

Road trip: Ben and Craig's groundhog adventure

by Craig A. Brown

I don't believe anyone has ever written a first person account about a pilgrimage to go visit a fuzzy little creature. Yes, I am preparing to describe the Mecca of weather forecasters and crazed college students. Thanks to a questioning student body and a surprisingly supportive faculty, I will discuss a journey to Punxsatawney, Pennsylvania, the home of the world's most famous pampered groundhog.

No, Ben Horvath and I did not skip school to go visit a groundhog. Our original intent was to go visit Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The fact that our visitation coincided with Groundhog Day was nothing more than a bit of luck, honest.

Actually, the groundhog journey was chiefly my idea. I wasn't too sure how he would take the suggestion. Everyone else thought I was a little insane. Although those same people reminded me to photograph the event. When I told Ben, I could see the little groundhogs dancing in his eyes. The guy was ecstatic.

It was settled, Ben and Craig were soon to be groundhog bound.

I woke up at 4:00 A.M. (This is the worst part of the trip.) Sure, I was excited. Who wouldn't be happy? I was going to ride over three hours in a tiny car to go see something I could find in my neighbor's back yard. Hey, this was no ordinary groundhog. We're talking about the supreme groundhog, Punxsatawney Phil. This was the only groundhog that could predict the weather.

If he sees his shadow it's six weeks until spring, if he doesn't see his shadow it's six more weeks of winter. Or could it be the other way around? It doesn't matter, we were going to see Phil. Who cares about his message? It was 5:22 A.M. when the Honda exited the Salem corporation limit. The journey had begun.

The drive to Punxsatawney went quickly. The town itself appeared to be a combination of Lisbon and Easter Island. There were these giant wooden groundhog statues everywhere. Yes, finally in Phil's town, now where do we go? We really didn't know where Phil would be "prophesizing" so, we asked directions. The Kwikfil gas station



(Quick Phil?) attendant told us that the ceremonies were hours ago.

Sure we were disappointed. We didn't give up. We continued to where the pessimistic man told us.

Our destination was a residential street, ascending a hill. Ben parked the mighty Honda. (I think he may have been worried if the Honda could even climb a hill of this magnitude.)

We walked, and we walked. The houses disappeared, and wherever we looked we saw fields of mud. Our only encouragement was the charter busses which occasionally drove

past. We walked about four miles.

I questioned a woman about the location of the groundhog. The lady replied, "No, this is a charter bus."

OK, we took that as a positive statement.

Soon, we saw it: Gobbler's Knob. Yes, oh yes, we were standing at the weather capital of the world. Ben and I were in the midst of Punxsatawney Phil.

Phil's handler was being questioned by members of the press. Basically, the questions centered around Phil's prediction, and the situation surrounding the abundance of beer cans.

The press eventually eased away, and Ben and I received our long awaited privilege. Ben touched the groundhog.

We spoke with the handler, and we actually learned a couple of things. Looking at Punxy Phil reminded me of the groundhog I hit over the summer. (I'm telling you, that baby must have weighed fifty pounds. It almost knocked my car off the road.)

Phil and his handler eventually

returned to wherever Phil spent his normal days. Ben and I spoke to fellow groundhog seekers from all over the country. Groundhog Day is really a big thing. We were only two of over 7,000 visitors, this February second.

We rode the three hours. We walked the 3-4 miles, and we saw the famous groundhog. Our day was almost complete.

We were three hours early for our visitation at IUP. We wandered about the campus aimlessly. When we arrived at our interview, we weren't as presentable as we hoped we would have been. My right pant leg was stained with Burger King coffee. Ben's hair was incredibly wind blown. We both had mud on our pants, above our ankles. We explained to the admission staff where we had been. The staff understood.

Why did we do it? One sorority member from the University of Pittsburgh explains, "You have to do it, just to say you've done it."



"Kiss me and I'll kiss you back."

Are Cutbacks hurting Students Education

by Amy McKinney

To some students the shortage of paper has been a break, but for some it has been a long year. You all know that there has been a limit on paper in the classes, but is this making it harder for us to learn? We always had paper for worksheets so we could take them home to study. Now, due to shortage we must fend for ourselves.

Teachers that do not have books for their class have changed there lessons to accommodate the students. They have been using the back of the attendance sheet and other scrap paper. Many faculty members have responded negatively about the cutbacks. Mr. Martinelli responded by saying, "It has caused more busy work for the students, such as taking more notes." "It has changed my testing procedure," said Mr. Mucci. But from a different view, Mr. Viencce commented that, "It has forced all of us; administration, faculty and stu-

dents, to realize the need to be more conservative."

It is not only the paper shortage, but the school lunches have gone up to \$1.75, not including the other prices that have risen. Some students say they are raising the prices so we will go home and say something to our parents, causing them to have no choice but to vote for the levy. This may be true, but many parents are sending their kids to school with a packed lunch, so they don't have to pay so much for just fries and a piece of pizza.

Groups or clubs are another part of school affected by the failure of last November's levy. The students are no longer allowed to go on field trips because we must pay for the gas, bus driver, and the rent for the bus. This year the art classes are going to the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, but due to the levy, they

had to sell candy to pay for the expenses. Will this cause problems for the fifth graders having the opportunity to go to Camp Fitch?

Our school system must pass the levy anyway the can. The failure of this levy will not only cost our family's money, but our education. When the levy didn't pass they wanted to take the crossing guards away. We should be worrying about keeping it safe for the little kids, not worrying about money.

Are people worried more about money or our education? Either way, the education suffers or our wallets become lighter. People have suggested that the school district have a couple small levies instead of one big levy, to get more people voting for it. Whatever happens, the people of Salem will have to pay some way or another.

Ringin' in to win

by Mike O' Brian

There is a little known "sport" at Salem Senior High School. It is very challenging. The participants must be able to think clearly and be able to make a decision in a split second. They must be quick with their hands. They have to stay focused on their objective or all is lost.

What is it? Academic Team. Mrs. May is again in charge of this year's team and will also host for the first ever, Salem Invitational Tournament for Freshmen and Sophomores.

The tournament was held on Sat. Feb. 11 beginning at 9:30 A.M. The schools competing were: Salem, East Liverpool, Canfield, Columbiana, Western Reserve, Poland, South Range, and Badger. Results of the match were not known at press time.

Salem's team in the tournament consisted of Kevin Smith, Chris Smith, Kathleen Smith, and Courtney Pilch. Among the readers in the com-

petition were Miss Carmello, Mr. Shivers, and Mrs. Helen Hayes.

