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Dave Tkatch Receives Football Scholarship To KSU

by Dan DeCrow

Salem High has turned out another football star to a Division I-A school. Dave Tkatch signed a national letter of intent to go to Kent State University on the first day of the early signing period on Wednesday, February 10.

KSU assistant coach Jack Rose was in Salem with the papers making Tkatch a Golden Flash. After signing Dave, Rose headed to East Liverpool to sign running back Aric Long.

Dave had many reasons for his decision to go to Kent State. He liked the idea that the university is close to home and that he could see his family often. His sister Denise is currently enrolled at KSU. Dave also feels that they have a solid program at Kent, "Coach (Dick) Crum is a big time coach being from North Carolina. I'm sure he will run a first class program."

Dave was sold on Kent State by former head coach Glen Mason who left to become the coach at Kansas University. Bob Fello was the coach who did most of the recruiting of Dave.

At Kent Dave will major in business administration and would like to go into marketing after his football career is over. Early

projections have Dave at nose guard when the season rolls around. It is a tough position to play, but he likes it, "I like it, down and dirty. That's where I like it."

Many nose guards of today lack great size but they are extremely tough and strong, Dave is 6'1" and 240 pounds. These qualifications fit Dave tremendously. Many schools shied away from Dave because of his size. Kent was the only solid offer he received from a I-A school. Many Ivy League schools such as Penn and Brown showed interest in him along with Division III schools in the area. Dave also visited Toledo and Miami of Ohio but decided KSU was the place for him.

"I'm really looking forward to it. I have wanted all my life to get a football scholarship to a Division I school." One of the major reasons Dave received this scholarship was his father, Ed. Ed Tkatch played college football at the University of Cincinnati. Along with the genes he passed along to Dave, he helped him out in all aspects of the game. Dave said, "I owe a lot of credit to my father because he taught me everything I know about football." Mr. Tkatch even put on the pads himself to help Dave practice his

blocking and other various fine points of the game in their backyard. In addition to his father, Dave would like to thank his mother, Ann, and his four sisters, Denise, Marcy, Christine, and Susan for their support.

Despite all of the support from the family, it is the coaches who do most of the teaching on the field. "Coach Kunar helped me 100 percent in recruiting. I'm really thankful for what he's done." Salem Head Coach Fred Kunar had his own compliment for Dave, "When we showed film to Kent State originally they were impressed with his strength at nose guard. When you're a good student like Dave, it makes recruiting easier." Dave will not have to worry about Proposition 48 standards. Former Salem assistants Bob Spaite and Brad Hale also gave Dave support whenever he needed it and he is very appreciative.

Dave is the first person from Salem to sign with a Division I-A school since Rich Huffman signed with Ohio State in 1986. With hard work, perseverance, and a little luck, Dave may be the fourth former Quaker to play in the National Football League; only time will tell.

Rockin' With Broken Oath

by Maria Zimmann

Clad in holey jeans, cut up T-shirts, long hair and earrings in their left ears, four students at SHS have combined their talent and formed the band **Broken Oath**. Together for only seven months, the band is comprised of members Jeff Madison (vocals and keyboard), Willy Hupp (lead guitar), Jason Elliot (lead guitar), Bob Phillips (drums), and from Canfield High School, John Vecchione (bass guitar).

Broken Oath rock their fans to the sounds of heavy metal and hard rock, playing songs by Dokken, Metallica, Iron Maiden, The Cult and Motley Crue. Although they mainly play songs by these popular groups, the band also has eight original songs that were written by Willy Hupp and contributed to by other band members.

At the present time, **Broken Oath** is recording a tape to send to surrounding area bars and nightclubs. Within the next couple of months, the band has plans to make a demo at Aircraft Recording Studio.

Practicing "faithfully," the band holds closed practices during the weekdays and open practices on weekends. The practices are held in Jeff Madison's basement where all of their equipment is kept.

During one of their practices, I had the thrilling opportunity to find out all about these talented band members, and their present and future plans.

Willy Hupp, lead guitarist, began playing guitar about six years ago. He was first in the band Tuff Luck and then later in the band Scepter. Willy's idols are the guitarist for Rising Force — Yngwie J. Malmsteen, and Dave Butcher.

Jason Elliot, lead guitarist,

decided to play guitar about five years ago. He enjoys playing both classical and electric guitar, and is currently studying classical guitar at The University of Akron every Tuesday. Jason also played in the bands Tuff Luck and Scepter. The late Randy Rhodes, former guitar player for Ozzy Osbourne, and the late Andres Segovia, a classical guitar player, are Jason's idols.

Jeff Madison, lead vocalist and keyboard player, has been singing and playing keyboard parts for about three years. Having previously studied piano for seven years, Jeff got a synthesizer and tried out for the band Tuff Luck. After joining Tuff Luck as their keyboard player, Jeff eventually became their lead vocalist. Jeff was also a member of the band Scepter with Willy and Jason. Jeff's idols are Vince Neil of Motley Crue and Geoff Tate of Queensryche.

Bob Phillips, drums, decided to take up drums about four years ago. After practicing on his own, Bob has been the drummer for a variety of bands in the area. The last band that he was in, was one in Canfield where he met bass guitarist John Vecchione. Bob and John broke off from the Canfield band, but continued to practice together. Coincidentally, a band that was being formed by Jeff, Jason, and Willy was in need of both a drummer and a bass guitarist, two spots that were filled by John and Bob. Bob's idol is Neil Peart, the drummer for Rush, and John's idols are John Entwistle from The Who, Billy Sheehan, former bassist for David

Lee Roth, and Jaco Pastoris, a jazz bass player.

Aside from the band members, **Broken Oath** also has roadies — **The Skeleton Crew**: Ted Foreman, Eric Rardain, Roger Edling, Mark Panezotti, Chad Hayes, Ben Cope, Shawn Horstman, Darrin Philips, and, of course, Mr. Trough and Mr. Sabo. Colleen Hutton and Susan Sweitzer also help out by singing background vocals.

