

'77-'78 B-ball Season Holds Promise

by J. B. Raftus

Basketball season is here and that means one thing for Chagrin Falls basketball fans: excitement. The Tigers took the court against Beachwood on November 23, with visions of a league championship in their eyes, and spirits were running high. Those high

spirits were well founded as the 1977-1978 edition of the CF roundballers is one of the most promising years.

You would have to go back a long way to find a Chagrin team with the height and scoring potential of this year's. The powerful front

court will be lead by junior center Jim Clegg, who with a year of varsity experience already under his belt should be one of the most dominating centers in the league. Senior Rob Pearce as one of the forwards, should keep the Tigers in every ball game with his

Doug Revelle and junior Chip Wiper. Both are fine ball handlers as well as good shooters. Juniors Doug Hubbard and John Zachem will be coming off the bench to give the Tigers an added punch.

The Chagrin cagers started off the year in fine fashion

deadly shooting eye. Pearce, who has shot 67% from the field in the first 3 games, is equally accurate from the outside as he is driving to the hoop. Senior captain and team leader Bob Bistriz in his 3rd varsity season could be the key to Chagrin's champion-

with three straight wins. Against Beachwood, the Tigers hit an unheard of 68% of their shots to win 67-58. Pearce was untouchable as he scored the nets for a perfect 11 of 11 from the field for a game high 25 points. Bistriz had 16 points and 13 assists

ship hopes. Bistriz will be expected to do it all this season and most likely he will--and then some. Bob is one of the best clutch players to come into the CVC in years and he will be responsible for leading the team on and off the court.

This year's starting back court will consist of senior

and Revelle pitched in 15 points.

The Tigers started off the league schedule with two impressive wins over Chardon and Twinsburg and from the looks of things now, we should be seeing plenty more action-packed basketball from this team.

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Gymnasts Expect Successful Year

by Pat Freer

The gymnastic team got off to a good start on November 23 against Beachwood. The result was Chagrin's 227.75 to 96.7. Coach Colleen Wilcox said, "I am pleased with the results of the first meet and feel that this year's team has potential".

There are 18 girls on the team. They include Lisa Pfeiffer, Sara Felger, Lee Meyer, Karen Koerper, Debbie Torontali, Pam Milloy, Carol Unger, Kathy Trudick, Perrin Schneeweis, Anne deRidder, Karen Bowe, Carol Fitch, Carol Moyse, Jeannette Lindsay, Debbie Hyde, Debbie Goodrich, Carol Bartley, and Missy Miller.

The season began October 15, and ends in the first week in March. During the 2½-3 hour night practices, the girls work on dance, endurance, flexibility and balance. They also have to memorize their routines.

The girls can enter four different events, they are: floor,

bars, beam, and vault. There are three levels in gymnastics: beginner, intermediate, and advance. There are also two types of competition, compulsory, and optional. Compulsory contains a required routine and is usually used in the first few meets for conditioning purposes. After that, optional routines take over. This is where the individual makes up her own routine.

No girls are cut from the team. Anyone interested can join, but the girls can't compete until their performances are approved by Mrs. Wilcox. There are approximately eighteen meets. Mrs. Wilcox states that "The girls work towards the sectionals, districts, and finally the state meet". Only one girl has ever made it to state.

The next meet will be held at Brush on December 7. Mrs. Wilcox's goal for the season is "that the group will continue to stay together as a team and that they will have fun"



Members of the gymnastic team pause for a moment. They are, first row (l-r) Carol Bartley, Cathy Trudick, Debby Goodrich; 2nd row, Carol Moyse, Missy Miller, Anne deRidder; last row, Carol Fitch, Perrin Schneeweiss, Carol Unger, Debbie Torontali, Lisa Pfeiffer and Debbie Hyde.

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Chagrin's Band Dazzles 13,000

by Annie Latuk

Tuesday, November 29, the Los Angeles Lakers experienced the agony of defeat while the Cleveland Cavaliers and a crowd of more than 13,000 experienced the thrill of hearing the Chagrin Falls High School band perform.

The 60 some band members, who were personally invited to the Richfield coliseum by the entertainment director, played before the game and during half-time. Under the direction of Dr. William Foley and Mr. Wade Tolleson, their program included four pre-game selections which lasted approximately 45 minutes and three musical pieces during the 15 minute half-time. The selections ranged from the popular "Star Wars" and "Coke Adds Life" to the traditional "Can Can" and "Alexander's Ragtime Band".

