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A. — "Yes."

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Quaker Managing Editor Recently, Mr. Charles McShane, rincipal of Salem High School, isited with the staff of the Quaker in rder to have a student press

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I interviewed Mrs. Swartz who set

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Q. - What was the initial

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t accomplish what you set out to do?

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conference. Although Mr. McShane was pressed for time, he answered students questions on relative school subjects as censorship, face painting,

Geography week: Makes learning fun

by Melissa McCrae

make students aware of the

importance of geography in today's

Q. — What about students?

very positive and had nothing but

doing this activity again in the

A. — "The student body was

Q. - Do you look forward to

by Richard Berg

and pep rallies. In his opening statement, Mr. McShane relayed his views on the success of this school year's



beginning. "Here at Salem High School we are used to tradition,' states Mr. McShane. "Through positive actions and encouraging good self esteem we are accomplishing our goal, the goal to improve the level of learning at Salem High School." After opening remarks the floor was opened to include questions asked of by the staff of The Quaker.

In response to the issue on the Salem High School defended that the painting distracted the learning abilities of the students. "The teachers were complaining, and we finally listened," stated McShane. "We're only trying to create a learning atmosphere." However, questions ranged from students wearing nose rings to the height of mohawk haircuts. When asked about the issue of live bands at dances, Mr. McShane responded that the crowds began to get too "rowdy", thus live bands were abolished.

In conclusion, Mr. McShane commended the class on its questions, and stated that if any other questions were to arise, "My door is always open."

We the staff of the Quaker would like to thank Mr. McShane for his time and his patience.

#### world. Yes, it accomplished what it you wait until next year? recent banning of face painting, Mr. A. — "More than likely next McShane stressed that teachers of Q. — Did you get more positive year.' or negative feedback from other

Q. — How do you feel that Geography Week went? A. — "Really pleased; hopes to

Q. — Would you do a similar

activity later on this year or would

make better next year; this was the first year."

Thank you Mrs. Swartz, for taking time out of your busy schedule to inform students about the importance of Geography Week. I hope that Geography Week has continued success in the future.

## The vocational class elects new officers, holds Christmas fund raiser by Kim Morrison

The vocational classes started off the year by electing their new officers and by getting ready to start heir first fund raiser.

The I.O.E. officers for this year are: Mindy Mellot President Stacie McKinney Vice President Tina Singer Secretary Tracie Croley Treasurer The Secretary II Officers are:

Judy Smith President Susan Bowersock Vice President Amy Englert Secretary Shane Morrison Treasurer The C.B.E. officers are: President Kim Morrison

Dorothy Bloore Vice President Yenere Spack Secretary Cheryl Good Treasurer The first fund raiser for the classes began on October 5. The students sold Christmas items along with a variety of foods. Help from the rest

of the student body is needed to reach their class goal. The C.B.E. students are busy with

their full-time work schedule. They

## Sing of praise by Mathew Kilgore

The Salem High School Choir has a very busy schedule in front of them this holiday season. The choir has 110 members this year.

There are three different groups that are in the choir. They consist of the Concert Choir, the Chamber Choir, and the Girls' Ensemble. The Concert Choir consists of all of the people in choir. The students that hold their realm in the Chamber Choir consist of 24 select boys. The boys' ages range from 10-12 grade. the Girls' Ensemble is also equipped with 24 select girls who range from 9-12 grade. To be qualified to be in one of these elite groups auditions are held. Hence the students that are in these groups are wonderful.

All of these groups will be performing at the Christmas program. The concert will be held on December 16, in the high school

which include Beth Dumovic, Kara Zocolo, Michelle Wolf, Karen Honeywell, and Yoko Tsutsumi. The soloists include Mike Nery, Jennifer Martin, Lisa Jenkins, and Beth Dumovic. Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer will also be present. They will be brought to life by Debbie Sholes and Becky Donnelly.

The music that will be presented at the Christmas program include nine songs. These range from the traditional Silent Night to the not so common songs such as Every Valley.

The Chamber Choir has many performances in their paths this holiday season. They include singing to the Columbiana County Republicans, Salem Business and Professional Club, Lions Club, Rotary Christmas Dinner, and the auditorium. There are certain people Reilly and Buckeye Schools. I would

go to school until 11:00, then work for the rest of the afternoon. All of the vocational students look forward to having a good business job and to getting through the school year successfully.

Good luck to all the vocational students!

## C.B.E. A look into tomorrow by Kim Morrison

The C.B.E. students are in various different positions with their jobs and seem to be doing great in the real world. Starting now will hopefully someday lead to an early success which a lot of students are hoping for.

The following are the students and businesses for which they are currently employed:

Yenere Spack, Dr. Emmanuel Sudhakaran and MM Industries Inc.; Kim Morrison, Salem Community Hospital; Dorothy Bloor, Gordon Brothers Inc.; Wendy Russell, Richard Horning, Attorney; Amy

Vannoy, Bliss-Salem Inc.; Cheryl Good, Home Savings & Loan; Jackie Bryant, Sebring-Beloit Family Practice Center; Billie Jo Sheen, Salem City Schools; Becky Crouse, Lincoln Machine Co.; Elizabeth Milliken, Dr. Pete Dintiman; and Pattie Roush, Salem Community Hospital.

For some of these students, their jobs now are only temporary. After graduation, some of them will further their education and others will stay full time at their present job and better themselves as they go!

## **Club Activity Update 1990**

## NAHS

Advisor: Miss Yereb President: Darby DeJane Vice President:

Jennifer Braughtingham

Treasurer: Kim Chen Secretary: Terra Baquer

In October, NAHS members met with former astronaut Allen Bean, at a Visual Arts Convention. NAHS members have also recently stenciled the row numbers on the new bleachers in the gym.

## Yearbook Staff

Advisor: Mrs. Tina Hays Yearbooks are on sale now during lunch periods for \$25 till February 1st. Students will be taking, while deadlines are coming up.

## German Club

Advisor: Mrs. Reed President: Marcie Stewart Vice President: Theresa Kaine Secretary: Traci Wright Treasurer: Steve M. Bailey German Club went Christmas

## SADD

(previously STOP) Advisor: Mrs. Apicella Co-Advisor: Carrie Burtnet SADD will hold a bake sale to raise money, also partake in community service and hold a

raffle. Contracts are also being turned in.

## TACT

Advisor: Mrs. Cozza Tact members were treated to a Christmas party, with a notalent contest. TACT members also spoke to Rotary and will be speaking at Rielly and Buckeye schools.

