

Remembering Miss Rafferty

by Maureen Kaine

Editorial Note: Recently retired Salem High School teacher and newly elected school board member, Miss Joyce Rafferty passed away suddenly on Nov. 26. We asked one of her former students, Maureen Kaine, to share her memories of Miss Rafferty with us.

Twenty-three years ago a special addition was made to our high school, Miss Joyce Rafferty. Each person that had the pleasure of meeting her at one time was touched by her spirit, love, vivaciousness, and generosity. She taught P.O.D. and psychology; and, to one lucky class of freshmen, she taught world history. I was blessed to have been in her classes. (I can still hear her telling me to sit down and be quiet.) She taught by her own example which helped make her a successful teacher. She had the honor of being named Salem High Teacher of the Year in 1988. She was never judgemental of anyone, "because" as she would say while circling her nose with her thumb, "what goes around, comes around." Miss Rafferty's faith in each of her students and friends was always present. She helped make what seemed unachievable, achievable, and rooted on the sidelines each step of the way.

To some, Miss Rafferty was more than a teacher; she was a friend. Each one was like an extended family member to her. She spent many evenings in restaurants with former students and friends. I even had the pleasure of going pontooning with her on Guilford Lake. She loved the lake and fishing. This was very clear when she received a ridiculous fish ball cap as one of her retirement presents last spring. Needless to say, she loved it. Her humor was unforgettable. Even on what would be expected as a long treacherous ride to Columbus, excitement was found. She turned up the radio and then proceeded to tell me, along with the other passengers, to sing with all our heart. If you heard all our voices together, you would understand the humor of it.

We will surely miss our friend and teacher; but for what she taught us, in and out of the classroom, Miss Rafferty will live on in the hearts of all her friends, colleagues, and former students.



Boys Basketball Team Off to "Quick" Start

by Ashlee Charnerky

Salem boys basketball looks like a winner this year. Although, Salem has lost most of its size and varsity experience Coach Spack plans to keep his team strong by using the speed the team possesses. Also, keeping the Salem varsity team strong this season is returning 2 year letterman Brian Petrucci, a 6-3, senior guard, and one of the top players in this area; and one year letterman Beau Hendricks, a 5-8, senior guard; one year letterman Shawn Sauerwein, a 5-10, senior guard; and although he will be unable to play, one year letterman Nick Schneider, a 6-1, senior forward. Incoming players include Jeff Mooney, senior; Jeff Andres, junior; Beau Engle, junior; Brad Heim, junior; Jeff Holenchick, junior; Ryan

Keating, junior; Bill Schneider, junior; and Charlie Straub, junior. Salem not only is depending on being quick on their feet but they plan to dominate their opponents with good ballhandling and shooting skills as well. When talking with Spack he said "This is the smallest and the quickest team I have ever coached." That isn't putting a damper on his outlook on a shot at the MVC though. "There are four strong teams in MVC with experienced starters this year," says Spack "Girard, Campbell, Canfield and Struthers." However, Spack doesn't seem to be concerned about having a hard time with those teams.

The first 2 games of the season took place on Friday Dec. 6 at Ursuline, and

last Saturday against Youngstown East. Salem dominated in both games. Against Ursuline the Quakers destroyed the Irish 57-39. And during a close game against Youngstown East, Salem again came out on top with a 52-50 win. Brian Petrucci led Salem with 22 points and seven of the bounds on Friday night and on Saturday he contributed another 22 points and nine rebounds. Also having an outstanding game on Saturday was Shawn Sauerwein, who made 20 of 55 shots adding 13 points to the Quakers score.

Salem has a great coach and a team that is full of determination this year. It looks like Salem Varsity Boys Basketball will be the team to watch.

Salem High School Teens Make It First In The Nation

The students at Salem High School will find themselves the center of attention on January 16, 1992 when they are the first teenagers in America honored on the first Good Teen Day.

Created to focus on the positive qualities in America's youth, the day will be a celebration of being a teenager.

Mr. Viencek, English and Theatre instructor, came up with the concept a year ago. He said: "Today's teenagers are constantly being criticized. It seems that someone or some group is always preaching at them. I thought it was time that someone said they're not so bad. In fact, they're pretty good. I became that someone. I felt there was a need to recognize the inherent good that is in every teenager. Thus I made a day in January a special one for a special group of people: good teens."

"The response has been extremely positive. I haven't talked with anyone yet who has not liked the idea. When school started this year I met with Mr. McShane and Dr. Schoffman about doing something in Salem. Both men were very excited about the project."

"Mr. McShane said: "Everyone has a special day. There's one for secretar-

ies, bosses, sweethearts, grandparents, even in-laws. Teens deserve their due respect. We expect such wonderful things from our teens, and this is certainly a nice way to honor them."

Dr. Schoffman's remarks were comparable. "You can't expect positive results without positive thinking. We assume that teenagers know we like and appreciate them, but how often do we actually tell them. As adults we're often quick to criticize. We need to be equally quick to praise. Good Teen Day is a perfect time to do it."

Mr. Viencek explained that he has formed a company to handle the promoting of Good Teen Day nationally. Appropriately called The Good Teen Day Company, it is a privately owned marketing and consulting firm.

"I hadn't planned for Good Teen Day to originate in Salem. All of the legal work has the official date as January 16. However, that is the first day of semester exams. Mr. McShane set the date of a special assembly honoring Salem High school students for Wednesday, January 15." Mr. Viencek stated. "We're still working on the final arrangements for the keynote speaker. That will be announced at a later time."



Mr. Viencek

Club Activity Update

National Honor Society

Advisors: Mr. and Mrs. Jeckovitch
Officers:
President: Mary Rottenborn
Vice President: Craig Belaney
Secretary: Robin Oberle
Treasurer: Heidi Auman
Activities: The members of National Honor Society are planning to attend a Christmas Play early in December. Currently they are scheduling the induction of juniors for the spring.

Spanish Club

Advisor: Mrs. Marhefka
Officers:
President: Jason Smith
Vice President: Mike Bigham
Secretary: Marcy Tkatch
Treasurer: Heather Dugan
Activities: They are planning a Christmas Party (Pin-ata Party) in December. They are also going on a ski trip this month. Plans on where and when were not available.

Key Club

Advisor: Mr. Washinko
Officers:
President: Jason Aldom
Vice President: Daren Walker
Secretary: Traci Wright
Treasurer: Laura Farkas
Activities: The activities for the month of December include ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and helping them with food baskets and toys for children. There will be dance on Friday, Dec. 13. On Dec. 7, Key Club will be in charge of the concession stand for the first home baseball game.

Interact

Advisor: Mrs. Hutson
Officers:
President: Ben Heineman
Vice President: Lisa Olson
Secretary: Robin Oberle
Treasurer: Alicia Chuey
Activities: The Interact Club is planning to put a fruit basket together to help a needy family in Salem. Other plans include dressing two children with an entire outfit. Also the plan to go see the Cleveland Cavs play as their Christmas party, with a gift exchange.

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD)

Advisor: Vicki Luther
Officers:
President: Jane McKinley
Vice President: Jan Penner
Secretary: Kristi Ebinger
Treasurer: Emma Roush
Activities: At the last meeting

committees for future planning were organized. No further planning or meetings have been arranged at this time.