The girls performed their can-can routine before the interested spectators. This familiar routine seen at high school football games and pep rallies. captivated the

fans. The majorettes twirled their batons to "Coke Adds Life" which also was a crowd pleaser.

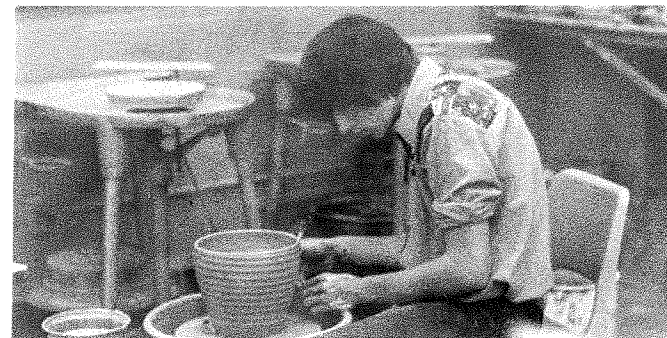
German teacher, Mr. Mario Gerhardt was one of the 13,000 fans present that evening and felt that the band, on the whole, did an admirable job.

Pottery Brings Money and Fame

by Annie Latuk

George Sakoske, a junior at Chagrin Falls High School, received 3rd place in the recent Lake Erie College Art

Show in the ceramics and sculpture division. George's rako ceramic pot earned him a check for \$50.00. Rako is a type of glazing process which gives pottery a metallic finish.



George's interest in pottery began as a freshman in Art I and II. He also enrolled in a scholarship pottery class at the Chagrin Valley Art Center. According to George, the money he received will go toward a potter's wheel.

Two Chagrinites To Travel Abroad

by Melissa Field

Congratulations are in order to the two Chagrin Falls High School seniors, Mindy Nicholl and Sue Schmidt, who recently became AFS (American Field Service) Regional Board Finalists.

The girls applied for the AFS program in October and since then have been interviewed and have submitted numerous written forms to the local AFS chapter and the Regional Board. After they passed these two boards all the information was sent to the N.Y. Board for final approval.

It is almost assured at this stage that the girls will become N.Y. Board finalists. There are two types of finalists. One is the guaranteed finalist, meaning that everything has been arranged for their visit. The other is a finalist, which means the applicant has been accepted but a country and family to suit them has not been found yet. The finalist applicant may not know anything about the visit until shortly before departure. Mindy applied for the three

month summer program and holds no preference to where she is sent. Sue on the other hand has applied for the year program and hopes to visit either Australia, New Zealand, or Greece. "I am really looking forward to this great learning experience in another country", says Mindy. Sue feels likewise.



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Small Moments

That magical holiday season is once again upon us. The ground is again swathed in white, creating a tranquil aura. Christmas lights softly flicker in the darkness while inside, families gather 'round the glowing fireplace.

As we refocus, we find the more familiar scenes of hustling and bustling shoppers, in step with the holiday tunes. Christmas goodies popping in and out of the oven, their scents mingling with those of pine as noisy greetings proclaim the arrival of friends and relatives. Scraps of brightly designed paper and wafts of ribbons and bows strew the floors and the tree shelters a stockpile of gifts. Last minute dashing to the post office to mail the Christmas cards before the deadline.

SLOW DOWN! Christmas is a holiday of joy. A time to relax and revel in the presence of friends and family. Take the time to enjoy the simple pleasures of this season. While you shop, stop and explore the window displays, which are usually a marvel at this time of the year. Help your family with Christmas preparations, and share not only the chores, but also yourself, your thoughts and ideas. Look around, it's the season for miracles, the millions of snowflakes, no two alike, the thousands of symmetrically similar pine trees, now magically transformed in living rooms throughout the neighborhood, and the sparkle in a child's eye as you share with him the story of Saint Nick. These are the moments we treasure and throughout the year we should continue to take the time and pause in this manner, observing and partaking in the many intricacies of life.

The *Valley Lantern* Staff would like to commend the cast, the backstage crew, and Mr. Stephan Pepper, on their fine performance in this year's Fall play. All who attended were treated to a delightful and intriguing triplet of plays. Congratulations again!

