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Christmas History

by Chris Vitko

Christmas around the world is a time for people to decorate their homes with lights, a tree, the manger scene and also to celebrate the birth of Christ. People also feel it is a time to give to those who are less fortunate and to be kind to others. Christmas is also a time to be with friends and relatives exchanging gifts. As people are aware, the birthday of Jesus Christ is not on December 25th. Some feel that this does not matter, that the event is the important thing. Christmas is a blending of elements including both the feast of the Saturnalia and the birthday of Mithra. The day (December 25th) was chosen to correspond to pagan festivals that took place around the time of the winter solstice, when the days begin to lengthen, to celebrate the 'rebirth of the sun.' On its present date, Christmas was first celebrated in Rome about 350 A.D. Many of the

traditions used today have dates which go way back. For instance, the decorated tree in winter celebrations goes back before there was a Christmas observance (Jeremiah 10:3). St. Nicolas was a 4th century bishop of Myra who gave money to a needy family by throwing money into their home through an open window or chimney. The manger scene came from Francis of Assisi in 1224 when he conducted a Christmas service around a real manger with a live ox and ass. Soon it became popular and at Christmas time it is displayed in many Catholic homes and churches. The traditional caroling came about when an Australian was touched by what he saw through a window on Christmas Eve 1937. A radio softly playing, there sat an old lady, candle in hand, listening to carols. By next Christmas he organized a mass

outdoor gathering called "caroling by candle light." The popularity spread and today across that country people gather, light a candle and sing carols. Christmas practices vary in different countries, yet the Christmas spell, such as is created with lights, evergreens, cribs, carols, parties and presents, is something that many find irresistible

I.O.E. Update

On December 16, the I.O.E. Department attended the Christmas luncheon at Timberlanes. It was held by Steno II. The next quarterly meeting will be in February during I.O.E. week. It will be held by Accounting I.

The Michael Paul Agency and Callos-McCreary Temporary Agency visited the Accounting II class. The Michael Paul Agency gave helpful hints on make-up, hair, and skin treatments and the Callos-McCreary Agency gave information on temporary and full-time positions, and what to do and what not to do on a job interview.

The I.O.E. classes wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

German Christmas

by Krista Blankenship

In Germany, Christmas is more a season than a holiday. The Christmas season there runs from December first to January sixth, when the German calendar looks like a checkerboard of religious and secular festivals. In all families, traditions, celebrations, and rituals live on, although today they seldom realize their full implications. The German Christmas season begins with Advent and grows in symphonic crescendo to its climax on Christmas Eve. Then the season remains at a peak of festivity for two more days and gradually levels off to its conclusion with Epiphany on January sixth. Perhaps only a native or one who has lived in Germany for a long time can fully appreciate what Christmas means to the German people. It is a time to be at home with immediate family; it is lighted candles, good food, exchanging gifts, intimacy and inner warmth. It is the emotional impact of rekindled hope, light, and grace.

Unknown to many Americans is the fact that Santa Claus Day is not the same as Christmas in Germany. Saint Nicholas' feast is celebrated on December sixth. Saint Nicholas arrives in person in Germany bringing candy and nuts for the children; however, he never shows up on Christmas Eve. Since the fifteenth century, homes with children have been visited by Saint Nicholas.

The Tannebaum is known to Americans as the Christmas tree — "Christ's tree," the tree of life. Tannebaums bless all seasons with their graceful beauty with tapering spires pointing toward the heavens, bearing the sign of the cross on every bough; nevertheless it is at Christmastime that this symbol of immortality is so universally and

sentimentally shared with fellowmen.

While some German and American Christmas customs are very much alike, some traditions of the Germans are unique; that is what makes a German Christmas so special.

Mrs. Hays Receives Gifts

by Patience Hippley

As most students here at the high school may already know, Mrs. Hays has been ill and away from school for several weeks now. She may not be back for several more weeks. Students are showing their "Christmas spirit" this season by helping her in any way they can.

When Wendy Gibson heard that Mrs. Hays was sick, she decided to do whatever she could to make Mrs. Hays' Christmas a little brighter. Wendy said, "I got the idea when I heard how the teachers were all donating money to give to Mrs. Hays, I just felt something more should be done." Wendy held a meeting on December 3. About twenty-two spirited students came in the "Christmas spirit" wanting to make Mrs. Hays' Christmas special.