Academic Challenge

Advisor: Mrs. May
Activities: The group will have a County Bowl on March 9, 11, and 12 and a television competition tentatively set for March 29.

American Field Service AFS

Advisor: Mrs. Breckenridge
President: Becky Donelly
Vice President: Melissa McCrae
Secretary: Jaynie Crawford
Treasurer: Mrkanda Fitch
Activities: On December 15 members of AFS will be participating in a progressive dinner. Later on towards the beginning of next year on February 29 they will also be attending a hockey game.

SOEA

Advisors: Mrs. McKensie, Mrs. Conkle, and Mrs. Schneider
Activities: The IOE classes recently had a speaker Pat Eichler, a medical transcriptionist. The IOE classes took a field trip to Nationwide Insurance in Canton. Both IOE and CBE plan to prepare a food basket for a needy family. Both will also participate in dressing two children.

German Club

Advisor: Mrs. Reed
President: Traci Wright
Vice President: Emily Mager
Secretary: Maureen Kaine
Treasurer: Denise Lee
Activities: The German Club will be making a food basket for the Salvation Army. They will be selling Christmas ribbons for a fund raiser. They also will have a Christmas party and go Christmas caroling.

French Club

Advisor: Mrs. Arter
President: Sara Eckstein
Vice President: Amy Heineman
Secretary: Heather McKee
Treasurer: Krissy Milazzo
Activities: The group has planned a Christmas party and a gift exchange.

Class of 1994

Advisor: Mrs. Wilms, Mrs. Yokubek
President: Ken Lee
Vice President: Julie Kornbau
Secretary: Jody Wirkner
Treasurer: Duke Dye
They are planning to hold a concession stand and a dance after a basketball game. They also want to have a parent-student conference to discuss

after graduation preparation.

Tact

Advisor: Mrs. Cozza
Activities: The Christmas party for December 21 has been canceled due to boys basketball that same night. A future date has not yet been scheduled.

Student Council

Advisor: Mrs. Montleone
President: Mary Rottenborn
Vice President: Amy Heineman
Secretary: Heidi Auman
Treasurer: Ryan Keating
Activities: The group has planned a Christmas party. They also delivered food baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving. Also being planned is a Student Council Exchange day with other schools.

Yearbook

Advisor: Mrs. Tina Hays
Editor: Porsche Hite
The Yearbook has a deadline approaching soon. There will be many photographers roaming the halls, make sure everybody smiles pretty. After Dec. 6 the price of the Yearbook will rise up to \$25.00. In January they will hold a dance and concession stand. Also they will hold a pizza party for all members.

Math Club

Advisor: Mr. Trough
Activities: The members have entered two contests and are preparing for both at this time. The club is still looking for new members to join.

Class of 1995

Advisor: Mrs. Kress
President: Brian Dean
Vice President: Matt Kunar
Secretary: Ian Weir
Treasurer: Mark Ramunno
Activities: The freshmen are working at the concession stands at basketball games. They are also selling candy. Also in the plans is a weigh in.

Open House

Advisor: Mr. Spack
Activities: The group has made plans for an upcoming Christmas party and a youth explosion three day weekend event coming up in February.

Pep Club

Advisor: Mrs. Nespeca
President: Jan Penner
Vice President: Erin Funk
Sec./Tres.: Michelle Wolf
Activities: The group has bi-monthly meetings. There is a possible Christmas party being planned. The group also is making "goody bags" for winter sports programs.

Voices

I Still Believe in Santa Claus

by Nicole McLaughlin



The Christmas season is here again! It brings with it last minute shopping, endless wars with the wrapping paper, and strings of lights that are impossible to untangle. The family cat is always trying to climb the Christmas tree, while the dog tears all the bows off of the presents. Your relatives come to Christmas dinner, pinch your cheeks, and tell you how much you've grown. Sometimes, it seems like the holidays are nothing but a big hassle. However, there is a deeper meaning underneath all the headaches.

For many, the Christmas season has great religious significance. It is the time to remember the birth of Christ. Churches hold special services to honor this blessed occasion. The Christmas story is often read from the Bible by churches and families alike. Those who celebrate Christ's birth long to share the holiday with others who have the same beliefs.

Christmas is also a time to be with family and friends. It is an opportunity for loved ones to show how much they care. Gift giving is one way to express this gratitude. Often, it takes long and frequent trips to the mall to pick out just the right present for a special person. Receiving presents from loved ones isn't bad either. It's a wonderful feeling to open a package to find that Grandma and Grandpa knew exactly what you wanted.

Along with exchanging gifts comes celebrating. Family and friends share the holiday season by spending it together. There are parties with presents, games, Christmas trees and laughter. Of course, you can't forget the food. Who doesn't gain at least two pounds during Christmas break?

Christmas is a time to share with others who are less fortunate. There is never a holiday season without people in need. Some need food or clothing for their families. Each year, Salvation Army volunteers wait outside store entrances. They face the winter weather, hoping for just one person to donate their spare change to the needy. There are others who just long for companionship. Imagine what a warm smile could do for one who spends the holidays alone.

As each year comes to an end, I stop to think of what Christmas is all about. I take time to honor the birth of Christ. Also, I remember my family and friends. It is a thrill for me when my favorite aunt and uncle visit from Washington D.C.

Christmas Eve at my best friend's house is another special occasion.

While we're on the subject of what Christmas means to me, I have a confession to make.

I still believe in Santa Claus. I'm not talking about the man in a red suit. Furthermore, I don't spend Christmas Eve waiting to hear the reindeer dance on my roof. I think of Santa Claus as the Christmas spirit. It is a feeling that

comes but once a year. It is the glow in children's eyes as they open their presents. It gives us the energy to stay up extremely late on Christmas Eve and still make it out of bed early on Christmas morning. Unfortunately, this wonderful feeling always seems to leave on Dec. 26. I wish there was a way to keep it around all year.

I asked some of my fellow students the question, "What does Christmas mean to you?" Here are their responses:

Jane McKinley, senior "Christmas, to me, is a time for a loving family to get together to celebrate a great birthday."

Melinda Simpson, senior "to be with family."

Melissa McCrae, senior "Christmas, to me, is a time when you should reflect on your life and be happy with what you have. It's also a time to help those who may not be as fortunate as you."

Joe Rea, junior "Christmas is a time of festivity."

Lynnea Yost, senior "Christmas means so much to me. I love it! It's awesome!"

Joanne Lee, senior "I like Christmas, but we don't celebrate it in Hong Kong as much as people do in America."

Beth Dumovic, senior "to be with your family and the people you care about."

Laura Farkas, sophomore "to be with my family and getting lots of presents!"

Maureen Kaine, senior "getting your picture taken with Santa Claus at the mall."

Israel Karlis, senior "Christmas, to me, means to spend time with your family, loved ones, and friends. It also means to celebrate the birth of Christ."

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Christmas In October

by Melissa McCrae

While walking through downtown Salem on Halloween did you notice that there were already signs of Christmas decorating the town.