Also, the upper class leaders of the team took part in helping the competition run smoothly. The Junior members are Diane DeFazio, Kyl Dinsio, and Ryan Smith. This year's big class of seniors are Dave Halverstadt, Mark Minett, Dan T. Moore, Garrett Morlan, Mike O'Brian, and Treg Steves.

The team has already completed five competitions with at least four remaining. The Columbiana County Academic Bowl is on March 1, 2, and 6. On March 5, the team will travel to Cleveland to be on a television competition appearing on WEWS, Channel 5. On March 12, there is an invitational competition at Mount Union in Alliance. Finally, a Knowledge Master computer competition will be held during the spring.



Allyson Cyrus was announced 1995 Sweetheart Queen. The court was (front, from left) Lisa Stewart, Monika Conrad, Shannon Haselow, (back, from left) Kelly Seddon, Jamie Jeffries, Allyson Cyrus, Lalena Whittington. Photo taken by Salem News

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Voices

Our rights as people

by Alvina Karlis

Whatever happened to freedom of speech or freedom of press? What about letting people express themselves as individuals no matter where they are. Has the government gone too far to restrain our freedom? The First Amendment states that congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The question is "should the government be able to protect the public from harmful ideas?" I do not think so. The public has the right to know. Some of you probably do not even know the meaning of censorship. The closest meaning that best describes censorship is "The denial of the right of freedom of the press and of all those rights and privileges which are under a free government." This definition can be found in Black's Law Dictionary. The constitution guarantees us this right.

We all are censored in school. The school censors us from books, movies we watch (remember when we use to

have to bring a permission slip with our parents signature to watch certain movies), praying in school; even our newspaper has to be censored. For the school newspaper we have to watch what we print because it may "offend" people, or someone may get the wrong idea. Did you know that even our books in the Library are also censored? Even some of our own parents censor us for things like sex (or they are too embarrassed to talk about it), drugs, x-rated movies; The seniors this year for their research paper are doing it over the holocaust. We couldn't watch *Schlinder's List* in class because our teacher said it was too disturbing. This is understandable, but I feel it is important to know and learn about it. Even our arts and music are censored. In school we are also censored from wearing certain shirts and clothing.

Why do you think they would ever censor art? To me art work should not be censored because art is a form of expression. I think art work should be available for everyone to create and view, but there are some things that maybe are too graphic for children to see only because they would not understand the true mean-

ing. The same thing can be said about music. Its for your listening pleasure. That's your decision to make, not someone who wants to cover it up because it may "offend" someone. I look at it this way your the one who's buying it and listening to it what right do they have to beep out words or cover up things on the album. If they do not want to see it do not look at it and if they do not want to hear it do not pay attention to it. The same goes for the radio. Why ban something because certain people don't like it. Why can't they just turn it off or change the station. I just don't see why people have to be so discriminating. Just like the song Closer by Nine Inch Nails they beep out a certain word (I'm sure most of you know what it is). I think it totally ruins the song its not like you don't know what their saying. Or for instance the cover of the album Lords of Acid it shows naked women on the front of it (which are censored by covering up body parts that were showing).

I feel the people have the right to write, sing, or just express themselves anyway they went. Everyone has this right just as we have the right to vote and to fight for our country.

The age factor

by Heidi Coy

Senior boy and freshman girl relationships are nothing new. In fact, it is becoming almost a common thing. Almost. There are still those who condemn this seemingly large age difference. Especially the parents of this young, innocent freshman girl. To them, it seems like the Big Bad Wolf has come to prey on their Little Red Riding Hood. Students sometimes ask "What does he see in HER?" Well, what does a senior see in another senior? That's no different than what a senior sees in a freshman. Other parents ask, "Why can't you just date someone your own age?"

Most people are not attracted to others because he/she is a certain age, height, or because he/she has the right color hair. This is not a mail order catalog. Dating is not like picking out a pair of shoes where you can choose the color, size, and style. People are attracted to others because of who they are. They are attracted to people who share their interests, goals, and sense of humor. Physical appearances may play a part, but people won't hang around someone who they are incompatible with for very long. The people inside are what makes others forget age and other external characteristics.

One of the most prominent arguments for senior-freshman relation-

ships is the difference in the rate of maturity in boys as opposed to girls. On the average, girls mature much faster than boys. Thus, when a girl is a freshman, a senior boy may be her maturity equivalent. Obviously, seniors and freshman learn and work in the same building, have many of the same friends and interests, so why is a senior-freshman dating relationship such a big deal to some? That same age difference would be perfectly normal in ten years.

I suppose the biggest mistake parents make is deciding who their children should or should not date. This is a choice everyone has the right to make, and no one else should be able to decide for them. Forbidding relationships just adds incentive. Now challenge is added to attraction. What kid doesn't want to do things just because he/she can't? Now that attraction that may have died out in a week or two becomes a long term goal; one that a teenager probably doesn't intend to lose.

Senior-freshman relationships are sometimes given a bad wrap for what could be a good thing. People are all for looking past physical appearances, but what about other external factors? Everyone deserves to have a shot at making their own decisions.

And there was one

by Heather Stanley

Have you ever thought about what an outcast really is? An outcast is the person who receives all the junk that has been made up about them, by someone who has no idea what this person is about.

Why are people outcasts? The answer is simple. People think they are better than some. Then their friends start doing the same, so they do not become outcasts. In grade school everyone is programmed that they have to be popular, so the race starts. This is when a lot of opinions about our other classmates are formed without any real thought why?

Outcasts, now have to deal with

rumors, lies, and half truths about them, that were made up almost over ten years ago, because they did not wear the right clothes to school one day. It all comes down to this weird hypocrisy.

If you are thinking that high school is so much better, think about that for a minute. How many people do you not talk to because of some social order that was created a long time ago. Face the facts there are about ten cliques in this school and all have the policy of who can talk to who. You do not believe me, how many "prep" girls spoke to me recently?

I am not saying that everyone should get along. That is a long forgotten song theme that should be burned at the stake. I am saying that people should think why they outcast people from themselves. They may find out the answer is really stupid.

Outcasts are people too. They deserve the right to be treated as human beings, so have some tact. This means do not announce your disapproval of this person in the school paper. Outcasts have feelings too. So have a heart.

When I was your age

by Lee Booth

Times are tougher; times are tighter. Parents are no longer giving their teenagers allowances any more. So, what is a kid to do? Most say to get a job.