At the meeting ideas were exchanged. Plans were made to donate money in the form of a gift certificate, setting a goal of \$300; getting everyone who attended the meetings to sign a card which is being generously made by the Art Guild; buying a fruit basket; and also going Christmas caroling at Mrs. Hays' house to present her and her family with the gifts.

Wendy also said, "If any student or teacher would like to go caroling with us they are more than welcome to." Wendy will be going caroling on December 22 at 6:30.

Domino's Pizza has offered to double any amount of money the students are able to raise. Also a special collection for Mrs. Hays' was taken on December 11th. The students generously gave over \$300 to make the Hays' family Christmas more special.

Teen Dance

by Maria Zimmann

To provide ALL area teens, 16-21, with a place to socialize and have a good time, the Salem YWCA has been sponsoring a dance on Sunday nights at the Hunt Club.

The dances start at 7:00 P.M. and continue until 10:30 P.M. Admission is \$4.00 per person, which includes all of the free pop that you want. No alcohol is permitted or served at the dance.

Some students have expressed that the \$4.00 cost is too high and, that by Sunday night, they don't feel like doing anything. Yet others have pointed out that the cost is worth it because it gives teens something different to do on the weekends, and that teens should take advantage of what the YW is providing.

Sandy Copley, director at the YWCA, said, "The turnout has been pretty good. We're (the YWCA) not in this to make money, just to provide area teens with a place to go. Right now, we're breaking even, so the dances should continue."

The YWCA was given one month trial period (4 dances) to get started and see what the turnouts would be like. Those of you who would like the dances to continue should encourage others to go. The dances will continue as long as area teens are interested and show up on Sunday nights to dance.

Double Vision

by Maria Zimmann

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be a twin? To have someone who looked just like you and/or had the same interests, likes and dislikes? Although many might think that it would be great to be a twin, Rob and Tom Wiggers had a very difficult time coming up with an advantage to being a twin.

Rob Wiggers and Tom Wiggers, Juniors here at SHS, were born 8 minutes apart on May 29, 1971. Rob says, "I was born first and they threw Tom away because they thought he was the afterbirth—then he cried!" Throughout our conversation, Rob and Tom had a few choice words about each other (not fit for publication), but they get along fine and do almost everything together.

According to Rob and Tom, being a twin has no real advantages, except that they have a constant companion. But Tom said, "A constant companion is more of a disadvantage because Rob's ALWAYS around." Many might think that it would be great to be able to switch places on different occasions, but switching places has been more of a hindrance, because they always get caught. They tried to switch classes for a period one day and ended up getting 4 night detention. Being twins "got us a lot of attention when we were little, but now no one pays attention to the fact that we're twins."

Rob is sick of being called Tom, and Tom is sick of being called Rob, and they both hate to be called "the twins." So, what are you supposed to call them if you can't tell them apart? Well, they're fraternal twins, not identical, so there are some differences that can be used to tell them apart:

- 1) Tom has a freckle on his right cheek.
- 2) Rob is prompt and on time — you may have to wait a while for Tom.
- 3) Rob writes left-handed, Tom writes right handed.
- 4) Rob has bigger feet
- 5) Tom is fatter
- 6) Tom talks constantly
- 7) Tom's funny and Rob tries to imitate him.

Although they have almost the exact same interests, likes and dislikes, they are separate individuals. Dressing alike is not high on their list, but they share everything, except shoes and girlfriends.

They dislike being compared to



each other, especially when they meet someone new and have to stand side by side. There's a lot of pressure and competition between Rob and Tom. Because they're twins, they're expected to be the same and do the same things. Tom pointed out that when they both went for their driver's license, Rob went first, and passed, so there was a great deal of pressure for him to pass his.

They're not real sure what they're going to do after they graduate from SHS. They'll for sure go to college, but whether or not they go to the same college; they haven't decided yet. I asked them how they would feel if one of them got accepted into a college that they both wanted to go to. Rob said, "I'd feel sorry for Tom," and Tom said, "I'd wish him luck." Mrs. Wiggers said that, "Even though they fight, like any brothers would, I don't think that they could make it at college without each other."

They always get asked the monotonous question — "What's it like to be a twin?" Tom said, "I don't know what it's like to be a twin because I've never not been a twin. It's like asking "What's it like not to be a twin. I always wonder what it's like not to be a twin."

Neither Rob nor Tom think that they look at all like the other. Surprising? Besides their hair color being the same, Tom said that he doesn't look at all like Rob. Rob said, "There's NO WAY I could be that ugly."

Look at the picture. Can you tell who's who? So you don't mistake one for the other, Tom is on the left, and Rob is on the right.