Combining their talent and perseverance, **Broken Oath** "definitely has the talent to get somewhere," says roadie Ted Foreman.

Their biggest performance was last spring when they were invited to play at a huge fraternity/sorority party at Ohio State University. The evening was called "Hell Bent for Leather" and everyone dressed in leather and chains.

A favorite pastime that involves both band members and roadies is "moshing" down Jeff Madison's basement steps. Moshing is exciting to watch, and detrimental to be a participant, but all of the members and roadies agree that "It's great!!!"

The talented band members of **Broken Oath** would like to acknowledge that they "owe all of their musical ability and knowledge to Mrs. Fonner" and they "don't do Top 40, spandex, or pigs with lipstick."

Broken Oath is unique and has a lot of talent that should help them become known throughout the area. If you would like to rock to the heavy metal sound of **Broken Oath**, They will be playing at the Starr Palace in Youngstown on Wednesday, March 2nd.



Salem Basketball Sweetheart Queen, Christine Neidhart and her escort Mike O'Brian.

SHS Students Win Awards

by Patience Hippley

Recently students have been involved in many competitions and many have received awards for their skills.

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test has named its finalists, and Cheryl Greenisen, Mark Herron, and Chris Theiss are among them. These students could receive money and scholarships that are given from various corporations and colleges.

Sophomore Wendy Chen was selected to attend the Ohio Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar that will be held in the Spring of 1988. During the seminar she will meet with other sophomores and leaders in business, education, and government.

In the I.O.E. contest, Shawn-Marie Adams, Lacie Reed, and Angel Jennings were the winners from Typing I classes. Winning the contest from Typing II classes were Meredith Schroeder and Mary Rush. The winners in the I.O.E.'s business awareness test include Chris Hollister, Wendy Chen, Shawn Scharf, Dave Fitch, Tod Kilgore, Deanna Jenkins, Brian Moore, Tim Blasiman, and Derek Brant.

Honors were given to students in Art class whose work will be represented in the Scholastic Art Awards Regional Exhibition. Those winning multiple awards were Lisa Reed who received two New York Finalist and a Gold Key; Tess

Who Do You Want For President?

by Scott McCartney

The Quaker is going around and asking students and teachers, who they would like to win in the "88" primaries. The candidates that are left in the running for the Democrat ticket are Dukakis, Gephart, Hart, Jackson and Gore. Left on the Republican ticket are Dole, Robertson, Bush and Kemp.

So far in the Iowa and the New Hampshire primary, Dole and Gephart won in Iowa, and Bush and Dukakis won in New Hampshire.

Dave Hahn — "Jesse Jackson, he does not BS around."

Bob Whitman — "Pat Robertson, because he is a T.V. star."

Mr. Morris, P.O.D. teacher — "Jesse Jackson, because he is a good speaker."

Colleen Lora — "Gephart, it's time for a Democrat, and he is well equipped."

Marcia Danklef — "Dukakis because he is a Democrat and is doing well."

Swenningson received a Gold Key and is a Finalist; and Jim Finch, who is also a Finalist, received two Honorable Mentions. Eric Gilby, Darren Everhart, Tammy Smith, Kim Newman and Carlos Calix are also New York Finalists. Larry DeJane received a Gold Key and Honorable Mention. Honorable Mention awards went to Bob Sprowl, Jason Fitzpatrick and Kevin O'Leary.

Earning Gold Keys for their photography entries were Shawn Horstman and Peter Winch. Kara Bushaw also earned a Gold Key along with Honorable Mention.

Three students in the band who were selected to perform in the Ohio All-State Symphonic Band include Lisa Herron, who plays the flute; Craig Anderson, who plays the saxophone; and Nick Althouse, who plays the trumpet. Chosen as an alternate was Matt Medford, who plays the tuba. All four received a superior rating.

Boys Picked For Boys' State

by Kelli Kish

Salem Boys' State Candidates have been selected again this year. The top ten candidates are Graham Parks, Matt Medford, Scott Ricker, Andy Herron, Matt Cole, Brad Richert, Tim Steffen, Rob Wiggers, Tom Wiggers, and Bill Kress. Due to financial problems, the American Legion could send only four boys compared to the usual five boys. The four junior boys selected are Matt Medford, Andy Herron, Scott Ricker, Brad Richert, and the first runner up was Tim Steffen. Selections for Boys State are made by teacher recommendations, on their leadership, and credit to the community. The top ten with the highest number of votes are then submitted to the Boys State Committee with the American Legion. The chairman of the committee, Leon Paul Kuniewicz, interviews the top ten and then makes the final selections. There will be approximately 1400 boys from across the state attending at Bowling Green State University at Bowling Green, Ohio. Some of the activities the boys will participate in are legislative sessions, court trials, law enforcement agencies, assemblies, band, and recreational programs. They will be selecting Girls' State Candidates soon, but due to changes in the way they are going about picking the girls the time will be announced later.



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Weight Room Needs More Supervision

by Craig Reinehr

The subject today is a Salem High School facility that goes virtually unmentioned. The facility is the weight room and what, why, and how.

The weight room, located in one balcony of the gymnasium, started as just one small room located in what is now the back of the Nautilus cage. It slowly expanded with the addition of the Nautilus cage, with equipment, along with some free-weight. In the past few years the free-weight section of the weight facility has expanded immensely with the addition of another cage, benches, squat racks, and most recently this year, approximately \$2,800 of new free-weight equipment consisting of incline benches, lateral machines, much needed weight, dumbbells, and weight bars. Definitely, Salem's weight facility can go up against many weight rooms in Ohio, including some colleges.