I'm sure all teenagers have heard their parents' stories, "When I was your age I had four paper routes, worked in a steel mill and went to school."

"(Jobs) are good for pocket money, but only if the student has time for the job," says a Salem Senior High School senior. A teacher seems to agree with the student: "Number one, I think it's great if it does not interfere with school work. Number two, I think it teaches (students) responsibility."

Many people think teenagers already have a full time job, school. It is unanimous that school should be the top priority for teenagers at this time in their lives, but once they get out into the real world, that is a different story.

"It prepares them for the future," notes a teacher. Even a SHS freshman agrees: "I think (having a job) is

good. It gets (students) ready for when they have to get a real job."

Teenagers know they need money and if working is the only way they can get it, that is what they will do. "I think it is good for us, we need the money," points out a SHS senior. "If (students) are poor they should work," notes another senior.

For those who feel they do not have time for a job maybe a seasonal job is the answer. You don't work all year long so you have the extra time you need and the extra cash you need and want.

Then there are those who do not even have time for a seasonal job. You know them, they have four hundred word essays and a term paper and are in a sport like football or track. These people just do not have time for a job. What are they supposed to do for cash? Many people say just do not overwhelm yourself. Take things in stride. If you need a job bad enough just do not play a sport. To a number of people it is just not that easy, but whoever said that life is easy?

Destiny

by Kelly Kettell

When you think of love at first sight, you often think of Romeo and Juliet. They gazed into each other's eyes from across a crowded room and knew at that moment they were destined for each other. Can anything that fabulous actually happen in real life?

Is it possible to find you're life's true love with just a glance into each others eyes? Here's a few people who were hit by true love from the moment they set eyes on each other.

One couple, now married, first fell in love when they passed each other on the street. He took one look at her and followed her all the way home. He vowed to her that he wouldn't leave her front yard until she went out with him. Two hours later she finally agreed and they have been together ever since.

Another couple claimed they were always destined to be together. They were born in the same hospital just minutes apart and lived next-door to each other for ten years. They had been childhood sweethearts from the time they first saw each other when they were six years old. Since then they have been inseparable.

Although sometimes destiny takes a turn for the worst and the couples do not always end up together. One couple saw each other from across a lake. Each day they would stare at each other from across the lake. After waiting over a year, she finally made the first move and went to talk to him. They were perfect for each other. Unfortunately, one day he didn't call her. He hadn't come home for weeks. He had completely disappeared, and she never saw him again.

These examples seem to conclude that love at first sight really does exist, whether it turns out good or bad.

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AIDSmart

by Mandy McGee

AIDS is now the leading cause of death among adults between the ages of 22 and 45. Over 28,000 people died of AIDS last year alone, the largest yearly death toll to date. With statistics such as these being issued, the current controversies surrounding prevention are being hotly debated.

In a small town such as Salem, the term "AIDS education" often applies to the short period in Health class devoted to sexually transmitted diseases, which amounts to an even shorter period solely devoted to AIDS. Although most Salem Senior High students feel they understand the basic facts about AIDS, the vast majority I spoke with still feel there should be more of a focus on the disease.

It is no doubt AIDS activists agree that more extensive AIDS education is necessary in order to truly aid in preventing the spread of HIV. But

many also agree that educators need to individually focus on both sexual preferences. Heterosexual teenagers must be taught that they are susceptible to the virus. Homosexual teens, while coming to terms with their sexuality, need to also come to terms with their high risk of contracting the AIDS virus. And, although, as Rene Durazzo of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation points out, "Nobody wants to talk about male to-male sex in the teen population," it is obviously happening and therefore needs to be included as a possible alternative way of contracting the virus.

The arguments surrounding condom distribution at school as a method to teach prevention. Already large cities, such as New York and Washington D.C., have begun programs which make condoms readily available through the high schools.

People in favor of this idea say its

the perfect way to get teens who are too uncomfortable with going to the store to buy protection to protect themselves. Many of these programs offer condoms without parental consent, another reason supporters say the idea works.

On the other hand, people who are against the distribution of condoms at school are backed by a number of reasons. First of all, many people believe that condom distribution encourages teens to have sex as long as its safe. They suggest that a stronger stress on abstinence would be more productive in preventing AIDS. Secondly, distributing condoms goes against strong Catholic beliefs by suggesting teens have sex before getting married and in doing so use contraception. Clearly, the Catholic religion is strongly fighting such programs. Last, most people who oppose such actions say that if a

teenager is responsible enough to be engaging in sexual activity, then that young adult should also be responsible enough to go out and purchase their own protection. Providing students with easy access to condoms does nothing in teaching teenagers responsibility.

Even if condoms are distributed through the schools, there are still many sexually active teens who aren't going to take advantage of the opportunity. Statistics vary as to the percentage of teens that use condoms regularly, but the averages are extremely low. If teenagers are aware of the dangers, then why are so many refusing to take precautions?

There are many reasons. For many teens its a mix of fear and embarrassment. They are afraid that by asking their partner to use a condom they might unintentionally suggest that they do not trust their partner. Also most teens are embarrassed to ask their partner to use a condom because that might suggest that they have a need to protect their partner from something.

Another reason is based on assumption. A number of students I

talked with said they could "tell" whether or not a person was safe by different details such as the way they looked or where they lived. University of Connecticut psychologist Jeffrey D. Fisher terms this as "implicit personality theory" and likens it to the many teens who assume that because their partner loves them they would never pass AIDS on to them. Of course there is absolutely no way anyone can "tell" by looking at someone that they have AIDS unless they are terminally ill.

Other reasons such as the commonly used "It doesn't feel as good" or "It ruins the moment" basically lame excuses to endanger two people's lives. Actually, nonoxyl-9 spermicide jelly used along with a condom supplies the male with the same sensations as normal, unprotected intercourse and great protection. And if you think about the time it takes to put on a condom as compared to the lifetime you risk by not using one, what is more important?

"Nobody wants to talk about male-to-male sex in the teen population."

The Color of Love

by Sara Washington

Does it really matter what the color of someone's skin is for you to date them? Many people believe it does not. In fact, a interracial dating has tripled within the last twenty years. Seeing mixed couples together today is starting to become a very common thing. But, just because it is more common, it does not mean that is more accepted.