Light Up Christmas

by Craig Reinehr

Rudolph with his red nose isn't needed in Wheeling, West Virginia where their 3rd annual "Festival of Lights" lights the way through downtown Wheeling and Oglebay Park during the Christmas Holidays.

The "Festival of Lights" put on by local merchants and the towns people of Wheeling, brings in the spectators as the shops, hotels and restaurants boom during these months. The sights are too numerous to explain without actually seeing it but include a lighted holly wreath more than 50 feet in diameter with 30 foot candy canes, light bulb figures of Santa and his reindeer leaping 15½ feet into the air and Willard, a 28 foot light bulb snowman. Trees all over downtown Wheeling and in Oglebay Park are lighted with more than 300,000 bulbs. And while driving through Oglebay Park don't miss the light bulb Swans afloat on Schenk Lake. 250 Giant Snowflake lights, hung on street lamps dot the way through downtown areas to the park where an estimated 15 miles run of light spectacles can be seen. All merchants in the town participate by decorating their establishments while receiving quite a bit of business because of the ordeal. There's also a life size manger scene, a children's zoo, a lighted figure of the Statue of Liberty, a 16 point star that stands 50 feet above the ground and 200 side walk trees covered with 100,000 tiny white lights.

The Festival even has their own radio station, FM 91.1, to give you the full effect of the holiday experience. The station coordinates with the festival providing seasonal music mixed with background information. The festival is to go on through January 31, having 650,000 spectators last year and an estimated 800,000 people this year. It would be impossible to actually tell everything about the Festival so a trip to Wheeling would be a satisfying experience. For information on the "Festival of Lights" call: Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau (304) 233-7709 or Oglebay Visitor Services Dept. 1-800-624-6988.

Rappin w/Rabell

by Kelli Kish

The time has come again to talk to the assistant principal, Mr. Rabell. One of the questions asked was: Why aren't students allowed to wear nonsanctioned club jackets or t/shirts?

"There are a number of sanctioned clubs that students can join that meet the established criteria. According to the school board policy students cannot wear nonsanctioned club jackets or t/shirts." Why aren't students allowed to leave a study hall during exam day?

"A move was made in the Ohio General assembly to lengthen the school year from 180 days to 210 days. The move was rejected so now they are very strict on how many days and hours kids are in school. We have to meet the required 5½ hours that is mandated. The assembly is still in favor of lengthening the school year."

What do you think about a senior trip?

"I like the idea. It would have to have an advisor not affiliated with the school. If you check the school calendar the seniors are let out three days earlier than student body. This would be a good time for a trip."

"We would like to wish the student body and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Mr. Rabell
Mr. Monteleone
Mr. Delane

Quaker Cagers "Slam" into Season

Boys open season

The Salem Quaker Basketball Team tipped off its season on Nov. 24 and through the first six games they are 2-4 with a 1-1 M.V.C. record.

In the Quakers' first game they suffered a 72-61 loss to Youngstown South. Troy Cheatham had 22 points and Eric Little poured in 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Warriors. Bill Kress scored 14 to pace the Quakers in their opening night loss.

Austintown Fitch, possibly the best team Salem will play this year, destroyed Salem the next night by a 68-43 count. Salem was without starter Ben Cope who was home with the flu. The Quakers only hit on 19 of 59 shots from the floor which equals out to 32 percent. Right from the start Fitch dominated the game. After one period of play the score was 17-2. Only two points were scored by Salem in the third period also. Tom Eynon led Fitch with 18 points. Bill Bryant was the only Quaker to reach double figures with 12.

Salem suffered one of its most disappointing losses in recent memory when they blew a 10 point lead with two minutes left in the game and eventually lost to Campbell Memorial 78-68 in overtime. The new three-point rule won the game for the Red Devils. They hit 3 three-pointers in the final two minutes and all of them were closely contested. At the end of regulation Salem was so deflated that they had no chance in OT. They were outscored 15-5 in the extra period with Campbell scoring the first ten points. Ed Bozic, who hit one of the late three-pointers led Campbell with 20 points. Bill Bryant scored 17 to pace Salem. Bill Kress had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

"I was very pleased with the response the next night. We bounced back well." These were the feelings of Coach George Spack after the Quakers garnered their first win of the season 68-54 over Youngstown East. The Quakers could have just folded up after the shocking loss to Campbell, but they came out and thoroughly dominated the East game. Salem's depth was evident as six players scored eight or

more points. For the second game in a row Kress had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Coach Spack felt that the play of guards Chuck Juliano and Brooke Pidgeon was excellent. He said that Pidgeon is beginning to relax and is not trying to do too much. The Quakers shot a season best 52% as a team and outrebounded the Bears by seven.