#### Interact

Advisor: Mrs. Kendall President: Mary Winch Vice President: Stacey DeCrow Secretary: Melissa Vidumansky Treasurer: Heather McShane

Interact bought fruit from band to make fruit baskets for the unfortunate families of Salem. Interact has also adopted a section of a highway to keep it clean and free of debris, a memorial plaque will be placed atina th

## Pep Club

Advisor: Mrs. Smith and Miss Nespeca Chairman of the board: Jodi Chappell

The pep club made posters for all of the winter sports. Plans and preparations are being made for goody bags for the winter sports team members. All dues need to be turned in as soon as possible to Mrs. Smith or Miss Nespeca.

## Math Club

Advisor: Mr. Trough Activities: Math club is preparing for their competition in the spring. Mr. Trough believes he has a good group of math wizards and will be achieving great things.

## Spanish Club

Advisor: Mr. Monteleone On December 21th, the group plans to attend El Ponchos for their Christmas banquet.

Poetry/Drama Club Advisor: Mrs. Wilms and Mrs. Shivers President: Jennifer Martin

that should be recognized for their like to wish the Choir good luck in upcoming performances in the all of your performances this year. concert. They are the accompanists,



Strategy Time! Coach Zeigler gives instructions to the Girls Basketball Team. Going into last night's game with Campbell, the Varsity was 3-2, and the Junior Varsity was 2-3.

caroling on December 9th at local nursing homes and German families in Salem.

Key Club Advisor: Dave Firestone Faculty Advisor: Mr. Washinko President: Jill Browne Vice President: Tammy Scott Secretary: Traci Wright Treasurer: Jason Aldom Sergeant of Arms: Jodi Chappel

Key Club has ushers that show reserve ticket holders to their seats at basketball games. They sent a care package to soldiers in the Middle East, and have worked the concession stand at various basketball games. They are planning a Christmas party and going caroling on December 16.

## Science Olympiad

Advisor: Mrs. May Members: 11

Science Olympiad at this time is mainly practicing and awaiting a date to be set for competition.

by Salem Interact.

#### **Chess Club**

Advisor: Mr. Sabo President: Andy Brothers Vice President: Brian Hadcock Chess club meets twice a month until spring sports start then they will disban till next year.

#### Academic Challenge

Advisor: Mrs. Esposito President: Stacey DeCrow Vice President: Andy Brothers On December 6th, the Academic Challenge team participated in the "Knowledge Master Open". This competition was done on the Apple Computer and results were sent through the mail. The team has two competitions a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The competition is done on a national basis, and Mrs. Esposito expects the results sometime around December 11th.

Vice President: Pam Haydorn In past meetings, they spent to organize activities. In the future they plan to have such activities as skit reading, read poetry, and literature written from both well known artists and from the students. The club is basically for anyone who enjoys literature, poetry, and drama. They hope to inspire students sometime in the future to put on a production at the school. The club meets every other Friday after school in the library.

#### A.F.S.

(American Field Service) Advisor: Mrs. Breckenridge President: Amy Englert Vice President: Nick Grande The A.F.S. attended a hockey game on November 24. Plans

are still in process for their progressive dinner, which will be held after Christmas caroling on December 15. Club members will also be selling Christmas ornaments.

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#### THE QUAKER



## Santa Claus is coming to town by Richard Berg and Lawrance Zagotti

Well, it's that time of year again, when everyone rounds up the grubby little brats and hauls them off to the mall to see Santa Claus. Although this is the time of giving and sharing, many of us feel that receiving is always better. I mean how many times have you really gotten everything that you asked for on your Christmas list? Probably the only thing that is worse than three million screaming kids in line to see Old Saint Nick, is having the relatives over for that traditional Christmas dinner.

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The day begins as you awake with thoughts of actually getting to stay home without the cares and worries of school life, but those thoughts are ruined by the sound of Aunt Henrietta (the only 500 pound kissing bandit known to exist today) trying to wedge herself into the front door. "Give your Aunt Etta a B-I-I-I-I-G kiss," she says, but little does she know that if I do give her the kiss, I will become lost in all her monstrosity, suffocate and die a horrible death. To clear up any misconceptions about the love I have for my aunt, and trust me there is enough to love; I do not love her for what she looks like or how she smells but for the person she is inside. O.K., enough of the goodytoo-shoes routine, it's time to get back to the real truth about the situation: dinner.

Dinner in the "house of the Heifers" is an experience in itself. The sounds of the kill echo early through the hall as my mother prepares Christmas dinner. Although most families have nice humane things to eat, our family must insist on the rarest of rare things. Dishes like pickled pet hamster, french fried flies, and roast iguana are just a few that make the dinner table, and let me tell you these people inhale the stuff like it was going out of style. When was the last time you saw a human being trying to belch after stuffing their face for forty minutes, it ain't no pretty sight.

Christmas shopping for the family is a real joy in itself. Shopping for mother is not as easy as it may seem. Anything ranging from the traditional pot holders to any weird kitchen appliances are acceptable. Another fun thing dealing with shopping is to go to the mall and see other people slaving over what to buy their loved ones. As the music that spreads holiday cheer plays ever

Quaker Managing Editor Quaker Editorial Editor so sweetly over the P.A. system, the poor Salvation Army bell ringers who get run over by Aunt Etta are the ones aren't feeling the cheer of the holiday goers.

The day could also do without little brother or sister jumping on your bed like Garfield wanting to be fed. "Wake up! Santa was here last night!" The response: "I know. I saw what Dasher left for us on the roof." Then they proceed to try and wake

up Mom and Dad to get them out of bed. No child should have to suffer that kind of wrath. Now comes the opening of the presents. Socks seem to be a popular gift at this time of year. Dad probably has a very strange collection of ties. Getting your chubby aunt a gift (or not getting her one) is a decision that has to be pondered. Anyone can tell if she is disappointed that she didn't get a gift. She could tell you that

"It's all right. I didn't expect a gift again this year."

There could be a possible link between Santa Claus and Aunt Etta. They're both fat and they both are mysteriously cheerful. See the link yet?

Well there it is, the most memorable day of the year, at least for my family. After a long day of grotesque happenings, I reside to my room and laugh myself to sleep.

## **Jperation:** Wasted ture

"Okay, up and attum! It's 0530 and you better get up! Remember when the Army promised that you would see foreign exotic lands and meet new and exciting people? Well, we're going to keep our promise! President Bush is sending you on an all expense paid trip to Saudi Arabia! Isn't that nice?"