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Dear Editor:

Although talk is cheap, debate is expensive; but not nearly as expensive as many less intellectually rewarding extracurricular activities. Although sports are indeed important and needed, they are not as beneficial to the individual in the long run as is our academically geared activity. An activity which has brought honor to the name of Chagrin Falls High School for the past seven years reflects positively on the academic quality of our school. In order to maintain this standard of excellence, more financial aid is desperately needed. Every group asks for more money, but we can justify our requests because we have done so much for the school and the individuals who have greatly profited from being part of this activity. Don't we deserve at least as much money as the athletic teams? Don't we deserve an amount commensurate with the value of our activity?

Indeed, we are grateful to people such as Coach Quisenberry, The Boosters, and Mr. Leonard Balk, without whose help we would not have achieved our unmatched record.

In order to maintain and improve our rhetorical skills, we must travel to major tournaments in Ohio and bordering

states, including such places as Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Ohio University. Last year the team chalked up 4,000 miles in this way. Many expenses are involved in traveling to these tournaments such as transportation, registration fees, and hotel expenses. However, we feel that this money is well spent, since debate, i.e., the communication of ideas, can be utilized in any facet of life—including athletics.

The plain and simple reason that football and other sports are so well supported is that they are the activities that bring the money in, and this is understandable. Through debate, however, both the school and the individual profit in ways other than money.

Therefore, we feel that the administration should re-examine its priorities in the allocation of funds. We feel that an allocation system should be based on what real benefits the activity produces. We have shown you the long term benefits of debate. We do not ask for more money than other activities, but rather for an amount suitable to the importance of ours.

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Jocks Awarded

by Debbie Goodrich

Lantern wishes congratulations to the following athlete's for their outstanding performances in their sports this past fall season.

Football CVC First Team:

Bob Bistriz
Russ Gallimore
Ed Gottschalk

Football CVC Second Team:

Jeff Hoopes
Reed McClellan
Jim Porter
Steve Jeffries
Tom Jicha

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Bob Bistriz
Football CVC "Coach of the Year"

Coach John Piai

Soccer All-Ohio Player:

Chris Riethmiller
Volleyball CVC All League Team:

Sue Schmidt

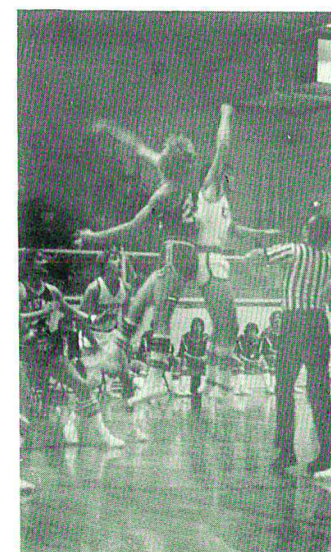
Tennis CVC Singles Player:

Jody Hobbs

Tennis CVC Doubles Team:

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B-ballers "Show-Off"



Varsity roundballers battle victoriously against Crestwood.

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Christmas Customs Span World

by Disa Petruschke

In the world there is no holiday as widely and as joyously celebrated as Christmas. Although the reason for Christmas is the same all over the world, each individual country has its own unique custom and folklore surrounding the holiday.

The giving of gifts is universal, although presents for the children are not left by the familiar figure in the reindeer-drawn sleight all over the world. In Sweden, Santa is called "Jultomten" and instead of coming down the chimney, comes to the door with presents. In Belgium, the children put carrots in their shoes for six nights, from December 1 to December 6. The carrots are left for the horse of "Sint Nicolaas". For the first five nights, he leaves candy, and on the last night (Saint Nicholas Day) he leaves many presents for the good children. He has a helper, Black Peter, who takes the bad children away in a sack. In France, the equivalents of these two are called "Pere Noel" and "Pere Fouettard". They leave presents or switches, as the case may be, on December 6, and then again on December 25. In Italy and Russia gifts come from Women. In Italy she is called "Befana" and in Russia "Balushka". The individual legends of

these two say that each was invited by the Wise Men to bring gifts to the infant Jesus, but for various reasons, each was detained. Finally they set out after the Magi with their gifts, but it was too late and neither could find the Christ Child. Now they both wander their respective countries leaving presents for all the children, just in case one might be the one she is still seeking.

Pageants and processions are another popular way to celebrate Christmas. In Mexico, each village has its own "pasada". This is a parade reenacting the search for shelter by Mary and Joseph. The characters go from house to house for several nights before Christmas, but they are refused admittance until the last night. After this highly religious part, the celebrations begin, always featuring a pinata (a paper-mache animal filled with treats for children). In other parts of the world, such as middle and far Eastern



countries, the parades feature the 3 Wise Men, caroling and occasionally even harmless pranks.

