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Band of Gold"

by Kara Zocolo

After a day and a half of fun in Disney World, the time had come for the most important part of our trip—to compete for the gold. Nerves and excitement were both present as we did our best for the town of Salem, our school, ourselves, and Mr. Jeckavitch, bringing home the gold.

There were two judges that presented with the gold. One judge judged the categories of music, general effect of the music, and the execution of the music. These three categories were then broken down into musicianship, musical talent, and performance effectiveness. The judge then gave a score for each category and ours ended up to be an 87 out of 100. The second judge commented on the marching, maneuvering, general effect and execution. These categories were split to the headings of fundamentals of marching, accuracy and definition, and performance effectiveness. He then added up the scores and gave us a 96 out of 100. Our total composite score was a 91.5. The composite score can range from inferior, excellent, good, fair and poor. 1 of our hard work paid off as we received a superior.

Along with the competition, we spent our fun-filled days in Disney World. On Friday afternoon, we drove to the Magic Kingdom until early evening

when we went back to Larson's Lodge to swim and rest from the long bus trip. On Saturday, we spent the day at MGM Studios. MGM contained shows from Indiana Jones to a Muppets 3D Movie.

Saturday night we traveled down the road to the Medieval Times castle. We had a great time as we ate dinner with no silverware and cheered for our knight to beat the others for the queen. Sunday morning was the big competition and after a round of "We Are the Champions" on bus 1, we headed for Epcot Center. Epcot was educational and fun at the same time. Epcot provided a show or ride in all of the different countries, along with the Spaceship Earth, that everyone referred to as the "big golf ball." Epcot concluded the day with a fabulous show that illuminated each country with lights, music, and fireworks. Our trip ended on

Monday at the Magic Kingdom where we led the afternoon parade and spent the rest of the afternoon riding rides and visiting with Mickey Mouse and his gang. We departed for Salem on Monday night and drove through until Tuesday evening with only a few stops. Our trip ended as soon as it arrived but the memories and "Kodak moments" will always remind us of the fun and how proud we are to be the "pride of Salem."

Bush signs 'Good Teen Day' bill for event begun by Salem teacher

by Larry Shields

Salem News staff writer
A Salem high school teacher's dream of a national holiday for good teenagers has moved a step closer to reality.

The "National Good Teen Day" initiative, started in Salem last January, was recently signed into law by President Bush as House Joint Resolution 409.

The bill will make Jan. 16 National Good Teen Day a national holiday, after being enacted into law for four consecutive years. It was introduced in the House in February by U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr., D-17.

Salem schools and the Ohio House designated Jan. 16, 1992 as Good Teen Day and celebrated with a candy sale, baseball card show and an assembly featuring Traficant as the main speaker.

The idea for recognizing good teens came from Robert Viencek, and English and theatre instructor at Salem High School. Viencek's goal to create a holiday in honor of good teens was inspired by Abraham Lincoln's quote, "When you look for the good in a man you'll always find it."

Viencek believes that too often the emphasis is given to the student who excels in academics, athletics,

music or other related activities, or recognition, though negative, is given to the student who finds himself in trouble.

Little notice is given to average teens who simply try to do the best they can, according to Viencek.

School Superintendent Dr. Burton Schoffman said, "At a time when so much criticism is leveled against America's youth, I am proud to be affiliated with Good Teen Day."

"Salem is a fortunate community for producing such outstanding teenagers. When National Good Teen Day appears on the map, it will be nice to know that Salem was the map maker."

T.V.'s for Students

by Jody Wirkner

The recent addition of television monitors in our classrooms is presented to us by Whittle Educational Network in a 12 minute taped broadcast which includes timely news and current issues.

This venture is partly funded by commercials included in the broadcast and also by a grant that the school received. The stipulation for schools using this network is that the broadcast is shown to the entire student body. That is why so many televisions have been installed. Currently, there are 40 television sets that have been included in this grant. The school received these televisions free in agreement to show the broadcast everyday.

These broadcasts self-tape at three o'clock in the morning already to run the next day. We receive the broadcast VIA satellite.

Mr. McShane feels that Channel 1 will have a very positive effect on the school. It gives students an opportunity to learn about world events in an educational and interesting way. He hopes that the broadcast will inform and better educate students about world events.

I agree that Channel 1 will have a positive effect on us as students. I recently viewed a broadcast and found it interesting and informative. I also feel that every student in this school will enjoy the daily broadcast.

White Christmas Joy

by Jody Wirkner

The annual White Christmas Dance is made possible by the class of 1993. It will be held at the Salem Golf Club on December 28. Pictures will be taken from 6:30 until 7:30, and dinner will be served at 7:30. The theme of the dance is "A Starry Starry Night." Tickets were sold earlier this month for \$15 a person. The dance will end at midnight.

What is a Snow Day?

by Tanya Nagy

Salem High School must follow certain rules for snow days. If there is excessive snow falling, meaning the streets can't be kept clear, or ice is covering the streets and the City of Salem and Perry Township can't get out to de-ice the roads; then school will be called off. The Salem City Schools have normally closed down because of ice. To find out if school is cancelled listen to WSOM and K105. Most radio stations and television stations will also announce it. Mr. McShane said, "If you can tune in, you can probably find out if school is cancelled." These announcements will be made at 6:00 a.m. The decision is made by the Superintendent.

Brown Finishes Fifth in Nation

by Rick Fawcett

Jenni Brown, freshman, finished fifth in the Kinney National Cross Country Championship in San Diego. Never before has a Salem athlete excelled to a national competition. Her time was 17:57. The winning time was 17:34 (19 seconds above Brown's time at the state meet).

Brown, who went into the contest undefeated, was named a high school All-American. Her time of 17:15.3 was the nation's fastest time for a girl this year. Her training the week before the race had been hampered by weather. Brown was so highly regarded nationally, that after the race the winning girl's coach congratulated Brown and told her they were worried about her throughout the entire race. Brown earned national recognition by becoming the "Best in the Midwest", winning the Kinney Midwest Regional Meet. Her time there was 18:51, but the course was very sloppy due to weather. Brown also has individual Columbiana County and MVC championships. She also appeared in the Dec. 7 issue of Sports Illustrated.

Furthermore, Jenni Brown is only a freshman. No one can guess what she can accomplish in the next three years. Congratulations on a fine season to Jenni Brown.



All American Jenni Brown concluded a spectacular cross country season by placing fifth in the Kinney National Cross Country Championship in San Diego, California last weekend.

CBE Update

DeEllen Fuson

The Cooperative Business Education class consists of 11 seniors who come to school in the morning and then go to work in area businesses in the afternoon. While in school they learn about office procedures and how to operate many office machines that are used in the real world.

The students went through an application and interview process here at the high school last spring. Once accepted, the students had to go through the steps it takes to get a job in the real world. With the help of the instructor, Mrs. McKenzie, the students went through the application and interview process once again.

Area businesses who need extra help in their offices and who are interested in the future of their community are the sites where the students were interviewed and in most cases hired. The CBE students get their "hands on experience" in a variety of office settings.

The difference between the office setting and the school setting is very great. It is often a hard transition for high school and college graduates, but our students have adjusted to the change very successfully. We feel that the diversity of the program gives our students many options after graduation. For instance, they can continue their education or they can go straight to work or they can combine the two.

A list of the students and their job sites is as follows:

- Christy Barnhouse: Salem Community Hospital Radiology Department
- Tara Daniels: Dr. Sudhakaran's Office
- DeEllen Fuson: Loudon Ford, Lincoln, Mercury
- Tom Hays: Bozick's Office Machines
- Kimberly Keglro: Salem Board of Education and Hannah Mullins School of Nursing
- Tina Kinney: Home Savings and Loan Co. Salem Community Hospital — Human Resources Department
- Jessica McArtor: People's Lumber Co. and Bozick's Office Machines
- Betsy Moffet: Horning and Horning, Attorneys at Law
- Casey Morrison: Salem Golf Club
- Dawn Wells: Lincoln Machine Co.

The students are all very appreciative of their employers and very grateful for the opportunity that they have been given. The students do real work for the employers and are putting their classroom techniques to work. In return, the employers are giving the students real paychecks and the experience that they will need when they set out to start their careers in the future.



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.

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VOICES

Prejudices In Our Society Today by Emily Colley

The world today is full of people who are making assumptions and snap judgments about every walk of life, people who are judging others solely on their physical appearance, people who undeniably hate others because of their sex, color, age, and race. This is a pervasive and harmful presence in our American society.

To have prejudice against a person or group, you have prejudged them. You think you already know everything about that person or group of people on the basis of only one or two facts. It is almost impossible to go through life without having had some kind of prejudice against someone, whether it be right or wrong. If being prejudiced were just a matter of thinking and holding in our feelings and opinions, it would not be such an enormous problem. Unfortunately, being prejudice leads to discrimination: preventing some people from having rights that other people enjoy, simply on the basis of what group they happen to belong to. People may be discriminated against in obtaining housing, educa-

tion, politics, and society. It's hard to believe that discrimination is sometimes legal. Often, people's prejudices take the form of stereotypes. A stereotype is an assumption about how a group of people will behave. This is just a convenient image that seems to be real in that person's mind, but in reality it's just a large, prejudiced assumption. One major stereotype that affects the teenagers of this world is the stereotype that adults have about them. The following is a list of the adult stereotype of a teenager:

Teenagers are:

- irresponsible
- lazy
- poor students
- always listening to loud music
- always interested in sex
- sloppy dressers with messy hair
- rude, especially to adults
- on drugs
- dangerous drivers
- always having fun
- carefree, with nothing serious on their mind
- unconcerned about their future

Now, you tell me, do ALL of the teenagers in this world have these characteristics. It is so ridiculous to have one general idea about a group of people. It's simply what one believes is true of all teenagers because they know one or two teenagers that have all of those characteristics, but remember, that is only one or two out of the millions of teenagers in the world. Some of the ideas on the list do apply to certain teenagers, but the major point being they do not apply to all teenagers. Nevertheless, this stereotype remains powerful.

There are many things that cause prejudice in people, things that many people do not even realize are prejudice, such as cultural differences, economic competition, and insecurity. Cultural differences are excellent examples of prejudice and discrimination. These differences are the particular ways of acting, ways that come partly from family, their culture and religion. These customs that we learn from teach us ideas about right and

wrong, polite and impolite, and good and bad behavior. Since every culture has its own ideas about these concepts, a person or group from one culture might misunderstand the behavior of a person or group from another culture. This is where the prejudice begins. Cultural standards vary widely and have several different opinions and views towards specific things such as table manners, saying thank-you, a child's behavior, being a host, being a guest, and male/female behaviors. These things, being viewed differently by everyone, cause enormous amounts of prejudice and discrimination towards innocent people. People have got to learn to be open minded and accept the differences in people because we can not continue being prejudice forever.

There are too many prejudices in our country today. Prejudices toward women, men, homosexuals, lesbians, elderly, handicapped people, and races are only some of the many prejudices that exist in our society, but they are the most harmful. These prejudices may

make you feel frightened, angry, upset, confused, or overwhelmed but there are several ways in which you can cope with them. Here are some of the personal ways to cope with prejudices, discrimination, and stereotypes:

- Read more about a particular group: its history and political movements, or possibly some of the writings that its political leaders have produced.

- Read a novel or see a movie that focuses on a particular group

- Attend a political meeting or a cultural event sponsored by a group

- Take a look at the activities that you do regularly: sports, drama, the school paper, clubs, hanging out with friends, going to school events. Is there some way you could broaden the range of who participates in these activities?

- Take a look at the conditions in your school. Could you and your classmates stand to learn more about the many prejudices? Alone or with other students, organize a "Tolerance Day" or teach-in to look more closely at some of the issues that interest you.