No, that isn't so nice when you think about it. That could be the scene all over the country if the draft is brought back to help add to our forces in the Persian Gulf. That has been one of the rumors floating around the government and if it happens there will be some real problems to deal with all over the country. Vietnam vets are worried that Saudi Arabia will be another Vietnam and they don't want what happened to them to happen to the people who are already over there or who are going. President Bush wants the U.N. to approve a resolution to get military action against the "wacky Iraqi." I'm sure that doesn't

## by Larry Zagotti

scare Saddam Hussein in the least. Obviously Mr. Hussein doesn't know the fine line between common sense and being a Cleveland Browns fan. If he knew how the U.S. draft actually works and how people would do anything to dodge it, he would die laughing. Hussein wants a holy war and if America's teens have anything to do with it, the only holy things would be their shirts and blue jeans. The draft almost seems like forcing patriotism on the young boys who are or who are about to turn 18. It is the law to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of a guy's 18th birthday. I should know. I turned 18 in September and had to register. I'm not ready for the Army to go and to meet women whose faces have to be covered. I'm sure that Saudi Arabian women aren't that ugly. (But you never know.) I know that some people would love to go and "nuke" every Iraqi that they see, but the Army isn't for

The scary thought of the sixties returning is bad enough. Kids today wouldn't look right wearing bell bottoms and having every other word out of their mouths be "Peace bro!" If the draft is brought back, the country could be divided even more than with Vietnam. Nuclear weapons are more of a threat now than back then. Demonstrations and protests could be the scene before too long and sit-ins could become fashionable again. That might make lunch here more interesting. Maybe then we could have more than eight people to a table again. Even college students are not being excluded. They will let students finish the first semester and then it will be "sianara" to the people going over. (And I can't even speak Japanese.)

But back on the serious side, if Congress brings back the dreaded "D" word I'm sure that Mexico and Canada will get some new citizens. Just don't drink the water.

## I've got you under my wallet, or whatever by Larry Zagotti

Well, if women can't live with us or without us, who would they blame for everything? Who would pay their way for most everything? Who would they change plans on without asking? The answers to these and more will never be known. The man who is able to understand women will be the richest man in the world.

A man could write a novel on them but the national budget wouldn't be enough to finance the book. First off, like the commercial says, why do women change plans at the last second without asking their men? Some say it's women's prerogative. WHAT THE HECK DO THEY THINK THEY'RE DOING? I know from having this happen that it will tick off a man faster than just saying, "I didn't know!" What women don't realize is that we even call them before showing up and they still insist on having you wait an hour before coming down from the bathroom (what DO they do in there anyway?). Don't ever walk in there after they are done. The smell of hairspray will kill.

Going on group dates is another

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Student Expression

We, the staff of "the

adventure. If one has to go to the bathroom, an alarm seems to go off signaling others to follow. Then the bathroom thing starts again. What I think happens is all the women in there have one huge, secret convention to plot more stuff against the men.

Now the fun begins. While you are on the date, you have to watch yourself at all times. One wrong move and your wallet is history. She could get an attack of the munchies, or worse, expect you to pay for a dinner even if you don't have the money. (Even if she could pay her own way.) Now I realize that paying her way is nice, but all the time?

Explaining stuff to them is nearly impossible. They won't listen to reason. Men could spend hour after hour talking until their lungs give out and she still won't listen. Unless the man has extraordinary powers of persuasion, the message won't get through. Her sense of reason shuts off when the man starts talking. Enough said?

There are some girls in this world that don't follow this, and the men in this world are thankful for that. Nervous systems weren't meant to stand that much stress.

everyone. I've got you under my skin by Anika Pierce

As the old saying goes, "Men, you can't live with them, and you can't live without them." What is the real purpose to having men in our lives? It seems that they just cause heartache and are here to punish women for some unknown reason.

In my experience with the opposite sex, men if I may say, seem to want control of the whole relationship. Sure they may ask the women's opinion, but how often do they listen? It is just for an argumentative purpose that he had asked to begin with, to say that he did ask. Not fair at all, is it? It is the same as if they had a bad day. The target for their anger is the woman in their life. It always turns out that she was to blame. Even if she was no where around it was all her and the guy had absolutely nothing to do with it. Of course if they ever happen

to be wrong, God forbid, they will never admit it. They would probably much rather die before apologizing to a woman. But yet when a woman is in a bad mood they do not understand why?

If I had written the definition for men in the dictionary, it would be: greed, or maybe in a medical encyclopedia for the disease causing severe suffering and extreme heart pain with possible symptoms of nausea and depression. Sometimes I wish they would just become extinct like the dinosaurs, but that would cause even worse problems.

Women may complain about the men in their lives, yet they would die without them. The love and affection

they show in rare occasions seems to keep the women going in this world. Not all men are like this, there are men in the world who can be kind, caring, and understanding. Yes, it is true. Hopefully in the future there will be more of that kind. Men just can not understand the pain and agony they put women through. They have seemed to have only one explanation for the mood swings that women have, "it must be that time of the month." It is never ever their fault. I would think that after all of the time men have been in existence they could figure out that it is them. Not female problems. Hopefully with time the "real" men of this world will dominate instead of the artificial ones we seemed to have acquired.



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sights, sounds, and smells of Christmas than to send a holiday greeting to someone reporting to their nation's call of duty.

All kinds of groups, organizations and people are taking part in helping our American defenders. Key Club recently sent over 1,000 items to the troops in Saudia Arabia under Operation Desert Shield. They collected paraphernalia and took it to

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currently had an article in the newspaper to where anyone could write to a soldier. It stated in her article that many soldiers get lonely because they don't receive letters from anyone, and for those that do get them, they tend to read them over and over to the point where they have it probably memorized.

The Gulf Crisis has already kept American defenders from Thanksgiving, and soon Christmas.

Youngstown, where WKBN shipped For many families this year's it for no charge. Ann Landers holiday season may not bring "good tidings." Each individual can take part in portraying a traditional season. Whatever one's definition may be of the traditional season, one will find that possibly baking a batch of cookies for a soldier could help the troops feel part of the Christmas spirit.

If the issue goes in a positive direction, maybe things could end with a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



'Hey! Someone's watching us eat!'



## **America:** Down in the dumps

by Julie E. Hippely Quaker Feature Editor

The war against garbage is a long and incessant battle. Americans throw away 4.0 pounds of it a day. This adds up to more than half a ton a year. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that by the turn of the century, we will each produce 4.4 pounds of garbage per day, that's 216 million tons per day.

Most of the problem lies in the landfills. Seventy-three percent of America's trash goes to landfills. Although recycling and incineration account for 13 and 14 percent of this trash. However, 80 percent of these landfills have closed in the last 20 years. This forces us to deal with the fact that the country may soon be overrun with garbage.