In these times of strife, it is sometimes good to know men can be united in somethings such as the celebration of the same holiday.

Stewart Keeps 'em "Hangin' On"

by Tom Watterson

Rod Stewart--Footloose and Fancy Free

Rod Stewart, famous for his work with The Faces, has finally come out with the perfect solo album. This record combines both the spontaneous rock and roll that Rod is known for, with the newer, more melodic side of him. The album has something for everyone.

Side One opens with "Hot Legs", a stimulating rocker with a chorus that never

seems to end. This is the song that will bring the Faces' fans running.

"You're In My Soul" is also on this side, a soothing ballad comparable to "Tonight's the Night". Next up is "Keep Me Hangin' On" (or, as some know it, "Set Me Free"). This is an old Supremes number, but Rod puts so much emotion into it, it comes out as an entirely different song.

Mr. Stewart does another copy song, one entitled "If Loving You is Wrong, I Don't Want to be Right". This number is less effective than his others, but it comes off sounding nice.

The album wraps itself up with the tune "I Was Only Joking", an autobiographical history of Rod. This could become another Rod Stewart classic.

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by Melody Scheffield

On December 20, 1960 at Saint Luke's Hospital, this Junior guy was born. At CFHS he is active in choir, cross-country and track. He is a class officer. He enjoys skiing and is a partner of D & W Construction Company.



This Junior girl was born April 21, 1961. She has short dark hair and brown eyes. She is active in Student Council, plays volleyball, and is in Prism and FTA. Her favorite food is pizza, and her favorite musical group is Fleetwood Mac.

Last issue's baby pictures were of seniors Sue Nickel and Peter Miller.



Unforgettable Moments



Can-Can Goes To L. A.

by Inoe Alle

Well, it's finally happened. The fantasies of the director of the C.F.H.S. marching band (commonly referred to as "Doc") and his able assistant, Mr. T., have finally been realized. Their talents have been recognized. It seems the band performed at a recent Cavs game and the T.V. camera picked up on that section of the band referred to as the "Can-Can line". Before anyone knew what was happening, the girls were looking at their scantily clothed selves on the silver screens of the Coliseum. The finale came when someone pointed out that the entire game (and accompanying entertainment) was broadcast in the opponent's home town of Los Angeles.

Winter (and snow) has really arrived, and with it, for those athletically inclined souls, that great winter sport, skiing. That means some of the more unfortunate devotees will soon be sporting plaster casts on various limbs. Rumor has it that the office has had a new supply of elevator keys made up, for just this reason, but let's try to keep it

WANTED Submissions, Suggestions

by Karen Swift

Prism needs you!! With only three months left in which to collect submissions, *Prism* needs your creative thoughts on paper and in the *Prism* box.

Suggestions are always welcome. As suggested this year the art and literary boards have been meeting together and a new art portfolio has been placed in the upper art room. Following up on a student's comment, *Prism* also hopes to use three dimensional work and colored pictures in this year's issues.

Poems and suggestions may be given to Helen Wu, Pat Freer, Karen Swift, or Mr. Sheban or placed in the box by the office and art work can be placed in the upper art room or handed to Mrs. Luna or Karen Swift.

to a minimum.

With the advent of the holiday season comes that greatest of party excuses, New Year's Eve. Now that Guy Lombardo has gone to that great Times Square in the Sky, those of you accustomed to sitting in front of the tube on this cherished holiday will have to find other amusement. May we suggest--The Party, a tried and true method of having fun.

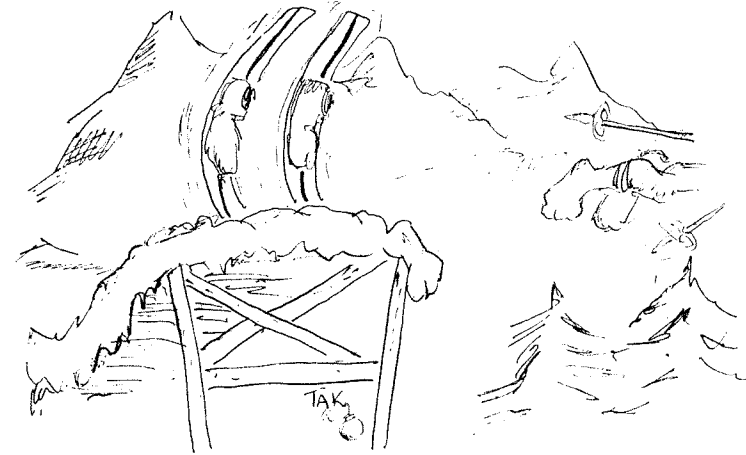
See You All After Vacation!!

