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Students Not As Involved As Before

by Maria Zimmann

A charge that has been leveled at teens in the '80's is that they are not involved in world events and issues that affect them. Compared to the social protests by young adults in the late 1960's and early 1970's, teens today seem to have an apathetic attitude towards world happenings.

For example: Recently the Supreme Court ruled that because schools fund the high school newspaper, principals have the right and obligation to censor or exclude any articles that they deem unpublishable. This ruling allows school administrators to stop student journalists from printing controversial issues in the school newspaper. When the Supreme Court reached their decision, there seemed to be little, or no, reaction among high school students.

Twenty years ago, had this ruling been made, many feel that students would have been outraged. They base their opinions on the fact that in the late 60's, there were many young adults who protested issues and events with which they disagreed.

For example, from 1967-1971, Mrs. Esposito, English teacher at SHS, was a student at Salem. She cited a few examples of issues that Salem students protested.

One incident involved the length of hair for males. The enforced rule stated that guys' hair must be cut so that it doesn't reach beyond their collar.Rather than cut their hair, a group of guys who wanted to grow their hair long protested by wearing their long hair under short wigs. Eventually, because of these guys, the rule was changed, and long hair for guys is now permitted.

By wearing street clothes to the Junior-Senior Prom a few students protested the idea of wearing formal gowns and tuxedos. They felt that the Prom should be open to everyone, not just those who could afford expensive formal wear.

There were also a few students who refused to stand for the national anthem. Because of the Vietnam War, which was going on at the time, they did not agree with America's foreign policy.

Other protests involved "sit ins" to protest a particular incident, and bringing in bagged lunches to protest the cafeteria food.

But, besides protesting, students were involved. The stands at sport events were filled; Spirit days were filled with excitement; and almost everyone was involved in school sanctioned groups and clubs.

Now we don't fill up the stands at sporting events (the balcony bleachers aren't even pulled out like they used to be). There are only a handful of farmers, and two or three Mr. Kunar look-alikes on Spirit days. And belonging to a school sanctioned club or group is a "nerdish" thing to do.

So, why are teens today so willing to accept decisions that are made for them? There seem to be very few who challenge a rule or event with which they strongly disagree. By talking with a few students and teachers, there seem to be valid reasons that contribute to the apathetic attitude of teens today.

A big factor may be that our assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr., Bobby Kennedy and John 70's and 80's.

Because of the wars, "family" seems to have become more important than "world events." As Ms. Yereb stated, "We value life too much and don't want to turn our homes into battlefields again."

So, the fact that our parents are now willing to accept and compromise, instead of protest, may

why students "don't care," I asked some SHS students: "Why do you feel that teens today have an apathetic attitude towards world, or even local, issues and events?"

Paul Clark: No one has a winning attitude. People are satisfied with being average.

have to work for anything. We get

more radical with the spread of

Chris White: No one wants to work to be the best. They're too lazy. Craig Anderson: What is there to

Patti Lippiatt: Why care about

Jenni Johnson: Interests have

the severity of problems and we think they don't affect us.

listens to what we have to say anyway.

anything!

What do you think? If you would like to express your opinion on this subject or any other subject (and get involved), write a letter to "The Quaker." Any responses will be published in the next issue of "The

Sweetheart Queen To Be Chosen

Tonight at the SHS basketball game against Poland one of seven lucky Sweetheart Queen candidates will be crowned the 1988 queen. The seven candidates are Michelle Baker, Amy Breckenridge, Christine Neidhart, Colleen Lora, Kim Muntz, Lisa Reed, and Maria Zimmann. Michelle Baker, who resides at 193 Park Avenue with her step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker, will be escorted by Eric Kunar. Michelle has participated in volleyball, basketball, and track for 4 years. She is a member of TACT, was a Prom server, a member of Pep club for three years and the SHS Quaker Lady. Michelle's first thought when hearing her name called over the loud speaker was, as she puts it, "surprised, happy, and excited. I was all smiles."

Amy Breckenridge is a resident of 1835 Bentley Drive where she lives with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Breckenridge. Amy has played varsity volleyball, varsity basketball, been a member of the marching, pep, and jazz bands, TACT. Prom committee. Buckeye Girls State, German Club, and Pep Club. Amy will be escorted by Matt Wolf. Amy's first thought when hearing her name over the loud speaker, "I was excited."

