Winter Sports Wrap-Up

by Doug Cantlay, Chris Con-neighton, Jeff McKenna, and Bob Schutte

At the end of the fall sports season, Lantern published a review of all the teams, consisting of summaries and the records posted by each sport. The response was so enthusiastic that we thought we'd do the same for winter sports. So here is your very own Chagrin Falls High School Winter Sports Wrap-Up:

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

Dec.	1 Mentor	,
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	15 Willo. South, Chamberl	in۱
lan.	5 Chardon	١
	10 Hudson	
	12 Aurora	١
	19 Orange	١
	26 West Geauga	١
	31 Euclid, Rich. Hgts.	١
eb.	2 Solon	١
	9 Brush	١
	12 CVC Meet at Aurora	V

gymnasts? Probably the most un-Chagrin, they nevertheless enjoyed the best record of them all. And to send two girls to the District Meet was a feat in itself!

Under the skillful coaching of Colleen Wilcox, the team vaulted off to a fast start, posting an undefeated record before dropping a ed 7-7. Jamnik and sophomore close meet to Hudson. During that period, they managed to edge Orange, another top rated area team, by the slim margin of three points. Thus, riding a 13-1 record into the League Meet, the Tiger girls had high hopes of being designated the first CVC League Champs.

Unfortunately for them, Orange prevailed over Chagrin by a mere point. Since the dual meet record and league meet performance are equally important, Chagrin and Orange shared the league champion title. A brighter spot, however, came when both freshmen Carol Bartley and Lisa Pfeiffer made it past Sectionals into the Districts. Though neither went to state, they were exemplative of the determination displayed by the whole team throughout the season.

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Nov.	24 Cuyahoga Hts. & Elyria	L	
Dec.	4 Beachwood	L	
	7 Cleveland Hgts.	L	
	15 Berkshire	W	
	18 Independence	W	
	22 Newbury	L	
Jan.	8 Kenston	L	
	14 Chamberlin	W	
	22 Chardon	L	
	25 Aurora	L	
	29 West Geauga	L	
Feb.	5 Orange	W	
	12 Solon	L	

Wrestling squad defeated four challengers. The Tigers defeated Orange with four pins, a major decision, and one regular decision, while beating another CVC challenger, Twinsburg, winning seven weight classes, three by fall. These two victories kept Chagrin out of the CVC cellar in sixth place.

The team's finest performance was in the Independence gym where eight Tiger wrestlers reigned victorious. Five pins and a major decision beefed up Chagrin's score, romping Independence 40-24.

The careful reader should notice that several pins created Chagrin's four victories. The young squad's best talent was its ability to score falls. The team scored 26 pins in 14 matches, which is almost two pins per match. This may not seem very high, but Chagrin wrestlers man-What can you say about the girl aged only 64 wins this season, which means that 41% of their derrated and overlooked team at victories were by fall. Sophomore Mike Clawson led the team with nine triumphs in fourteen bouts.

> Senior Bob Schutte won eight in twelve duals, missing two due to injury. Junior Bob Jamnik finish-Mark Horan led the team in falls with four apiece, followed closely by Bob Schutte and Mike Clawson each with three. Chagrin excelled the most in the escaped and reversal department, scoring one escape or reversal in nearly 90% of its matches. Sophomore Andy Magersupp and Clawson combined escapes and reversals to the total of 16 apiece. Schutte followed with 14. Junior Frank Riddle was practically impossible to control for his Chardon opponent, scoring three reversals and two escapes which led the team for a single bout.

Another, and undoubtedly, the most important part of a wrestling match is the takedown. Tiger wrestlers managed only 103 takedowns this season, which means that the Tigers averaged one takedown in 58% of their matches. Schutte's four takedowns against his Orange opponent helped him accumulate 18 takedowns, which led the team. Mike Clawson, Bob Jamnik, and Mark Horan followed with 12, 11, and 10, respectively.

All of the Tiger wrestlers will be back next season except seniors, Kirk Gebler, Bob Schutte and Chip Warren. The young team gained valuable experience this past season which will make them very tough opponents next season and certainly contenders for the CVC title.

Lantern Sports wishes next year's team good luck in hopes some of its members will reach the district and state meets next

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Jan.	5 Trinity	1
	12 Brecksville	١
	13 Brush	١
	19 Orange	١
	21 Hudson	١
	26 West Geauga	1
Feb.	2 Solon	١
	9 Kenston	١
	11 Lumen Cordium	V
	16 Chamberlin	L
	23 Chardon	V
Mar.	2 Aurora	V

The Girls' Basketball team has had an outstanding season so far this year. They ended up their regular season at 15-1, 6-1 in the league, and in a three way tie for the league championship.