A Semass Waste-to-Energy Facility in Rochester, Massachusetts, shreds and burns trash from 32 communities, and it generates more than 50 megawatts. Some of the electricity is used for the plant itself, and the rest is sold to a local utility.

Another option is incineration. However, many experts believe that it only makes other problems, such as fly ash, which contains high concentrations of lead, mercury, and in some cases, dioxins.

The idea that has the most potential is making less garbage to begin with. People should recycle and reuse things whenever possible. Living in a country that has more than we need, we tend to take things for granted. The next time you are about to through away a glass jar, or a newspaper, think again, recycling doesn't take up that much time, does it?

## "Wrap Up" on sex by Melanie Ballentine

Michele Kaminski

SEX. Is this all that is on the minds of our society today? On TV, on the radio, and everywhere else you can think you of. But the problem is, too many teenagers are becoming pregnant or infected with sexually transmitted diseases. I think it is about time we start to take control of our actions!

Should condoms be handed out to the males and the pill be given to the girls by the school nurse? Well, it's obvious that many parents are overlooking the responsibilities of teaching their kids about sex. Look how many types of birth control there are on the market today. Does this explain why there are so many

teenage pregnancies? NO! Teenagers are going to have sex, so society might as well wake up and fight this problem.

There are more than 2,795 teenagers a year that get pregnant, some keep their babies, some give them up for adoption, and some abort their babies. Should it be that every 67 seconds in America a teenager gives birth, or that 623 teens will contract gonorrhea or syphilis or 7,742 teenagers become sexually involved? These statistics seem quite high. Here's something to think about: Do you want to be a statistic?

## Scaling the tiers of diplomacy Quaker Managing Editor

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public schools have adopted the "Tiered" diploma system. This new system requires mandatory proficiency testing in the form of four tests; Writing, Mathematics, English/Reading, and Citizenship. Students must complete this exam, and pass, or be faced with the possibility of receiving a Certificate of Attendance. Ohio Bill 231 is the result of long debates under the jurisdiction of Senate Bill 140, which states the declining of standardized tests including ACT, and SAT. Under the new bill, students must pass the test regarding Ohio state minimums. Testing began this year with freshman, the class of 1994. Although testing is repeated twice every year, a student must only meet the required criteria once and pass the test.

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Through the "Tiered" diploma system students will receive one of four documents. The first of the four

Under Ohio House Bill 231, Ohio is a Certificate of Attendance, in which students meet local requirements, but do not pass the test. Next is the Diploma of Basic Competency, where students meet local requirements and pass the ninth grade proficiency test. The third of the four is a Diploma with Distinction, where as students meet all local requirements and pass the ninth and twelfth grade proficiency tests. Last is the Diploma with Commendation, to which students meet all local requirements, pass the ninth and twelfth grade proficiency tests, retain an average grade point average of 3.5 or above, and also have an overall attendance percentage of 95%.

> I recently spoke with members of the Class of 1994 about the tests and here were some of their responses: Matt Sabitino: "They were interesting, but boring at the same time."

Joe Matyas: "It's stupid, there's no need for them."

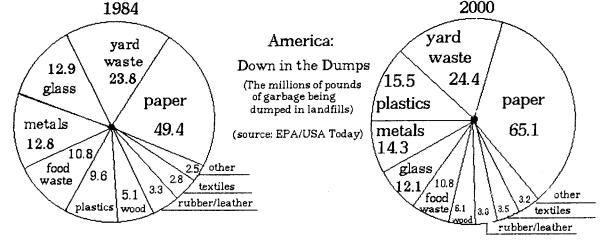
Greg Miller: "The citizenship section was the hardest, and the math section didn't have the right answers.'

Bruce Blankenship: "They were easier than I thought they'd be. Audra Phillips: "The tests were

boring, and were hard. I don't feel we should be made to take them."

In my overall discussion with freshman, their opinion about the test was that the tests were easy, and if something is so easy than why take the time to test? Another interesting fact that resulted was that the citizen section of the test was the hardest: Freshman said they needed more learning in the way of American government.

Although this system of diplomacy is new, many of the students feel that this innovative procedure will be mandatory in many states in the future.



## New age Christmas? Let's hope not by Larry Zagotti

First, there was new age music. (Give me a break.) Now, there is new age Christmas. The eighties were the "ME" decade. Now, after the eighties are over, it appears that Christmas has become a ME holiday.

Christmas was and still is celebrating the birth of Christ. But as time goes on, it seems as if Christmas is getting away from that and becoming a "you give and I'll receive" kind of holiday. If Christ had been born today, don't be surprised if someone had tried to sell tickets to make a profit.

The meaning of Christmas is open to anybody's interpretation, but the one most people at least try to think about is the one mentioned above. To some people it means family and friends, to others it means presents and food. Other people feel that Christmas is getting way too commercial for its own good. A lot of people accuse store owners of buying out the idea of Christmas for their own financial gain. Whatever, I don't think it's quite that way. I think that business owners just want to have a merry Christmas like everyone else. For those who believe that there is a Santa Claus, if his elves ever form a union, would they go on strike?

So to not to let the rest of the school feel left out, several students were asked what the meaning of Christmas is to them. Here were their responses:

Cindy Carlariello: "Quality family time.'

Beth Everson: "The warmth of giving and even receiving."

Tracie Gionfriddo: "The birth of Christ."

Diane Sheen: "My family being together.

Mr. Spack: "The birth of Christ. Christmas is too commercial."

Kerri Cranmer: "Sharing, caring, giving, and loving. Spending time with family."

Justin Young: "Food and presents.'

Heath Crowe: "Presents, money, and parties."



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As an exchange student from the American and the Dutch Christmas that in the Netherlands,



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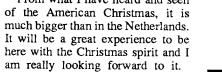
- 1. 7,742 teenagers are sexually active. 2. 2,795 teenagers get pregnant.
- 3. 1,106 teenagers have abortions.
- 4. 372 teenagers miscarry,
- 5. 1,295 teenagers give birth.
- 6. 1,512 teenagers drop out of school.
- 7. 623 teenagers get gonorrhea or syphillis.
- 8. 689 babies are born to women who have not had prenatal care.
- 9. 67 babies die before one month of life .
- 10. 1,849 children are abused or neglected.

\* Children's Defense Fund. S.O.S. America! p.4. (Washington, D. C.: Children's Defense Fund, 1990)

Christmas in the United States. Although the Dutch Christmas looks a lot like the American Christmas, there are also differences.