Christine Neidhart is a resident at 2241 Kennedy Drive where she lives with her father Mr. James Neidhart. Christine did the volleyball stats for SHS, was on the White Christmas committee, Danceline, yearbook staff, and a member of TACT. Christine will be escorted by Mike O'Brien. Christine's first thought, "I was thrilled that people had nominated me as a candidate for court. I was honored to have been chosen as a possibility to be our 1988 Oueen."

Colleen Lora is a resident at 1869

Whinnery Road where she lives with her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lora. Colleen was a member of Student Council, Key club, TACT, Pep Club, Danceline and AFS. Colleen has also been a cheerleader for 4 years. Colleen will be escorted by Mike Mellinger. Colleen's first thought when hearing her name was, "I was really excited and very happy to have been chosen."

Kim Muntz is a resident at 882 South Lincoln where she lives with her mother and father Larry and Dawn Muntz. Kim was a cheerleader for 1 year, participated in volleyball and track for 4 years, was a member of Key Club and Pep Club for 2 years, and is a member of TACT. Kim will be escorted by Shawn Horstman. Kim's first thought when hearing her name was, "I was very shocked yet happy for being selected.

Lisa Reed is a resident at 1683 Ridgewood where she lives with her mother and father Claude and Joyce Reed. Lisa played basketball for three years, is a member of TACT, a member of Student Council for 2 years, Class Treasurer for 2 years, served on the Prom committee, and was voted Class Rowdie. Lisa will be escorted by Eric Rardain. Lisa first thought was, "I was thrilled and surprised."

Maria Zimmann is a resident at 1894 State Rt. 9 where she lives with her parents John and Marilyn Zimmann. Maria is a member of the yearbook staff, Journalism staff, Art Honor Society, Pep Club, Cross County, TACT, Buckeye Girls' State, and she was on the Danceline. Maria will be escorted by Craig Williams. Maria's first thought was, "I was really surprised and shocked, but it was exciting to be nominated.'

Tonight's the night, students! Be at the game to see which one of these seven girls will win.

grandparents and parents lived through some tough times. There were WW I, the Great Depression, WW II, Vietnam, and the F. Kennedy; all of which had a great impact on everyone. There really haven't been any "tough times" that teens have had to live through in the

have had an impact on teens today.

Because many have wondered

Lance Miller: Because kids don't everything handed to us.

Dave Julian: Times then were Communism.

care about?

what you can't change?

changed. Beth Haschen: We don't realize

Colleen Lora: Why care! No one

Bob Phillips: I don't care about

James Seddon: No one has enough guts.

Valentine's **Day Approaches**

by Scott McCartney

Happy Valentine's Day!! February 14 is Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is dated as far back as the 1400's. Some specialists think it's an old Roman festival called Lupercalia. Some say it was the Saints of the early Christian Church or an Old English belief that birds choose their mates on February 14. Today it's a lot of the old beliefs combined like giving the girl candy and sending her a card, but giving cards didn't originate until the 1800's. There have been many old myths about Valentine's Day. Some were that women would put fig leafs on their pillows and at night the man they saw in their dreams would be their husband-to-be. Another one was that the women would stand on the balcony to wait for the right man to go by. The Quaker decided to ask a few people what they were going to do for their boy or girl friend.

Craig Reinehr — "Buy two dozen roses to give all my girlfriends."

Mr. Esposito — "It's a surprise." Jason Beagle — "Buy her a ring." Amy Drzal — "Send him cookies



King of Hearts from left to right: Front-Charles Juliano, Eric Kunar, Dave Petrucci. Back-Chris Theiss, Michael Mellinger, Shawn Horstman, Mike O'Brien and Ben Cope.

King of Hearts Elected

by Mary Rush

On Saturday, January 16 at a dance following the basketball game against Warren Western Reserve, Eric Kunar, a senior at SHS, was elected Salem's King of Hearts. Eric was escorted by Michelle Baker. Eric has been involved in Varsity Football, wrestling, Class Vice President, Pep Club, and TACT at SHS. Eric is planning to attend Oberlin or Wittenberg College to study Political Science. Eric's first thought when his name was called as SHS's King of Hearts, "I was embarrassed because of the harassment." There were nine senior boys on the King of Hearts

Many people throughout today's

society often suffer from some sort

court instead of seven because of a 3 way tie. The members of the court were, Ben Cope who was escorted by Maria Zimmann, Shawn Horstman who was escorted by Susan Sweitzer, Jason Maenz who was escorted by Wendy Gibson, Mike Mellinger who was escorted by Mariah Rousseau, Chuck Juliano who was escorted by Beth Haschen, Mike O'Brien who was escorted by Christine Neidhardt, Dave Petrucci who was escorted by Tonya Beall, and Chris Theiss who was unable to attend the dance because of a previous commitment.