A second thought is who uses the weight room? Members of the football team have mostly used it, but other sports, such as basketball, wrestling and the new soccer team, have also hit the weights to get an edge on their seasons. A few individuals have also started an interest in gaining "bulk" by lifting. The Boosters Club, Salem High School, and various sports have acquired the money to allow the students of Salem High to make themselves bigger, faster, and

stronger by use of weights. It is greatly appreciated. In today's high school sports, especially football, it is almost a necessity to lift so that a team can compete. With other teams lifting and having sports become more powerful and competitive because of lifting, who knows where it could lead? Who uses the weight facility? Every athlete should, but lifting is just slowly creeping into importance.

The weight facility seems like a difficult place to use unless you're involved in a sport that has a lifting program. The sad fact is that the weight room is a difficult place to use. The weight cages are kept locked up for obvious reasons, and the school requires that there must be adult supervision in order for kids to lift. It's hard to find a coach or such that will spend time to let kids lift. It's even harder to find a person around that has a key to the cages. Being in a sport makes it easier to lift since certain days are set aside to lift with specific stretching, agility, and lifting programs set out. But, when there are no days scheduled to lift and no programs it's a battle to lift. That's why many kids don't lift and instead do nothing. As lifting progresses, maybe the programs will.

The weight facility is there — use it. Get the people, get the programs, and get the supervision so that you can utilize your privilege to lift.

Frustrations Come Out In Sports

by Dave Hahn

Fighting in sports is a problem that has interrupted many sporting events throughout the years. Whether it be in football, baseball, basketball, or even hockey, fighting has no place in the sporting world. People pay money to see an event and not a brawl. Despite penalties that are imposed on people who participate in fights, many people put this aside when the tempers start to flare.

In January alone, many fights have erupted on the playing surface. In the Cotton Bowl on January 1, a scuffle broke out when Tim Brown of Notre Dame tackled a Texas A&M player after the play was over. Brown was trying to get his towel back which the A&M player took while Brown was pinned to the ground. Later in the month, the National Basketball Association fined Larry Nance of the Phoenix

Suns \$3,000 and Mark Aguirre of the Dallas Mavericks \$1,500 for fighting. The NBA also suspended Michael Cooper of the L.A. Lakers and Pat Cummings of the New York Knicks one game each without pay for their involvement in a fight on January 22. These are just a few of the events that have arisen in sports over the years; many more are sure to follow.

The biggest effect that fighting has is on the young people. The young people idolize these stars and look to them for inspiration. When a person sees his hero involved in a fist-fight, it might make that person think a little about how perfect his star really is. There's not really anyone to blame, though, because it happens. Tempers and frustrations are all part of the game, but when that leads to a fight, then something has to be done to stop it completely.



King of Hearts King — Eric Kunar and his escort Michelle Baker.

*Editor's Note:
Jason Maenz was missing
from King of Heart's Court
Photo.*

Supreme Court Makes Decision

by Dan DeCrow

On Wednesday, January 13, the Supreme Court handed down a decision on a 4½-year old case involving censorship of student newspapers. It ruled that public school officials have the authority to censor school newspapers along with other forms of student expression.

The suit resulted from an incident in Hazelwood, Missouri in 1983. Members of the school's newspaper staff compiled two stories, one on teenage pregnancy and another on the effects of divorce on children. The article on teen pregnancy contained personal accounts by three students at the high school. Their identity was kept secret. The divorce article had quotes from students who had experienced the problems of divorce in their families.

The high school principal, Robert Reynolds, felt that these articles should not be printed and therefore he censored them. He felt that even though the names were changed, the student body could still recognize who the pregnant girls had been. Hazelwood is a town about the size of Salem. Reynolds believed that the girls who granted the interviews may later regret it.

Three members of the paper's staff proceeded to file a lawsuit against the school for violating their first amendment right of freedom of the press. They had little to gain and everything to lose. If they won the case, the administration would shut down the newspaper. If they lost, the students of America lose. When the 5-3 ruling of the Supreme Court came down, it caused many around the nation to take notice.

The Supreme Court said that the student newspaper is an educational experience and therefore is subject to censorship by the school administration. But this decision does not only affect newspapers. This now gives the school permission to censor school plays or any other type of student expression.

"When the Supreme Court made its decision relative to schools being able to censor news articles, it did so on the basis of a great deal of information. That body of information is not available to us, and therefore makes it difficult for us to make a clear value judgment on

the decision." These are Mr. Delane's feelings on the judgment. It is very true that these articles may not have been well written. Mr. Reynolds himself said that they were not written in a responsible way. Mr. Delane concurs with Reynolds about responsible journalism and so do I, but this decision will hurt students in the long run.

If an article is not well written, it should not be put in the newspaper. Professional newspapers have editors to decide what should and should not go into the paper. Our high school paper is edited by Mr. Esposito. Mr. Delane trusts him as the advisor and feels that he will "insure responsible journalism." Because of this trust Mr. Delane does not edit our paper. He should definitely be commended for this. We have not had any problems in recent years with censorship, but with the Supreme Court decision, and down the road when Mr. Esposito and Mr. Delane are gone, things could change.

The reason I disagree with this ruling is that now a person can censor an article because he does not like what it has to say. A well-written, informative article can now be deleted from a newspaper because one man disagrees with it. The case of the articles in the Hazelwood East school paper is no longer pertinent to the issue. The suppression of student's first amendment rights is now the issue.

I know that the school must have some control over the students. But throughout our lives we are told to act like adults. At this time we have a chance to act like adults by putting out an informative and entertaining publication. Now the Supreme Court has taken away that right. We may not find the problem in Salem, but somewhere students are going to be suppressed in their own medium, the school newspaper, and will not be able to express their own thoughts.

During our journalism class we have learned about ethics and first amendment rights. Freedom of the press has now officially been denied to students. When will the repression against us stop? After this decision by the five Supreme Court justices who voted that censorship is allowed (Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, and Byron White), the answer is probably never.

