeling the effects of a sore foot, but he still scored points.

Christmas Symbols

by Connie Kubankin

The Christmas tree is the symbol of yuletide spirit in many homes. The custom came from Germany. The evergreen was chosen because these trees did not fade or die in the winter and seemed to be a symbol for pureness.

The people of Denmark, Norway and Sweden adopted the idea of bringing small trees into their homes during the Christmas season. Trees were not used in English homes until 1841 when Prince Albert and Queen Victoria decorated one at the Windsor Castle.

The first Christmas trees were brought to the New World by

Christmas Wishes

by Jillian M. Bonfert

Christmas time is finally here, a time for family, food, a time for laughter and for cheer to welcome in a Happy New Year.

But what for Christmas shall I wish? A sincere little hug, or just simply a kiss, thus these are the signals of forthcoming Love, to make all in the world feel the power above.

Wishing for their favorite toys is all but the hope of young girls and boys, and visions of Santa all plump by the tree will be but a sight that will form in their dreams.

Oh wishes for Christmas is what makes us tick, for hopes of big money and our favorite gift.

Though silently dreaming all snug in our beds, we realize a year will soon meet its end.

And after this Christmas has left us this year, we wake to new mornings and remember the cheer.

German immigrants during the American Revolution in 1776.

The custom of a community tree being decorated for outdoor display began in the early 1900's and is now one of America's favorite customs. An example of this is the National tree lighting ceremony in Washington, D.C. Every year the president attends this ceremony and pulls the switch for the brightly decorated Christmas tree on the White House lawn.

Many Christmas decorations we use on our trees today were once pagan symbols. The Romans used leafy boughs and flowers. Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. The Druids gave us the tradition of hanging mistletoe in the house. When you walked under the mistletoe it calls for embracement so when a young man and a young girl stood under the mistletoe they kiss.

While Joel R. Poinsett was serving as United States minister to Mexico he discovered the red and green tropical plant that has been named after him. In 1828 he sent a cutting of the plant to a friend in the U.S. Plant growers in the U.S. were interested and started growing the Poinsettia. The Poinsettia is now the favorite house plant during the Christmas holiday.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

True Christmas

by Matt Wolf

The Christmas holidays are once more just around the corner (only five more shopping days until Christmas). Inside the house preparations for Christmas are nearing completion. The stockings are hung and the cookies are baked and the tree has been decorated with tinsel, lights, balls and an angel on the top. The children of the house are waiting for Santa to appear. Amidst all of this hustle and bustle, including the buying and wrapping of gifts, let us all open our hearts to the true meaning of Christmas.

Let us not forget why we celebrate Christmas. Christmas was first celebrated nearly two-thousand years ago with the birth of Christ. Jesus received gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were the presents to the newborn King of the Jews.

Since then we have given gifts on Christ's birthday — Christmas. Christmas is a time for getting together with family and friends. The gifts we give them are a token of love and friendship. When God sent His only son, Jesus, God was giving us a present. This present was love. Christmas is a time to take that love and extend it to others.

Merry Christmas!

Cafeteria Staff Does The Job

by Keith Hendricks

There have often been dissatisfied comments concerning cafeteria food. Few have been justified; however, mostly they are just opinions.

Miss Cameron, the cafeteria manager, was more than happy to give me some facts. She explained that there are federal regulations to follow. The type A pattern, as it is called, consists of 3 ounces of meat or meat substitute, three-fourths cup fruit or vegetables, bread and milk. The cafeteria provides 1200 type A lunches a day to the Salem school system. To cite some recent examples over the last few months, 24,803 type A lunches were made in September, 26,223 in October.

There are only four women that do the main cooking required for this many. Health standards are still quite high and there are inspections two to three times a year.

The favorite foods in the school system are 1) pizza, 2) breakfast for lunch, 3) chicken nuggets. The breakfast for lunch was not popular at the High School. It was very big at other schools.

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Reality Realized

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A crisp, fresh flower bowed in a cool breeze

Its color was of fresh blood

The fragrance bizarre

It entranced me with Its beauty

I went to pluck It from Its stem

The defending thorns stung my flesh

And I bled

Tears rolled down my burning cheeks

The flower quivered with laughter at my sorrow

The brutal sound rang in my ears

I felt nothing so beautiful could be so cruel

I walked away.