Phobias, Those Mysterious Fears

by Christopher Vitko

of illness picked up at birth, childhood or even in some other point of their life. Illnesses come in many ways and forms from physical to mental and one very big problem which is second to alcoholism in mental health problems is the excessive fear of a specific object or situation known as a phobia. About 300 phobias are classified, but the list may be endless. About 22 million Americans or 1 in 10 suffer from this problem which can completely change the lives of those plagued by them or some may cause mild distress and are just a nuisance to the victim. Studies show that three quarters of those with the worst symptoms are women. The age bracket for most men and women sufferers is about 25 to 45. Phobias according to research may develop for a number of reasons. Some causes of this illness may be physical such as surgical operations and arthritis. Another cause may be domestic which takes in such things as loss of a loved one, domineering parents, difficulty or pressure at work, and also by being an only child. Scientists also believe that many phobias are learned from others or by observing their parents. Children, as they grow up, learn to react to parental phobias in a similar way. According to modern analysis, all phobias fall into three well known basic types. The first of them is social which is like the fear of signing your name in public for fear your hand will tremble. The second type of phobia relates to specific objects or situations such as the fear of a dog or water; this type is known as a simple phobia. The third and last type is agoraphobia which is the fear of the "marketplace" which represents: crowds and loss of safety or control. The best way to beat the problem of phobias is to face it until it no longer seems scary which is known as implosion therapy. The more severe problems of phobias may often respond to drugs that are able to suppress the panic. Phobias may reappear only weeks, months, or years after successful therapy. People may feel strong and the

phobias may lighten up, but they are

never gone. Two possible approaches for treatment are: 1. Systematic desensitization which is the thought of entering something slow if afraid of it. 2. Flooding which is everything but gradual. The person may be faced with immediate danger. It is therefore not uncommon for phobics to pursue more than one therapy in their quest for relief. Yet it is not unknown for well intentioned friends to make light of the problem, but they are, in fact, counterproductive and unkind. The phobic person requires patience, help, and empathy.

Salem's NFL **Players**

by Annette Reitz

As most of us know, our school, Salem Senior High, has had three famous professional football players. One from the class of 1959, Lou Slaby, began his NFL career in 1963 with the N.Y. Giants. In the class of 1977 we have the famous Denver Broncos kicker, Rich Karlis. Last but not least, we have Kirk Lowdermilk, from the class of

The reason for this editorial is that we have few pictures of our NFL players in the trophy case. The pictures we do have, are pictures while they are playing a NFL game. We have one of Slaby in 1959. Do you think we should have more recent pictures? Should we honor these NFL players or should we not? Not too many people get a chance to go to the NFL from a small town such as Salem, Ohio.

Rich Karlis has honored us many times with his appearances at our school. It would seem that the least we could do is to keep his memories of the past and future known to our present and future students.

Maybe someday Kirk Lowdermilk will be kind enough to honor our school by paying us a visit. As for Slaby, we really have no information on him now; we do know that he has retired from the

The Quaker would appreciate any opinions students may have; feel free to drop them in our box in the

Although the Quakers were defeated

by Girard in both games, they did

something that few teams have been

able to do, that is slow down Nick

Cochran is leading the

M.V.C. in scoring with 26 points per

game and scored a school record 50

Quaker Cagers End Tailspin

The Salem Ouakers broke out of an eight game losing skid in a big way when they ran together three straight wins defeating Struthers, Campbell and Warren J.F.K. The winning streak came to an end though when the Mighty Quakers were defeated by M.V.C. leader

The Quakers' record now stands at 5-13 overall and 4-6 in the M.V.C. On Tuesday Salem met Canfield and lost.