Every store and shop that you go to has all their Holiday items on the shelves waiting the anticipation of the over anxious shoppers who don't want to wait till closer to the Holiday to find that special gift that they may not be able to find if they wait until the last

minute to search for the item. It seems to me that the Holiday season arrives earlier and earlier every year. The early Holiday tradition started at the Southern Park Mall when Santa Claus arrived the day after Thanksgiving. What next? Will we be awaiting the arrival of the Easter Bunny on Valentine's Day?

I decided to further research this subject by asking some local business

people how they felt about the subject of commercialization during this time of the year. Here are some of the general responses that I received: "Too many layaways", "I don't want to be here", "Winter in July", "Too early", "Everybody does it", "Brain washed", "Makes me sick."

I would like to take this time to thank everyone that I interviewed about this subject. Your cooperation and time was appreciated.



Quaker's Proposal on Student Expression

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Since "the Quaker" is a student forum, we encourage from our readers any feedback in the form of essays, letters, etc.

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Being Alone

by Marcie Baker

Christmas is a very exciting time of year. The family gets together, has a wonderful dinner and enjoys the company of all the relatives that haven't been seen in ages. The exchanging and receiving gifts that have been long awaited.

Now I'm going to put you into a situation and I want you to think long and hard about your answer. Imagine that you are spending Christmas alone, without the company of the family and the warmth that surrounds you and your loved ones. Personally, I couldn't ignore what I'm writing here because there are people who choose to spend this holiday alone because of an Ebenezer Scrooge attitude, but in all that I've heard I've never found anyone that wanted to be alone. When you sit down and say thank you for all the things that you just received think of those people who didn't even get a warm meal. You may think that I'm saying this to make you feel bad but I'm not. Some of us, as hard to believe as it might be, don't know the hard realities of life.

Sometimes we bicker to ourselves because something we receive may not be the right size or it might be a color we don't have a liking for, at times like these sometimes I think of those people who only have the coat on their back. I

also think there are things to do to help these people of the United States and of our community, and I found some things out. . .

Dennis Niederhiser c/o Buckeye School — Has designed a program for helping needy children, teachers submit names of students they feel are in need and when Santa visits them he has something for each child in ages ranging from newborn to 18. A teacher then chooses a child and purchases an article of clothing and Santa provides a toy and candy cane. This program is completely voluntary and completely anonymous.

Salvation Army — Every year these people send food baskets, and every child receives a brand new toy and a mint condition used toy and an outfit of a 25 dollar value. Each year they also have stand kettles. . . So when you pass by these think of what I'm writing to you now.

I.O.E., C.B.E. — These girls are participating along with the Salvation Army in Dress-A-Live-Doll. Each girl receives a name and helps purchase a brand new outfit for these children in need.

This year I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and please don't forget these people and the things that you can do for them.

Who's "In" Who's "Out"

by Beth Hogbin

There's no doubt that cliques are a crucial part of adolescent social life. You have to ask yourself, why do cliques form in the first place? Studies show that cliques begin to form around puberty, when most people experience something of an identity crisis. Girls usually start asking themselves, at least subconsciously, "Who am I?" The clique provides a sense of identity. By hanging out with people who act, dress, and talk alike, your own sense of being acceptable is reinforced. Cliques also help you establish a separate identity from your parents, which is an important part in the process of maturity. Insecurity is another reason. Cliques serve as a temporary protective device. By excluding those who are different, cliques shield their members from having to deal with their own insecurities. In many ways, cliques function like substitute families, providing their members with support, acceptance and a secure environment. The downside: Cliques are, by nature, exclusionary and promote snobbery and cruelty towards outsiders. After all, wouldn't you say that cliques are defined as much as by who isn't in them as by who is? This wouldn't be such a problem if all cliques were created equal, but, as

every freshman learns, (I know I did!) each school has its own cliques hierarchy. What makes the situation worse is that cliques are based on the most superficial of attributes, such as money, looks, or race. If you're one of the "lucky" ones at the top of the social pyramid, life's a beach. If not, you probably feel trapped in, what seems like, four years of social hell. The best strategy is learning to appreciate your own strengths rather than focusing on someone else's. The good news for anyone who's not a member of the charmed "in" circle is that cliques are primarily a high school phenomenon. As people get older the need to socialize with one particular group gets weaker. Still depressed about your clique status? Well, chew on this for a while: It is, in my opinion, that the relatively closed world of high school isn't a reliable indicator of success in the "real" world. Clique queens are just as likely to grow up to be nobody as anyone else. Picture this: What's that you say about the tall, drop-dead gorgeous girl whose the hit of the reunion? I'll bet she was the totally geeky kid who sat next to you in your tenth grade Biology class.

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St. Nicholas or Santa Claus?

by Jason Hawkins

Santa Claus is a very big part of North American childhood. Young people consider him a family friend who lives at the North Pole and makes an annual visit to children everywhere.

Santa Claus came to America with the Dutch, who settled New York in the seventeenth century. During this time Santa Claus was referred to as St. Nicholas. The popularity of St. Nicholas comes from "A Visit From St. Nicholas," written in 1822 by a New York clergyman, Dr. Clement C. Moore. This poem was written for the amusement of Santa Claus' children. Americans did not join in the celebrating of St. Nicholas Day for many years after the Dutch settled New York.

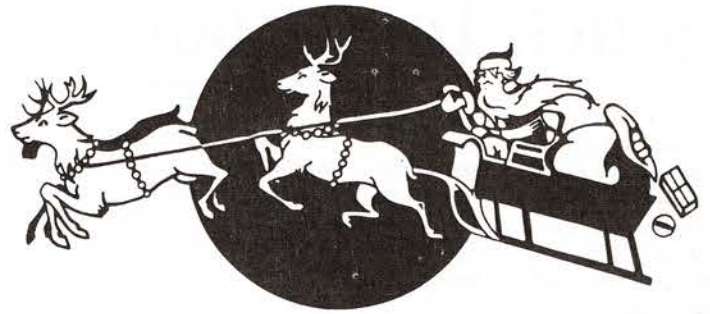
Santa Claus has been a very big mystery to everyone. Santa's first sleigh was drawn by only one reindeer. St. Nicholas went through many changes since the Dutch brought him to the United States. His pale face has become like a rosy apple. The lean young



man is now a fat, jolly old fellow, more humanist than saint. Instead of wearing his robes, his miter, and his pastoral staff, St. Nicholas has chosen to wear a furry trimmed red cap and suit. St.

Nicholas Day had always been on December 6 in Europe. In American, St. Nicholas gave up his own day and took over December 25, because this day is when Christ was born. Nevertheless, the New World's idea of Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, recrossed the ocean and caught on in Scotland. This idea of Santa Claus stretched all the way to sunny Australia. The popularity of Santa Claus has steadily increased to the degree that Santa has become the King of Christmas.

Some people think that Santa Claus is a wonderful character who gives presents to everyone. Others think Santa Claus not only gives gifts to the good but scolds the bad. Different countries have different ways of viewing Santa Claus. After years of disbelief in this holiday the United States celebrates Christmas more than any other holiday. The gifts and love shared at Christmas are almost impossible to describe in words.