Dear Mel Solves Problems

For those of you who have any type of problem with a boyfriend or girlfriend, or just want to express your feelings for someone, Mel's Love Line is here to help! The box for letters is in the Library on top of the card catalog.

Dear Mel,

I've been going with this one guy for a long time. We get along great and I really like him a lot! The problem is, I've started liking someone else and I want to go out with him, but I don't want to lose my present boyfriend. What should I do?

In Between

Dear Between,

There are two ways to look at it — 1.) You can't have your cake and eat it too; which means you'll have to decide between the two. Or 2.) You aren't a possession and you can do whatever you want because no one owns you; which means you should be able to go out with someone else if you want. But, that means that your boyfriend can go out with another girl.

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Cheerleading Takes Hard Work

by Maria Zimmann

Because the students usually only see the cheerleaders cheering at football games, basketball games and pep rallies, they don't realize all of the time and effort that each cheerleader puts into her position. The Salem cheerleaders do a lot of behind the scene work and activities for all of the athletes at SHS.

Practices begin in July and last all year until tryouts in March. They also attend a cheer camp which lasts all day long for three days. At camp, they learn new routines, dances, and stunts taught by professional instructors.

Before school started, the cheerleaders painted all of the spirit banners that are in the cafeteria. They also decorated pillowcases for the football players. Before one or more games, they passed out suckers to all of the athletes participating in that particular game.

Before each football game, the cheerleaders painted a hoop for the guys to run through at the beginning of the game. For a few of the games, they blew up balloons to let go of when the Salem players entered the field.

For this year's Salem/West Branch basketball game, the cheerleaders from both schools worked on a dance routine to be performed during halftime.

Being a cheerleader is more than just cheering at games. It takes a lot of practice, time and dedication in order to create spirit throughout SHS.

Punk Rock Rocks

by Craig Reinehr

Everyone knows of Pink Floyd, Bryan Adams, and U2, but who's ever heard of the Dead Milkmen, Suicidal Tendencies, and the Cramps. The elite few who idolize these "social statements" in rock are known to the world as "Punk Rockers."

Punk rock is a music in itself since it has branched off into many different areas, especially in the U.S. Punk bands are influenced by other types of music such as heavy metal, beach music, and psychedelic rock. Suicidal Tendencies and the Dead Kennedies are influenced by the heavy metal scene. The Dead Milkmen have a sound that is strangely similar to beach music. The Ramones, one of the more familiar bands, have a simple, straight rock sound that is unchallenged by the best.

Even though most Punk bands are unique and are distinctly recognizable, they all have one common interest. Punk songs are satires on social life and life in general. The bands' lyrics are, most of the time, very strange, unusual, and, yes, stupid. This is the Punk of making fun of the way things are and how people act. Punk has meaning. Punk rockers are just those people who understand the meaning.

The Punk theme of music isn't an American theme. It all started in England with Sid Vicious and his band, the Sex Pistols. From the few original English bands it expanded and came to the U.S. as well as throughout Europe. Most Punk in the United States is characterized as Beach Punk. England, especially around London, has moved into Skinhead Punk and Nazi Punks have evolved from that. Punk groups and bands are too numerous to explain and understand because of the many different ideas and ways of each group. Some bands are easy going and laid back while others are radical and have been known to kill. In any respects, Punk is a touchy subject all over the music scene.

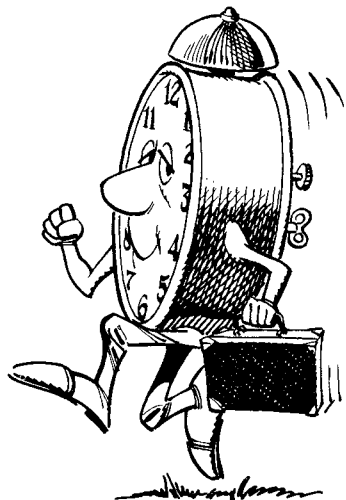
The Dirty Rotten Imbissols (DRI) (quoted by Ted Foreman as being the fastest and most talented punk band in the world), the Misfits, Corosion of Conformity (COC), and other punkers have taken Punk to the utmost. This always changing form of music is a music that has been around for years and will stay around for many more because of its adaptability. Punk: it's a small word with a lot of meaning.

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Rich Karlis Comes Home To Salem

by Dan DeCrow

Three, two, one... the gun sounds and Super Bowl XXII is history. The Washington Redskins have defeated the Denver Broncos 42-10 in a game that was not closer than the score indicated. It is the second straight Super Bowl loss for Denver and the third in the Broncos' history. Denver may now be compared to the perennial Super Bowl losers, the Minnesota Vikings, who are 0-4. But Rich Karlis, kicker of the Broncos and Salem native, is definitely no loser.

In Super Bowl XXII Rich made one of two field goals. His first attempt was successful from 24 yards out in the first quarter. It gave Denver a 10-0 lead and it turned out to be the last points the Broncos would score. Karlis missed his second attempt which was from 43 yards away. Denver trailed 14-10 at the time.

The missed kick was into a fairly stiff wind which Rich misread, causing him to miss the field goal. Rich felt that going into that wind his range was cut down from his normal 50 yards and in to about 45.

To Rich, Super Bowl XXI was a more difficult one to take than this year. "I contributed in one way or another," said Rich. Karlis missed two short field goals early in super Bowl XXI after making a 48 yarder which tied a Super Bowl record for longest made field goal. His misses set the tone for the first game.

To many people media week is something that can be done without. This is the week before the game that is endless hype by the media and non-stop interviews for the players. It has been suggested that the super Bowl could be played the week after the conference championship games instead of having the extra week off. Rich agrees with this point in a way, "The hype is best for the sport, but not for the game itself. A week off can really cool off a team."