Christmas in the Netherlands is two days, December 25th and 26th. Most families have a Christmas tree which they decorate, like the Americans do. The stores are also decorated, although not as much as the American stores. During Christmas the family usually comes together and has a big dinner. The main difference between the

no presents are given. At least, it used to be this way. More and more people are starting to give presents with Christmas. Although Santa Claus does exist in the Netherlands, children do not believe in him like the young American children do. From what I have heard and seen of the American Christmas, it is much bigger than in the Netherlands.

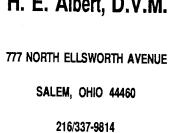


H. E. Albert, D.V.M.

## Money does grow on trees by Chris Chappell

Recently the High School and Junior High bands teamed up for their annual fruit sale that was held November 14 - November 28. The object for this sale was to raise money for their upcoming trip in March to New York City, and to raise money for new band uniforms, since next year's band is expected to

be the largest Salem High school band ever. The delivery date for the band fruit will be December 14 at the Sebring Container Corporation on Benton Road. Mr. Jeckavich, Director of the Band feels "this is our biggest fund raiser." A special thanks to all for making this the most successful fund raiser yet.



## Becoming one of tomorrow's leaders

Two weeks ago, I participated in the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. This consisted of a week of government-related activities which were educational as well as fun. I hope I can persuade you to participate in this rewarding experience if given the opportunity.

A nomination letter will be sent to scholars informing them that they have been selected from students all over the United States to participate. A junior or senior may be selected by principal nomination or directly by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, started five years ago, and recognizes outstanding youth throughout the country. Only 350 students attend each conference. After replying to the first letter, a student might receive an acceptance letter which confirms that he or she will be traveling to Washington, D.C. Travel arrangements should be made immediately after that letter. The Council does not provide transportation to or from the conference. An information packet will be sent to the participants telling exactly what to bring and what is to be expected of them.

On November 27, I flew from Pittsburgh to Washington Dulles Airport where I was met by Council members and other students. Excitement filled the air.



Participants came in from states as far as Alaska and Hawaii and as close as Maryland and Virginia. We then had to take a chartered bus to our destination, the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Students were divided into presidential groups of 20-25 people with whom they participated together with during the week. A plenary welcome was in the evening to introduce Council members and to start off the six-day adventure.

Each day dealt with a different subject. Topics included international affairs, a day on Capitol Hill, perspectives on power, and Mock Congress. Speakers spoke to us from the Department of State, House of Representatives, National Press Club, CIA, and Executive Agencies such as the Department of Commerce. All of the information we learned built up to the end of the week when we took part in Mock Congress. The bill we debated and amended and finally voted down on was the National Service Act. Sightseeing could not be left out when visiting the "hot spot" of government affairs. Camera opportunities included Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Capitol Hill, Union Station, Illuminated Tour of President Memorials, White House, and the Smithsonian Museums.

The trip to the National Young Leaders Conference was a great opportunity and an experience which I will never forget. One of the most memorable parts of the conference was the many friendships that were made. Everyone was depressed when they were leaving the 4-H Center. The only downfall to this educational event is the cost. The price to attend the conference is \$600, not including airfare and wardrobe. The dress is conservatively formal during the day and casual at night. Students are encouraged to seek sponsors to help pay for the trip. It's possible to get donations from many community clubs. In closing, I would like to encourage you to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference if you get an invitation in the future. If there are any questions about the Council or conference, see me or write directly to them at 1511 K Street, N.W. Suite 842, Washington, D.C., 20005.



## Showcase more than just a display by Melissa McCrae

People who look at the showcase next to the library may just see a Christmas display that is there as a decoration, but there is definitely a meaning behind it. The meaning is to show people that individuals with learning disabilities are no different then anybody else who doesn't have a disability, and that they are able to accomplish anything that they set their minds to. I interviewed Miss Nespeca about this display and these are some of the comments.

O --- What was your purpose for the showcase and has it got across the message that you would like to?

A — "Yes, the message has gotten across. The purpose was to emphasize the acceptance and importance of all disabilities and handicaps."

Q - Have you had any feedbackon it yet and if so what kind?

A - "Teachers have said how attractive the display case is as well as informative.'

Q — Do you think that people really understand the meaning behind the showcase?

A - "Yes, if they are openminded."

Q — How would you explain it to them?

A — "That various persons throughout "History" have succeeded in spite of their handicaps.'

I hope that the showcase helps to show people that even though people have a disability, that they are just like anyone else and can do anything that anyone without a learning disability can do. There have been many famous people who have succeeded despite having a disability.

## **Emotional maltreatment:** The hidden hurt by Jodi Chappell

David Rothenburg was burned when his father drenched their motel room with kerosene, lit a match, and fled. Charles, his father, was found six days later and arrested and sentenced to 13 years in prison. He was let our earlier this year for good behavior.

Two and a half million children are abused each year whether physically, sexually, or emotionally. Emotional maltreatment is most common. A comparison shows 20 cases of emotional abuse to one case of physical abuse. Emotional maltreatment includes emotional

neglect and emotional abuse.

Neglect is an act of omission. Parents fail to give love and attention to their children. Abuse is an act of commission. The parents' attitude towards their children becomes detrimental to the child's health.

Emotional maltreatment is harder to spot than physical abuse. Several characteristics to look for include eating disorders, unrealistic fears, low self-esteem, sleeping disorders,

and poor relations with other people. The child's behavior is the best indicator that emotional maltreatment is occurring. These signs are exhibited persistently. Warning signs can also be recognized in parents. Some examples are a mother that denies the pregnancy, parents that talk negatively about a child, or parents that are isolated from family and friends.

If you suspect child abuse is happening, please report it to the police or Children's Services. Under Ohio's law, people who report child abuse are protected. Your call could save a child's life. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact the Mahoning County Children's Services at 783-0411.

## A whole lotta' Zep by Nathan Swetye

Jimmy Page, John Bonham, Robert Plant, and John Paul Jones, these are Led Zeppelin. Not too many years ago, these men came together from all corners of the country to become what is now, and was then, one of the greatest rock bands ever to perform in the world.

I will begin with a short history of the group (boy, doesn't this sound like another Music History article!), and then give you a little bit of news on the future (if any) of the group.

A short time ago in a land very near here, the Yardbirds disbanded. The Yardbirds were a popular group, but the time to split up was upon them. Jimmy Page, the leader of the now disbanded group, resolved to strike the band up again under the name of the New Yardbirds. Page travelled everywhere in search of just the right bassist, drummer, and vocalist. These he found in various places in the U.S. At last, the New Yardbirds were established. However, in a non-formal meeting (one could almost call it a party), the drummer of the Who told Page that the New Yb's would go over like the proverbial Led Zeppelin. Hence Led Zeppelin's name.

seemed to be cold and distant. "After a while, he warmed up quite a bit, especially after I told him how much I loved his music," said Page. As far as I can tell, this is true, for there are traces of Elvis type chords in their music.