One incident occurred in Wedowee, Alabama. It happened during a school assembly when the principal, Hulond Humphries of a local high school asked for a show of hands of how many kids planned on bringing dates to the prom of different races. Over a dozen hands went up in the air. Then Humphries stated that if anyone brought a date of a different race to the prom, the prom would be canceled. Then a young female student stood up and asked who she should bring because she was biracial. The principal response

was that her parents should not have had her, because she was a mistake. The girl filed a law suit saying that Humphries violated her civil rights. The principal was suspended with pay for an investigation. In the end, all Humphries received was a slap on the hand and returned back to work. It is comments like this that make interracial dating difficult for the couples.

When asking a close friend about her interracial dating experience, I received some interesting answer's. We will call her "Kate." She said that when she first met Dave she did not stop to think about the color of his skin. He was such an interesting person she could not help but fall in love with him. She said he had the best personality, and was very handsome. Dave was everything that she wanted in a guy. She said the hardest part was her parents. At first, her parents were not understanding at all, and

they practically forbade her to have any contact with Dave. Kate had to fight her parents for a long time before they agreed to meet with him. Her mother automatically fell in love with him also. The hardest part was her father. He too was finally won over though.

The comments from people were the biggest test. When they were out in public together people would sometimes stare, and Kate she said she could deal with that. Kate said she would never forget the first time another white person said something to her. It was at the movies, and she went into the bathroom and a girl came up to her and asked if she was with the black guy. She responded yes and asked why. The girl said how can you stand to date some nigger, that is totally disgusting. Kate responded by saying "No, the way you look at people is totally disgusting." She then turned around and

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walked out with out saying another word. Kate said she never realized just how ignorant people can really be. She also got a lot of remarks from Dave's friends. They told her to go back to her little white boys, and leave Dave alone. He did not need the pressure of dating some white girl. They also tried to persuade Dave to break it off with her but it did not work. They got mad at Dave and told him he was not a true "brother", and he was a sell-out. "Things were really hard to deal with at times, but our love got us through it all." Kate said all that matters is that we are in love

and regardless of what anyone said they do not care.

Kate believes it is not wise to date someone outside of your race just to upset your parents. The relationship will never last. "You should date that person out of love and companionship." She would also not suggest dating outside your race to everyone. Some people are not mature enough to handle the comments or the extreme pressure from their friends. But if you do really care about that person, she definitely does recommend it.

Proceed at your own risk

by Mike O'Brian

Do you know where the nearest on-ramp for the information superhighway is? Not many Salem Senior High School students know. It's right in this building — yep, the good 'ol SHS library.

Yes, there is a world of information at your fingertips: almost anything you can imagine is out there. Do you want to know the current weather in Fairbanks, Alaska? Check the Net. Do you want to know the next time that your favorite band is coming to town? Check the Net. Need to find a new "I Hate Barney" song? Check the Net.

Do you want to be able to do this? It's easy: First, go to the library. Second, ask Mrs. Wrask for a permission form. Get Mom or Dad to sign it. Give it back to Mrs. Wrask. Before you know it...you'll be a cyperpunk.

Many people are intimidated by computers; believe me, you don't need big and fancy \$50 books just to learn to send a piece of e-mail... just see me — I only charge \$10 an hour.

Anyway, once you have access to ACCESS (the computer system that we are hooked in to), then the fun begins.

One of the most popular ways to "surf the net" is to hook up to the World Wide Web (WWW). This makes it very easy to jump from computer to

computer to computer to find just exactly where and how you are going. Everything on WWW is printed out in easy-to-understand text. If you want to go to a specific thing on the page you are on, then just type that number in.

If you want to play a role in the new "Star Trek" series, push 1. If you want to hear a sample sound from the new Nine Inch Nails song, then push 2. If you just want to look up a subject for your term paper, push 3.

There is just one problem: There is so much out there that it is impossible to keep it organized. New things are added, deleted, copied, moved, disabled, shut down, or having bad connections so that you get lost almost every time you venture out on this particular superhighway.

But, have no fear — if you get lost, then just hang up and start again. Everybody gets lost, whether they are "newbies" or internet veterans. Don't be discouraged if you can't figure it out; I have had access for over a year and I still am exploring. There are literally new things to discover every day.

Take caution, though: Use this at your own risk. Once you get started, you will be hooked. The forty minutes you are in the library will seem to speed by. In fact, many things seem to speed on THIS superhighway.

Is he for real?

by Heidi Coy

There have been recent reports of indecent exposure throughout the city of Salem. All of these descriptions tell of a young boy clad only with a bow and arrows. Several reports also mentioned wings on the back of this lad. Everyone who claimed to have spotted him has been shot with a gold tipped arrow. The victims remained unharmed physically, but the psychological effects have been severe. These symptoms have included hallucinations and all victims have recently fallen ridiculously, hopelessly in love. Consequently, the validity of these reports is questionable. Could this be Salem's latest criminal? Or could Cupid be up to his tricks again, celebrating his favorite day of the year, St. Valentine's Day?

Cupid is the creature most Americans associate with love and

Valentine's Day. Much like the Easter bunny is to Easter and Santa Claus is to Christmas. Cupid, however, dates back to mythology, where he is said to be the God of love. In Greek mythology Cupid is referred to as Eros. Several legends surround his birth. In some stories, he is said to have been the youngest of the gods, the son of Aphrodite. Other accounts describe him as Aphrodite's companion who was one of the oldest gods. Cupid is said to have helped make the world from chaos. He created harmony and did away with confusion. He made barren things and lands productive.

Cupid was not seen in early stories as the winged baby most people think of today. He was described as a beautiful young man who was mischievous with the arrows he carried

on his back. Cupid was sometimes represented blindfolded because love is often blind.

The life of Cupid is described in mythology as a mischievous one. He was often rebellious and shot people who were nice to him with his arrows as a thank you. Sometimes Aphrodite would punish Cupid for his pranks by taking his wings and bow and arrow from him.

The most popular story about Cupid is the story about how he took his wife, Psyche. Psyche was a beautiful princess who was adored and envied by everyone, even Aphrodite. Aphrodite called on Cupid to make Psyche fall in love with the most wretched man on earth.

Instead, Cupid created a castle for her and granted her every wish. The only thing he would not let Psyche do was see him. He only came to her at night under the cover of darkness.

One night she held a lamp up to him and was delighted to see his beautiful face. She spilled hot oil on him, however, and he was angry to awake and find she had seen him. He disappeared, along with the castle. Psyche was put through a series of ordeals by Aphrodite, which Psyche overcame. Finally Cupid asked Zeus for permission to marry her. Zeus approved Cupid's request, and Psyche became immortal.