The Denver defense was a team decimated by injuries and retirements. Three starters on the defensive unit retired: linebacker Tom Jackson, cornerback Louis Wright, and safety Steve Foley. Nose tackle Rubin Carter also retired. Safety Dennis Smith was lost during the season with a broken

arm. As he prepared to return, cornerback Mike Harden went down to the same injury. These were not all of the major injuries for Denver this year but you get the picture. Just to make it to the Super Bowl, Rich felt was, "A great coaching effort by Dan Reeves (the Broncos' head coach.)" All of the injuries finally caught up to Denver on the arm of Doug Williams in the second quarter of the Super Bowl.

Rich returned to Salem as he was in the area to be presented the area pro football award at the prestigious Sandalini's sports banquet at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman on February 3.

On February 4, Rich spoke to the students at Salem Junior High. He talked about setting sights on a goal and going out and achieving it. But after awhile it turned into a question and answer session. Afterwards many students lined up for autographs. Here in Salem Rich is very popular with the kids.

He is not only popular here, but is extremely popular in Denver. Every year the NFL gives out its man of the year award. It is given to the player who best exhibits community service in his area. In 1984 and 1985 Rich was one of five finalists to be named. Both years he ended up third. The finalists are determined by the fans who vote for their area team's representative. Rich received 10 percent of the fan vote nationwide.

All of this support given to Rich by the fans was a result of the support Rich gives to the people of Denver. He started a program named "Points for People." Points for People benefits the organization Family Tree which deals in family violence issues. It helps provide short term shelters (30 to 60 days) for battered women and children and also teenage boys and girls who have either run away or been thrown out of their house. He raises money on a kick per pledge basis. In the four years he has been associated with the group \$400,000 has been raised because of his kicking. Family Tree is a small organization with a budget of about one million dollars a year. Rich's contributions have

been significant as they account for 13 percent of the budget.

Rich is very excited about two new projects which are underway. One is Shalom House which is a long term care unit for young women who have been mistreated in ways such as incest. The girls live there and go to school from there. The other new program is KIDS which is an acronym for Kids in Divorce and Separation. It is a counseling program for children who are having a hard time dealing with the divorce or separation of their parents. During the Super Bowl Rich met many people who are planning on giving him help in his Points for People campaign.

After all of the help Rich has given the people of Denver, he is now focusing his sights on helping the people of Salem and the community in general. Rich feels that there is a problem here in Salem which is seen throughout small town America. The problem is that Salem is too proud to do anything about the problems which confront the city. He says, "People bury their head in the sand and the problem gets bigger as we ignore it." Some people were offended by the comments Rich made in an earlier interview in The Salem News about changes needing to be made. "The only time you make changes is to make controversy. This city has accepted mediocrity."

One change that needs to be made is in the sports at Salem High School. Over the years the sports program has declined. The stands at basketball games are empty and major sports teams are churning out below .500 records. Rich believes that, "If we make sports more successful, it will build civic pride to benefit the whole city." Rich would like to see more people from Salem going to college on athletic scholarships. Someone needs to start the ball rolling and Rich feels that he has to do it because no one else will. He hopes to be in town more often in short spurts but it is difficult because of the demands of football. He spent a half a day talking to Superintendent Schoffman during his recent visit about ways to improve the

community. "I have a sneaking suspicion that things are going to change; this city lacks commitment," said Rich. Rich plans on being the man to make the commitment. Rich talks tough but he only tells the truth. He does not want to be looked upon as the bad guy, "I don't want to be a negative force in the city; I want to be a positive force."

Of all the people who know that the old saying "hard work pays off" is true, it is Rich Karlis. After graduating from Salem Rich wanted to play football. He looked around and felt like the best opportunity for him would be at the University of Cincinnati. UC had a new head coach coming in and Rich walked on as a kicker. He and other walk-ons were given some footballs, and were told to go to a remote part of the field and kick them back and forth to each other. In other words they said stay out of their way. But Rich would not quit. He would go to Spinney Field, practice field of the NFL Cincinnati Bengals, and kick until he was kicked off the field. Eventually he caught the coach's eye and ended up on the squad.

Small college kickers do not often get drafted so Rich wrote letter after letter to NFL teams asking for a tryout as a free agent. Almost every team turned him down including the hometown Cleveland Browns (who may have regretted it after Rich beat them with a field goal in the 1987 AFC Championship game.) The Houston Oilers invited him to try out but he did not make the team. Next the Denver Broncos gave him a try out. There were 75 potential kickers there. At the end Rich was one of four to be offered a contract to try out for the final spot. He upended incumbent Fred Steinfort and was the new kicker for the Denver Broncos. Rich was only the second Salem High grad ever to play pro football, Lou Slaby being the other.

In 1985 times became tough for Rich. He had a new holder and it was hard for him to adjust. He began

to hear the boos. It put a lot of stress on him and his new marriage. According to Rich the holder has the most thankless job on the field. He must catch the snap, turn the ball, and get it down on the ground in 1.3 seconds. For a kicker any mess up can cause a bad result and 1985 was a down year for Rich Karlis.

In 1986 Rich rebounded and has been consistent ever since. In 1987 Rich finished fourth in the AFC in scoring with 91 points. When one is the best at his position, he is named to the pro bowl team. So far Rich has never made the trip to Hawaii for the game. But he does not think that will last forever, "I'm sure I'll get to go sometime in my career." Rich had the stats to make it in his first two years but rookies are rarely chosen to go. The reason is that the players choose who goes and rookies must prove themselves in the eyes of the veteran players. To Rich, players should not be given the responsibility of voting; it should belong to the coaches. It is difficult for him to vote for an offensive guard to go to the Pro Bowl when he does not see him play.