Have you ever wondered where song titles like Black Dog and Bron-Yr-Aur Stomp came from? Page said that every day while recording their Unnamed album (most of us call it Led Zeppelin IV), a black dog would come in to the studio and sit and listen to the music. He remembered it most vividly when it decided to relieve itself on the band's equipment. "We had no other name for the song, so we named it after the dog," said Page. He said that "no one ever did know where the dog came from or who its owner was." Bron-Yr-Aur Stomp is somewhat easier.

## **GRADS:** A brighter look for teenage parents by Melanie Ballentine

In the past few years, Salem High School has adopted a new program called GRADS. GRADS stands for Graduation, Reality, and Dual-Role Skills. This program enables teenage mothers, or soon-to-be mothers to stay in school.

The GRADS program also teaches these students the responsibilities of parenting, the importance for a high school diploma, healthier babies and mothers, learning practical parenting and child development skills, and

## **Student Profile**

### by Jodi Chappeli

The Quaker will be featuring different students each issue. The purpose is to learn more about Salem students. This issue, The Quaker featuring the sophomores. **Brad** Heim Hobbies: Basketball, baseball Favorite Food: Pizza Favorite Movie: "Hoosiers" Favorite Band: Bel Biv D'Voe Dislikes: School Special Talent: Sports Future Career: Architect Favorite TV Show: "Coach" Favorite Actor: None Favorite Actress: Julia Roberts Favorite Place to Eat: Don Pancho's Favorite Subject: Health

helps to set goals for the future. This program is strictly on a voluntary basis, and students will get information and counseling on a one to one basis.

In Columbiana County, every school has this program, and in Ohio there are currently 160 programs. In the next few years, this program will be nationwide.

Salem's program is under the supervision of Mrs. Patricia Patterson. She has been involved with the Salem program for five years.

## Jan Penner

Hobbies: Tennis, church youth group Favorite Food: Chinese or Japanese Favorite Movie: "The Abyss' Favorite Band: Vanilla Ice Dislikes: Spanish homework Special Talent: Insulting other people (ha, ha, ha)

Future Career: Teacher Favorite TV Show: "Flash" Favorite Actor: Robert Redford Favorite Actress: Winona Ryder Favorite Place to Eat: Bumpers Favorite Subject: Choir





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The group had many albums, as a matter of fact, ten in all. During the production of the tracks, the group had many fun times. They met and 'jammed' with Elvis 'The Pelvis'. Page said that at first. Mr. Presley

Season's Greetings from The Quaker

This is where they went to record one of their albums.

Now for the New News. Jimmy Page has released the Boxed Set. the eleventh of the Zeppelin Saga. It is all digitally remastered, and sounds awesome. There were a few songs left off of the Set, and I find them numerous enough to make a companion tape. The longest song is Dazed And Confused, with an amazing playing time of over 29 minutes! This still does not top their longest tune of 45 minutes (the same song). The ban has been offered 50 million dollars plus the ticket and promo sales to go out on tour once again. In a recent interview, Page said, "If we do go back on tour, the most logical choice of drummer would be Jason Bohnam, not only because he already knows all of the songs, but because he is the son of our late drummer, John Bonham." There has of yet been no word from Jason Bonham on whether or not he will strike out with the veteran members or not.

# Salem Sports Salem boys basketball: An inside look

1990-91 Varsity Basketball Team Coach George Spack 9th season coaching here 94-82 in 9 seasons 15-9 overall last season 6-6 MVC tie for 3rd place Strengths: depth, versatility, and unselfish attitudes Weakness: lack of experience

## **Returning Varsity players:**

SENĬORS Eric Thorne, one year letter winner Chris Cochran Robbie Roberts Jeff Shirley JUNIORS Brian Petrucci, one year letter winner Nick Schneider

#### Incoming players:

SENIORS Dave Clunk JUNIORS Beau Hendricks Shawn Sauerwein Ben Edgerton Jeff Mooney Tom Wainwright SOPHOMORE Jeff Andres

by Anika Pierce

1990-91 Junior Varsity Basketball Team Coach Jerry Allen 15 years of coaching 1989-90 record was 13-7 MVC record was 8-4, good for 2nd place Strengths: desire, hustlers, hard working, coachable, good positive attitude Coach's comments:

"I am looking forward to the upcoming season. I have a good group of kids. Our goal is to win the Mahoning Valley Conference and 15 games. I am excited about Friday's game and plan to continue in the footsteps of the fall sports. "The MVC is a tough league. We have to be ready to play every game. All of the MVC teams have good programs so who knows what will happen."

Team consists of: JUNIORS Ben Edgerton Jeff Mooney Tom Wainwright SOPHOMORES Jeff Andres Beaue Engle Mike Flickinger Brad Heim Jeff Holenchick Ryan Keating Andy McCraken Ross Ramunno Bill Schneider Charlie Straub

A look at the competition in the Mahoning Valley Conference:

Canfield: Last year's MVC champs, can be a winning bet according to many. They return 3 starters and their sixth man. So that means they will be tough again this season.

Warren JFK: If this team can play on the basketball court as well as a football field, they could be a tough team. The five returning lettermen are all from the football team and provide a strong nucleus for the new head coach.

Struthers: A more experienced team around the MVC. They have the "twin towers" and a third to form a trio who are a "scoring machine," this could be the key to their success.

Girard: Improved since last year, but they lost two key players so they have some rebuilding to do.

Campbell: This is a rebuilding year. Along with the new faces on the court, they have a new head coach. This is a young team with only one returning starter from last year.

Poland: With a total of 4 letterman, the Bulldogs will be struggling once again this season. The new head coach has a great big job ahead of him.

Team member comments:

Eric Thorne: "We are a very unselfish team, and we won't back down to anyone. We work hard at practice and try to get better every day."

Jeff Shirley: "As the season progresses we will be very tough to beat. Our up-tempo style of play will be exciting for the players as well as the fans.

Chris Cochran: "We are winning and will continue to win because we do not take (bleep) from anyone."

Robbie Roberts: "I feel that if we keep working hard during practices, then we will continue to have success.

Dave Clunk: "I feel defense has been the key to our success.