There are several images of Cupid besides the common one of today. His legends are as mysterious as Cupid himself. Many are not sure if he is an angel or a demon. One thing for sure, this mischievous young lad will be up to his tricks again this February 14.



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Do something, anything

by Jadey Berger

Winter is the most boring and depressing time of the year. You are trapped indoors until going mad feels as if it were an option. The problem is, you need entertainment! After all, one can only sit in their bedroom and listen to "Self-esteem" so many times before insanity strikes. Here are my suggestions.

Let met start with in the comfort of your own home (or someone else's home that could be yours) entertainment.

You could do something that is a forgotten part of written and social culture. You can find a pen pal and write a letter. The hard part will be finding this pen pal. But in order to write a letter you must first learn to forget and release all disdain for postal workers. After all, they can't all be bad people.

You can transgress to the times of school supplies being cool. This means that it is entertaining to go to a store such as Ames and buy some watercolors, finger paints, or maybe some glue. Or, if you are not feeling artistically inclined towards second grade art, you can write some poetry and send it to The Quaker.

Also, in your own home, if the winter blues have gotten you so down

that the thought of moving depresses you, you can have one of your trusty friends or an adored parent pick you up a movie. I have some movie suggestions. Let me categorize: First of course, I have depression movies. *Rush* is a dramatically depressing movie about undercover narcotic agents. The movie *Drugstore Cowboy* is depressing with an almost happy twist that is set off by an accidental and demented death. An older depressing movie that I would recommend is *Love Story*. Now for my comedy suggestions: First of all, I suggest *The Graduate*. *The Graduate* is a classic. It is not really a "laugh until your stomach hurts" comedy but the plot is hilariously ridiculous. If you are into morbid comedy rent *Harold and Maude*, but please do not try to commit suicide as a joke, your mother may not laugh. Lastly, the grand finale of all movies, I suggest *Sid and Nancy*. *Sid and Nancy* is another hilarious movie bordering on being morbidly disgusting. *Sid and Nancy* is not available at Video Safari, so you will have to go to one of Salem's other fine rental establishments.

Yes, there are still some more entertaining things that you can do in

your home. You can read. I have some book suggestions - surprised? *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* by Richard Bach is a very short book that can be read in one day. Anne Rice books are always entertaining. Books such as the series of *The Vampire Chronicles*, which includes *Interview With the Vampire*, and *The Witching Hour* are worth the time it takes to read them. Sylvia Plath is another author I am constantly recommending. Plath's novel/autobiography *The Bell Jar* is the book that every teen should take the time to read. Plath also wrote a collection of short stories that is titled *Johnny Panic and the Bible of Dreams*. Toni Morrison, author of the book *Jazz* along with many others, writes very good books. Now we come to the boredom busting king, Stephen King. If the average King book seems to be too long, then pick up a collection of King's short stories. King has published three such collectibles.

My last suggestion for in-home entertainment is learn how to play darts. Invest in a board or dust off the one laying around your house. Now play darts until you are really good or until you are bored again.

Here comes the next step. Entertaining yourself in Salem. Now, this may not always seem like an easy task, but there are a few things that you can do in Salem. . .

First of all, every Friday and Saturday at *Mimi's Cafe* there is live entertainment. While sipping gourmet coffee in the swank and plush environment of *Mimi's*, you can hear a wide variety of musical entertainers from "Stormin' Normin" on February 19 to jazz guitar on the 24.

It may be last resort, but you can always go bowling in Salem. But just be careful (and warned), because before you know it you will be searching for bigger and better places to bowl. This is what is commonly called the bowler's alley quest.

Now for the ultimate thrill seeker, entertainment that requires you to leave Salem. . .

Movies 8 in Boardman is the best thing since Pez. On all days except Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday movies are only \$1.50! On Tuesdays, movies are only \$1.00 and on Fridays and Saturdays, movies are \$2.00. You can call the non-long distance phone number, 629-2233, any time to get all movies playing and

their times.

While in the area of Movies 8, you can stop in at **Best Buy** for more entertainment. At Best Buy, you can play video games or listen to new releases on headphones. While at **Best Buy** I would recommend investing a few dollars in a John Lee Hooker tape. Spend three or four dollars on a tape and be surprised by beautiful music. *Best Buy* is fun.

The mall can also be entertaining if you make it so. You can play video games in the arcade or wander around Woolworth looking for cool stuff such as camouflage shoe laces and Pez dispensers. The mall also has music stores where you can buy a one dollar tape and get a second free. How can you go wrong for 50 cents. Pick the ones with nifty covers.

The last interesting piece of Boardman entertainment I choose to recommend is **Peaberry's cafe**. Every Friday night **Peaberry's** has live entertainment. Also, they have really good pumpkin cheesecake and scones.

Well, these are all of my entertainment suggestions. The rest I am keeping for myself and my own winter blues.

I've been nailed

by Lee Booth

It all came in an explosion of sound and power. It happened at the Cleveland State University Convocation Center. It was Nine Inch Nails.

Due to the fast sellout of the first night, Sun. Jan. 8, 1995, a second night was added for Jan. 9. Both ended up being sold out. I went the first night.

The show was said to start at 7:30 P.M., and after all the concerts I've been to, there has finally been a show that has started on time.

There were two opening acts: The first was "Pop Will Eat Itself," which was a kind of heavy rap. Its sound system was not very good, and overall, I was not impressed, but they did their job: they got the crowd up and moving.

Those with floor tickets, or what are affectionately known as "pit" tickets seemed to really enjoy PWEL. "I thought they were pretty good," said a person from the pit.

The second act was Jim Rose Circus, which was exactly what it says: a circus — well, more like a freak show.

They had a girl lay on a bed of nine inch nails. A man picked up weights with his tongue, another man chewed glass. There were many more freaky human feats. I enjoyed this act very much. So did the rest of the crowd.

With the thundering beat of the intro to "Broken," Nine Inch Nails came on stage to meet the roar of the crowd. Instantly all 75 CSU security guards in T-shirts were put to work. As one of the gates holding back the lower level collapsed due to a mass of people behind it, at least ten security guards were instantly there. For the rest of the night while the gate hung there a security guard stood in its place.