Rich must continue his hard work to get that Pro Bowl selection. Denver will bring in kickers every year to challenge Rich; therefore there is no letting up in training routines. During the off-season Rich does a lot of bike riding and does Tae Kwon Doe to stay in shape. He also does the Bronco three hour workout. Never let it be said that a kicker is not an athlete. Rich kicks 30 balls a day, four days a week during the off-season while in training camps he kicks 30 balls daily six days a week.

Rich Karlis is an example that many young children can look up to. He worked very hard and would not take no for an answer to get to where he is today. He now wants to give something back to the community by helping to raise civic pride and make it a better place to live. Salem should definitely be proud to have turned out such a fantastic man as well as an athlete in Rich Karlis.

Salem Concludes Season Defeating Jackson-Milton

by Craig Reinehr

The Salem Wrestlers are now 4-8-1 after a loss to Hubbard 49-14, a win over Tallmadge 36-30, a tie with Ursuline 30-30, and a win over Jackson-Milton 39-27. The J.V.'s beat Hubbard and Ursuline 36-18 and 12-3 respectively, with a loss to Tallmadge 47-15.

Despite the loss to Hubbard, Joe Good at the 119 pound class won by pin and Jeff Swartz at 140 won by a 24-9 decision. Greg Marple at 171 won by an 8-5 margin and Chris Nichols grappled for a tie at 189. With Salem winning only three classes and losing eight, the result was a 49-14 loss.

Tallmadge was thrown for a loss in the next match with Aaron O'Brien pushing a 22-9 win at 112, Joe Good pinned his opponent and Larry DeJane ended up with a 19-8 win. Jeff Swartz, Greg Marple, and Chris Nichols all swept the Tallmadge opposition with pins. In the end it was a 36-30 win for Salem.

Salem grudged a 30-30 tie against Ursuline having wins again from Joe Good, 11-0, and Jeff Swartz, by technical pin. Larry DeJane scrapped for a 9-9 tie, Clarence Fields won by forfeit, Derek Brant excelled over his 165 pound opponent with a technical pin, and John Cope won by forfeit at the heavy weight class. The tough-fought match by both teams ended in a deadlock.

Salem concluded its regular season by defeating Jackson Milton 39-27. Winners were Aaron O'Brien, Joe Good, Mike Hazelbaker, Jeff Swartz, Tim Blasiman, Derek

Brant, and Chris Nichols. Brant and Blasiman had pins.

Sectional Tournaments will begin this evening at Louisville.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

by Mary Rush

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team under coach Jim Shivers ended their season with a 5-14 record. The seniors on the team are Michelle Baker, Amy Breckenridge, Melinda Wilms, Tara Zeigler, and Gretchen Schlueter. The juniors are Julie Ehrhart, Andrea Engle, Jenny Herron, Steph Headland, and Kerry Thorne. The sophomores are Jenny Sommers, Michelle Ganslein, and Linda Stanley. When Mr. Shivers was asked if he was pleased with the girls season, he replied, "Record-wise no, but effort-wise yes at times." The girls are now practicing for tournaments. Their first game was yesterday, against West Branch. When asked how the girls' playing looks for going into tournaments Mr. Shivers replied, "Pretty good, they are working hard, and the experience from playing all the season games will help." The Girls' Varsity Basketball team has worked hard this season and will be working even harder for tournaments, so give them some support and wish them luck.



Basketball Sweetheart Queen and her Court (L-R) — Kim Muntz, Michelle Baker, Amy Breckenridge, Queen Christine Neidhart, Colleen Lora, Lisa Reed, and Maria Zimmann.

JV Basketball Team Wins MVC Title

by Dave Hahn

With a final overall record of 17-3, the Salem J.V. Basketball team captured the 1987-88 Mahoning Valley Conference crown with an 11-1 conference record. This year's team consists of sophomores Shawn Binsley, Mark Burrier, Charlie Honeywell, Lance Miller, Dave Reed, and juniors Burt Capel, Dickie Cochran, Scott Jones, Tom Wiggers, Tim Steffen, and Rob Wiggers. The highlight of the year came 4 weeks ago when Salem played host to Poland. The Quakers,

needing the win to clinch the M.V.C., fought back from a 14 point fourth quarter deficit to beat the Bulldogs, 49-46. The win was especially sweet, as Salem avenged an earlier loss to Poland.

Despite the league championship, the J.V. squad will not play in any post-season tournaments. "It would be nice," said coach Jerry Allen, "but there would be a problem of where to play and who to invite. It would also interfere with the girls' and boys' varsity tournament games." Coach Allen attributes the

outstanding season to the fact that the team improved greatly throughout the year. "Their best qualities are that they move the ball very well, play well together and never give up," he said. The latter of the 3 qualities, never giving up, is easily proven when you realize that they won 3 of their last 4 conference games in the final quarter. The team also reached the 15 win goal which was set at the beginning of the season. Congratulations to both the players and Coach Allen on a very fine season.

Quakers Roll On To Win

by Dan Decrow

The Salem Quakers are on a roll. That is the easiest way to describe Salem's play as the Quakers have won five of their last seven games with the only two losses coming to MVC co-champs Girard and Canfield. The Quakers finish their regular season at 7-13 and 6-6 in the MVC, good for a third place tie with Poland.

When the Quakers met Canfield, the Cardinals were riding the crest of a 13 game winning streak. After the night was over, the streak was at 14. The Cardinals had no problem disposing of Salem by a 73-57 score. Canfield is not a team with superstars, but is a deep team which blends together well. Coach Spack says they remind him of the 1984-85 Salem team which won the MVC. Canfield went on to finish with a 17-3 record and will take a 17 game winning streak into tourney play. Canfield placed four men in double figures in the win. Salem was led by Bill Kress and Tim Steffen who scored 13 points each. Kress added 12 rebounds. Bill Bryant added 12 points for Salem.