#### Brian Petrucci: "I think we play with confidence and a lot of poise."

## Bringing new height to Salem basketball

The 1990-91 basketball season has started off with a "Big" bang. Using big loosely, we all know height is somewhat at our disadvantage. That's not to say Salem is not thinking big. They are working hard and must be doing something right — they have a 3-0 record. You know the old saying, "BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES!"

The Salem crowd has been exposed to new faces on the court. With Senior Eric Thorne and Junior Brian Petrucci, the only starters who return, it's no wonder people have to take a closer look at the names and numbers in the program. Salem has been blessed with talent, so it evens out the height problem. Even when reaching into the bench, fans can feel safe and secure, there are no problems in the talent department.

Salem seemed to struggle in the season opener against Youngstown South winning 54-53. It was a nail bitter --- right down to the last second on the clock. Salem overcame the pressure and prevailed with a baseline drive scored by

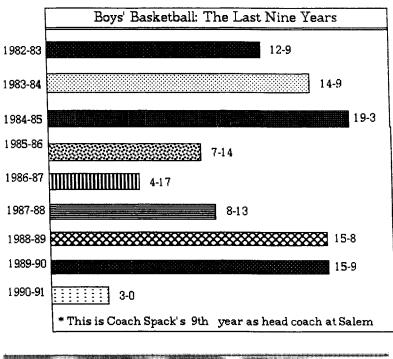
the game high 16 points, followed by fellow senior Robbie Roberts with 12 points. Another senior, Chris Cochran, crashed the boards with a game high 6 rebounds. Salem then continued the winning exactly a week later. This time the win was a Shirley at 6 a piece.

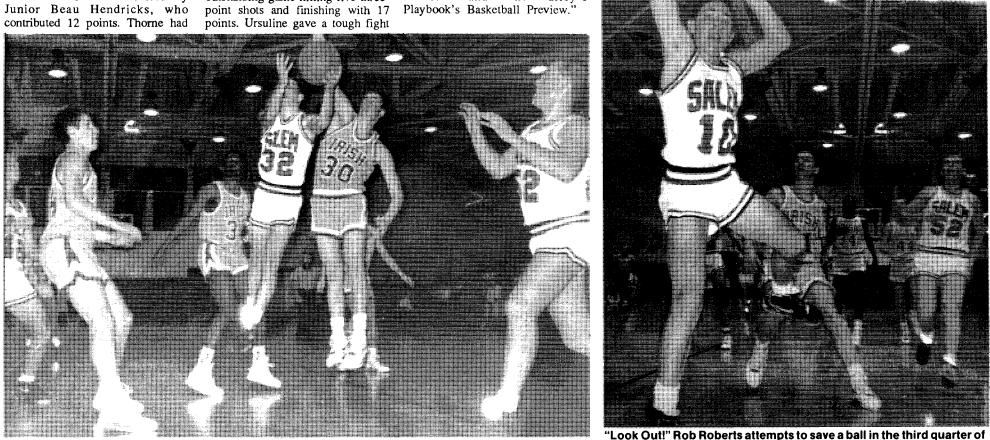
another close call but pulled out their third win the last 32 seconds of the game. Salem beat Ursuline 53-52. Junior Nick Schneider had a steal which set up the game-winning basket. He had 12 points overall. Eric Thorne scored the last basket putting Salem ahead by one point, out-rebounding and out-shooting Salem.

Salem's Junior Varsity is keeping the pace with the Varsity at 3-0. It has been at a further margin of victory, but still keeping their fans entertained.

Salem defeated Yougstown South 56-39. Sophomore Jeff Andres paced the JV's with 14 points and sophomore Jeff Holenchick contributed 10 points to the victory. In game two Salem won 46-34 over Youngstown East. This time sophomore Brad Heim led the way with 16 points. Junior Jeff Mooney had 9 points and Andres added 7 points. Last Friday, Salem's JV's ripped Youngstown Ursuline for their third win, defeating the Irish 67-30. Andres, Mooney, Wainwright, and Keating had 17, 15, 13, and 12 points respectively.

Salem basketball is carrying over that winning tradition from the fall sports. Congratulations and Good Luck in the rest of your season!!! Some information was taken from "The Salem News Basketball Preview" and "The Valley's Playbook's Basketball Preview.





and eventually that sealed Salem's win. Thorne finished with 11 points. Beau Hendricks had another outstanding game hitting five three-

little more comfortable for the fans, Salem defeating Youngstown east 67-60. This was a strong all-around effort from the entire team. Thorne led with 14 points, followed by Junior Nick Schneider with 13. Hendricks had 12, Cochran and fellow senior Dave Clunk had 7, and Roberts along with senior Jeff

Last Friday, the Varsity had

Sean Sauerwein makes a pretty move to the basket in last Friday's 53 - 52 win against Ursuline.

'Look Out!" Rob Roberts attempts to save a ball in the third quarter of last Friday's game against Ursuline.

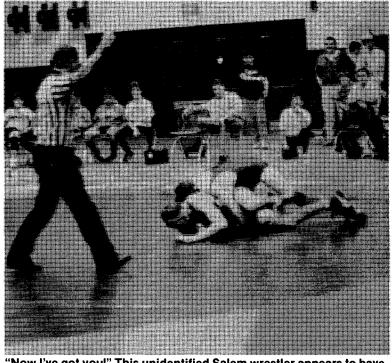
# Girls basketball: High expectations

The Salem girls basketball team, which is 3-2, is having high expectations about the upcoming season. There are four seniors on the team and three of them are returning lettermen. There are also three juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman that are playing varsity ball.

This year's varsity team includes, Tammy Scott, Kim Manning, Yoko Tsatsumi, Karena Apicella, Sis Rosta, Trish Wilms, Kristin Erhart, Marcy Baker, Leah Lutch, and Valerie Scott. Under the guidance of Coach Zeigler, the team plans to make it past Districts.

Coach Zeigler is hoping for a good season with Scott and Manning leading the team on with their seniority. The team has a real strong zone defense and has had no trouble getting to the foul line during the past games. The only real weakness is in the man-on-man defense, but they are constantly improving with each game. When an experienced ball player was asked what she expected from this year's team, Kim Manning said, "This year I expect

for us (the team) to take the majority of our games. We are a very strong team for not having very many big girls. The team as a whole works well together. The team resembles the volleyball team a lot because we all are friends, which makes it easy to play very well as a team. I'm looking forward for the team to go pretty far in tournaments. I think we can do better than last year and get past Districts and go the regionals." To Manning and all of the players on the team...Good Luck!



"Now I've got you!" This unidentified Salem wrestler appears to have his match well in control.