All I Want For Christmas

by Allyson Kilmer

I'm sure most of you have received a present from someone and you weren't sure whether to laugh or cry. Well, I'm also almost positive that each of you have either received or given someone a gift that they just loved. Maybe because it was unusual or because it was just plain unique. I'll admit that last Christmas I received one of the most unique gifts ever and I'll never forget it. My parents bought me a kaleidoscope that portrayed a variety of colors and displayed a unique pattern every time it was turned. I decided to travel around the school and find out what people considered to be "unique". I had comments from extended vacations to life-size playmates. You can read on to see all of the crazy presents people have received or would like to see wrapped up under their tree this year. So if you still have presents to buy for your loved ones, why don't you surprise them with one of these unforgettable presents.

Carrie Burnett—I think the most unique present for anyone to give is something sentimental that cuts right to the heart.

Kim Chen—I'm gonna give my sweetheart a great, big smooch

Donna Hyland—I'd like to have extended vacations from school.

Mandy Allen and Jaimie Lesch—A bunch of Fruit Rollups to wear for exciting occasions.

Ann Borelli—I'd definitely like to get a Chippendale.

Josh Morlan—All I want for this Christmas is a Neiman Marcus model.

Teresa Dickey—I would like to receive a pair of designer underwear.

Ben Citino—I need a new wig for this Christmas.

Jeff Andres—I'm wishing for a new Hawaiian shirt this year.

Mr. Kunar—I'm waiting for a winning lottery ticket this Christmas.

Dan Bowers—I would like to find romance waiting for me this year.

Porshe Hite—I would definitely like to receive a passionate kiss from a certain someone this Christmas.

Chad Reiter—I would like to be an only child!

Brian Cross—I could handle having Miss October for my only Christmas present.

Jeff Pittman—I want to be just like Mr. Mucci when I grow up.

Kirk Gainor—I would like to spend my Christmas with a really special girl this year.

Mr. Ricker—I would love to see a new truck with 4-wheel drive sitting out in my driveway on Christmas morning.

Steve J. Bailey—I would like to have Minnesota Twins paraphernalia to wear in front of Mr. Trough.

Jud Linder—All I need for this Christmas is a dictionary to find out what the word "unique" means.

After reading about all of these wonderful concoctions for Christmas ideas, I hope this gives you a better view on how to surprise your loved one with an exciting gift this year.



Good Candy And Good Teens, A Winning Combination

"When you think of teenagers and what they like, it is rare to find one who doesn't like candy especially chocolate." That's what Mrs. Kress said when she was asked to be in charge of a major candy drive especially designed for Good Teen Day on January 16.

Mrs. Kress is the advisor for the Freshman Class. "This will be one of our major fund raising activities this year," she remarked. "I'm pleased that my organization was selected for Good Teen Day. This is a real first. We are lucky to have such a good student body at Salem High School. This will be a nice way to tell them."

The way this sale will be conducted is unusual. Specially ordered chocolate bars complete with the name Good Teen Day, January 16, printed on them will be sold at several locations in Salem. Headquarters is at the Athlete's Choice, 378 East State Street; the company is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kress.



These Freshman class officers are involved in a candy sale in conjunction with "Good Teen Day" from left: Lyndsay McShane, Brian Dean, and Matt Kunar.

Parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends can stop by and purchase a candy bar priced at one dollar. They will fill out a special gift card for that special teenager. Then on Thursday, January 16, teenagers will receive those treats at their lockers.

A special sale table will also be set up at the high school cafeteria. "We felt there would be people at the high school who would want to purchase these candy bars. Recognizing good teens is not limited to adults," Mrs. Kress noted. "I'm certain that many teens will want to remember their friends and classmates on this special day."

The sale officially gets underway on Wednesday, December 11, and will run through Wednesday, January 15.

Mrs. Kress said: "It's going to take careful planning to be certain the whole thing goes off without a hitch, but we're doing it for a good cause: our teenagers."

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"White Christmas"

by Kristy Ebinger

The annual White Christmas Dance that has been a tradition for years will be scheduled on December 26, 1991 from 6:00 to 11:30 in the evening at the Timberlanes Lodge. Pictures will be taken upon arrival between 6:00 and 7:00, and dinner will be served approximately at 7:00 with a choice of either chicken or Salisbury steak and an unlimited amount of punch. A deejay will be announced sometime early in the

evening packaged with a multitude of prizes, a light show, sing alongs, and tons more. And to top the whole night off the classes of '92 and '93 will be presented with a junior and senior snow king and queen couple. Tickets will be on sale through Thursday, December 12 for \$30 a couple, or \$20 per person. We all hope to see you there having a blast. Listen on announcements for further details.



The Christmas tree in the lobby of the high school is a sure sign that Christmas is around the corner.

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Stuck In School For Christmas

by Alicia Chuey

While sitting in Journalism, we tried coming up with something good to put in the paper for Christmas. What we came up with is a little off the wall.

What had this poor little chipmunk done to deserve this? All he did was wander into the wrong place at the wrong time. He was playing with his sled and wanted to see what the school looked like on the inside. He went in through the door and began to look around. He had lost track of time and the janitor left and the door was locked. "I'm trapped! I can't believe this. Mom is going to kill me!" Chip was locked in the school. "There is nobody who knows where I'm am. I can't get out. There is no way unless some of the doors open from the inside only when they're locked." He tried one of the doors...nothing. There was no way for him to get out either. The next time the school would be open wasn't until January 4. This is only December 22. "How am I supposed to sit around here when I know that if I don't go home soon Mom will end up having a heart attack and call the police and report a kidnapping. Oh wow. She's definitely going to go over the edge now. Great, and when I go home she's gonna finish me off!"

About five hours later, after running around trying to find a way out of this mess, Chip found himself considerably hungry. "FOOD! I need food!" Chip began roaming around the school furiously searching for a simple morsel of food. Suddenly he stopped short. He smelled food. It was coming from down the hall. He raced after the smell. It was cheese! His favorite kind, Swiss!

As he screeched around the corner he realized it was coming from someone's locker. The locker was ajar slightly. Chip whipped it open. The smell overpowered him. "Oh gross!" he shouted. It was someone's old tennis shoes. He felt like such an idiot. "Thank God no one was here to see that." After that Chip was off again. This time he smelled all kinds of different foods. Now this might be O.K. to investigate. When he found what he was looking for a pleased smile crossed his face. He had found the school's kitchen. He went in and found himself surrounded by refrigerators, stoves, and sinks. Opening the refrigerator he found corn, peas, mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, and milk. This was great. He grabbed at their food. It was delicious. He was soon so stuffed he could hardly move. He ended up falling asleep on the mound of food. Crash! Chip fell to the floor with a thud. The mound of food he had been sleeping on settled and he slid off, "Well since I'm awake I might as well try to find a way out of here." He pushed himself off of the floor and left the kitchen.