Affirmative Action or Reverse Discrimination?

by Leah Lusch

In today's society, affirmative action has become prevalent in the business world and university admissions process. Some people see this process as a threat to society, others feel that it is necessary for minorities to get ahead these days. After reading two essays by philosophers showing their views on affirmative action, I feel that society better find a new alternative before our society finds more trouble.

First of all, affirmative action is divided into two categories, weak affirmative action and strong affirmative action. Originally, our society started out condoning weak affirmative action, which saw to it that groups who had been discriminated against received a fair chance of succeeding in society. This was done by creating different programs which trained minorities and presented names for job placement. Now, society has adopted the strong affirmative action process, which determines positions for minorities over others. Thomas Nagel, a philosopher who supports affirmative action, feels that strong affirmative action is needed to cut down on discrimination but not to make a numerical showing in society. "It is simply a means of increasing the

social and economic strength of formerly victimized groups, and does not stigmatize others."

I am more inclined to side with Lisa H. Newton, a philosopher who is against affirmative action because she feels that it is reverse discrimination. She stated that when employers hire only blacks and women, it is the same thing as employers showing preference towards white. She feels that there should be fair opportunity for everyone to everything, like positions in the job world or into universities. One of the arguments about affirmative action is the fact that it is unfair. I agree with the fact that people should be given job or university positions based on qualification and not ethnic background. This argument also goes hand in hand with another that states affirmative action is inefficient. People who are qualified at a certain job will work to their full potential, while people who are picked because of their race may not have amount of skill or desire to produce results. Newton states that we will not know when to determine that restitution is over, and that this restitution should be shown only to groups who have actually been discriminated against and not to groups who feel that there is no specific law protecting just them.

Newton maintains we are all equal by law, and "the practice of reverse discrimination undermines the foundation of the very ideal in whose name it is advocated; it destroys justice, law, equality, and citizenship itself, and replaces them with power struggles and popularity contests."

If anyone really stops and thinks about affirmative action, it goes back to the saying that we all grew up with, "Two wrongs don't make a right." What is going to happen if reverse discrimination continues and it backfires on society causing more hate than there already is. Don't we have enough? Society needs to realize that qualification should outweigh any determining positions by race. We need to look beyond the physical aspects. Granted, discrimination in our society is an ugly monster that we need to find a solution to, but in this case fighting fire with fire will eventually cause, as Newton points out in her essay, a vicious cycle that will have to be corrected by more discrimination, and every minority will want to jump on the bandwagon to obtain publicity for themselves. Everybody screams that they want equal rights, I can hardly see the logic in calling hiring somebody because of their color over somebody else who is more qualified equal rights.

Capital Punishment is Constitutional

by Emily Colley

Violence is exceeding extreme limits in our country lately. What should we, as Americans, do about it? How should we fairly punish those who have committed serious crimes? After receiving a verdict of guilty, and a life sentence, why is the criminal set free after only serving a few years of their sentence due to a parole hearing? Why should we satisfy the criminal's hunger by voluntarily feeding them more victims? These are many questions that need to be answered by our government, I am just expressing my thoughts on the subject.

Capital punishment has been on a decline for quite some years. This is because a majority of Americans feel it is unconstitutional, that we should not lower ourselves to the violent, inhuman acts of a serial killer, drug seller, or rapist. You tell me, is it constitutional to brutally take the lives of innocent people, cut them up and proceed to eat their body parts, is it constitutional to randomly shoot and kill hundreds of people because one is angry at someone or something and cannot control it, or to give out free, addictive drugs to little, innocent kids only to get them hooked, and then control their minds by making them sell to other kids? Is it okay for a man to repeatedly rape several, vulnerable women? I know this is a morbid way of expressing factual material, but it is only to make you realize what several criminals are getting away with, and are of no doubt repeating. Victims are being punished, and the criminals are receiving all of the freedoms and privileges.

Our government's policy for punishment should be limited to only one strict punishment per different crime. We are allowing many innocent people to die because of our lack of responsibility to the public's safety. The courts are giving out sentences that are too lenient. They give the criminal too

many chances to receive a parole hearing with a respectively good percentage of getting set free. In an average year, about 20,000 homicides occur in the United States. Of these, fewer than 300 of convicted killers are sentenced to death. Most convicts who are sentenced for life in prison are likely to die of old age or not serve their full sentence. These convicts are usually set free after a parole hearing and commit their crime again. Would you feel safe knowing that the person who murdered your family, who was not to have a chance to be set free on parole, was let out of prison and was searching for you? It is possible and it does happen.

In a recent survey, it was found that fewer than 200 people out of 2,500 plus people on death row have been executed. This number is less than the amount of victims who were murdered or greatly affected by these convicts. It's pretty pathetic that sick-minded people are getting away with murder and many innocent people are suffering great loss because of it. Out of all crimes committed in the U.S., murder is the worst, and it deserves the strongest punishment society can give out. If people knew they would be punished by death, they would be less likely to kill and some of the 20,000 murders committed each year could be prevented. The death penalty is the best weapon we have in protecting the people from these vicious killers. Life imprisonment is not a good option, because like I said before, prisoners are often released on parole, giving them the chance to kill again.

I do not know if you are angered by our so called justice system, but I am. I'm disgusted at what is happening and what people are getting away with in our country. I think our punishments should be more severe, and limited only to help lessen the crime rate that is presently rising.

Quaker's Proposal on Student Expression

We, the staff of "the Quaker," in order to promote quality reading material through the use of free speech and opinion, do hereby abide by and take protection under the ideals and principles of the First Amendment, the Constitution, and other various court rulings.

It is our duty to keep our readers currently informed of school activities.

We are also obligated to avoid any form of libel, obscenity, invasion of privacy, and any subject which may cause a disruption in the community or in the normal routine of the school day.

If at any time felt appropriate, the principal can reserve the right to edit or censor any material that he considers in any way to be inappropriate for publication.

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

Animal Testing: Not an Option

by Alexa Havelock

Everyday as the sun rises over the coast of this country the wave of slaughter begins. By the time the sun sets over 150,000 animals will be killed, not by the meat industry, or hunters, but by laboratories' testing. That is just in America. Over 200 million animals are killed each year (worldwide) in laboratories. Ask yourself, "Is this mindless murder really necessary?" Well, the answer is no! Scientists are working on many sensible methods of testing products, ones that DO NOT involve the use of rabbits, mice, and other creatures. Many companies are trying these methods but they are more expensive than the conventional animal tests. Probably many of you are thinking, "Well it is either me or the animal." Unfortunately, those are the people who are the most ignorant about the torture that goes on right in their own city. The infamous Draize test, which involves filtering foreign liquids into the eyes of white rabbits (used for the test because of their lack of tear ducts) is one of the most popular methods of testing sham-

poo, hair spray, and other types of cosmetic products for eye irritation. Although most companies try to keep animal testing "hush hush" (it is not exactly a good selling point) some companies such as Avon and Johnson & Johnson have done little or nothing to find alternatives to animal testing. There is something you can do, though. Write letters to companies that are known for animal testing. Don't be satisfied until things have changed. You can also boycott the products that involve the testing of animals. Do you really need that one type of cosmetic or hair product? Finally, work to become a more humane person in general, if you take a look at the things you do in your life, you may be surprised at the number of animals you use (or basically are killed for you to use) everyday. Maybe it is time for this country to use some of that great technology, that everyone insists we have, to save the countless millions of lives we take every year. For what price is vanity in this country obtained?

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Drinking and Driving Over the Holidays

by Kara Zocolo

A study by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reported that 4.6 million adolescents experience negative consequences from alcohol during their teens. The percent of traffic accidents rise especially during the holiday season. Why are teens drinking and how can this problem be stopped?

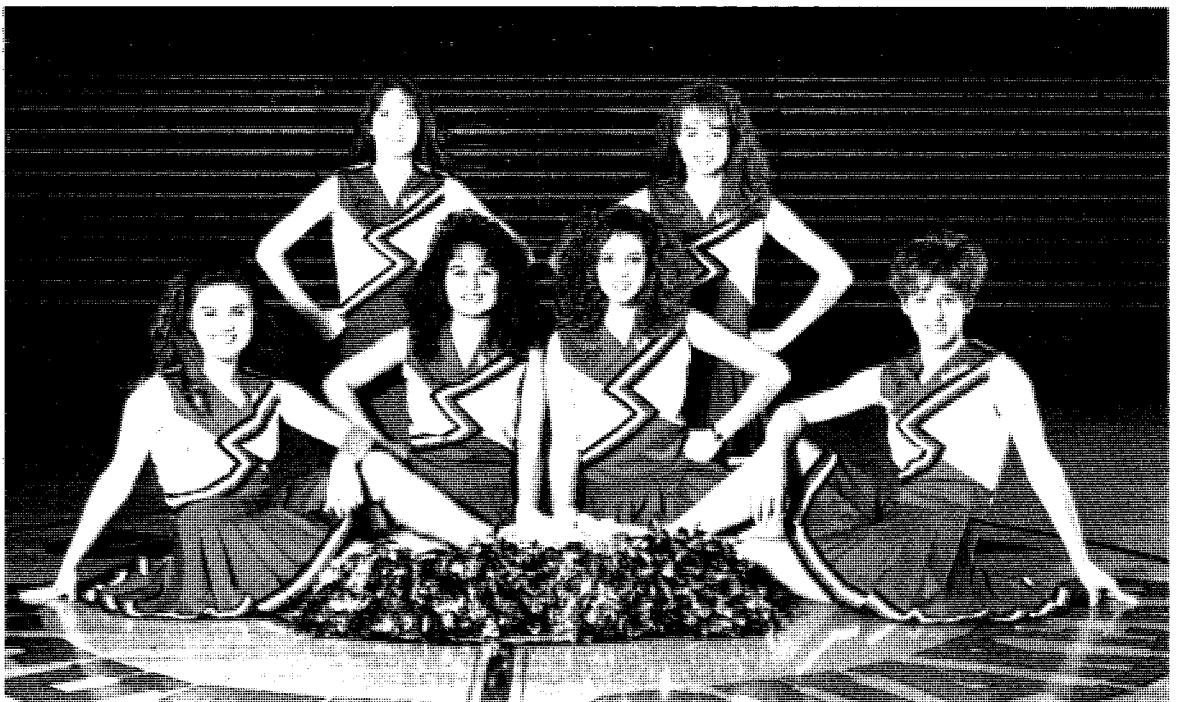
Katie Lutz, the dream daughter, had just turned sixteen. After being showered with gifts from her parents, her friends took her out to watch her boyfriend's band play in a "battle of the bands." At the exciting performance someone passed her a bottle of 48-proof peach schnapps. Not sure how much she drank, the police estimate about half of the bottle. After going to a private party her friends had given, she went driving with a classmate and friend.

His friend had given her a fifth of 100-proof vodka along with the line, "You're big girl now Katie." Katie gulped about half of that bottle, too. When she finally came home at 3:30 in the morning, she was semi-conscious and moaning. Her astonished parents put her side the thoughts running through their heads and carried her upstairs to her bedroom and laid her on her side. This was to keep her from choking if she vomited. When her father went to wake her several hours later, he found that her body was cold and he couldn't find a pulse. After trying mouth-to-mouth, it was too late. The doctors say the alcohol had rushed through her bloodstream, shocked her brain, and shut down the centers that control breathing and heart rate. For Katie's family, there will always be an empty place in their heart, and her father is outraged that the only time her friend has to pay for giving alcohol to a minor-\$600.