Later, in the middle of their performance, a large screen dropped in front of the band as they played a unique combination of "A Warm Place" and "Reptile," two songs of NIN's new CD "The Downward Spiral." As they started playing, images appeared on the screen like magic. They were images of a vast desolate land that seemed to move fluidly with the music. As the images moved across the screen, the band members peeked through the images as if just to let the crowd know they were still there. After these images,

an image of a snake peered out at the crowd with an eerie stare. Then appeared devastating images of war, and images of a time-devoured fox melting into nothing. Finally appeared a coffin which after a small period of time started to drip.

On flashed the brightest red lights I've ever seen behind the dripping image to make it appear it was actually bleeding. Thus ending the images, but definitely not the show.

The rest of the show was "awesome," as Trent Reznor, the lead singer of NIN said in an interview in the January issue of Hit Parader: "We're a good live band. Many of the things we work so hard to perfect in the studio take on a very different vibe on stage." I will have to agree with him on that.

Now I can truly say I've been nailed, and I enjoyed it very much.

The day for love

by Jennifer Simmons

It's almost Valentine's Day! This is a day of LOVE. Many people do not know how Valentine's Day came about. In the fifth century, a priest named Valentine was made a saint. He was punished by Roman emperor Claudison on Feb. 14, 269 for secretly marrying lovers. The emperor had forbidden young men to marry, believing single men made better soldiers. So, Valentine was a man who loved to see people happy and in love.

Due to the reason for Valentine's Day, which is love, many romantic things happen. For instance, there are many engagements and weddings this day. There are not only long term romances, but, many relationships get started on Valentine's Day.

Gifts are a big part of Valentine's Day. The gifts go from candy and flowers to jewelry and clothes. It can be cheap, like a card, or expensive, like a diamond ring. This is the most romantic day of the year so don't forget your sweetheart on Feb. 14.

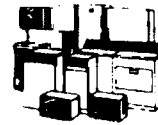
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Sports

Revenge at its sweetest

by Lance Cranmer

For the first time this year Salem defeated Canfield in a basketball game, and oh what a game it was. Brock Engle ignited the team scoring 13 of the teams first 17 points, as Salem took an early double-digit lead. Canfield fought its way back though with a pair of three-pointers and eventually cut the lead to only one. Unfortunately for Canfield, it was a lead Salem would never relinquish.

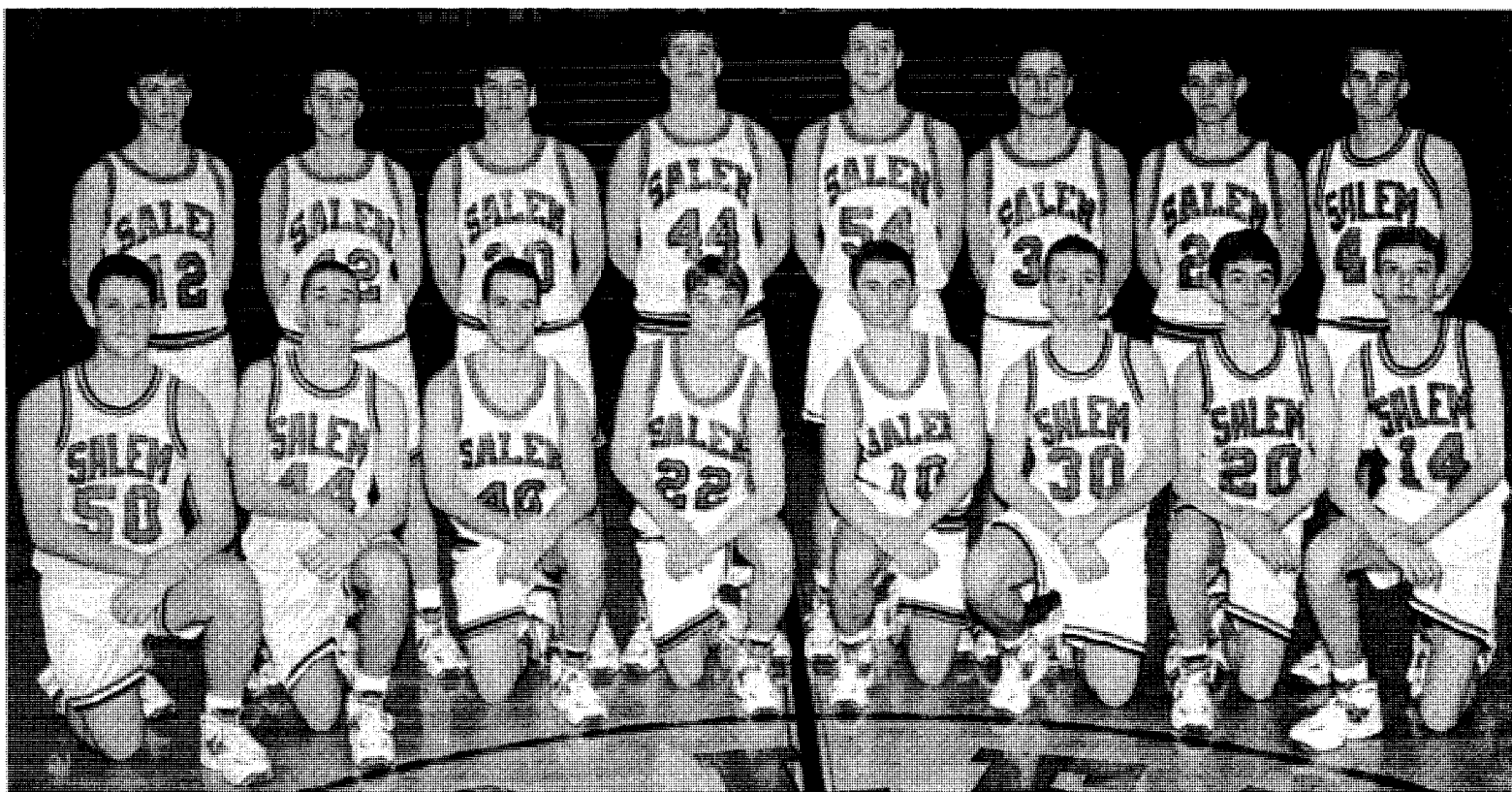
Running a ball control offense, the Salem guards played brilliantly and passed the ball with perfection. Even when Salem turned the ball over, they consistently recovered and made the defensive stops.

The game however would come down to the fourth quarter, which Salem nearly dominated. Howells brought his bottle of windex with him as he proceeded to clean up the glass nearly every time down the floor.