Five seniors ended their basketball careers in the Salem High Gym on Friday, February 5, and went out in style with a 58-53 win over Poland. Bill Bryant, Ben Cope, Mark Herron, Chuck Juliano, and Jon Mitchell all started and all scored in the game. Herron and Cope led Salem with 12 points each. Poland's Joe Dunnabeck was handled well as he scored only 14 points. A week ago against West Branch Dunnabeck netted 31. After three quarters Salem led 46-31 but eight of 17 foul shooting in the final period let the Bulldogs get close. Free throw shooting is an area that needs to improve for tourney play.

The regular season ended on a high note last Friday when the Quakers stomped on Struthers 74-45. The 29 point margin of victory was the largest of the season. Even the return of John Gerak, who is headed to Penn State on a football scholarship, to the hardwood could not help the Wildcats. Gerak did score 10 to lead Struthers. Bill Bryant led Salem with 17 points and Ben Cope scored 12. Surprisingly, Bill Kress did not even score. Salem shot well from the field hitting 56 percent of its shots. Coach Spack feels that the team's confidence is at a season high and it comes at precisely the right point, heading into the tournament.

At the end of the regular season Salem's leading scorer is Bill Bryant who is averaging 14.3 points per game, fourth in the MVC. The leading rebounder is Bill Kress with 8.5 boards a game, good for fifth in the loop. Bryant continues to lead the MVC in free throw shooting with 80.4 percent. Brooke Pidgeon is fifth in three point shooting at a 42.2 clip. Mark Herron is right behind Pidgeon at 40.9 percent.

When The Ohio High School Athletic Association announced that it would expand to four divisions in basketball, Coach Spack probably breathed a big sigh of relief. No longer will Salem be going to Struthers to face such powers as Austintown Fitch, Boardman, and Warren Western Reserve. This year the Quakers will play at Beeghly Center on the campus of Youngstown State in a Division II sectional. Canfield and Cardinal Mooney are the top seeds, but a berth in the regional is up for grabs, and with a little luck, Salem can grab it.

Salem's first round opponent will be Youngstown Chaney on Wednesday, March 2. The game will follow the Beaver Local-Hubbard matchup. Chaney finished its season with a 7-13 record, the same as Salem. Before the season began the Quakers scrimmaged the Cowboys and played well. Chaney's best player is Chris Durkin. He leads the City Series in scoring, is a good rebounder, and can shoot from the outside. Durkin does have one

problem. He has a hot temper and a short fuse. He was ejected from the scrimmage. In a way Durkin can be compared to former Michigan State star and current NBA player Scott Skiles. Skiles averaged 27.2 points per game his senior season which placed him second among NCAA scorers for the 1985-86 season. He was allowed to play despite having been arrested three times while in college for such things as drunk driving and marijuana possession. At away games Skiles was booed vociferously. Fans would get on Skiles' case all the time, but he responded by playing well. Durkin has not had problems with the law, but still is the man opposing fans love to hate. A noisy pro-Quaker crowd could upset him and help the Quakers win.

Should Salem beat Chaney they would face West Branch. The Warriors defeated Salem 74-66 earlier in the season. Coach Spack says that the game will be totally different this time around. The specter of West Branch's never having beaten Salem ended with that game and the Warriors may not be so enthusiastic this time. Also the game will be played at a neutral site rather than at West Branch. Finally, Coach Spack does not think the Warriors can shoot 57 percent from the field as they did in the first meeting. West Branch finished 13-7 this year. Should Salem continue its fine play, the Quakers may win a sectional championship and who knows what could happen after that.

Avoiding A Broken Heart

by Christopher Vitko

Throughout the world today, many teenagers seem to get very emotional or too romantically involved with their boyfriend or girlfriend. Some people even have the tendency to fall head over heels for someone whom they have seen once or twice. Whatever the case may be, the result is often pain and heartbreak when the romance fails or the person has been rejected. One sad fact of life is that the only sure way to avoid a broken heart is to avoid getting too involved in the first place. Today, it is not unusual for two people to start dating with the best of intentions only to find out they are not suitable for each other. This is why today many people think of dating as a trial-and-error process.

For teenagers today, dating while still in the teens is one of the greatest hazards for this is considered "the bloom of youth," this is where the power of passion is rising to its peak. Confusing to many teens is their sex drive; therefore a relationship with the opposite sex is very aggravating. This happens to be the case and cause of teens falling 'in love' with the greatest of ease. Many people try to restrain passion basing a relationship on compatibility in which odds are slim that they will stay compatible. The cause of this is due to the teenager still being in a state of flux which means they are still discovering who they are, what they want, and what they plan to do with their life. Thus, many of the teenage romances are doomed relationships. Being older, on the other hand, does not make a person immune to heartbreak. Bob Vitko who is now 19 and who graduated in 1987, was as he said, "heartbroken" after his dramatic break up with his girlfriend. Bob had only known the girl for 3 weeks before going out with her. Surprisingly enough, he had gone with the girl for 1 1/2 years before breaking off the relationship. One mistake made by all people at some time or another is getting too romantically involved purely on basis of the person's physical appearance. The first thing that should be is to try to find out what kind of person he or she is.

Sometimes, circumstances may not lend themselves to getting acquainted at a safe distance. If this should be the case, then the person should determine if the person they are interested in is well reported on by others. If it turns out that he or she is dubiously known for starting relationship upon relationship and ending each when things begin to pick up, beware! This is where many people get their heart broken and feelings hurt badly. But, how many people get to know each other and what each is like? Engage in recreational activities and discuss goals, interests, and views on topical subjects. Bob Vitko says that he and his girlfriend discussed goals, interests and often discussed some key issues, but nothing really major. Vitko also said that they engaged in many activities such as family reunions, movies, played plenty of sports, and the best thing they would do is sit on the front porch at night discussing things that they would not tell any other people. Despite all that has happened to Bob's relationship, he said, "I don't regret anything. The relationship we had was good and if I had the chance to do it all over again. I would not change a thing (well... maybe just a few)." Also, teens along with other people just starting a new relationship should speak the truth, not bending if for fear of losing the person. People are better off letting their companion know just who they are and what they want out of life.