Three days later Chip was still looking for a way out. "I have to get out of here. This is Christmas Day. I miss my family. Well most of them. Buck and Chet are probably both bribing Mom and dad to give them my presents. What nice brothers I have. Next Buck will be asking for my room." There was still no way out. Chip went around the school thinking of things to do to get his mind off of his family. Even though he wasn't very happy, he knew he had to eat. He drug himself into the kitchen

and looked around. Nothing looked good. Chip began to cry. Chip laid down on a pile of dirty dish towels next to the heater and fell asleep. He slept for hours. He didn't wake up until morning. When he did wake up he just laid there wishing he was home with his family. Even Buck and Chet.

After running and roaming for a couple days and being depressed, New Year's Eve finally rolled around. Sitting there all by himself, Chip celebrated the New Year by himself. He found a paper cup to drink water in, a plate to put all of his "New Year's Dinner on, and napkins to tear up and use as confetti. Chip toasted the New Year in with a sigh. "Well at least I only have three more days left until I can go home." And then he fell asleep. The next day there was a cold draft coming into the kitchen. Chip thought he was dreaming. No he wasn't. The school has been open and people were carrying boxes of food and supplies into the building. Now was his chance. He got up and ran out of the building, and all of the way home. When he walked in the door his mother looked up and then ran over to him and asked just where he had been. He began to tell the whole story. He told his mother how he had taken care of himself and everything. Then he asked for his presents. Chip had gotten everything he's asked for, and for his New Year's resolution he vowed to never set foot in an unknown building again.

We hoped you enjoyed this off the wall story about Chip and his little adventure. Have a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of all New Years!!



The 1991-92 Salem Boys Basketball team is off to a 2-0 start. Front (L to R): Equipment Manager Eric Markovitch, Bill Schneider, Shawn Sauerwein, Charlie Straub, Beau Hendricks, Jeff Mooney, and student trainer Tony Leo. Back (L to R): Head Coach George Spack, Nick Schneider, Ryan Keating, Brad Hein, Jeff Holenchick, Brian Petrucci, Jeff Andres, Assistant Coach Jerry Allen, and Student Trainer Jenny McClintock.

Dr. Wutsup

Dr. Wutsup

Please help me. I am in a situation that gets more and more unbearable as each day passes. It involves this person that sits by me. He is irresistible!!!! The charm and personality just ooze out of him -- even with my eyes closed I would know he was near me. I don't want to appear too pushy or forward, but I don't want him to think I am some wall flower or something. What should I do?? HELP!!!

Signed,
A Desperate Woman.

Dear Desperate Woman,

I have an idea. Why don't you just start and talk to him. Talking won't make you seem too pushy or forward. Find out what he likes and dislikes and see if "lover boy" enjoys the same things you do and go from there. Just get to know him, who knows, maybe your chemistry will spark and flame on.

Dr. Wutsup,

I have a problem. You see I like this girl and she's a lot older than me. She's had some experience with boyfriends and things and I haven't. I want to approach her and ask her out, but I'm not sure what she'll say. She's really nice, has great legs and beautiful eyes. I love her personality and everything about her, I really think she's the one. What do I do?
Alias,
Kool Moe Dee

Dear Kool Moe Dee,

First of all, this is my opinion. Age is nothing but a number. If you feel that you want to ask this girl out, go ahead and do it. If she says no, move on. The charm that you have installed in this letter that you have written to me will probably sweep her off her feet. Don't give up, let her know that you're there and you're thinking of her. Send her a

card with an anonymous signature, girls like that. HINT, HINT. Good luck!!

Dear Dr. Wutsup

You can just call me "Chuck", and I have a serious problem. Last week I was approached by a girl and asked out on a date. She is a really lovely, beautiful girl, but for some reason I am not attracted to her or any female for that matter. I'm worried that all of my friends are going to find out and tell me to get lost. What should I do?
Signed,
Chuck

Dear Chuck,

Well I guess I'm not really sure what to tell you. Maybe if you're not sure about what is happening to you, it might be okay to talk to someone and get it out into the open, maybe a parent or psychiatrist. I hope you find the answer you are looking for, and I'm sorry I couldn't help you.

Have You Heard

by Jason Hawkins

Mistletoe is a gift from the Gods.

The reason for having evergreens in the house was to give the home fresh air.

The Christmas Crib is a feature of every home in Southern Europe.

Santa Claus' wife is actually very pretty.

The reason we decorate our Christmas trees is because God sent stars to rest on the branches of the evergreen trees to shed light on Jesus. We just keep the tradition going.

There are not only one but three different types of Holly. 1) English 2) Chinese 3) American.

St. Nicholas is really Dutch not American.

A star-shaped candlestick makes an attractive centerpiece at Christmas.

Santa Claus use to only have one reindeer pull his sleigh.

Forty different countries now have Christmas seals that are sold partially for finding a cure for tuberculosis.



Snow Days are here again!

by Israel Karlis

Even though we have had only a couple of light late-night snowfalls, people probably still wonder what it takes for our school administration to call off school. Even though snow is one of the main reasons to call off school, it still is not the only reason why school is called off. If the roads are really icy and slippery then the possibilities of no school are even greater.

First, both the Salem Police Dept., and Tuffy Sell, who is the Maintenance manager, go and patrol the roads to see how bad they are. If the roads are too bad at 1:15 A.M. then school is called off. Then Dr. Schoffman calls the radio stations in our area to inform them that school will not be held that day. Even though school is cancelled the superintendent and the principal still go to their offices.

Hopefully we will have a snow day sometime soo. Just keep praying for one when there is a big snowfall!

POETRY CORNER

by Beth Hogbin

Well here we are, the second time around and they're still coming in. This issue we would like to bring to you some very talented writers and poets so sit back and enjoy. Remember, all poems are appreciated so if you happen to have eye for talent and a hand for creative writing, send them in!

Our first selection of this issue is by: Dawn Keller, Tracy Lutz, and Debbie Miller

*On a cold winters night I sit in my house
As the snow outside forms a blanket around me.
I sit on the floor thinking of my spouse
Far away out to sea.
It's Christmas time and I'm all alone
My sadness brings a tear to my eye.
Waiting everyday wishing he could call home.
Remembering the day when we said our good-byes.
The presents are all wrapped and under the tree
They look so pretty there just waiting
Waiting to be opened by my husband and me.
As it starts to get late, the fire starts fading
As the light shines in from the moon
It makes me feel happy knowing he will return soon.*

The next two selections are by an anonymous writer:

MY DOG

*He greets me
When I walk through the door,
He listens to me
When no one else understands,
He makes me laugh
When I'm in a bad mood,
He is my very best friend*

CRUELTY

*It falls over me like a black shadow,
It does not matter,
It hurts,
But I should not cry.
If people's souls are weak,
Then mine shall be no stronger.
As my heart breaks,
They will hear the shallowness,
Of their own wishes.
If people come to find me,
I shall not follow.
It falls over me in a way of silence,
I am afraid,
It is a mighty terrible feeling,
But I should not cry...
Or should I???*

*It
Is
Cruelty.*

Last but certainly not least, the last selection is by:
Alicia Chuey

*You hold me close
I cannot breath
You will not release me
I can't break free
You do not own me
Like you think you do
I feel like a prisoner
Leave me be
All I wanted was a little love
All I wanted was a little caring
Instead all I got
Was being a prisoner of love.*

Once again we draw this to an end. We would like to thank all the talented poets who were generous enough to send their poems in. See you next issue!