This is only one name to the list with

thousands of other teens that found death in a bottle. Researchers say that 13 is the typical age the first drink is tried but this age has decreased since 1980. It's not hard for teens to get alcohol and it's not hard for them to find a place to drink it. Most teens persuade older friends, siblings, or even strangers to buy for them. They may also get it from parents or their friend's parents. Around the holidays, some adults buy liquor for special occasions, this just makes it easier for the teen to get a hold of. Finding a place to drink is easier still. Most teens drink in bars, restaurants, parks, a friend's house, or even in his own home. Most of the time, teens say they drink on the weekends or during the summer, not during daily duties. The reasons teens drink are many and the same. An article in the Boston Globe gave a few responses. Some day it's something to do, or if they're doing something, drinking makes it better. Others say it's to get away from problems. In a study by the Sun-Sentinel, 58 percent of teens drink when upset, 39 percent when they're alone, 30 percent when bored, 37 percent to feel high. Many of these teens are already alcoholics and they haven't started their adult life. The holidays make the drinking rate worse. Some teens get depressed over little things. Such as not getting what they wanted or they didn't have enough money to buy that special person what they had planned. This depression takes the teen to the bottle. Teens think that alcohol will solve their problems or depression, but it just makes it worse.

Drinking and driving can ruin a holiday or any other day of the year. Please, during this holiday season, don't drink and drive so you can be here for Christmas next year.



The Salem Quaker Varsity Basketball Cheerleading squad has been working hard in preparing for the winter sports season.

History In The Making

by Brandie Oesch

The year 1993 may be the start of a down fall with the United States in politics and in entertainment. With Bill Clinton coming in as President of the United States, I predict there will be somethings happening with the United States and entertainment. So I thought of sharing some of those ideas with you. The ideas on Clinton are not meant to be offensive.

First off, I would have to say that Bill Clinton has the possibility of allowing marijuana to become legal. But there will be a little catch to it. Marijuana will be legal as long as you do not inhale, you just have to smoke it. If Bill and Hillary can do it and become President of the U.S, then why can't anyone else.

Some other problems Clinton may face is a romantic relationship with Princess Di, in which it may cause problems between the United States and Great Britain. If a problem does arrive and ends up in war, the United States would not have an army. All the men would just say, "Hey, I'm not going to war. Clinton can not make us go, he avoided it when he was drafted." Then while all of this is going on, Clinton is on the French Riviera with Princess Di, but he was not having all fun and games. The French Riviera management kicked him off and told him not to come back because he was caught nude sunbathing.

Since Clinton is such a womanizer, he will probably make our government worse than it already is, by allowing more women in. They will not be for political reasons either. Not saying women should not be in the government, they should. But these women more than likely have no idea what politics are really about.

With all the junk food and fast food restaurants out there, Bill Clinton will gain so much weight, that not even

jogging can help him, and the United States will end up being taken over by the junk food junkies.

Instead of Clinton ruining one state, namely Arkansas. How does he think he can run the United States? He is bound to have problems. With the United States being the "land of beauty" we will become the "land of feathers." Gore could easily be replaced by the Colonel of Kentucky Fried Chicken. I'm sure he has a better idea how to raise a bunch of chickens, than Clinton and Gore does all together. Then the chicken will become our national bird.

Last of all, Bill Clinton will end up being the first President of the United States to get arrested on pornography charges. So lets hope that the people who voted Bill Clinton into office, made the right choice and nothing from above really does happen. The next four years may have some surprises for everyone. Nineteen-ninety three holds many surprises in entertainment also. Having a new President won't be the only surprises brewing up in the United States.

I made some more predictions. Like maybe Michael Jackson will take off his other glove and reveal his other hand. Jay Leno may have a nervous breakdown in which The Tonight Show will have to go off the air. But Johnny hears about it and returns. Roseanne divorces Tom Arnold and marries John Goodman. Then Clinton will end up taking Saturday Night Live off the air because of all the wise cracks about him and Gore. Even though they are probably true. Some people just don't like knowing the truth.

These are just my predictions and my opinions. I'm sure everything I talked about above, would never come true. But it sure is something to think about. What would happen to the United States if some of these predictions came true? Think about it.

Poetry Corner

by Sara Frankovich

Christmas time is a time for joy. It is also a time for sharing our feelings, and writing poetry is a great way of sharing our feelings. So, here are some poems written by students or poets. Hope you enjoy them.

On My Own

*On my own pretending you're beside me.
All alone I want you to hold me.
Sometimes I can feel your arms around me.
And when I lose my way I close my eyes and you have found me.
In the rain the pavement shines like silver.
All the lights are glistening in the weather.
And all I can see is you forever and ever.
And I know in my mind that I'm talking to myself and not to you.
And although I know that you are mine,
still I say there's a way for us.
I love you!
But as the night is over you are gone a river's just a river.
And now I'm all alone again all by myself without anyone I can turn to.
Without a hope, without a friend, and without a face to say hello to.
And now the night is here and I can make believe you're here.
Sometimes I walk alone at night when everybody else is sleeping.
I think of you and I am happy with the company I'm keeping.
The city goes to bed and I can live inside my head.
Without you the world around me changes.
The trees are bare and everywhere the guys just look like strangers.
Without you this world will go on turning.
A world full of happiness that we might never know!
I Love You,
I Love You,
I Love You, buy only On My Own.*

Anonymous

Christmas Trees

*The antlers of the fir are bent
With friendship's glittering favors,
From frosty brackets of the yew
A linnets' carol quavers.
The spruce is twisted to a wreath
Above the window frame,
The holly braids a halo about
The candle's bud of flame.
A star is hung above the cedar
To lift the level eye,
The cypress points a slender finger
Toward the chanting sky.*

By: Irene Wilde

I Need You!

*I need you near me day by day
To make my life worthwhile
I need your reassuring voice,
I need your tender smile!

I need your faith and confidence
In all our dreams and goals,
I need your understanding heart
That strengthens and consoles.

I need your sense of human
and your ways so dear and sweet
I need your very special love
To make my life complete!*

By: Ginny

Horoscopes

by Brandie Oesch and Kara Zocolo

Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

This is your lucky month. Something you have been planning and wishing for will come true, making your enthusiasm high.

Capricorn

December 22-January 19

This is your time for making wishes come true. You will make the holiday brighter for someone special. This is your month to touch someone's heart.

Aquarius

January 20-February 19

Your luck has not been to great lately. So you better watch out over the holidays. Be careful on the slopes of life.

Pisces

February 20-March 20

Romance is not in the picture this month. Relationships need a boost to succeed. Being a little more emotional may help.

Aries

March 21-April 19

This is your month to get some cash flowing. But don't rush to spend it. Something may happen and you will need it then.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Don't rush any plans you are making, if you do, something drastic may happen. This is your month for affection.

Gemini

May 21-June 20

Romance is in the picture. Don't lose communication with friends over the holidays or you may arise some problems. This is your month for earning praise.

Cancer

June 21-July 22

Don't get oversensitive if a relationship does not work out. It may not be your time for a serious relationship. Stick to those that do work out.

Leo

July 23-August 22

Give your best this month. Don't go out and buy presents that are beyond your budget. What you give means more than what you spend.

Virgo

August 23-September 22

Get out and have fun in the snow. You have lots of confidence in yourself, you can do anything you want.

Libra

September 23-October 23

This is the season for family and friends, don't get too self centered on yourself. It could ruin your holiday. Just be yourself.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Luck is not in the near future for Scorpio. Bad decisions made earlier will affect situations in your life now.



Art For Art's Sake?

by Leah Lutsch

When most people hear the phrase, Modern Art, right away the snickers and jokes begin, and people think of half-witted artists who lock themselves in their rooms and paint in the nude. (Well, part of that is right, Pablo Picasso loved to paint in the nude.) Actually modern artists are very involved with life and they have to be to produce good works. Many people feel that modern art is not really art, and they are bent on believing that a flower is suppose to look like a flower. Obviously, these responses to modern art are due strictly to a lack of education and personal insight concerning the art world. Once a person has experienced the art world with an open mind, he/she will soon realize what an exciting wonder it can be that is never dull.

Modern art began, like all great things like freedom and equal rights. It began with a revolution. Not with guns but with a few artists in Paris around the 1860s who developed a new style called Impressionism. This style primarily evolved from these innovative artists who were tired of being forced to copy subjects they painted all of the time. This style being referred to as Realism. They wanted to paint as much as they could, but at the same time they felt they needed to include more emotion in their work by the use of bright imaginative color and very explosive techniques that made their work live. Thus, the purpose of modern art was born. Artists artistically enhanced their creations with what they were feeling. One curator from the Louvre art gallery in Paris

feels that if the mind can be open to investigate what is troubling it, the individual can learn to understand his/her feelings. This is what modern art is all about.

Today, the same idea still remains, and artists still are using elements that are associated with social issues. Subjects are more intense; they are faster heavier, hungrier and angrier, but elements that they use don't have to be complicated. The use of garbage in a work could stand for greed and garbage cans could represent homes. Fast food, tables, pots, and pans are favorite subjects to add creative symbolism to also. Nothing is sugarcoated, and artists are able to see the monsters in everything. Reality is portrayed, and not all of the creations are Brady Bunch families with

Barbie doll smiles, because life is not always like that. Life can be ugly, therefore so can the art. Modern art is special because it does not copy. It expresses mainly the individual and can reflect their confusion, subconscious, dreams and nightmares, along with the happiness, ugliness, and irrationality of society.

Now, we have different styles of modern art which are improving and have been enhanced from the impressionists. There is surrealism, which is art that deals with dreams, cubism, which gives a more geometric look to the subjects, and then, the most recent out of the three would be Pop Art, which involves totally modern aspects. These art forms can represent simpler subjects, but that does not decrease their meaning at all.

Art as a comfort to the spirit has not been graciously accepted today, nor was it accepted during the period of the Impressionists. Juries who judged art back then made the Realists rich, and the Impressionists paupers. It just reflects the age old idea that anything new should be scorned, and society looks for the rational and objective over the intuition and creativity. But as Norma

Cattanach, Professor of Education at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York stated, "Beauty does not reside in a formula." There is no set standard for the way art should be portrayed, it is totally up to the artist. A trained visual artist, who has had education in the field, (and you do not have to have a PHD either:) is more inclined to have an open mind. There is nothing wrong with leaning towards a more realistic approach when it comes to taste, because Realism can be beautiful. At the same time, Modern Art can be beautiful in its own special way due to the fact that it tells a story of a human being. With a little training, a modern artist can make that flower that is suppose to look like a flower into something even more beautiful.

Some modern artists to read about are: Impressionists: Vincent Van Gogh, Paul Cezanne, Edgar Degas, Claude Monet. Surrealist: Salvador Dhall. Cubism: Pablo Picasso. Pop Art: Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol.

Information for this article was taken from: "The Audience and Modern Art" by Norma Cattanach and "Artists Always Have Caught Flak," by Mark R. Horowitz.

Club Activity Update

Interact

Advisor: Mrs. Hudson
President: Scott Davis
Vice-President: Jennifer Carlisle
Secretary: Kara Zocolo
Treasurer: Christy Brown
Public Relations: Craig Brown
Interact, combined with AFS, held a dance and concession on Friday, December 11. They are planning on a Rock-a-thon for December 22, and a visit to the Serenity Home on December 17. Plans are also being made for a white water rafting adventure during Spring Break.

Environmental Club

Advisor: Mr. Sabo
President: Mindi Cyrus
Vice President: Heather Higgins
Secretary: Laura Farkas
Treasurer: Jenny Hyland
The Environmental club is planning for a T-shirt sale in January, and a candy sale at OM competitions. They will also be putting planters of poinsettias by the front door. If anyone is interested; pick up a newsletter in Room 162.

French Club

Advisor: Mrs. Arter
President: Krissy Milazzo
Vice President: Leanne Cyrus
Secretary/Treasurer: Angie McGuire
Activities Chairperson: Jennifer Reed

The French club is preparing for a Christmas party on December 17 at Kris Milazzo's house. There will be a gift exchange and a French dinner. They are also planning for a concession stand on January 30.

Drama/Poetry Club

Advisor: John Miller
President: Pamela Hadorn
Vice President: Laura Farkas
Treasurer: Jeremy Pruitt
The Drama/Poetry club is having a Dead Poet's Society Christmas party December 22 at Heather Horstman's house. Since the club's advisor is the managing director at the Salem Community Theatre, each member receives free admission to every show performed there. At the meetings, they read poetry, and do theatrical exercises. The club meets every other Thursday.