Dating other people has the potential for both happiness and misery. There is no way of guaranteeing that a particular relationship will work out for anybody. Both parties may even take every precaution necessary, but heartbreak may still occur. After Bob's break up, he said that it is hard to let go when you have been together that long. By dating only when you're ready can a person be able to do much in minimizing heart break.

Seniors Tie The Knot

by Maria Zimmann

The knots were tied last Friday between Seniors in Mrs. Cozza's Family Living classes when the guys drew their wives' names from a bowl. The husband and wife "couple" will remain "married" for the rest of the year.

To help students experience the reality of a marriage, Mrs. Cozza began marrying students about ten years ago. The goal is to be able to work out problems and differences with your partner, manage money and understand that there is more to a marriage than love.

Couples begin their marriage by first discussing issues, differences and situations to get to know each other better. In reality, these topics would have been discussed before marriage. Some topics would be differences in religions, lifestyles and priorities.

After learning about each other and how the other views different issues and situations, both partners are to communicate and try to make the marriage work.

Eventually, each couple draws from a bowl, and is given a job with a salary attached to that job. With the given salary, the couple has to learn to manage their money and live on what they can afford. "No one will be rich — you can always learn to live with more," says Mrs. Cozza.

Each couple is then given a list of about 25 apartments and must decide on where they wish to live, according to their salary. They may choose from an expensive luxury apartment with a swimming pool to a cheap apartment next to their mother-in-law.

A vehicle is the next item to be decided on and purchased. Again, the couple decides from a list whether they'll purchase a new Corvette or an old car that needs to be pushed to get started.

By deciding where they'll live and the kind of car they'll drive, the couple determines their lifestyle and shows where their priorities lie.

Varsity Cheerleading Will Have Changes In 88-89

Senior High by Patience Hippleary
Salem, Ohio

The cheerleading tryouts are soon approaching and there will be a difference in the 88-89 varsity squad. Football and basketball will be a "split season" for the cheerleaders.

This system is new to the high school, but the junior high has the same basic system. There will be a squad chosen that will cheer for football. Mrs. Bryant said, "I feel a lot of benefit will be given this way to give more girls the opportunity to be a cheerleader." Under this system a girl that is in the band or involved in volleyball or cross country can now have the chance to be a cheerleader. The girl will have her choice of which to cheer for, either a season of basketball or football but not both.

The junior-varsity squad will remain as last year, cheering for both football and basketball. This is because the squad only gets to cheer a few football games a season.

Mrs. Bryant also said that girls who have never been a cheerleader before have a chance to make the squad, and that cheerleading is also open to male students. Mrs. Bryant said, "I hope it will encourage more students to come try out for cheerleading."

Any student interested should begin a workout program, such as walking. No gymnastic skills will be required, but knowing how to do cartwheels and a split is required. A five day clinic will be held to teach students all cheers and jumps, so they will know everything needed to try-out. An "original cheer" is required and this cheer will consist of material that the girl puts together herself.

The opening meeting for cheerleading tryouts will be held on March 1, where girls will be able to ask questions and get information.

After the five day clinic is over try-outs will be held on March 29.

Girls who are currently in track may try-out, and a schedule with Mrs. Miller will be worked out.

All girls on the varsity squad this year will receive their Varsity S letters. After the change in the varsity squad, girls will still be eligible for their letter as long as they are in good standing with the squad.

Mrs. Bryant also said she would like to add the following, "Our school spirit has been tremendously helped by the pep club, and advisor Mrs. Esposito. They have given spirit treats to the teams and cheerleaders, made hoops and signs. The cheering section at the game is great and one time at a game we were losing by a lot and the pep club and students were out cheering — that is what spirit is all about."

Where Does The Quaker Go?

by Craig Reinehr

The journalism class at the S.H.S. puts out a student newspaper periodically throughout the year. The papers are distributed to the students and the staff, and that is where the journalism staff leaves off. So, what happens next? What do the students do with their newspapers once the papers are distributed?

Dave Hahn — I use it to beat down attacking Pit bulls.

Mary Rush — I save them for future reference.

Lisa Miller — I give them to Mary for more future reference.

Brad Richert — I read it; then I let my parents read it, so, they can find out what happens at school so I don't have to talk to them.

Theresa Swartz — It sits in my room in either a drawer or my desk.

Tess Swenningson — I roll it up and use it as a megaphone to communicate with Mr. Ross.

It seems like the "Quaker" is a popular item in more respects than just a newspaper. The kids of today seem to have creative minds for the use of a simple object like a newspaper.

Students Needed To Give Blood

by Chris Vitko

This year's blood bank at the Salem Senior High will be held on Friday, March 25 in the front lobby of the gymnasium from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The school nurse, Mrs. Monteleone, would like to inform all students 17 years of age and up that they may participate in the blood drive without parental consent, but emphasizes that they should still inform parents of their giving blood. The blood drive this year was scheduled right around the time of the blood drive that is given in town. Mrs. Monteleone would like to remind students that the waiting period for being able to donate blood after giving once before is 56 days. So, those students who have already donated blood in town may not take part in this year's blood drive.

Mrs. Monteleone has set a goal of 175 to 200 pts. of blood from this year's blood drive. Also, the committee is as follow: Mrs. Monteleone will serve as this year's coordinator and Mr. Rabell, the school's assistant principal, will be the administrative supervisor. Again, this year's blood drive will require some help from the Juniors and Seniors at the school. Recruits will be taken from the following classes: P.O.D., I.O.E., advanced biology and the journalism class. All people who are recruited (volunteer) will be working in the areas of registration, temperature taking, donor room assistant, canteen, and bag labelers.