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1991-92 Junior I.O.E. Officers

Busy Time For Vocational Business Students

During the past month, students enrolled in the IOE and CBE vocational business programs were involved in a number of professional growth activities.

On Friday, Nov. 15, the junior and senior administrative Secretarial students heard guest speaker, Mrs. Patricia Eichler describe the duties of a medical transcriptionist. As a preparation for her presentation, Mrs. Eichler had asked the senior students to transcribe as much of a doctor's dictation as possible. She commended Danielle Gault for the work she had transcribed from the dictation. Mrs. Eichler is employed in the Medical Transcription Department at Salem Community Hospital.

In keeping with the service aspect of the Salem Office Education Association pledge, students from CBE and OE were busy collecting and distributing a Thanksgiving basket to a needy family. Students brought in canned and boxed food items and contributed money for the purchase of additional food items. The basket was delivered on Tuesday, Nov. 26, by Nova Eichler and Doug talk on behalf of the department. The family appeared to be very appreciative of the donation.

Bradford Business College from Pittsburgh visited the department on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Students were given information regarding the college and financial aid. In addition, the students were asked to complete a questionnaire regarding their ability to work on a team. They were then led through a desert survival simulation dividing the students into teams to experience the importance of teamwork. Ms. Cindy Bruden, Admissions Representative then went on to explain the importance of teamwork in the workplace.

Another professional activity for the junior and senior IOE Administrative

Secretarial Students was a field trip to Nationwide Insurance Company in Canton on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

At the Nationwide Regional Office the students toured and observed receptionists, word processing and correspondence secretaries, encoders, processing technicians, customer service representatives, insurance underwriters and office supervisors and managers at work in both the personal and commercial lines of insurance.

Students were given brief explanations by employees in each department regarding the job duties and responsibilities required of the personnel. At the conclusion of the tour, Mr. Larry Blasiman, a former Salem resident and manager of personnel, spoke to the students. He stressed the importance of the first impression that job seekers make with potential employers. He reminded the students that you only have one chance to make a first impression, so be punctual, be appropriately dressed, and once you are hired come to work prepared to work—"do a full day's work for a full day's pay." Regular attendance is another important qualification that employers check when hiring. He encouraged the students to perform to their best ability while in school because the habits that are formed prior to getting the job do not change the day that you become employed.

IOE Administrative Secretarial II students are busy preparing for the department Christmas luncheon which will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the B.P.O. Elks Lodge in Salem. In addition, the entire Vocational Business Department (IOE and CBE) will be participating in the Dress-A-Live-Doll project sponsored by the Salvation Army as part of their Christmas service to others.



Members of the 1991-92 Salem Junior Varsity Basketball team are as follows: Front (L to R) — Duke Dye, Charlie Straub, Bill Schneider, Craig Banning, Eric Weikart. Back (L to R) — Coach Jerry Allen, Beau Engle, Ryan Keating, Brad Erath, Eric Sweitzer, Ross Remunno, and Jamie Ostarchvic.

Do You Know Where You Should Be?

by Angie Sicilia

Now is the time for you to plan your future. It does not matter whether you are a junior or a senior. Many things will be available to help you with the making of your future career.

At the beginning of your senior year, you should be working hard to maintain or improve your academic grades. Also, you must register or if necessary retake the ACT or SAT. Between the months of Sept.-Dec., a wide assortment of college representatives will visit your school to talk about what their colleges have to offer. For admissions to the colleges of your choice, you should begin filling out applications and financial aid forms. Notify your counselor about sending your transcripts. During Jan.-Feb., if needed have your counselor send a copy of your grades after the first semester of your senior year. Your parents should have already filled out and mailed the Financial Aid Form or the Family Financial Statement and Ohio Instructional Grant. Over the four month span of March-June, keep track of all your acceptances for admission

and scholarships and aid. Be sure to reply promptly with your final decisions. In April, local Salem Scholarship applications (Alumni, Max Fisher, PTA, Board of Education, Salem Education Association, etc.) are available to fill out. Complete the forms thoroughly and neatly. Finally in May, ask your counselor to mail your final transcript that provides the college which you have selected, your final grades and proof of graduation.

As a junior, you should begin to visit with colleges and post-secondary school representatives. They will provide the necessary information about their school and will gladly answer any of the questions you may have. In October, don't forget to register and take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Throughout the year, you should be visiting college campuses and talking to graduates and students at the school that you are considering. You should start to discuss plans with your

parents. Make an appointment to meet with your counselor, check out the college catalogs, and request print-outs on the computer in the library. Both the library and your counselor will give you plenty of information on the school and course work that you choose. There are several different College Fairs for you to attend throughout the months of Nov.-June. During the months of Feb.-June, it is very important that you register and take the SAT or ACT or even both of them if necessary. Write to colleges for application forms and financial aid forms towards late summer. After the summer is over you don't have too much longer to decide. So, you should start to begin making your final college selections before the end of your senior year. It is a long road ahead, so good luck in choosing the right college!

"Real World"

by Rebecca Donnelly

"Just wait until you get into the real world!" This is an expression many of today's teens hear from their parents. This year a group of seniors got the chance to experience the "real world". These seniors are in the C.B.E. program. C.B.E. stand for Cooperative Business Education. In this class, students learn to use many office machines including computers, transcribers, and electronic calculators. They gain valuable skills in word processing, filing techniques, communications, and keyboarding. After 4th period, each of these students goes to a job site acquired through the C.B.E. program to further their experience in the real world". The students and their work sites are as follows:

- Chrysal Bowers—Salem Community Hospital (File Clerk)
- Tracie Croley—Home Savings and Loan (Teller)

- Jennifer DeCort—Salem Community Hospital (Receptionist)
- Rebecca Donnelly—Dr. Schmidt's Office (Office Assistant)

- Kathy Heck—M.M-Vorti Siv (Office Clerk)
- Dionne McCartney—Salem Community Hosp. (Students Assistant)
- Stacie McKinney—Loudon Ford-Lincoln-Mercury (Receptionist)

- Mindy Mellott—Richard Horning, Attorney (Assistant Sec.)
- Robin Neishleb—Sebring Container (Office Trainee)

- Rhonda Netolicky—Salem City Schools (Receptionist)
- Tina Singer—American Red Cross (Secretary)
- Becky Wickersham—Lincoln Machine (Secretary)



The modern concept of a jolly, bearded Santa Claus is based on the cartoons of Thomas Nast, like the one above that appeared in Harper's Weekly in 1881.

Did you know...?