German Club

Advisor: Mrs. Reed
President: Emily Mager
Vice President: Denise Lee
Secretary: Athena Bodkins
Treasurer: Michelle Woerther
The German Club is having a Christmas Party at Travis Pilch's house Dec. 19 and will be Christmas caroling to German families in the area and at the nursing home. The German club will have a concession stand Jan. 2.

Academic Challenge

Advisor: Mrs. May
Academic Challenge will be in a competition on March 8, 10, and

11. The competition is at the County Scholastics Bowl. The teammates are now designing a T-shirt to wear at the competition. Meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday.

Tact

Advisor: Mrs. Cozza
TACT is planning a Christmas party for Dec. 20 and will be at the Christian Church. Some TACT members have been going to Buckeye School to talk to students there. The next meeting will be Monday Dec. 14.

AFS

Advisor: Mr. Washinko
Alexa Havelock and Krissy Milazzo were chosen to be foreign exchange students next year. The interviews were done by Ann Buta.

Class of 1996

Advisors: Mrs. Haddad and Mrs. Schneider
President: Bob Farkas
Vice President: Rashelle Scott
Secretary: Emily Mlinarcik
Treasurer: Meghan Conrad
The class of 1996 is planning to have a basketball "PIG" game this winter, sell suckers for Valentine's Day, and have a car wash in the spring. They are also having a Freshman Semi-Formal in the spring.

Student Council

Advisors: Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Yakubek
President: Emily Mager
Vice President: Marcy Tkatch
Secretary: Denise Miller
Treasurer: Denise Lee
The Student Council is presently working on a hat and mitten drive for the less fortunate children in our community. They are accepting either a money donation or they can buy hats or mittens to bring in.

Class of 1994

Advisor: Mrs. Wilms, Mrs. Yakubek
President: Ken Lee
Vice President: Julie Kornbau
Secretary: Jody Wirkner
Treasurer: Duke Dye
The class of 1994 will continue selling candy bars for \$.50 a piece and will also be selling foam thumbs up for \$5 at all boys' and girls' basketball games. They are also deciding on a theme for the Prom.

Class of 1995

Advisor: Mrs. Kress
President: Brian Dean
Vice President: Matt Kunar
Secretary: Ian Weir
Treasurer: Mark Ramunno
The class of 1995 is selling flannel and soccer shorts for a fundraiser. They are planning to run concession stands during basketball season. They are also planning something for Good Teen Day. The class of 1995 meets the first Tuesday of every month in room 214.

Spanish Club

Advisor: Mrs. Marhefka
President: Jamie Ostarovich
Vice President: Ken Lee
Secretary: Jason Smith
Treasurer: Jen Lehman
Spanish Club went to Chi Chi's in Boardman on December 14 and are planning a skiing trip for December 30 at Peek n' Peak in New York. The club is also planning various activities through the winter including a concession stand and a banquet in the spring.

Yearbook

Editors: Denise Lee and Sarah Lieder
Assistant Editor: Laura Farkas
The yearbook staff has a tee shirt day on December fourth and are planning a concession stand and dance to be held on December 29. As of now, the staff of the yearbook is working on their next deadline that will cover fall sports and other such things.

National Art Honor Society

President: Carrie Williams
Vice President: Stewart Smith
Secretary: Jim Myers
Treasurer: Katie Short
NAHS is going to hold a Christmas party and gift exchange on December 23. They are also hoping to go on a trip to New York in the spring.

National Honor Society

President: Emily Mager
Vice President: Jason Smith
Secretary: Jacob Bailis
Treasurer: Ross Ramunno
NHS is going to a Cavs game on January 16 and is currently helping to sponsor the hat and glove drive along with student council. In the spring, NHS will be participating in a blood drive.

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD)

Advisor: Vicki Luther
President: Jan Penner
Vice President: Jason Hawkins
Secretary: Laura Farkas
Treasurer: Scott Davis
SADD is having a T-shirt sale. The shirts will have Late Nite at Salem High printed on them. SADD will also be taking a survey on the top ten lies at Salem High sometime next week. They will be having a concession stand on Dec. 29. Dues are \$2, and the contracts need to be turned in.

Bible Study Group

Advisor: Mr. Spack
President: Todd Wilhelm
Vice President: Jen Gregory
Secretary: Danielle Conser
Treasurer: Sara Leider
The Bible Study is attempting to persuade Brian White to come back this year. They will have monthly fundraisers, such as bake sales, to try and raise the treasury.



The 1992 Junior Varsity Basketball Cheerleading squad will cheer at all of the Junior Varsity Basketball games this season.

Schools of the 90's

by Rachel Lopshansky

The Fullerton Police Dept. and the Calif. Dept. of Education reprinted an article from Parentline Prevention in 1986 stating that the primary problem in school systems in the 1940's was excessive talking. Today it is drug abuse.

What has caused these problems to increase in their seriousness over the last 40 years? John Stewart Dacey, author of "Adolescents Today," claims that the reason why the teenager today is more violent, disrespectful, and irresponsible is due to the fact that the atmosphere in schools today is angry and disrupted. Often times the hallways of big city schools are filled with armed hallway guards and metal detectors.

Another reason why the school systems' problems with students have changed is due to the fact that the role models of today are more rebellious. Spike Lee, for example, urges students to skip school to see Malcolm X. Television has had an enormous impact on the behavior of adolescents in the last 20 years. We are seeing more violence, sex, and moral corruption at the movies and on cable television than anywhere else.

Students often feel as if they are being treated unfairly at school.

Although since 1950, equality toward minors and women has been reached. Education for the handicapped is now an option. Advanced technology such as calculators and computers are available to assist students in their studies as they never were before. In the 1969 Tinker case, students were given the same constitutional rights in school as they would have out of school.

The top seven problems in a public school in the 1940's were as follows:

1. Talking
2. Chewing Gum
3. Making Noise
4. Running In The Halls
5. Getting Out Of Turn In Line
6. Wearing Improper Clothing
7. Not Putting Paper In Wastebaskets

Today these problems seem petty. Just look at the problems that occur in public schools of today:

1. Drug Abuse
2. Alcohol Abuse
3. Pregnancy
4. Suicide
5. Rape
6. Robbery
7. Assault
8. Burglary
9. Arson
10. Murder
11. Absenteeism
12. Vandalism
13. Extortion
14. Gang Warfare
15. Abortion
16. STD's and AIDS

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It's the Thought That Counts

by Jennifer Reed

You've heard the saying, no matter what the gift is, "it's the thought that counts." This is heard usually after receiving an unflattering, green and orange, Brady Bunch styled sweater from Aunt Ethel. Or maybe from your boyfriend or girlfriend after they bought you a \$95 necklace and you bought them a cup caddy for their car. You didn't fall for it then and you probably don't believe it now, either.

There are many things to consider when choosing the right gift for that special someone. Color, size, likes and dislikes, and, of course, equality. What

are they getting you? How much are they spending? Are they getting you anything? It's enough to drive you crazy. You don't want to buy your boyfriend that leather jacket he's been drooling over for six months, only to find out that his gift to you is a complete set of matching New Kids on the Block coasters that he got at the half price sale at the "Everything's A Dollar Store." It can be very embarrassing.

You also have to decide when to shop. There are three main groups of people in this area. The first group is the type of person who started their



holiday shopping in January, when the after Christmas sales begin. The second group is the group most people fall into. These are the ones who shop during the regular holiday season, between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The third and final group is the person who puts off shopping for so long they end up buying their presents on Christmas Eve at the nearest 24 hour convenience store.

Christmas doesn't have to be hectic and nerve-racking. No, wait. I'm not kidding! Here are just a few ideas that can make shopping for the perfect gift for that special person a little easier:

ASK: Ask his/her friends, parents, brothers, sisters, etc. if they have any ideas

BUDGET: Budget your money carefully. You don't want to run out halfway through your holiday shopping.

INSTINCT: Follow your heart. If you see something that you are absolutely positive they'll love, go ahead and buy it. Chances are they will.

LIMIT: Set price limits between yourselves. This way you can be sure that the gifts are equal and neither one of you is going broke for just one present.

LISTEN: This is the most important one of all. Listen to them. Most people drop a lot of hints about what they want, far in advance.

I hope that these hints are of some use to you and I wish you the best of luck in your gift giving this year. But remember, it is the thought that counts. And hey, you don't have that much longer to worry about it anyway. There are only six shopping days until Christmas.

Christmas Without Religion

by Jennifer Reed

Nearly every religion has its own way of celebrating this holiday season. But what about those people who don't follow any specific religion? Not necessarily because they don't believe in a "supreme being", but because they do not want to be a part of an organized religion. How do they celebrate? Why do they celebrate?

About 26 percent of the people in the United States do not belong to any religion. Since Christmas is a religious holiday, why do these people celebrate it? One reason is because it's not a completely religious holiday, the other reason is because of one simple word, tradition.

Whether a person has any religious beliefs or not, as soon as Thanksgiving is over and done with for the year, out come the Christmas decorations, the "biggest holiday sale ever" begins at

stores throughout the country and you can hear people humming Christmas carols under their breath as they go about their daily tasks. Many of these people go about all this; even going as far as to putting up a nativity scene in their front yard or under the tree, without having any religious beliefs about the holiday. Ask them why they do it this way and the answer you're almost guaranteed to get is "That's the way it's always been done." And not only within the family, but with the country as well.

People have various religious observations of the holiday season because that's what they believe in, what their religion tells them they should do and have been doing for hundreds of years. It's their way of worship. For people who don't follow a religion the reasons for why they celebrate are actually quite similar; because it's what

they've been taught to do from the actions of family members and because it's what people around them do.

Tradition is a very important part of life to most people, many times without them even realizing it. And a big tradition in this country is; religion or no religion, about one week after Thanksgiving, it's time to drag those boxes out of the attic, garage, basement, etc., make sure those tree lights work and start trying to out decorate everyone in the neighborhood.

Tradition plays a very important part in the lives of many people, for many reasons. The celebration of Christmas is just one of the traditions that many people follow every year. Often without even really thinking about it, or thinking about why they do it. That's just the way it has always been done and probably always will be done.

Dealing with Holiday Stress

by Kristi Hooper

There are so many things that need to be done before the holidays: mile long lists, expectations that are too high, not having enough money for presents. These are all things that add to a person's stress level. The effects of holiday stress can start as early as July, but usually starts in early fall.

First of all, one thing that people do is compare their lives to the picture perfect family on television. We expect perfectly shared holiday moments, and are disappointed when it does not happen. Also, during the holidays we expect everyone to be happy, but there is rarely a time when everyone around you is perfectly happy. Instead of being disappointed in what does or does not happen; be thankful for whatever happy moments occur and are shared.

Second, there is the problem of having too much to do. Many people have too many lists of things they think they have to do. Very often these lists are way too long and just thinking about all that needs to be done can cause a person to be stressed to the limit. If this is your problem then what you should do is make one long list and cross off half of the items on it. For example, do you really need to bake a dozen different types of cookies or make homemade wreaths for the doors? In other words, you should just shorten this list down to things you absolutely have to do.

Third, for some reason people feel that the holidays are not the same unless we buy, buy, buy. Somehow we feel that our love is measured in price tags. Most people end up spending more than

they can afford during the holidays. Instead of buying your friends designer clothes or that Rolex he wanted; go out and have lunch together or have a heart-to-heart chat after a movie. For your family, talk to them about what your budget is and ask them to plan their requests accordingly.

We all need rest during the holidays, and if you get stressed out during the holiday season follow some of this advice and you should have more time to relax. If you are one of those lucky people who do not feel the effects of holiday stress then please try to understand when everyone around you looks totally frazzled and is rushing around to get everything done.