## Athletes honored for fall sports by Jeff Cecil

The 1990 fall athletic sports banquet was held in honor of Salem's outstanding athletes. There was an enormous amount of spirit in Salem this past fall. Over 200 students were involved in some sort of extra-curricular sports activity in the fall. A large sum of trophies was given out this past banquet, ranging from most spirited to an academic award. The reason that Salem has had such a tremendous success this year is because everybody seems to be getting involved with something. Here is a list of the athletes that received special awards.

Girls Volleyball Krista Bakondy - Co MVP Karena Apicella - Co MVP Laci Reed - Co MVP. Academic Yoko Tsutsumi - Co MVP Darby Jefferies - Co MVP, Captain Award

Kim Manning - Co MVP, Captain Award

Award

Erin Funk - Co MVP

Sis Rosta - Co MVP Valerie Scott - Co MVP Soccer

Steve Bedell - Best Defensive Player, Academic

Dave Clunk - Best Offensive Player

Jeff Shirley - Captains Award Greg Dugan - Academic, MVP Tony Leo - Coaches Award Steve Bailey - Coaches Award Rich Hofmaster - Most Improved

Cross Country Tom Menning - MVP, Captains Award

Dan Moffet - MVP Russ Zornick - MVP

Bill Sherwood - MVP

- Eric Murray MVP, Captains Award
- Dan Johnson Scholastic, MVP, Captains Award

Mike Rea - MVP

Kris Kornbau - MVP

Theresa Kaine - Academic, MVP, Marcie Baker - Co MVP, Captain Captains Award, Broken Records Award, 4 Year Varsity Award Jill Browne - Captains Award

Shawn Marie Adams - Captains Award

Tammy Scott - Captains Award Golf

Andy Brothers - MVP Tennis

Mary Winch - Academic Award Football

Mike Nery - Coaches, Academic Brian Faulkner - Most Tackles George Bigham - Coaches Matt Stamp - Defensive Player Matt Alix - Offensive Lineman Chris Cochran - Defensive Back Reuben Jones - Offensive Sam Agusta - Coaches Mike Jones - Rolf Vogt Memorial Nick Schneider - Offensive Back Jeff Pittman - Defensive Lineman

Brian Lippiat - Spirit Award Salem has a lot to brag about when it comes to their past sports' season. The school spirit and pride have been restored to the school, and it came just in time to lead the winter sports program through their tough games to come.

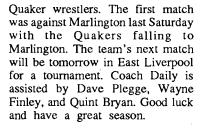
## Salem wrestlers: Pin to win by Wayne Kaminski

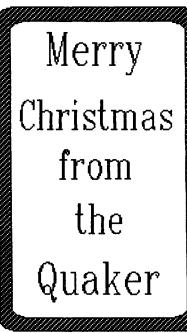
As the season starts, the wrestlers have been practicing to further improve their individual goals to go to the state championship.

The team is being led by six seniors. They are Steve Bedell, Jeff Graybeall, Brian Julian, Mat Kilgore, Mike Nery, and Dave Sanders. To further improve the team's chances in the Eastern Ohio Wrestling League (EOWL) division, there are several returning letterman. They are: Rick Lobdell (125), Greg Orrach (130), Mat Kilgore (140), Dave Sanders (152), Mike Nery (160), Jeff Graybeall (171), and Brian Julian (189).

Coach Jim Dailey, in his third season as Salem's coach, says, "The team attitude is very good and that they work hard to accomplish their goals." He is a little disappointed about the senior turnout. The ones that are still there, however, are good leaders for the younger kids. He predicts that the season should be a winning one. He also thinks that the team has a good chance to win the EOWL and a few individuals have a good chance to go to the state championship.

Before the season started, they had a couple of scrimmages against Brookfield and Lockhaven. Both of them were very successful for the







## A never ending battle: The fight against prejudice by Melanie Ballentine

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise and live out the true meaning of its creed; 'we hold these truths to be self-evident;...'

These are the famous words of a black American, Martin Luther King Jr., who stood up to fight the war against racism. He lived and died for what he believed in: FREEDOM.

Now, today in 1990, we are fighting the realms of racism and prejudice. You may ask "what is racism and prejudice?" Well, racism is the belief that a particular race is superior to another and prejudice is the preconceived opinion one has

# about someone else without taking

the time to judge fairly. But why can't people learn to break away from the ignorance and accept people no matter what their color, beliefs, or even how they may look? The answers I do not have, but I do feel that it is embedded in our heads by our parents, "friends", and society that if someone may be different they are not to be accepted in the "in" crowd. But what I would like to know, what makes people think they are so superior to others? I'm not just talking about black and white, I'm talking about the everyday critical

why we have to be so hypocritical to our fellow classmates, neighbors, and just "ordinary" people.

I wish our generation could grow up and STOP judging people by their appearance. How long does it really take to get to know someone or give them a chance? I may be black, you may be white, if you're prejudice I could be your worst enemy, if you're not I could be your best friend. Now does that make sense? All I know is... "that all men are created equal."

## The Christmas profit by Nick Grande

It's that time of year again. Christmas lights are blinking, Christmas songs are playing, and the snow is gently falling. But behind it all there is a plot that is going

leading national retailer of toys, is

if they do not make a bad situation increases at the gas pumps and the into a good one. Child World, a greater increase in the cost of living. With gasoline costing far beyond a one of the stores facing a total dollar a gallon, it is very difficult to collapse. They have made plans to have money left over for Christmas. The information for this article is based on a two week study on the patterns of television and newspaper advertising. The information on the bankruptcy problem with Child World is based on the December 6 episode of the "Today" show which airs on the NBC television network.

things people say about someone else. Everybody does it, including myself. I'm not sure why we do it, or

straight to the pocketbook.

Ever notice that almost every time we turn on the old television set that there is almost always a commercial on trying to push some sort of product. During an "hour" long television program, there is approximately 15 minutes worth of commercials. The advertisements are taking a new tactical stance for the Christmas season. Companies are using the feelings of a nice home or a close family to attract customers toward their stores.

Retailers are using the advertising as a last ditch attempt to settle some fears of a bad sales season. Many of the commercials that have been seen lately show scenes of families having a holiday dinner or children opening presents while in front of a Christmas tree. The images of togetherness and happiness make the viewer feel like shopping at a store the consumer feels has an atmosphere of happiness.

Some of our nation's better known stores are facing possible bankruptcy cut prices up to 70% off in order to attract a good amount of the consumers to their stores. There would be no profit in their plans. It would merely pay for the debts that they owe.

Fears of the low turnout in sales this year are justified by recent