The season may have sunk to a season low when rival West Branch defeated Salem for the first time ever in basketball on January 15 by a 74-66 score. The Warriors were torching the nets all night long as West Branch made 21 of 37 (57 percent) from the field. Big Derrick Meek scored 18 and tore down 12 rebounds for the Warriors. Salem was led by Bill Bryant who also scored 18. Tim Steffen added 16 and Bill Kress nine.

The next night Salem had to go up against powerful Warren Western Reserve. Many teams would have written the game off as an automatic mark in the loss column and given up on the season. The Quakers were 2-10, had just lost to their arch-rival, and were going up against one of the best teams in the area. The final score of the game was 54-51 Reserve Salem was far from ready to throw the season in the dumpster. The Quakers led by one in the final minute of play and missed two potentially tying three-pointers in the last nine seconds of the game. Foul shooting was the big disappointment on this night. Salem shot only 8 of 20 (40 percent) from the line. Bryant led Salem with 21 points. Although disappointed with the outcome, Coach Spack was pleased with the team's play and felt that it turned the season around, "The kids proved to themselves that they could play. The coaches can preach all they want, but the kids must prove to themselves that they can compete."

In the Reserve game Salem gained confidence and it showed in a 57-46 win over Struthers to get the burden of an eight game losing streak off their back. "Gaining confidence and being relaxed make all the difference in the world," said Coach Spack.

Quaker Wrestlers Continue Season

by Dave Hahn

After thrashing their last two opponents, The Salem wrestling team has dropped three straight matches and now stands at 2-7 overall and 2-3 in the E.O.W.L.

The first of the losses came to Youngstown Liberty, 33-31. Winning for Salem was Tod Kilgore by pin in 2:27, Jeff Swartz by pin in 3:21, Jason Maenz a 7-6 dec., Derek Brant a 9-8 dec., Greg Marple a 19-7 dec., and Jason Beagle by pin in

Quaker Ladies Round Out Season

by Patience Hippley

The girls' basketball team is now nearing the end of their season with a 4-13 overall record and a 3-7 record in the MVC.

Over the past weeks Coach Shivers feels that the girls have been able to play with much more enthusiasm and hustle. All players have been improving in one aspect or another.

Leading rebounders are Jenni Herron and Julie Ehrhart, who are averaging better than seven rebounds per game. Leading scorers are Amy Breckenridge and Jenni Herron. The team averages a little over 30 rebounds per game. Andrea Engle leads with steals with almost 4 each game.

The coach feels that the team is playing to their ability more often now, especially during the last few games. The team was not keeping up their consistency level throughout the entire season, but Coach Shivers feels they are starting to play like he thought they could all along.

With a nucleus of the players coming back next year, the coach feels the team should be much better next season. The coach said, "I think the ground work has been set with next year's seniors."

The girls will be home February 8 for their last game which is against Girard.

REMINDER

Date of this year's Prom. Friday, April 29, 1988

After the loss to Liberty, Salem attended their first tournament of the year, the Howland Invitational. The team finished 5th out of 10 teams, and placed 6 wrestlers. Wrestlers placing were Joe Good (119) 4th, Tim Blasiman (135) 3rd, Tod Kilgore (140) 3rd, Jeff Swartz (145) 2nd, Greg Marple (171) 3rd, and Derek Brant (160) 4th. Tod Kilgore wrestled well and his only loss came to the Most Valuable Wrestler of the Invitational. Coach Wagner feels that Jeff Swartz "outwrestled his opponent but unfortunately he slipped and was pinned later in the period." The biggest surprise of the tournament for Salem was the emergence of Tim Blasiman. Blasiman not only finished third, but beat the second and third seeded wrestlers in doing

The next match for Salem was against powerhouse Boardman. Salem was beaten handily, 42-20. The sole winners for Salem were Jeff Swartz, Derek Brant, and Jason Beagle. The Quakers also saw the first loss given to Tod Kilgore. Kilgore was 7-0 in dual competition before losing the match.