- Students enrolled in Ohio's public schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, in the 1990-91 school year: 1,625,795
- Projected public school enrollment in 1991-92: 1,773,338
- Projected public school enrollment in 2000-01: 1,931,505
- Ohio public schools: 3,727
- Nonpublic schools: 842
- Financial support from federal funds in 1990: 4.8 percent
- Financial support from state sources in 1990: 46.6 percent
- Financial support from local sources in 1990: 48.6 percent
- Students enrolled in secondary vocational education programs in 1990-91: 225,000
- Students enrolled in adult vocational education programs in 1990-91: 313,000
- Professional certificates issued to teachers, educational personnel, and educational aides in 1990-91: 85,000
- Increase from 1980-81 to 1990-91 in number of master's degrees among certificated staff: 9.2 percent
- Schools evaluated in the 1990-91 school year to determine compliance with the Minimum Standards for Elementary and Secondary Schools: 884
- Public school preschool programs in Ohio: approximately 800

Most data above is from the 1991 Fact Sheet on Ohio Public Schools, available from the Ohio Department of Education, Division of Research and Communications, 65 South Front Street, Room 802, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0308.

Ohio ACT Score Edges Above National Average

Listed in the chart below are average scores on the American College Test (ACT) for the past five years. Recently released results for 1990-91 show no change from the previous year for students' average score in Ohio and across the country. The ACT, a four-part examination, is the predominant college-entrance test in twenty-eight states in the West and Midwest. Last school year, more than sixty-seven thousand Ohio students took the ACT.

Average ACT scores		
Year	Ohio	Nation
1990-91	20.9	20.6
1989-90	20.9	20.6
1988-89	21.0	20.6
1987-88	21.2	20.8
1986-87	21.2	20.8

The national education goals
By 2000,

1. All children in America will start school ready to learn
2. The high school graduation rate will increase to at least ninety percent
3. American students will leave grades 4, 8, and 12 having demonstrated competency in challenging subject matter, including English, mathematics, science, history, and geography; and every school in America will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our modern economy
4. U.S. students will be first in the world in science and mathematics achievement
5. Every adult American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship
6. Every school in America will be free of drugs and violence and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning



Salem Sports

Salem Wrestling at a Glance

by Kevin Wolford

As the season starts, the wrestlers are working hard to improve their individual goals of getting to the state championship. The last person from Salem to be in the state championship match was Kirk Lowdermilk in 1981. Lowdermilk won the match and became the 1981 state champion for wrestling.

Many wrestlers dreams are to become a state champion someday. It takes a lot of hard work and practice to be a champion. With a whole new team, coach, and staff this year, the wrestling team will have to work hard to make their dreams come true.

Mr. Dave Janofa, who is a science teacher at the Salem Junior High School, is the new coach after replacing Jim Dailey. Janofa was also an assistant coach for this year's varsity football team. This is his first year coaching varsity wrestling. Coach Janofa is being assisted this year by Dave Plegge, Bob Risbeck, and Jim Irvin.

With the leadership of the senior wrestlers Jeff Graybeal, Brian Julian, Mike Nery, and Matt Kilgore who helped Salem to an 10-8 record last

year. Each of these wrestlers had a great season last year especially Jeff Graybeal, who broke the record of the most pins with 16 and Brian Julian, who placed sixth in the district tournament and just missing by one place back of going to regionals. Now that they have graduated there are only four seniors this year. They are Robert Booth, Rick Lobdell, Graig Orrach, and Mike Pettey. Booth, Lobdell, and Orrach all lettered last year along with two outstanding Freshman Nelson Cope and Chuck Brant. These wrestlers are all returning letterman for this year's season.

Many things have changed this year from last year's team. First of all, there is a new coach and coaching staff. Second, there is a decline of wrestlers on the team from last year's team. Last year there were 22 wrestlers and this year there are only 15 wrestlers. Another thing is there are more Freshman and Sophomores than there are Juniors and Seniors making the team, overall, inexperienced. Finally, some wrestlers of last year who are still in school are not wrestling this year.

This year's team and their weight divisions are as follows: Nelson Cope (112), Wes Calvin (125), Justin Adams (112), Chris Papis (119), Brian McCastlin (119), Rick Lobdell (130), Greg Swiger (145), Mike Sienerth (140), Matt Kunar (140), Robert Booth (152), Graig Orrach (135), Chuck Brant (130), Mike Pettey (heavyweight), Lee Booth (152), and Eric Blackburn (150).

Every team of any sport always has a strength and a weakness. Coach Janofa said, "Our strength would be that we have great lower weight wrestlers, but our weakness is that we don't have any upper weight wrestlers." His goal as a coach is that he wants as many wrestlers wrestling on March 12, which is the first day of the state tournament.

Wrestling is as much a mental as a physical sport. It helps a wrestler to have a positive attitude about winning than to have a negative attitude about yourself before he goes out to wrestle. The team's next match is away at Canfield Round Robin on Dec. 21. Good luck and have a great season.

Monday,	Dec. 16 - Girls' Basketball vs. Girard	(Home)
Thursday,	Dec. 19-Girls' Basketball vs. Poland	(Away)
Friday,	Dec. 20-Boys' Basketball vs. Girard	(Away)
Saturday,	Dec. 21-Boys' Basketball vs. Boardman	(Home)
Saturday,	Dec. 21-Wrestling (Canfield Round Robin)	Away

Another Fighting Season Begins

by Emma Roush

As the 1991-92 girls basketball season starts Coach Zeigler and the team, which includes: Tricia Wilms, senior; Karen Mitchell, senior; Kristen Ehrhart, senior; Christy Lippiatt, senior; Robin Oberle, senior; Tennille Abrams, Freshman; Valerie Scott, sophomore; Megan Alix, sophomore; Leah Lutsch, junior; Marcie Baker, junior; and Cheryl Ramsey, junior, also returning head coach, Roger Zeigler, and new Assistant coaches, Larry Frost and Larry Breckenridge.

Coach Zeigler informed me that he has high expectations of the team this year. Even though they lost their first game, they look good and show signs for improvement. He also says, "I hope to accomplish improvement over the year, and to win the MVC, because Canfield looks tough, also to be as successful as we can during the entire season." Coach Zeigler says that the

team looks good, and expects they will do good. The Lady Quakers, like any other team, have strong and weak points. Their strong points are: their experience from last year, positive attitude, willingness to work hard, and desire to win. Their weak points are: lack of quickness, and lack of strength. This years returning lettermen are as follows: Kristen Ehrhart, Tricia Wilms, Leah Lutsch, Marcie Baker, and Valerie Scott.

The Lady Quakers opened their season with a game against the Marlinton Dukes, in which the Quakers were defeated 45 to 41. Valerie Scott ended the game with an accumulation of 19 points and chipped in four assists, Kristen Ehrhart had eight rebounds and five steals, each player added their contributions to the game, whether it was playing in the game or cheering their team mates on. Salem went for their first win of the year last night, against Beaver Local.

1991-92 College Bowl Preview

by Rick Hoffmaster and Israel Karlis

In this preview, we plan to tell you what we think of the teams going into the bowls. We also will let you know the insights of the 1991-92 season for all the teams in the bowls. The predictions that we make will be based on our own opinion.

California Bowl

When: Dec. 14, 4 P.M.
Where: Fresno, Calif.

Teams: Bowling Green (10-1), Fresno State (10-1)

Outlook: Fresno State is playing in Fresno, Calif. Fresno has scored 486 points this season. They have given up 207 points to their opponents. Bowling Green surprised everyone this season.

Predictions: I.K. - Bowling Green by 2.
R.H. - Fresno State by 8.