Oh, God! What a Good One

by Polly Brown

When Carl Reiner produced "Oh God", he produced a funny, amusing movie with serious undertones. John Denver, of Rocky Mountain High fame, surprisingly enough does an excellent job portraying the assistant manager of Foodworld, a national grocery chain. George Burns, who is God, plays a humorous, but subtly serious role.

The underlying tone of graviness in the movie leaves the audience wondering if this movie was more than just a comedy, maybe it even had a divine message in it. Throughout the show, George Burns



makes comments such as "I don't get involved in organized religion, I love everyone". These comments make the movie seem to say more than the comedy which is on the surface.

The movie is set in a middle class suburb of Los Angeles. Denver's family is for the most part believable, although his wife seems rather dumb and giddy. His two children are well cast and do a good job of playing middle class children. There is a Billy Graham part played by a big, boisterous, black man. He is shown as a fake who preaches only for the money he obtains. God gives Denver a message to tell the

preacher: "Tell him he is a fake and should shut up". Overall the characters are all very real.

The plot is quite simple, but good. God has John Denver relay a simple message to the public. Denver, in doing this, is thwarted many times and at the close of the movie, it is never sure whether he succeeded or not.

The movie is rated PG, but contains almost nothing that merits that rating. It can be recommended for anybody who enjoys a comedy with a little more to it. It leaves the smarter-than-average moviegoer with something to think about after the show is over.

Christmas Wishes Cont.

Mrs. Schoeppner would like a nice, quiet, white Christmas.

Anne De Ridder, senior, would like to get her winter clothes from Belgium.

Lois Waller, senior, wishes for a new roll bar on her truck.

Steve Seidel, sophomore, wants Jim McGinnis to do his own homework.

Laureen Rusko, senior, craves a million dollars.

Coach Quisenberry would like a winning wrestling season.

Judd Fountain, freshman, would like a cottage in Florida and a beach.

Jeanette Borsh and Brenda Banning, juniors, would like an unimorbid and happy New Year.

Duncan Linn, senior, wants some sanity.

Jeff Abromaitis, sopho-

more, would like a \$100,000, 000 jet fighter.

Helen Wu, senior, wishes for a 36 hour day and an all expense paid trip to Sweden next summer.

Mary Sue Prescott, freshman, wishes for \$200.

Cathy Brown, senior, wants a horse and the money to keep it for Christmas.

Dan Smith, freshman, would like a '68 Vette and a quarter pound of Columbian.

Kim Farmer, senior, yearns for some time in the sun and a kitten.

Chris Tognini, junior, wishes for a Maserati.

Julie Phend, senior, longs for a trip to Texas.

Darren Petruschke, sophomore, yearns for a zircon incrustrated tweezers, a life size erector set and a partridge in a pear tree.

Mary Jo Deitrich, sophomore, wishes for a letter jacket this Christmas.

Tim Huff, freshman, wishes for a friend.

Senora Hanson desea una finca en Sevilla y dinero.

Greg Meek, senior, would like a razor for Mike Sipser.

David West, junior, would like a trip to state for Mr. Balk so he can get a new clock.

Bill Atkinson, sophomore, desires a new dog.

Mrs. Collignon would like Palm trees on Main Street.

Liz Hartshorn, senior, has a desire for anyone tall, dark and handsome this Christmas.

Gary Cumming, freshman, wishes for a good party and commons every period.

Mark Burns, senior, wishes for a one-way ticket to Florida, for Mr. Wheatcraft.

Christmas Hopes, Dreams and Desires

compiled by Linda Lamppert

Debbie Patrick, junior, has a yearning for a black Corvette with a suede interior.

Rick Shields, sophomore, desires a castle in England. Kristin Bayer, freshman, would like commons and new downhill skis.

Frau Rogers would like to attend the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Beth Boyle, senior, wishes for a thoroughbred horse farm.

Linetta Nyegard, junior, hopes for some driving lessons.

Betsy Sutcliffe, freshman, would like an "A" in Geometry.

Perrin Schneeweis, sophomore, wants a trip.

Ron Bomback, senior, would like a vacation in Sym-bonesia.