Coach Spack felt that if Salem could hold Warren J.F.K.'s 6'9" center John Zocalli to around 20 points Salem would have a good chance to win. Zocalli scored 20 and Salem won by two 57-55 in overtime. Bill Bryant hit for a season high 20 points to lead Salem, with the last two coming from the foul line with four seconds left in OT to provide the margin of victory.

Youngstown Ursuline defeated the Quakers 49-47 after Salem turned the ball over with a chance to tie with four seconds left. Salem had a valiant comeback effort in the fourth quarter. They trailed by seven entering the final period. They came close but could not tie or take the lead from Ursuline. Bill Kress had 10 points and 12 boards to lead Salem. Bryan Cook led Ursuline with 14. Only 6 of 14 free throws were made which came back to haunt Salem in the end.

Salem's most consistent player has been Bill Bryant. Bryant is averaging 13.5 points per game which leads the team and has scored in double figures in 5 of 6 games. Bill Kress is second averaging 10.8. He also is the team leader in rebounding. These numbers will improve when Kress learns to stay out of foul trouble. Also averaging double figures is Ben Cope with 10.4 a game. Brooke Pidgeon is scoring at an 8.3 clip and has hit a team high seven three-pointers. Bryant has four and Rob Wiggers has three three-pointers also for Salem.

Salem goes for two

This weekend the Girard Indians and Boardman Spartans come to Salem to wage war against Mr. George Spack's Quaker team.

Girard is 4-1 and played last Tuesday against Champion. Their only loss was in their opener to Youngstown South by two points. South has also beaten Salem this season. The Indians are the early M.V.C. leaders with a 2-0 record. Their loop wins are over Campbell and Canfield. The key to defeating Girard is slowing down all-anything Nick Cochran. They must slow him down because he is

almost impossible to stop, says Coach Spack. Cochran is the all-state quarterback who almost single-handedly defeated the Quaker football team. He is averaging 23.2 points per game with 12 three-pointers. His low in scoring is 16 and twice he has scored 31. Cochran though is not Girard's only threat. Alex Johnson and Greg Constantino also average double figures. It will be an extremely tough game for Salem to win.

The Boardman Spartans are coming off of an outstanding football season. They made it all the way to the state championship game and because of this they had four

players miss the beginning of the season. The best of that bunch is their big physical center Herb Williams. Boardman won their first game of the season over Poland. Joel McBurney was the star with 21 points. He was injured in their second game, a 68-43 loss to state power Canton McKinley. They stand at 2-1 and have two games the week of the Salem game. Much of the game will be played in the paint and that is where the game will be determined. Salem may be looking for a bit of revenge as Boardman ousted them in the first game of last year's sectional tournament and also blew them out in the regular season.

"At the Bowl Games"

by Craig Reinehr and Dave Hahn

Will it be Michigan State or Southern Cal.; Notre Dame or Texas A & M; Oklahoma or Miami; Syracuse or Auburn? Never fret, just place your bets with Craig and Dave, "At the Bowl Games."

First up on the bowl list is Tulane vs. Washington on Dec. 19. Dave and Craig have two enthusiastic thumbs up for a Washington victory, 23-10.

On Dec. 22, Virginia and Brigham Young meet in the All-American Bowl; Dave gives the victory to Virginia 13-7, but a thumbs down for Virginia comes from Craig who predicts a 17-7 B.Y.U. win.

The Sun Bowl, Dec. 25, will have Oklahoma State and West Virginia; O.S.U. will win, as Dave and Craig give two thumbs down for a possible Mountaineer victory.

Hawaii welcomes Florida and UCLA on Christmas Day for the Aloha Bowl; Dave predicts a Gator upset victory 28-24, while Craig goes with the odds and the thumb in the direction of UCLA with a 21-10 victory.

December 29 brings on the Liberty Bowl with Arkansas taking on Georgia. Two thumbs up come from Craig and Dave with a 21-19 victory for Georgia.

Air Force and Arizona State meet in the Freedom Bowl on Dec. 30, as Craig and Dave have thumbs pointing in the opposite directions. Craig goes with Air Force in a 27-14 victory, but Dave takes A.S.U. in a close one, 23-20.

The Holiday Bowl on Dec. 30 greets Wyoming and Iowa. Craig and Dave predict a 21-16 Wyoming win.