The next match for Salem ended in a 32-31 loss to E.O.W. opponent Canfield. Winning their matches were Aaron O'Brien, Tod Kilgore, Mark Capps, Jeff Swartz, Derek Brant, Chris Nichols, and Jason

Last weekend, Salem attended their second tournament of the year, the Alliance Invitational. Salem finished a disappointing 14th, out of 18 teams. Salem started strong advancing 9 wrestlers after 2 rounds and seven wrestlers after three; but five wrestlers lost by one point in the 4th round and only two wrestlers remained. Tod Kilgore lost 2-1 to the Most Valuable Wrestler and last year's 3rd place state finisher, and finished 6th. Jeff Swartz also placed, wrestling very well. Coach Wagner feels that despite a 6-5 loss, Swartz wrestled a really good match. "Jeff outwrestled his opponent, but got some close calls on the out of bounds," said Coach Wagner. The wrestlers are now 2-7 overall and 2-3 in the League. Their next match is against Tallmadge on February 10, home at 6:00

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Salem was more relaxed and Salem won. Tim Steffen scored 16 and Bill Bryant 13 to pace Salem.

by Dan DeCrow

When Salem entered Campbell, revenge may have been on their mind after the shocking overtime loss early in the season. The Quakers came out and once again proved something to themselves by winning 80-68. They also proved to Campbell who was the better team after the fluke Red Devil win in the first meeting. Brooke Pidgeon played the finest game of his career as he scored 23 points and hit three 3-pointers. Ben Cope scored 16, and Bryant and Kress had 14 and 12 respectively.

The Quakers extended their winning streak to three with a hardfought 73-72 win over Warren J.F.K. It was Salem's first three game winning streak since the 198485 season when it put together a 10 game winning streak. Towards the end of the game, thoughts of the first encounter with Campbell may have entered some people's minds. Salem led 73-67 with 26 seconds remaining but J.F.K. cut it to 73-72 with 10 seconds left. The Eagles failed to foul and Salem held on to win. The shooting of the Quakers was fantastic as they hit 31 of 53 (58 percent) from the field. Bryant scored 18 and Kress 16 to pace Salem. J.F.K.'s 6" 9" center John Zoccali scored 27 in the losing cause.

Early in the season Coach Spack considered shooting one of Salem's strong points. Against J.F.K. the Quakers shot well, against Girard the shooting was horrible. Salem made only 17 of 63 field goal attempts for a dismal 26 percent. Girard defeated Salem 63-50.

points in a game this season. He is headed to Ohio State on a football scholarship. The kid is a great allaround athlete. Salem held him under his average in both games as he scored 15 in the first and 21 last Friday. His 21 led all scorers. Bryant, Kress, and Steffen led Salem with 10 points each. Kress had nine rebounds to lead the team. Tonight Salem will entertain the

Poland Bulldogs. Poland is 6-8 on the year. They defeated the Quakers 51-48 on January 8. Salem will close out their season on February 19 in Struthers. These last two games will be very winnable for the Quakers. To end the season on a high note will be excellent heading into the tournament.

Bill Bryant is Salem's leading scorer and is fourth in the M.V.C. averaging almost 15 points a game. Bryant is also the M.V.C.'s leading free throw shooter hitting at an 83 percent clip. Chuck Juliano is third in the conference in foul shooting. Bill Kress is averaging eight rebounds a game to lead the team. Brooke Pidgeon has 13 threepointers to pace the team. Bryant has nine.

Meet Mrs. Smith Public Information Director

by Patience Hippley

Most students do not know who the director of public information is or even what the job consists of. The following will give a general idea of

As director of public information of our schools, Mrs. Margaret Smith's job is to let the community know what is going on in the schools and vice-versa.

Mrs. Smith majored in Englishjournalism and graduated from Westminster College. She moved to Salem 27 years ago from Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Smith is married and has four grown children. Mrs. Smith has previously worked at the Salem News as a reporter and a feature writer. Hobbies of Mrs. Smith include traveling abroad, sewing, and handwork.

Being the first to hold this position, Mrs. Smith has held this job for 15 years. Mrs. Smith says she enjoys her job and gets great satisfaction from it.

Her typical day consists of doing office work or going around to all the schools to get pictures or stories.

The world, with all of its advanced

Picture this: Johnny (age 7) and

his younger brother, Billy (age 5)

trample into the house after a day at

school, throw off their coats, and set

themselvs down in front of the T.V.

set for an episode of "The Real

The show starts off with a freak

accident with one of the Ghost

Busters' de-transportation machines

which sends Winston to a time zone

where dead spirits roam after their

earthly form dies. Therefore

Winston is considered to be dead.