Falling Expectations

by Rachel Lopshansky

Expectations will ruin any holiday. "People have fantasies about what the perfect holiday should be," says Doris Wild Helmering, M. S. W., a psychotherapist from St. Louis. "Then you're hit with reality."

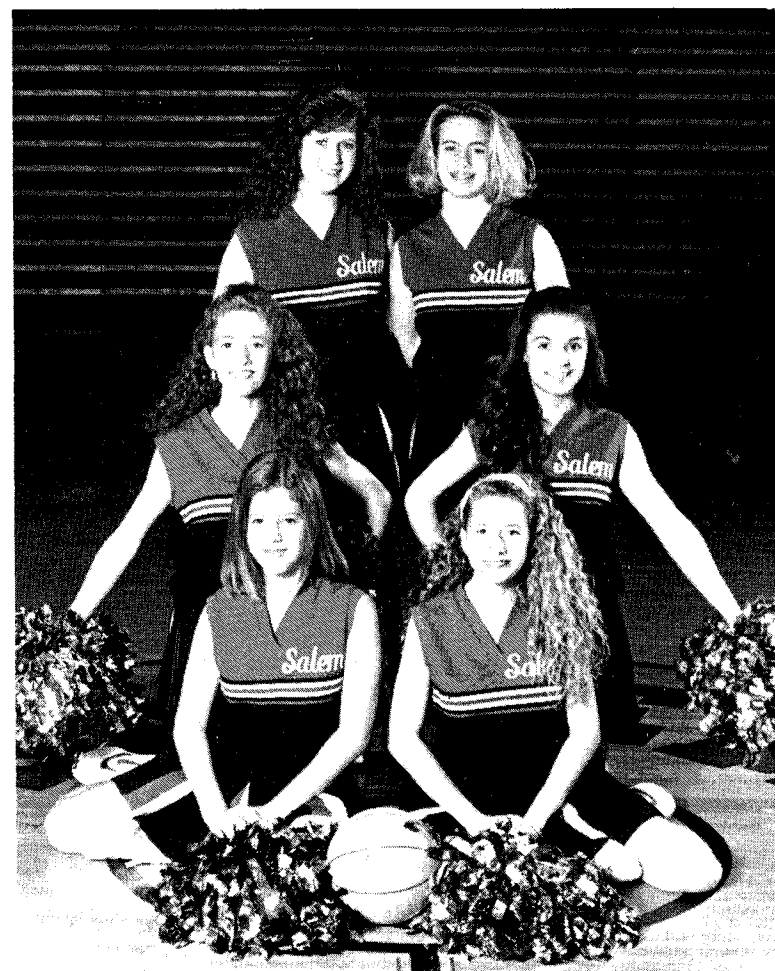
We all want our holidays to be perfect. The presents will turn out to be what you ask for, the dinner will be good, and when you go to your relatives' house you will actually want to stay for more than ten seconds. You also hope that your parents won't make you spend the entire day at home for some of that "quality time".

But the holidays bring you a sudden slap of reality every year. Your father still continues to cook the Christmas turkey on the grill for that "flame-broiled taste". Your mother still continues to buy you that sweater that she saw on sale at the Dollar General store. Your friends still refuse to come to your house until after the holidays are over because

your parents tend to scare them.

People want their homes to be filled with happiness and joy around the holidays. "That's what we all want, but the season is instead filled with spats and misunderstandings, tension and bad tempers," writes Gini Kopecky, author of "Nine Tips to Happier Family Holidays". Everyone is expected to be happy and you will end up feeling guilty if you're not. It is easier to expect the fact that everyone is grouchy around the holidays because there is so much to do and so little time to do it.

The reason why so many people get let down after the holidays are over is because we all have these hopes that this year things will be different, but they never are. Maybe it is good that the holidays never change in your family. Memories of past holidays make present ones so special. Some people think of it as family tradition, and it could be something to be proud of.



These six freshmen make up the 1992 Freshmen Basketball cheerleading squad.

Holiday Boredom

by Brandie Oesch

Halfway through the Christmas break, I start getting bored. I figured other people probably start feeling that same way also. How much shopping can you do? How many movies can you rent or go and see? But what is there to do? I thought about some ideas and came up with a list. I hope it brings out the holiday boredom in you.

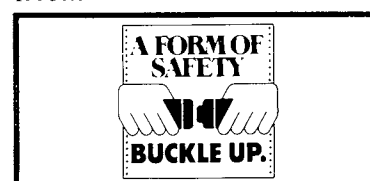
The first of ideas is bowling and roller skating. Many of you are probably thinking not roller skating, but try it. You may end up having fun and remembering many memories. Since I think everyone used to roller skate when they were younger. There are lots of places to bowl and roller skate around Salem.

Then there is ice skating. Oh no, break a leg. I'm never going to do that. Now that is not the attitude to have. Ice skating can be fun. Get a bunch of friends together and go. There are two places around here to go. Mill Creek Park in Boardman (740-7114) and Kent State University Ice Arena (main campus) in Kent, Ohio, (672-2414). Those two places rent skates, but if you have your own skates, there are probably country clubs or your grandma's pond.

If you really want to live dangerously over Christmas break or want to tell a great story when you come back to school. Get some friends together and go skiing. I found a few places around Salem to go. Most of them are about an hour or two away. Boston Mills Ski Resort, in Peninsula, Ohio, call 657-2334 for reservations or 655-6703 for the weather report of the day. So you know what the slopes are like. Peek 'n' Peak Resorts, on Ye Olde Road, in Clymer, New York, 716-355-4141.

Atwood Lake Lodge Resort, 2650 Lodge Road, in Dellroy, Ohio 735-2211.

If you call the AAA office or a travel company, they would be able to tell of some other place. I hope a few of my ideas will help you with your holiday boredom. Have a great Christmas Break and Happy New Year. See you in 1993!!!



Pretty Peppermint Sticks

by Leah Lutsch



He walked along the slushy sidewalk trying to forget about how cold and numb his body was from the December air. People rushed by him anticipating places they had to be, each one of them smiling at each other with a Christmas greeting. Everyone but Sam smiled this Christmas Eve. He shivered as he looked down at the rags that scrawled over his body. His pants had lost their knees and his shirt was worn thin as it hung loosely from his soiled jacket. He tries to wriggle his finger tips and fight the numbness, but he was no match for the rigid weather. Despite his misery and confusion, he forcefully dragged his feet down the sidewalk, for the streets are his home.

He passed a little corner building that used to be like a home to him, and he remembered the smell of his candy store at Christmas time. How he and his wife Dora loved to have the children who religiously frequented his place come into their store looking up at them wide-eyed and pure, anticipating one of the pretty peppermint sticks that he took so much pride in. They were his own special recipe. How he loved their smiles and he always regretted the day he would not be able to see their faces anymore.

Now, these children are only memories. The innocence that used to

cheer and cleanse his world seem frightened by his presence. He could hardly blame them. The children that used to lovingly call him Peppermint Sam pass him on the street, clutching their mothers coats, staring unmercifully as they say, "Mommy, what happened to Peppermint Sam?" The boarded windows of his store glared at him as he recalled the day they closed him down. He begged and pleaded, "This store...the kids...they are my life...my family." He fought back frozen tears and thought of Dora, dear sweet Dora, who left him alone on Earth to be at peace with the Lord.

He walked on. His head was throbbing as he lumbered into the alley that was his bed each night. He no longer felt human, but he felt like he

was trapped inside of himself watching some terrible nightmare. He has no family, business, or decent place to sleep. Therefore, he is nothing. His mind is confused, and his mouth chatters nonsense and jibberish to himself for company. "Why won't they help me? Why do they act like I don't exist? Maybe I don't." He squeezed his eyes shut and held his head in his hands trying to fight the memories of Dora and Christmases gone by. He sat down in a stream of oily, stagnant water that trickled slowly down the alley, and helplessly he coughed at his broken shoes. In his foggy mind, he visioned a little, warm house with the aroma of Dora's perfume and sweet holiday baked goods. A confidently trimmed tree protected the house and Dora's sweet kisses awaking him on Christmas morning. But the cold, bitter city is now his home and the reality of his broken life shatters his image of this caring time of year. The stench of exhaust fumes and rotting garbage have taken the place of Dora's perfume, and the ongoing sounds of the city are his alarm clock. Surrounded by newspapers and crawling garbage, he lays his head down on his hands and falls in and out of sleep dreaming of Christmas and pretty peppermint sticks.

Christmas Around the World

by Jody Wirkner

Yes, it's Christmas time again, and everyone is excited. People are getting ready to put up their Christmas trees, be with their families, and eat a wonderful feast. At least that's how we know Christmas in most parts of America today. What about other places around the world? How do they celebrate Christmas?

Christmas in France is not the family feast that it is in America. It's an occasion only for children who look for the "Petit Noel," the Christ Child, to come down the chimney, instead of Santa Claus, and fill their shoes with presents. The adults in France look forward to New Year's Day. This is when families get together and presents are exchanged. This day is also called Fête Day.

In Mexico, Christmas is celebrated very thoroughly and is very colorful. The children of Mexico have several weeks to enjoy the delights of Christmas, for its celebration starts on the 16 of December and ends with the observance of the Epiphany, January sixth. During the three weeks before Christmas everything is decorated with many bright colors, and the stores are filled with toys, flowers, and baskets, which are very popular gifts in Mexico.

Although Hawaii is in the United States, they celebrate Christmas in a unique way. Christmas Day is celebrated

by playing different sports and games until dinner time. The Christmas dinner is eaten outdoors in the shade of the Veranda with poinsettias everywhere. The natives of Hawaii say that Santa Claus comes over to the islands in a boat. They look for him as eagerly as boys and girls in the lands of snow and ice. Although it must almost melt him to get around in that warm climate with his furs on, he never misses a Christmas.

It is believed that there is no nation in the world that makes such a charming feast of Christmas as the Germans do. The ladies of the family spend months in preparing for it. When they come back for their summer vacations, they decide which presents they wish to give and begin to make them. The women also decorate Christmas trees differently than other countries. As Americans decorate their trees with bulbs and ornaments, the Germans decorate their

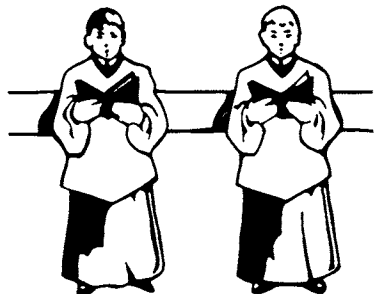
trees with bulbs and ornaments, the Germans decorate with sweet mats, apples, and small toys.

Although Christmas is celebrated differently in different parts of the world, it is an international holiday which everyone enjoys. It is a time to be with family and friends as well as remembering the true meaning of Christmas. I hope your Christmas is filled with presents and happiness.

"Songs of Christmas"

by Becky Criss

The Salem High School Christmas Choir Concert was Sunday, December 13 at 3:00. The Freshmen, Concert, and Chamber Choirs performed various Christmas songs. The Freshmen Choir sang "Dona Nobis Pacem", "Will We Know Him", "I'm Too Old For Santa Clause", and "Do You Hear What I Hear". The Concert Choir performed "Merry Christmas to Us All", "Christmas Lullaby", "Gloria in excelsis Deo", "Sing We Now of Christmas", and "Silent Night". The Chamber Choir did "Once Upon A Christmas", which is a 15 minute medley of familiar Christmas carols featuring solos by Robyn Bellis and Mrkanda Fitch.



"All I Want For Christmas"

by Jennifer Reed

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to start bugging your friends and relatives about what you want for Christmas. Dropping hints, leaving advertisements for that perfect gift out in plain sight (maybe circled with a bright color) and of course pointing it out loudly and often whenever you see it. Nearly everyone has something that they want more than anything else. Since these dream gifts are often just that, you hardly ever ask for it because you know you'll probably never get it. I recently asked some of the students and teachers here at Salem the question "If you could get anything you wanted for Christmas, what would it be?" I got an interesting mix of strange and serious answers, but I'm going to let you decide for yourself what each one is. And maybe daydream about what you want for Christmas for a little while.