Salem's offense scored seemingly every possession keeping at least a six point advantage throughout the quarter. The only thing that kept Canfield in the game was their excellent free-throw shooting as they converted three three-shot fouls in the fourth quarter alone. Salem was also excellent at the line led by a determined Mike Riesen. Even when Salem missed free throws, they still managed to score thanks to the aggressive rebounding of Jeff Howells.

Salem's fourth quarter defense was summed up by two plays by Mike Riesen. After Joel Stewart was stripped of the ball, Riesen raced to the other end of the floor and picked the Cardinals' pockets, taking the ball away from them before they could score. Later on in the quarter as Canfield was working their way back into the game, Riesen again crushed their hopes. With a Cardinal player standing wide open in three-point range in the corner, Canfield tried to lob a pass over to him when Riesen leaped and deflected the ball away and into the hands of Josh Hendershott.

Eventually the lead would be just too much to surmount for Canfield and the game ended: Salem 70,



Coming on strong! The varsity Quakers are making their final surge for a MAC championship.

Canfield 64.

As the buzzer sounded, the barrier of chairs on the sideline of the court exploded as hundreds of wild Salem fans stormed onto the floor and rushed to celebrate with their team.

Probably one of the largest assets for the Quakers was their outstanding fan support. That was probably the rowdiest crowd to attend a Salem game this year as they kept the noise level high at all times.

The quakers 7-8 (5-3 in the MAC) will next face Girard, Struthers, and Poland, before finishing up with West Branch. These games will be crucial for the quakers who still have a chance to win the MAC title.

Statistically, Salem is led by Jeff Howells in scoring with 13.4 ppg. and followed by Brock Engle with 12.8 ppg. and Josh Hendershott with 12.4 ppg. Engle is also the rebounding leader with 6.8 a game and leads in assists with a total of 36. The

leader in shooting percentage is Mike Riesen, who shoots nearly 59 percent from the field. Joel Stewart is the leading three point shooter with 43 percent.

The jayvees hopes of a MAC title are gone with Canfield taking the crown. The team will however more than likely finish second. They were 10-5, 5-3 in the MAC, going into the Niles game.



Faces in the crowd

by Chad Hofmann

Name: Mandy Simon
 Grade: 11
 Number of varsity letters received: 3
 Sports: Tennis and Cheerleading
 Favorite pro team: Seattle Supersonics
 Favorite athlete: Shawn Kemp
 Favorite college: Miami
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Z (Zimmerman)
 Favorite music group: I like all music
 Favorite song: "Sweet Jane" by Cowboy Junkies
 Future plans: Go to college, major in either special education or occupational therapy
 Thing you like most about SHS: Our high school football games
 Thing you like least about SHS: cliques
 Who's your hero: My dad
 Would you pay to play a sport or would you move: I'd like to move, but I'd probably end up paying
 What would you like do before you die: become successful and be recognized for something
Name: Sarah Fennema
 Grade: 10
 Number of varsity letters received: 1
 Sports: Basketball and Soccer
 Favorite pro team: I don't have one
 Favorite athlete: Pele'

Favorite college: University of North Carolina
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Parks
 Favorite music group: Aerosmith
 Favorite song: "On Bended Knee"
 Future plans: Attend college and play soccer
 Thing you like most about SHS: Friends
 Thing you like least about SHS: Classes
 Who's your hero: I don't have one
 Would you pay to play a sport or would you move: I would pay to play soccer
 What would you like do before you die: Play soccer for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team
Name: Joel Stewart
 Grade: 12
 Number of varsity letters received: 5
 Sports: Soccer and basketball
 Favorite pro team: Steelers
 Favorite athlete: O.J. Simpson
 Favorite college: Michigan
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Bennett
 Favorite music group: Counting Crows
 Favorite song: "Imagine" by John Lennon
 Future plans: Go to college and play soccer

Thing you like most about SHS: Sitting with Sara Washington at lunch
 Thing you like least about SHS: The food
 Who's your hero: John Fennema
 Would you pay to play a sport or would you move: Move
 What would you like do before you die: Get along with Kristi for a week
Name: Brian McCaslin
 Grade: 12
 Number of varsity letters received: 3
 Sports: Wrestling
 Favorite pro team: none
 Favorite athlete: Doug Heath
 Favorite college: North Carolina
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Kirkland
 Favorite music group: Eagles
 Favorite song: "Atomic Dog"
 Future plans: Go to college and wrestle
 Thing you like most about SHS: Mythology
 Thing you like least about SHS: Lack of attendance at wrestling matches
 Who's your hero: Joel Woods
 Would you pay to play a sport or would you move: Move
 What would you like do before you die: Visit Ireland and Italy

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Are school rivalries a problem?

by Chad Hofmann

High school rivalries can consist of any where from a friendly game and hand shake to spray painting and mascot stealing. Most of the time it doesn't deal with the students at all, it's the fans that throw it out of proportion. Sure athletes get hyped and fired up playing against the long time school rival, but they also are told "give respect to your opponents" pounded into them everyday by their coach. Plus it's a waste to spend hard work and sweat everyday to end up throwing it away on one game because the whole team gets suspended or thrown out of contention for the conference championship over a little school spat.

The only big rivals that this school has really ever had are West Branch and East Liverpool in football and Canfield in basketball. West Branch and Salem were even exiled from playing each other after a big fight, which cleared the stands, broke out between the two teams.

The administration finally decided to put them back on the schedule in '93, and so far there hasn't been a skirmish. As for East Liverpool they were also taken off the schedule

because of lack of computer points earned with a win, but they are now also back on the schedule. Canfield is a fairly new rival with both of the basketball teams. Their games are always very competitive and fun to watch, but no confrontations have happened between the two schools.

Athletes work very hard every day, off-season and in-season; lifting weights, running, and conditioning. Every athlete knows that all other athletes, just like them, work just as hard as they do, so they should have respect for one another even if they are big rivals or opponents.

There is a thin line between having fun and being out of control. If the rivalry ignites school spirit and backing from the community and school then it's good and should happen, but if it goes into something more such as destruction of government or private property, defacement or theft of anyone's belongings, or just anything that violates a federal or local law, that's when it goes too far.

Even though most people try to say "winning isn't everything", we know that's not true. Winning is placed everywhere, in people's

minds, in schools, at work, and especially on athletics, be it pro, college, high school, and even pee-wee league. Competition is high, especially in the work place. People compete for higher jobs and the most expensive accounts. If they don't win what they want they're devastated, because it could cost them their jobs or even their lives. Winning is an important thing, but life goes on. That's why it's pointless to throw a game out of proportion by damaging people, people's feelings, and property.