But, Egon discovers that if he can

reverse the polarity of the de-

transportation machine and match

the molecular structure with his

control panel, Winston could be

brought back. The plan did work,

but it also let in a number of spiritual

bodies besides Winston. After a

laser show and after a few ghost

traps were set and carefully stored

away, Winston is back and

control from Billy and flips the

channel just in time to see the end of

Johnny quickly grabs the remote

Lady J. is backed up against a wall

with Cobra Commander slithering

in for an easy kill. Lady J. then

remembers that she has one

everything is fine and dandy.

a G.l. Toe adventure

Ghost Busters" cartoon.

could come of it?"

The weekly column "Classroom Notebook," which appears in the Salem News; the Forum; a calendar of school events; and a scrapbook for reference and historical purposes are among the many things that Mrs. Smith does.

She also does a weekly radio broadcast on WSOM about what is going on in the schools.

Mrs. Smith said, "I enjoy keeping in touch with young people, keeping up with the changes in education and the accomplishments of the students.'

Mrs. Smith also said, "I am on call if any teacher wants me to come to a school, and I am really happy to do that." If any staff member or student wishes to contact Mrs. Smith about getting a picture or an article in the newspaper (Salem News), he can do so by calling her between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the administration building; the phone number is

Looking Ahead

Going to college is a very big step for most high school students. Preparations should begin your Freshman year. Mrs. Bosu, a counselor at SHS, stated, 'Freshmen and Sophomores should be visiting colleges and examining their admissions requirements in order to select appropriate high school courses to meet college entrance requirements."

This chart was drawn up by Mrs. Bosu as a checklist for Juniors and

Junior Year

- Examine the educational opportunities available.
- Discuss plans with parents
- Meet with counselor
- Register for and take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.
- Examine financial resources and review plans for financial aid.
- Visit college campuses; talk to graduates and students at the schools being considered.

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- Register and take the College Board Exams. (SAT/ACT)
- Review college admissions requirements and select necessary high school courses in Senior year.
- Juniors interested in Military Academy appointments and/or ROTC should begin application procedures.

Senior Year July - August - September

- Write at least three colleges requesting aplication forms, catalogs and financial aid information.
- Maintain or improve academic grades during senior year. Colleges look unfavorably on failing grades.
- Seniors who did not take the ACT/SAT should register and take tests. October - November

See your counselor when you have

- questions or need help. Learn which tests are required by
- colleges and take them. (Achievement tests?)
- Meet with college representatives when they visit school; visit "College Fairs.

December

- Send applications to colleges by Christmas unless a college says otherwise.
- Have parents participate in "Financial Aid Workshop."
- Bring applications, checks, etc. to counselor and have a transcript (high school grades) sent to college. Give Counselor the proper forms at least two weeks before they are due.

January

Parents should start Financial Aid Process. FAF's should be submitted.

February

- Ask the Counselor to send the first semester's grades to the colleges, along with any other information not already

technology, has come into an age shot that penetrates Cobra where the idea of war and total Commander's abdomen to a supposedly certain death. But, control of the world has influenced everything. The threat of death and Destro leaps from behind a closed good against bad has crept into door, removes the spear from Cobra Commander's abdomen, and takes children's T.V. Unfortunately, realism isn't a factor when him away to safety. And, yes, cartoonists are making a cool everyone lives. million. "So what?, right. What

T.V. Influences

by Craig Reinehr

The T.V. is turned off and Billy begins to reenact the scene.

explosive spear left and hurls a long

"Surrender, Joe, or perish in the fangs of Cobra!" screams Billy.

"Never!" shrieks Johnny, as he grabs the closest thing around him which happens to be a small wooden coat tree. Johnny hurls the coat tree at Billy, and it smashes into Billy's head causing him to fall to the floor with drops of blood trickling from his nose. The boys' parents hurry into the room to see what had happened and find Billy unconscious on the floor. They question Johnny to see what had happened but received no response. Billy is quickly rushed to the hospital but is pronounced dead on arrival. As Johnny and his parents sit in the waiting room of the hospital, Johnny says, "Don't worry Mommy. We'll just get the Ghost Busters so they can bring Billy back with their machine.'

Children can't understand the difference between fantasy and real life. This story never happened; but it could have and can happen. Some people don't take into consideration what kids think when they see things. Good, evil, war, and killing has influenced a lot of things, including kids. It's probably time for someone to explain.