The Gator Bowl bites down on South Carolina and Louisiana State on Dec. 31. Carolina gets a 27-21 win from Craig, but Dave has thumbs up for L.S.U. with a 31-21 victory.

On Dec. 31, the Bluebonnet Bowl butters up the Pittsburgh Panthers and the Texas Longhorns. Pitt not only boasts running back Craig "Ironhead" Heyward, who finished fifth in Heisman voting, but also the eighth ranked defense in the nation. Texas counters with explosive tailback Eric Metcalf; but it will not be enough for a victory. Craig and Dave both go with Pitt, 17-13.

New Year's Day kicks off with the Florida Citrus Bowl matching up Clemson and Penn State. The Nittany Lions will keep it on the ground, led by fullback Blair Thomas. Clemson, on the other hand, will air it out with Q.B. Rodney Williams at the helm. Craig picks a 22-18 Penn State win but Dave chooses opposite, going with Clemson, 27-17.

On January 1, Florida State (10-1) and Nebraska (10-1) will clash in Tempe, Arizona, for the Fiesta Bowl. The Seminoles will rely on the running of Sammie Smith and the passing of Danny McManus. Nebraska will turn to the ground game which is led by Keith Jones and Dana Brinson. Again, Dave and Craig go opposite ways with the thumb. Craig takes the Cornhuskers 17-10, but Dave predicts a 26-20 State win.

The Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1 matches up Notre Dame against Texas A & M. The Irish can go either to the ground or the air led by Heisman winner Tim Brown. Brown is backed by Anthony Johnson, Ricky Watters, and Mark Green. The Aggies will turn to Keith Woodside and Darren Lewis to keep it on the ground while Q.B. Craig Stump will go to Percy Waddle and Gary Oliver for the air attack. Dave gives Notre Dame a 22-14 nod, but Craig gives a thumbs up to Texas A & M 27-20.

January 1 also brings on the "Big Daddy of them All," the Rose Bowl, featuring Michigan State and Southern Cal. Lorenzo White will key the Spartan offense while quarterback Bobby McAllister will throw the ball to Andre Rison. Todd Krumm and Kurt Larson will trigger the defense which is number one in the nation against the rush. Southern Cal will be led by Q.B. Rodney Peete as he and company will attack the State secondary. Craig favors Michigan State, who will be up for this rare bowl appearance, 21-20. Dave has the thumb towards U.S.C., 31-14.

The biggest bowl of the year, the Orange Bowl, will put Oklahoma (11-0) against Miami, Florida (11-0), and will decide the national champion. Miami is led by Q.B. Steve Walsh and running backs Melvin Bratton and Leonard Conley. Oklahoma, leading the nation in scoring average, is led on offense by Q.B. Charles Thompson and F. B. Rotnei Anderson. Dave and Craig both go with Oklahoma, 40-30.

The Sugar Bowl this year will see a battle between the Syracuse Orangemen and S.E.C. champs the Auburn Tigers. Don McPherson, All-American and 2nd in Heisman voting, will lead Syracuse with his favorite receivers being Tommy Kane and Deval Glover. Auburn will have the Jeff Burger (Q.B.) and Lawyer Tillman (W.R.) connection along with All-Americans Tracy Rucker and Aundray Bruce leading the defense. Dave pulls for his favorite team, Auburn, with a 31-24 triumph, while Craig takes a 17-10 Orangeman win.

The Peach Bowl Jan. 2 has Tennessee vs. Indiana. Craig goes thumbs up with Tennessee 28-21, but Dave takes Indiana, 28-24.

Alabama and Michigan will clash on Jan. 2 in the Hall of Fame Bowl. Craig has thumbs up for a fine Tide team and along with Dave picks 'Bama, big 31-7.