Mr. Leosch wishes for an auditorium for the high school.

and Disa Petruschke

Jeannie Raymond, sophomore, wants an orange Granada without a dent and a bottle of tequila for Bob.

Missy Miller, freshman, would like a horse from Santa. Jim Lorentz, senior, would like a new stereo for Christmas.

Sue Hartman, sophomore, wishes for a new pet.

Robin Muller, freshman, would simply like the whole world.

Beanie Marchitto and Sue Bridges, seniors, would like a bush and a utility room with a lock.

Eric Brockman, junior, has a hankering for the gold pot at the end of the rainbow.

Ed Tarboosh, senior, would like glory.

Martin Hansson, senior, wants to hitch-hike to San Francisco for Christmas vacation.

Greg Otis, freshman, would like Santa all year long.

Matt Bistritz, sophomore, will take anything or anyone (within reason).

Mr. Tolleson yearns for an entire class which loves to do math.

Betsy Dellinger, sophomore, wishes for a certain soccer fullback to take her to Prom.

Tom Jicha, senior, would like a year's subscription to *Glamour* and a pair of earmuffs.

Sue Hageman, junior, would just love to get Sylvester Stallone and a job.

Herr Gerhardt wishes for a more intelligent and harder working German Two class fifth period.

Megan Barrett, freshman, wants material wealth.

Jeff Dougherty, junior, would like an MG and a pair of Elf boots.

Dee Rowe, sophomore,

dreams of a date with Robert Redford.

Scott Cornelius, senior, would like to receive a bunch of bananas and a Siberian Elephant.

Mrs. Garrett wants some L.L. Bean boots to tromp through the snow with.

B.J. Sutcliffe, sophomore, has a hankering to climb Mt. Everest.

Randy Dunn, senior, would like 12 inches of base, 6 inches of powder, C.C. skis with unbreakable bindings and a full wineskin.

Bill Foley, freshman, yearns for a *normal*, rich, quiet father.

Lisa Parker, sophomore, craves a man.

Jill Kwasny, junior, would like a Honda Civic and a pair of skis.

Clive Burton, freshman, wants a driver's license and a four wheel drive pickup with C.B., 8 track AM/FM stereo, a roll bar, foglights and a plow.

Mr. Hurst longs for peace and quiet.

Chip Strimple, senior, would like new Fischer Cross Country skis.

Becky Distad, junior, wishes for an MG, California and to be rolling in happiness for the next year.

David Hubbard, freshman, would like a Gibson Les electric guitar.

Mr. Papes yearns for a quiet Media Center.

Robert Mata, junior, has everything and wants nothing.

Jim Harris, freshman, would like a Jumbo Jet under his Christmas tree.

Kathy Hemlein, sophomore, wishes for a camera and for a certain person to stop being a rock.

Fish, junior, wants a cuddly Dr.

Mr. Lerch would like some "peace".

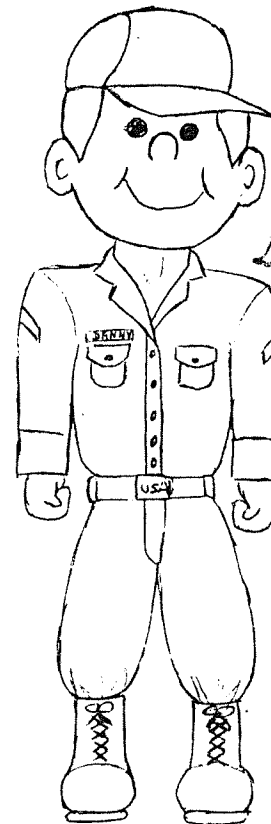
Dave Green, senior, desires a kiss under the mistletoe.

Erik Carlson, freshman, desires a killing.

Lee Meyer, sophomore, wishes for skis and for Ben to quit calling her Leeabelle.

Steve Eklund, sophomore, dreams of a new and better eumbroucher.

Charles Lang, sophomore, longs for two feet.



Well, after a few weeks of enjoying last summer's relaxation, I was ready to take on the role of "Danny Soldier" and begin an adventurous life in the Army. I didn't have to pack much because the Army provided about everything from boots to bed. The end of my airplane trip was at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, just one of the many Army basic combat training centers. Glad I ended up there though: See, women train there too, so my social life didn't go down the tubes. Sure, we trained hard; but we had free time to enjoy also. Sound good? See SSG Don Berger, 740 Richmond Road, Richmond Heights, 382-9106.

Bit of Christmas*