"If you could get anything you wanted for Christmas, what would it be?"

- Alvina Karlis (10) - a Porsche
- Jenni Wolken (12) - the winning lottery ticket
- Athena Bodkins (12) - my two front teeth
- Dom Ferreri (12) something special
- Jeremy Tausch (12) - Dom to get what he wants
- Emily Mager (12) - clothes
- Mr. Viencek - a personal secretary to help him get organized
- Cynthia Staudt (12) - a partridge in a pear tree
- Bill Nolan (11) - Miss December
- Lynette Jensen (12) - J.R. (not Ewing)
- Deirdre Earl (9) - I want a lump of coal for Christmas
- Ray Ashead (12) - a Hula Hoop

Well, I hope everyone gets what they want for Christmas and even, if you don't, have a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas!

Toys, Toys, Toys

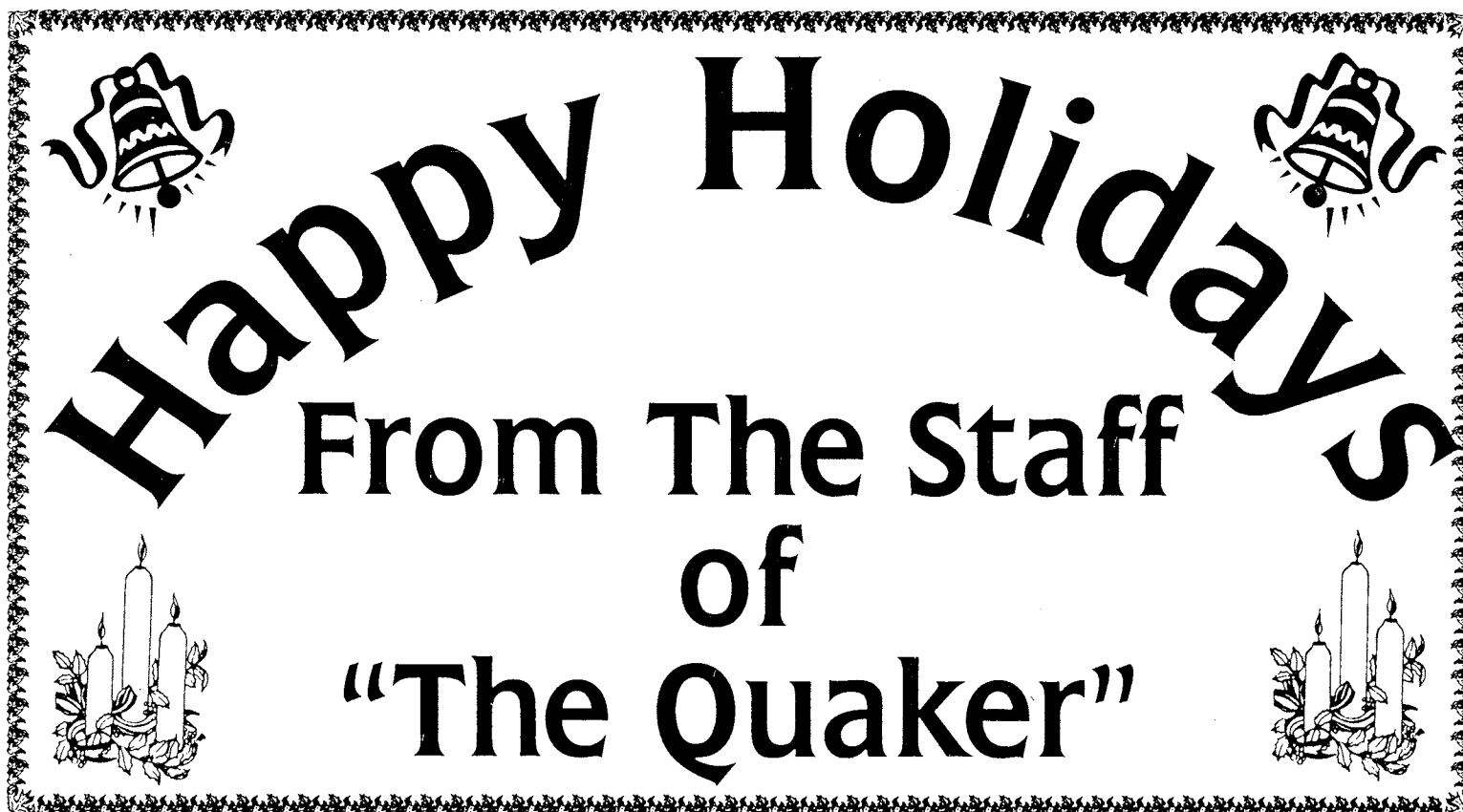
by Kara Zocolo

Everyone of every size and age loves Christmas and all the special toys to give and receive. Toys are a big part in growing up. What's new for this holiday season?

For tiny tots, age 6 months to 3 years, the dino-roars that roar after a squeeze and the Musical Boom Box that plays songs and makes animals dance. The Build-A-Shapes helps younger children to learn their shapes. For children 4 to 6 years of age, Talk-A-Lot gives kids pretend phone calls from characters, plays nursery rhymes, shows colors, and helps teach numbers. Mr. Potato Head is celebrating 40 years by

bringing out a Soft Stuffed Potato Head that kids add felt pieces to. Popular with girls are the Magic Glow Friends animals that light up after the child hugs it. Don't Wake Daddy is a game for girls and boys. Make a wrong step and you could wake up daddy! For school age children, Starla is a doll that harmonizes with the child's favorite songs. Popular with the boys is the Sound Swing II, the bat that makes a crack when the child makes the perfect swing. Texas Instruments have been popular for awhile but a few new ones are Listen and Learn Balls, Touch 'n' Tell, and Super Sneak 'n' Spell. Still even popular as before is the famous Barbie. Barbie has lots of new friends and more clothes that keep her in a child's heart.

As we get older, our ideas of toys change. Instead of Cabbage Patch Kids and G. I. Joe figures, we want cars, stereos, compact disc players and VCR's. Always remember the true meaning of Christmas, and to give as you receive.



SPORTS

Boys Basketball Kicks Off Season

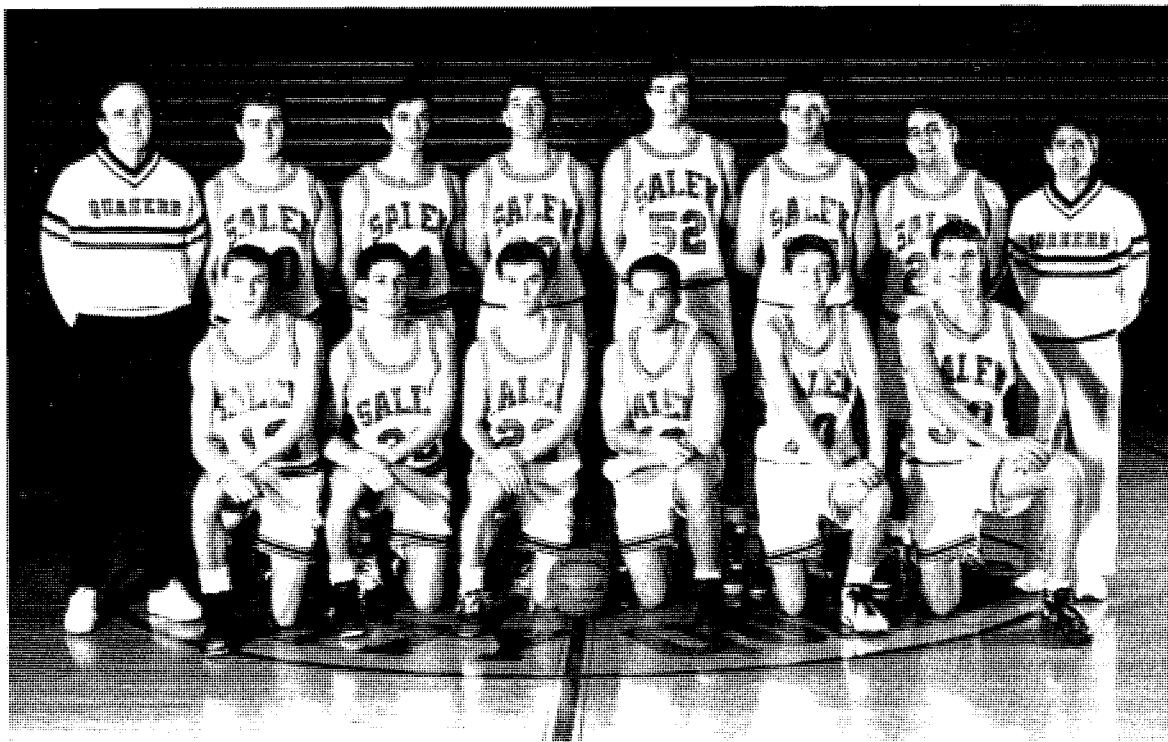
by Alexa Havelock

Salem started out its regular season last Friday by defeating Youngstown East 46-40. The junior varsity fell to East 47-45 in a hard fought game. Salem played an aggressive game from the start, and then after finally outwitting East's tough man-to-man defensive action took control of the game. Fortunately the Quakers had some defensive plays of their own. They forced eight East turnovers which in turn led to 16 points. Charlie Straub led the way with a total of 14 points, but Jeff Holenckich wasn't far behind with 13. Although Salem will have to work hard for their wins this year, with eight seniors on the team this year and some determination, Salem could have a very successful season. Coach Spack was pleased with Friday's game but saw room for improvement. The key players this year are returning lettermen Jeff Andres (Senior guard/forward), Jeff Holenckich (Senior center) and Brad Heim (Senior Forward). Which is not to say the rest of the team players are not worth mentioning. Brad Erath and Ross Ramunno played well on Friday and definitely showed East that they knew what to do. Andres had a good season last year, considering that he was only a junior, Jeff Holenckich was a very promising player, and Brad Heim showed us that he could hold his own out on the court. Unfortunately Coach Spack is concerned about the lack of varsity experience this year. The MVC

looks to be one of the most challenging things that Salem will have to face. Many of the teams have most of their starters from last year returning. Canfield, Poland, Girard, and Struthers are going to be the hardest teams to beat this year. Hopefully the Quakers will rise to the occasion and pull off a season with a good standing in the MVC. Coach Spack had this to say about the team. "They've had to play against the varsity for several years now and they know what kind of effort it takes to win at this level. If they don't play this way we will lose." You can see the Quakers with your very own eyes today at home with Girard (which, by the way, is going to be one of our most challenging games) and tomorrow at Boardman. It's worth the drive folks. Get out and support the Quakers. Below is a list of the 1992 Quaker Varsity team.

1992-93 Varsity/JV Players

Seniors		
Eric Sweitzer	6'2"	Forward
Brad Heim	6'3"	Forward
Charlie Straub	5'8"	Guard
Jeff Andres	5'11"	Guard
Ross Ramunno	5'11"	Guard
Ryan Keating	6'1"	Forward
Bill Schneider	5'11"	Guard
Jeff Holenckich	6'4"	Center
Juniors		
Duke Dye	5'11"	Guard
Craig Banning	5'11"	Guard
Jamie Ostarchvic	6'0"	Guard
Brad Erath	6'3"	Forward



The Salem Quaker Varsity Boys Basketball team opened the season with a 46-40 win over Youngstown East last Friday night. They play Girard at home in their MVC opener tonight.

College Bowl Games: Then and Now

by Rick Fawcett

Many people will sit down around New Year's Day to watch the college bowl game. There will be 19 games involving 38 teams. Yet the majority of the fans to not know when the bowl games originated, or who the first teams to play in them were. The old matchups would seem strange, considering the caliber of these present-day college teams.