If your team or you yourself win, no matter what you're competing in, it feels momentous. We all want to have these awesome feelings, regrettably we all know how it feels to fail or lose, and it feels even worse when someone rubs it in. So why do we feel the need to do this to our opponents when we win? I guess all you can say is it's human nature and you have to live with it.

It's good to have rivals because of the excitement and hype of the game plus all the support that's behind the home team, but it's unnecessary to turn a simple game into a school war.

Teams participating In the Canfield tournament

Canfield
Youngstown East
Field
Liberty
Hubbard
Niles McKinley
Poland Seminary

Ravenna
Salem
Southeast
Ursuline
West Branch

Success Sparks Lady Quakers

by Danielle Conser

The Lady Quakers have continued to compete well in MAC, suffering only three losses. Two of the losses came against a very tough Canfield team. Senior captain Tennille Abrams says "Canfield has five awesome players. We were just having an off shooting night." But that game is over and the team is getting on with their season.

The girls work very closely together, often appearing to move as one unit instead of five different people on the court at the same time. This is one major reason for their success. The girls stay focused on their common goal; win every game.

The unity of the team was put to the test recently as senior Liz Winch went down with an injured knee. But the team prevailed, beating the tough teams of Poland and Howland meanwhile, Winch has been receiving physical therapy and other rehabilitation. Her first game back was the Canfield game. Winch says, "The team's been great. They've been very supportive, and my knee has healed tremendously. With Winch not able to play, sophomore Sarah Sommers stepped into the starting lineup. Abrams says that even though the five starters are close, and it was different, that Sarah did a great job of stepping in and playing competitively. The team turned Winch's injury

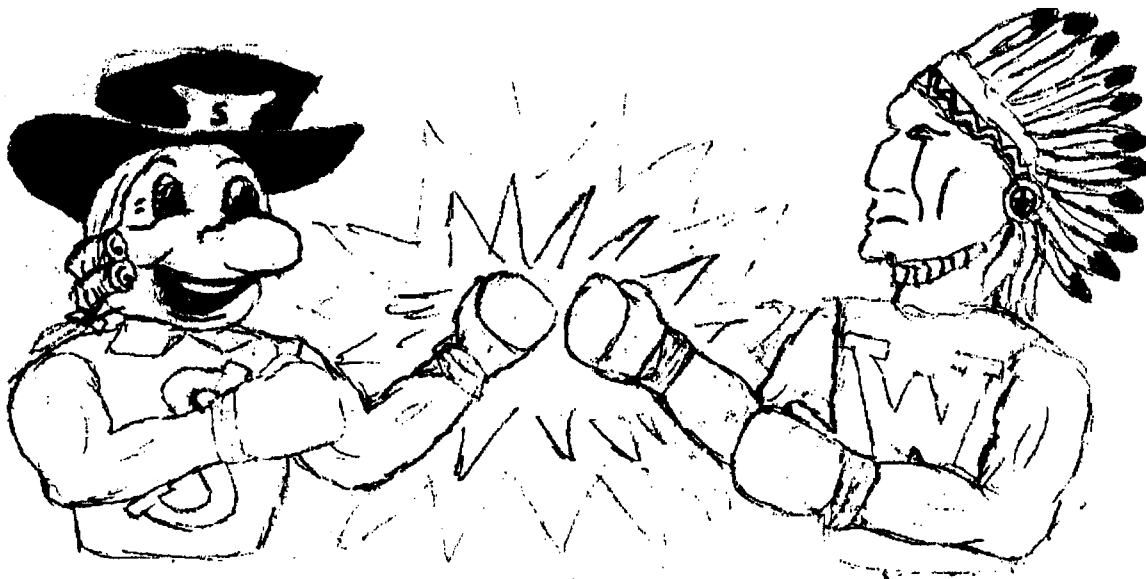
into something positive as they have proven that they can play and win under any circumstances. The bench players also got some valuable experience which will be helpful in future games.

As the team approaches the beginning of tournaments, they seem very excited.

They just have to play their game and play the best they can. Abrams says they need to play every game like it is their last one, because when it comes to tournaments, any game could be the last.

Salem has a good chance of advancing in tournaments, but it won't be easy considering the high caliber of play coming from teams such as Canfield, West Branch, and Struthers. What the team is really hoping for is yet another chance to beat Canfield. And the girls know they can do it as long as everyone is healthy and the team has a decent shooting day. All of the Sectional and District tournament play will be held at Canfield High School, and students are encouraged to go and support our Lady Quakers.

But before tournaments begin, the girls have to face a very strong West Branch team. This last regular season game will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6:00 here at Salem.



Wrestling wrap-up

by Ryan Raymond

The wrestling team has brought their season almost to an end with a record of 6-6. Two of those wins came at the Metro Athletic Conference tournament at Salem on Jan. 28, giving the Quakers a second place finish in the MAC. They beat Canfield and Girard.

Keeping Salem from a first place championship was Howland. Howland had five wrestlers that won all three of their matches. Salem had three unbeaten for the day; seniors Brain McCaslin (3-0 in the 140 lbs. class), Corey Belaney (3-0 in the 215 lbs. and heavyweight classes), and Terry Bowlin (2-0 in the 215 lbs. class also). Senior Matt Kunar and sophomore Josh Mendez went 2-1. The loss received by Kunar was his first in 13 matches.

The Quakers ended their losing streak of three matches by winning two in a row.

Senior Greg Swiger said, "We weren't prepared and we didn't have the right mental attitude to get the wins. That's why we lost those three matches."

Kunar said that he thinks they can do better if they believe in them-

WRESTLING

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Fri., Feb. 24 - Sat., Feb. 25:
Louisville Sectional

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Louisville District

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State at Dayton

selves and stay focused on the task of winning the matches. "We need to keep wrestling number one on our minds."

Swiger said, "We still have a chance and we're a young team. We need to keep the right attitude to win though."

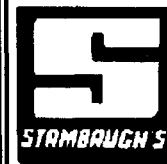
Salem is scheduled to have a match on Feb. 16 against Canton Central Catholic and a make-up

match against Massillon. They have Sectionals on Feb. 24 and 25, Districts on March third and fourth, and State on March ninth, tenth, and 11.

Kunar closed with, "We haven't accomplished anything until we've won State. Everyone has the potential to qualify for State. Those who work for it will make it."

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