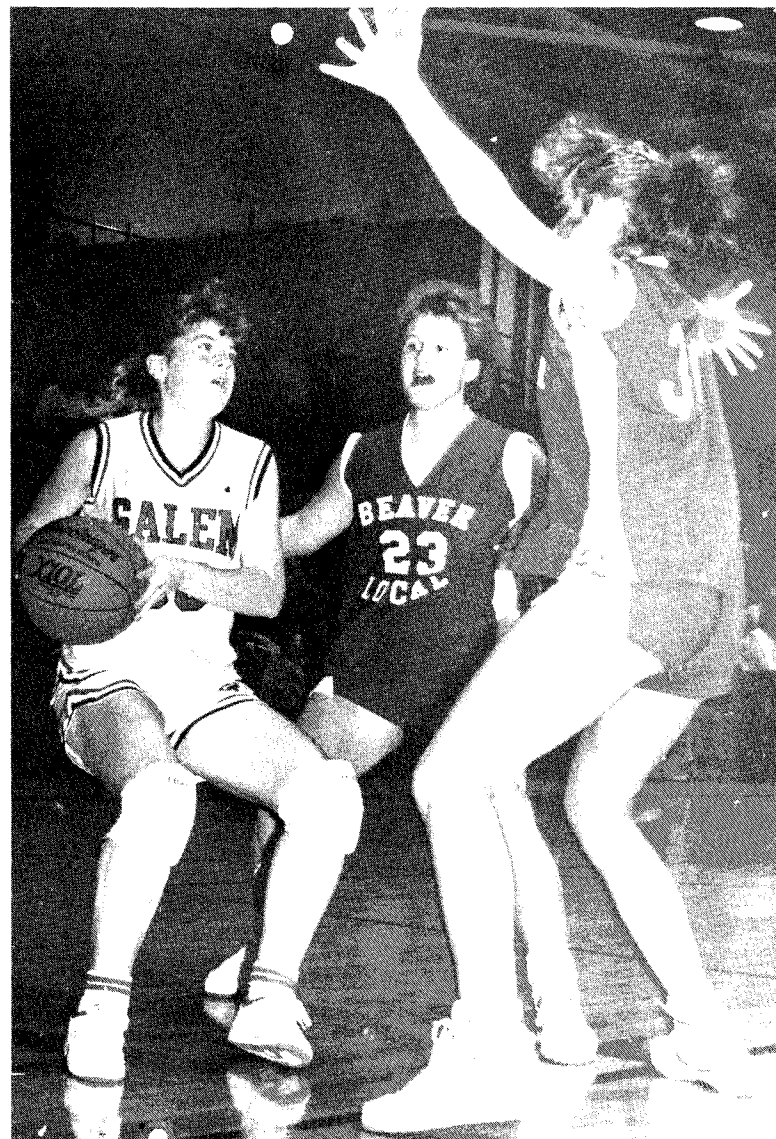
Two special bowls this year created by Craig and Dave for deserving teams are the "Toilet" Bowl and the "Should have Gone but Didn't" Bowl. The Toilet Bowl would match up a pitiful 0-11 Columbia varsity team against an equally sad 0-11 New Mexico Lobo team. The "Should have gone but didn't" Bowl would match up an undefeated Holy Cross Crusader team against, yes, it's possible, a 6-0 Columbia University freshmen team. Good Luck to all the bowl teams, and better luck next year, Buckeyes.

Students Get PEP

by Christopher Vitko

Pep Club has been brought back to the Senior High School after Mrs. Jean Esposito volunteered her time to advise the club. The Pep Club was discontinued at the beginning of the '87-'88 school year. The club was active for the last time during the '86-'87 school year and advised by Mrs. Winters until she decided that she no longer wished to advise the club any longer. At the beginning of the year, the Pep Club was the only

position not filled out of the 73 which needed filling. The club first started on Monday, Nov. 23 and all high school students, from freshmen to seniors, boys or girls, were able to join the club. The club, which kept spirit up among students, and encouraged players participating in the extra-curricular events, and decorated the halls, cafeteria, and Reilly Stadium with posters, will now go on doing so.



Melinda Wilms is stuck in a hole in girls' basketball against Beaver Local.

Holiday Wishes

by Patience Hippley

Christmas is almost here, only seven days from today. Many have already prepared their Christmas list. I questioned some students on what they would want if they could have anything they wanted. Here are their replies:

Melody Magyaros — I would like my dog to grow her hair back because she is going bald.

Sheehan Morrison — Michael J. Fox.

Paula Hunchuck — I want a "Mucci Nightmare"; For the Steelers to crush the Browns! Merry Christmas Mr. Mucci!!

Julie Soyars — I would like my brother to come back from Colombia, South America for Christmas.

Rick Short — Sarah England for a long time to come.

Mary Rush — Limo with Craig Williams in it.

Shannon Bennett — My plane ticket to Florida for Spring Break with Erica, Heather, and Maria.

Erica Beagle — My plane ticket to Ft. Myers for Spring Break '88 with Shannon, Maria and Heather; and a Lambourguini.

Mr. Step — A brass plated model of a Hyperbolic paraboloid.

Mrs. Dohar's 8th period typing class — A share in Tami Blasiman's winnings.

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