The first college bowl was the Rose Bowl, played in Pasadena, California. It began in 1902. The teams were Michigan and Stanford. Michigan won 49-0. The defeat was so great that the Rose Bowl was discontinued until 1916. This year's game will feature Michigan against Washington. The Orange Bowl, played in Miami, began in 1935. Bucknell blanked Miami 26-0. This year's game will be Nebraska vs. Florida State or Notre Dame. The Sugar Bowl began in 1935. It is played in New Orleans. In the first Sugar Bowl, Tulane beat Temple 20-14. This year's game may be the best bowl game of the year. Miami, ranked #1, will play #2 Alabama. The Fiesta Bowl began in 1971 and is played in Tempe, Arizona. The first teams to compete in the Fiesta Bowl were Arizona State and Florida State. Arizona State came out on top 45-38. This year's partici-

pants are Syracuse and Colorado. The Cotton Bowl is played in Dallas and began in 1937. In that first Cotton Bowl, TCU beat Marquette 16-6. This year Texas A&M will play Notre Dame or Florida State. The John Hancock Bowl was known as the Sun Bowl until 1989. The Sun Bowl began in 1936 and is played in El Paso, Texas. In the first Sun bowl, Hardin Simmons tied New Mexico State 14-14. This year's John Hancock will highlight Baylor, Rice, or Texas against Arizona. The Gator Bowl began in 1946 in Jacksonville, Florida. Wake Forest beat South Carolina 26-14 in that first Gator Bowl.

This year Florida or Georgia will play North Carolina State. The Citrus Bowl is played in Orlando and began in 1947. In that game, Catawba beat Maryville 31-6. This year's participants are a little more well known. Either Florida or Georgia will play Ohio State. The Liberty Bowl began in 1959 in Memphis. In 1959, Penn State beat Alabama 7-0. This year's matchup will be Air Force vs. Mississippi. The Peach Bowl started in Atlanta in 1968. In that game, LSU beat Florida State 31-27. This year North Carolina will play Mississippi State. The Independence Bowl began in 1976 in Shreveport, Louisiana. In that first matchup,

McNeese State beat Tulsa 20-16. This year, Wake Forest will play Oregon. The Holiday Bowl is played in San Diego. In the first game in 1978 Navy beat BYU 23-16. This year Hawaii will play Illinois. The Aloha Bowl is played in Honolulu and began in 1982. In the first Aloha Bowl, Washington beat Maryland 21-20. This year, BYU will play Kansas. The Hall of Fame Bowl is played in Tampa. In 1986, the first game showcased Boston College against Georgia. Boston College came out on top 27-24. This year Boston College will try it again this year against Tennessee. In 1984, the first Freedom Bowl was played in Anaheim, California. In that game, Iowa beat Texas 55-17. This year USC will play Fresno State. The Copper Bowl is played in Tucson. In 1989, Arizona beat North Carolina State 17-10 in the first game. This year, Utah will play Washington State. The Blockbuster Bowl is played in Miami and began in 1990. In that game Florida State beat Penn State 24-17. This year Penn State will try to avenge their loss against Stanford. There is also a new bowl this year. The Las Vegas Bowl will feature Nevada against Bowling Green.

Now that you know the history of the bowl games, sit back and enjoy the games.

Wrestling Season Opens

by Kristi Hooper

This year's wrestling team is looking forward to having a good season. Coach Janofa says that the team has a lot of hard work to do, but they will work hard and they will improve with time. They started out the season Saturday, December 12, with an away match at Canton South. They had a Triangular Dual Meet against Canton South and Ridgewood. The results are as follows:

Salem topped Ridgewood

103: Alexander (R) pinned Bill Blankenship (S) 0:55.

119: Nelson Cope (S) pinned Jones (R) 0:56.

130: Brian McCaslin (S) pinned Jones (R) 5:43.

135: Alexander (R) dec. Chuck Brant (S) 12-7.

140: Wes Calvin (S) pinned Alexander (R) 2:46.

145: Charlie Welch (S) pinned Braddford (R) 1:48.

152: Jim Stockton (S) pinned Kannon (R) 0:30.

160: Greg Swiger (S) pinned Angle (R) 1:06.

171: Matt Kunar (S) pinned Daugherty (R) 1:10.

189: Morrison (R) pinned Corey Balaney (S) 1:37.

HWT: Miladek (R) pinned Mary Ramunno (S) 1:00.

Salem lost to Canton South.

103: Alexander (C) pinned Bill Blankenship (S) 3:46.

119: Nelson Cope (S) dec. Froelich (C) 16-3.

130: Brian McCaslin (S) pinned Kimbrel (C) 3:55.

135: Miller (C) dec. Chuck Brant (S) 2-2.

140: Clark (C) pinned Wes Calvin (S) 3:22.

145: Yenny (C) pinned Charlie Welch (S) 2:60.

152: Hadded (C) pinned Jim Stockton (S) 2:20.

160: Steinbach (C) pinned Greg Swiger (S) 0:39.

171: Mitchell (C) dec. Matt Kunar (S) 5-2.

189: West (C) pinned Corey Balaney (S) 1:38.

HWT: Harlan (C) pinned Mark Ramunno (S) 0:59.

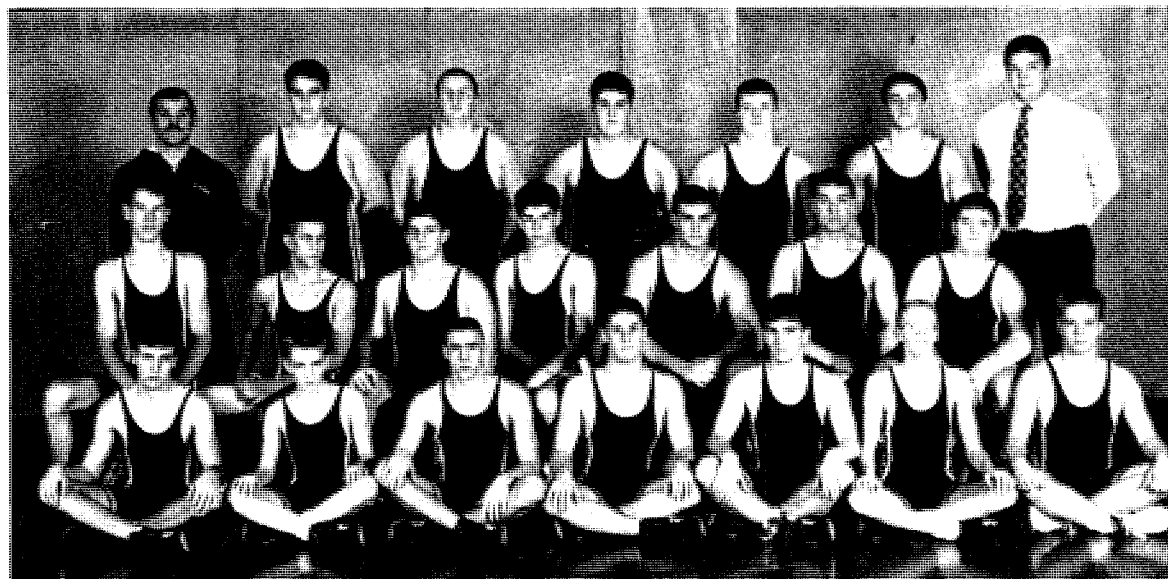
This year's Wrestlers are:

VARSITY

Eric Blackburn
Corey Balaney
Bill Blankenship
Chuck Brant
Wes Calvin
Nelson Cope
Matt Kunar
Brian McCaslin
Mark Ramunno
Jim Stockton
Greg Swiger
Charlie Welch

JUNIOR VARSITY

Tod Banning
Terry Bowlin
Bob Fuson
Mike Hazen
Chad Hofman
Tom Kuglar
Chris Lesick
Andy McGuire
Jim Morrison
Rich Werner
Jason Wrenn



The Salem Quaker Wrestling team opens its home season next Wednesday against Girard. The Junior Varsity begins at 6:00, with the Varsity match to follow. The Quakers will be wrestling at Malvern in a tournament tomorrow.

The next Wrestling match will be Saturday, December 19, at Malvern.

Lady Quakers Poised To Begin Season

by Rick Fawcett

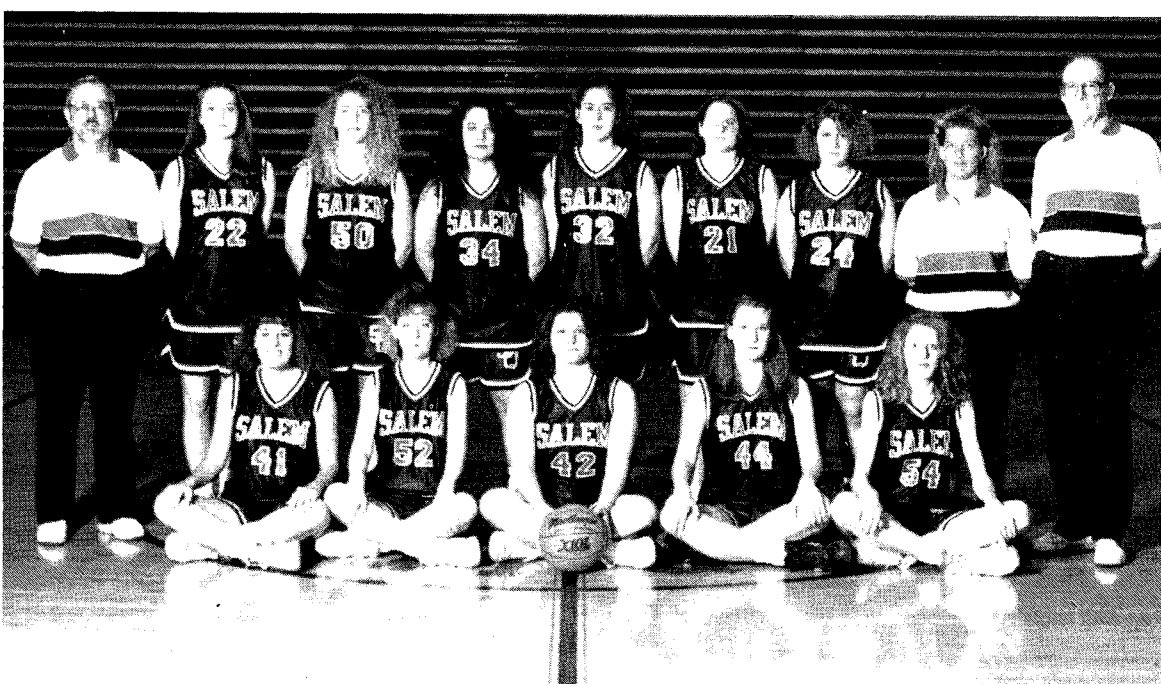
The Salem Lady Quakers are ready to attack the 92-93 season. There are a lot of new faces on the varsity and junior varsity teams this year. Salem has three returning varsity players. They played well in the season opener, but came away with a tough loss.

Salem began their season against Marlinton, who finished last year with a mark of 15-5. The Lady Quakers led at the half by seven. However, some turnovers toward the end of the game by their leading scorer from last year, Valerie Scott, junior. Scott poured in 20 points and had seven rebounds. Marcie Baker, senior, and Megan Alix, junior, had eight a piece. Tennille Abrams, sophomore, led in rebounding with eight rebounds and four points. The JV team did not do quite as well in the game, losing 47-28 to Marlinton. Sophomores Lisa Stewart and Danielle Conser led in scoring with six a piece. Kara Clark, freshman, led in rebounding with 11 rebounds. "Overall, I was pleased with the effort," said Coach Zeigler. The Lady Quakers were supposed to play Beaver Local on Dec. 10, but the game was cancelled due to weather conditions.