Aloha Bowl

When: Dec. 25, 3:30 P.M.
Where: Honolulu, Hawaii

Teams: Stanford (8-3), Georgia Tech (7-5)

Outlook: Stanford's last bowl appearance was in 1986. Georgia Tech's defense held opponents to only 197 points. Stanford has scored 351 points this season.

Predictions: I.K. - Stanford by 2.
R.H. - Georgia Tech by 4.

Blockbuster Bowl

When: Dec. 28, 9 P.M.
Where: Miami, Fla.

Teams: Alabama (10-1), Colorado (8-2-1)

Outlook: Alabama has lost 3 of the last 4 bowl games. McCartney is 1-4 in bowl games so far. Alabama has held opponents to only 118 points.

Predictions: I.K. - Colorado by 1.
R.H. - Alabama by 2.

Independence Bowl

When: Dec. 29, 2:30 P.M.
Where: Shreveport, La

Teams: Georgia (8-3), Arkansas (6-5)

Outlook: Arkansas has scored only 160 points all season. Georgia is 13-13-3 in the bowls. Georgia has scored 312 points this season.

Predictions: I.K. - Georgia by 5.
R.H. - Georgia by 6.

Liberty Bowl

When: Dec. 29, 8 P.M.
Where: Memphis, Tenn.

Teams: Air Force (9-3), Mississippi State (7-4)

Outlook: Air Force has scored 344 points this season. They have also given up 248 points. Mississippi State has given up only 158 points this season.

Predictions: I.K. - Air Force by 4.
R.H. - Air Force by 4.

Gator Bowl

When: Dec. 29, 8 P.M.
Where: Jacksonville, Fla.

Teams: Virginia (8-2-1), Oklahoma (8-3)

Outlook: This is Virginia's first meeting with Oklahoma. Oklahoma is 18-10-1 in bowls. Virginia has allowed only 118 points. Oklahoma has allowed only 124 points.

Predictions: I.K. - Virginia by 3.
R.H. - Oklahoma by 3.

Holiday Bowl

When: Dec. 30, 8 P.M.
Where: San Diego, Calif.

Teams: Iowa (10-1), BYU (8-3-1)

Outlook: Iowa comes in 2-0 in the Holiday Bowl. Iowa has scored 344 points this season. BYU has scored 420 points but have given up 308 points.

Predictions: I.K. - Iowa by 5.
R.H. - Iowa by 4.

Freedom Bowl

When: Dec. 30, 9 P.M.
Where: Anaheim, Calif.

Teams: Tulsa (9-2), San Diego State (8-3)

Outlook: San Diego State's Marshall Faulk is the college leading rusher. San Diego has also scored 403 points and given up 337 points. Tulsa has scored 305 points.

Predictions: I.K. - San Diego State by 6.
R.H. - San Diego State by 7.

John Hancock Bowl

When: Dec. 31, 2:30 P.M.
Where: El Paso, Texas

Teams: Illinois (6-5), UCLA (8-3)

Outlook: On UCLA's side they have Donahue who has 7 straight bowl wins. Illinois has only scored 261 points this season. UCLA has scored 317 points.

Predictions: I.K. - Illinois by 2.
R.H. - UCLA by 5.

Copper Bowl

When: Dec. 31
Where: Tucson, Arizona

Teams: Baylor (8-3) vs. Indians (6-4-1)

Outlook: Indiana has the nation's second leading rusher in Vaughn Dunbar. Baylor has an awesome defense which yielded only 180 points all year.

Predictions: I.K. - Indiana by 5.
R.H. - Indiana by 8.

Peach Bowl

When: Jan. 1
Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Teams: E. Carolina (10-1) vs. N. Carolina St. (9-2)

Outlook: This match up features two of the biggest surprises of year. E. Carolina made the top 25 for the first time ever and the Wolfpack also made a rare appearance.

Predictions: I.K. - E. Carolina by 4.
R.H. - N. Carolina St. by 2.

Hall of Fame Bowl

When: Jan. 1
Where: Tampa, Fla.

Teams: Syracuse (9-2) vs. Ohio State (8-3)

Outlook: The Buckeyes had one of the top defenses in the Big 10 while Syracuse had a very balanced attack. Also, Ohio State running backs will play a big role.

Predictions: I.K. - Ohio State by 1.
R.H. - Ohio State by 3.

Citrus Bowl

When: Jan. 1
Where: Orlando, Fla.

Teams: California (9-2) vs. Clemson (9-1-1)

Outlook: The Golden Bears were another surprise team this year. They were ranked #4 in the nation until they lost to Rose Bowl bound Washington and Stanford. Clemson's mighty defense will have a great day.

Predictions: I.K. - Clemson by 4.
R.H. - Clemson by 3.

Cotton Bowl

When: Jan. 1
Where: Dallas, Texas

Teams: Texas A&M (10-1) vs. Florida St. (10-2)

Outlook: Texas A&M won the SWC crown with a good defense and a good ground attack. But, the Florida St. defense and their offense are just too explosive with QB Casey Weldon leading the way.

Predictions: I.K. - Florida St. by 7.
R.H. - Florida St. by 5.

Fiesta Bowl

When: Jan. 1
Where: Tempe, Ariz.

Teams: Penn St. (10-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2)

Outlook: Penn St. has a great defense with a good offense that has QB Tony Sacca leading the way. Tennessee has been a good team all year and surprised every body by beating Notre Dame 35-34. Look out for QB Andy Kelly to lead the way for them while he hooks up with his main receiver, speedburner Carl Pickins.

Predictions: I.K. - Tennessee by 4.
R.H. - Penn St. by 3.

Rose Bowl

When: Jan. 1
Where: Pasadena, Calif.

Teams: Washington (11-0) vs. Michigan (10-1)

Outlook: Washington is ranked #2 in the nation and has a great defense that yielded only 101 points all year.

Michigan has a huge offensive line which won the MVP award at the Gator Bowl last year. Their top lineman is Greg Skrepenak who will likely be a first round draft pick in the NFL this year. Also, the Wolverines have this year's probable Heisman Trophy winner in Desmond Howard who usually scores at least two touchdowns a game. QB Elvis Grbac has had a fine year and Ricky Powers has been sensational.

Predictions: I.K. - Michigan by 5.
R.H. - Washington by 4.

Orange Bowl

When: Jan. 1
Where: Miami, Fla.

Teams: Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (9-1-1)

Outlook: Look for the top ranked Hurricanes to win this one. They have the home field advantage, and are 45-0 at home. The defense has been great all year. On offense, Look out for QB Gino Toretta. Running back Steve McGuire is not expected to play. Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne is 1-4 in the Orange Bowl.

Predictions: I.K. - Miami by 6.
R.H. - Miami by 5

Sugar Bowl

When: Jan. 1
Where: New Orleans, La.

Teams: Notre Dame (8-3) vs. Florida (10-1)

Outlook: Notre Dame is not like the Notre Dame teams of the past. They have a good defense and a very good QB in Rick Mirer. Florida has only one loss, which came against #1 Miami, and they will meet the Irish for the first time ever.

Predictions: I.K. - Florida by 2.
R.H. - Florida by 1.

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