The Lady Quakers have a tough schedule facing them, including Poland twice, Canfield twice, Struthers twice, Rayen, and West Branch. Both teams are lacking a little bit in size and speed. Salem is also a very young, inexperienced team. It is unknown how the Lady Quakers will react in different situations this year. Salem's main strengths are their effort and work ethic.

The team is willing to work hard to get better. "I'm optimistic about the upcoming season," said Coach Zeigler. The Lady Quakers' hard work will surely put them over the top some games this year.

The varsity team includes: seniors: Charyl Ramsey and Marcie Baker; juniors: Megan Alix, Robyn Bellis, Jen Gregory and Valerie Scott; sophomores: Shana Carney, Elizabeth Winch, Tarran Turvey, and Tennille Abrams; freshman: Kara Clark. The JV team includes: sophomores: Danielle Conser and Lisa Stewart; freshmen: Meghan Conrad, Shawna Hammell, Kelly Manning, Emily Mlinarcik, Nikki Ruple, Melissa Schultz, and Heather Talbot.



The Lady Quaker Varsity Basketball team is 1-1 thus far this season. They play their third M.V.C. game of the season on Monday at Struthers.

Post-Season Awards

by Kristi Hooper

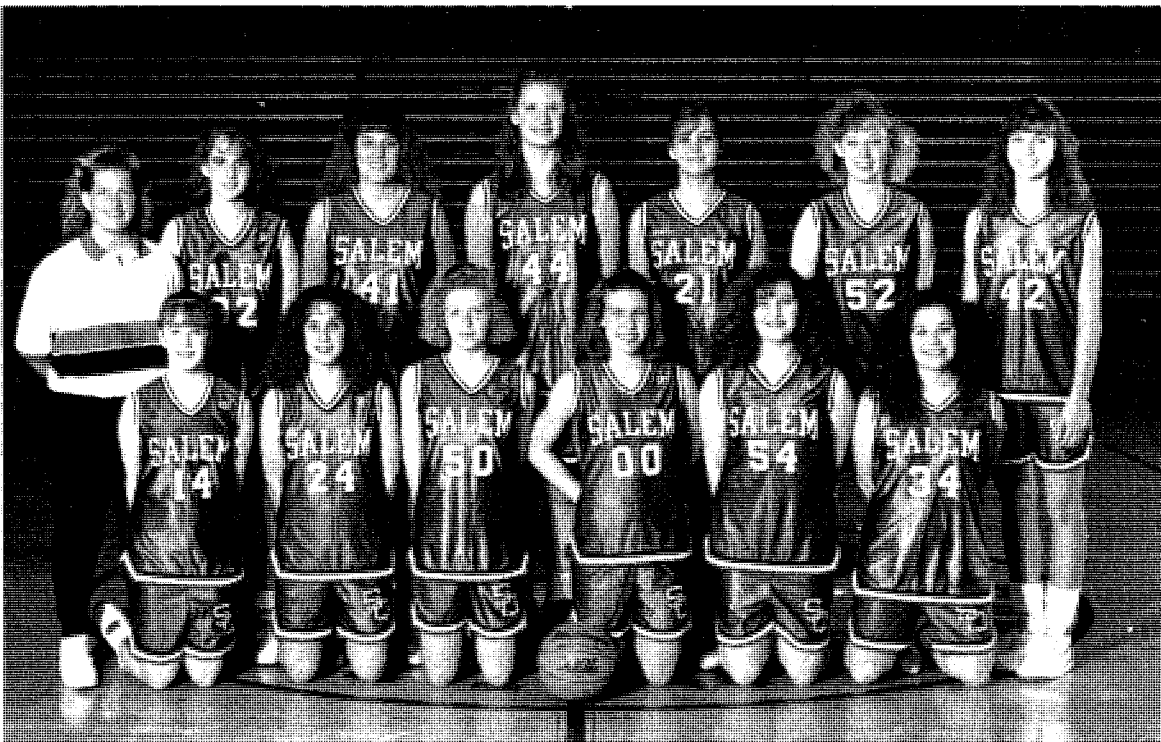
Many of the players for this year's fall sports season were honored with post-season awards.

The volleyball players did an excellent job and received many well deserved awards. Valerie Scott was voted 1st Team District 1, 1st Team All County, Most Valuable Player Columbiana County, and 2nd Team All State. Scott also tied with Shannon Hollister for Most Valuable Player MVC.

Hollister also received 1st Team District 1, 1st Team All County, Honorable Mention All State, and she played in the State All Star Match. Megan Alix was voted 2nd Team MVC, 2nd Team All County and 2nd Team District 1. Stephanie Sadlowski received 2nd Team MVC and an Honorable Mention All County. Marcie Baker received an Honorable Mention

MVC and played in the District 1 All Star Game. Erika Funk also received an Honorable Mention MVC and played in the District 1 All Star Game.

Plus, this fall season's Salem Varsity Football players received many post-season awards. Doug Exline was voted 1st Team All Quad County and 1st Team All Columbiana County. Jason Aldom was voted 1st Team All Columbiana County and 2nd Team All Quad County. Jeff Andres was voted 1st Team All Columbiana County and 2nd Team All Quad County. John Manascalco received 1st Team All Columbiana County. Bob Pitts made 2nd Team All Columbiana County and got an Honorable Mention for Quad County. Ryan Keating got an Honorable Mention Quad County. Dan Stein also received an Honorable Mention for Columbiana County.



The Lady Quaker Junior Varsity basketball team will go after their first win of the season at Struthers on Monday.

What Happened To Pro Sports

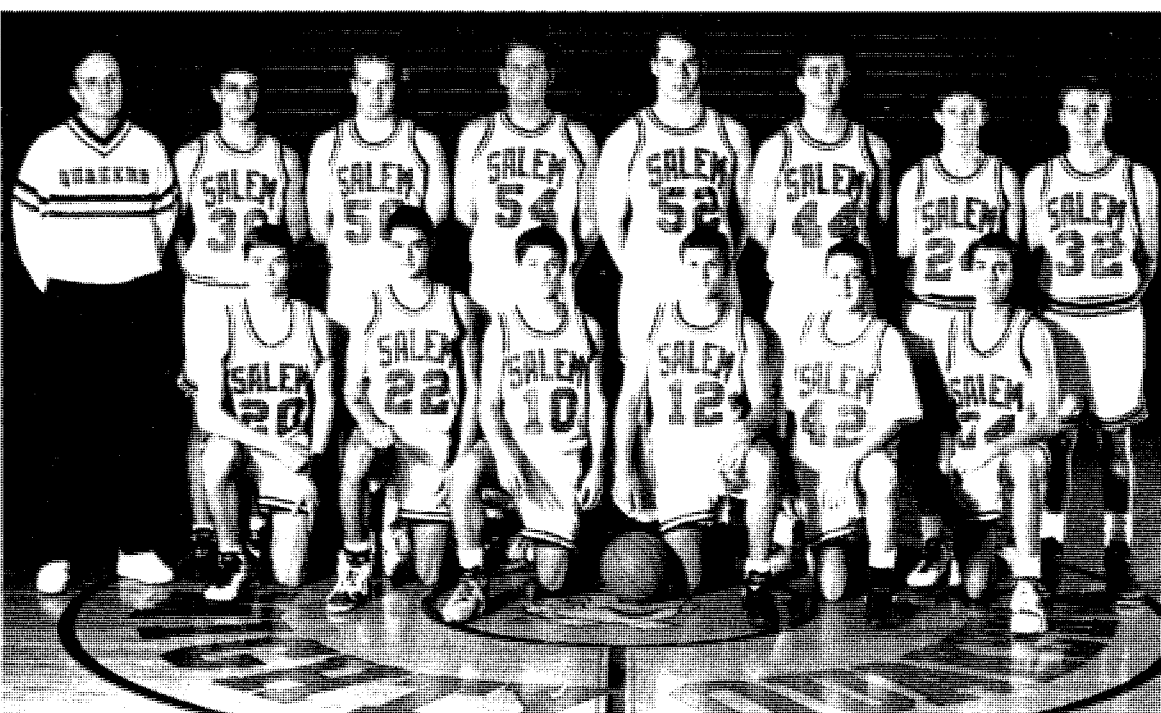
by Rick Fawcett

Millions of dollars being exchanged, contract negotiations, and court cases to get a "fair" amount of money are all parts of business. Unfortunately, business has become a major part of pro sports.

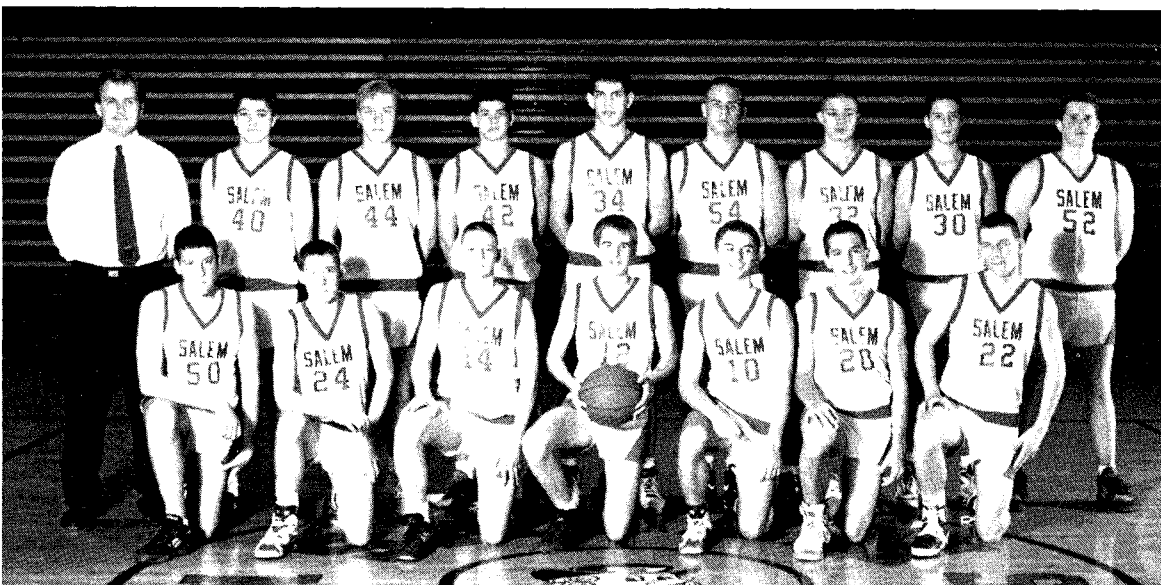
Many of today's athletes have one thing on their mind. It is not winning a championship, but how much they'll get paid to play. Many pro athletes have become childish. If they do get their offer raised by one or two million dollars, they take their talents and go home to wait for the offer to go up. Athletes get paid a lot of money, some get millions of dollars, to play the game they love. It does take a lot of hard work and dedication to get to the level of playing pro sports. However, should their reward be millions of dollars? Shouldn't the fact that they're playing pro sports be a reward in itself? Conversely, it seems most players are more concerned about how

much they're paid instead of their playing. For most people, a chance to play in the pros would be worth a lot of money. These athletes act as if they could take it or leave it. It's not that athletes should not be paid well. After all, fans will pay big money to see them, so they deserve part of that money. However, the money, for many pro athletes, has become more important than the game they love. What kind of role models are these? Will young athletes work hard just to make a lot of money? Not too long ago, the athlete used to put in long hours of practice to do well. They strive to win the championship, not to just be rich beyond their wildest dreams.

In conclusion, many pro athletes will work hard to get money, and not to do well. A desire for a large bank account will replace the desire to win. If the salaries don't get under control, the fans will be sorry.



The Salem Boys Junior Varsity will try for their first win of season tonight at home against Girard.



The Salem Quaker Freshman Boys basketball team recorded their first win of the year this past Monday against Girard.