The Chagrin girls suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Twinsburg. This game was probably the worst all season for the girls both defensively and offensively. Twinsburg scored on many numerous fast breaks and Chagrin shot a very poor 18% from the field. But the girls came back from their loss to upset previously undefeated Chardon. Chagrin really had to put it all together to beat them. The girls were behind the whole game, though not by more than four points, until the last two or three minutes of the game when they poured it on to win by six points, 39-33. The turnout by the fans was fantastic and very much appreciated. The girls wrapped up their season by defeating Orange and Aurora.

With the regular season over, Coach Ohlrich's team will continue to play basketball in the sectional-district tournament at Hudson. Coach Ohlrich went to Hudson to draw for the tournaments and came home with his team seeded #1 in the tournament in front of Our Lady of Elms, who won it last year, St. Vincent-Mary and Coventry. Coach Ohlrich thinks if the team plays up to their potential, they have a good chance of making it to Regionals. The team will be hindered, though, by the losses, due to injuries, of senior tri-captain Ann Bunzli and sophomore Betsy Towns.

Chagrin's first tournament games were against Beachwood and Woodridge with final scores of 78-19 and 45-35 respectively. At press time, the final results of the tournament could not be obtained. Coach Ohlrich and his team deserve a lot of credit for the outstanding job they have done and hopefully they will continue to do an excellent job in the tournaments.

BASKETBALL

Nov.	24 Beachwood	W
	27 Chamberlin	W
	30 Crestwood	W
Dec.	3 Chardon	W
	10 Aurora	W
	17 West Geauga	W
	18 Wickliffe	L
	23 Orange	L
	30 Solon	L
Jan.	7 Kenston	W
	14 Chamberlin	L
	18 Crestwood	W
	21 Chardon	W
	25 Aurora	W
	28 West Geauga	W
Feb.	4 Orange	L
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	18 Kenston	W

The Chagrin Falls Varsity basketball team wrapped up a fairly successful season against Chanel on a sour note. Chanel upended the Tigers 65-56. Leading scorer was Bob Bistritz with 26 points and Jim Clegg controlled the boards with 19 rebounds.

The Tigers had previously played Beachwood and Holy Name to gain the Sectional finals against Chanel. The Tigers dominated Holy Name, 74-47. Rick Bistritz led the scoring with 23 points and Bill Miralia added 18.

In the following game against Beachwood, seeded third in the tournament, the Tigers dominated from start to finish, winning 69-58. The scoring was balanced as four players hit double figures, with Bob Bistritz and Bill Miralia leading with 22 and 18 points, respectively. The rebounding was controlled at both ends of the floor by the Tigers, as Jim Clegg pulled down 20 rebounds.

Closing out the season was the loss to Chanel, but the Tigers still had a successful season, finishing 14-7 overall record and 9-5 record, third place in the league.

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CFHS Probes Careers

Some 60 speakers participated in the second annual Chagrin Falls High School Career Day program on March 9th and 10th. Career Day was presented by parents in the P.T.O. along with the help of guidance counselor Miss Helen Kryshtalowych.

The purpose of the career program was to relate the study of specific high school courses to a career and the world of work. Miss Kryshtalowych made a list of possible speakers for the day, then sent it to the teachers who asked students for their opinions on the speakers. Miss Kryshtalowych tried to have the speakers relevant to the class subject. She had 16 parents working along with her in the preparation for Career Day, and had about three eer and should be repeated working in every department. again next year.

speakers and made any other final preparations needed. According to Miss Kryshtalo-wych, "Most speakers lived or worked in the community.' She felt that the quality of people obtained for speakers was very good.

Miss Kryshtalowych wanted to stress that Career Day's purpose was to expose students to different careers and to show them the relationship between the area they are studying and a future career. This program was not to make students choose a certain career. Miss Kryshtalowych said "The teachers did a great job preparing the students for the day," and she felt that student response was also very good.

Many students felt that Career Day was beneficial and gave some insight into a car-



Hats and Tug-o'-War Highlight Sr. Week

week beginning March 14th was filled with fun and activities geared uniquely for the senior class.

Plans for Senior Week began in the bleak months of January and February. A Senior Week committee of approximately 15 members was formed. Headed by Linda Giltz, the committee tried to formulate ideas which would be interesting for this project. After approval by Mr. Dale

The Jr. Class spaghetti din-

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this vear's Jr.-Sr. prom.

Spring has sprung, and Richmond, the committee Senior Week has come. The went ahead to make any and all necessary arrangements.

On Monday, the first day of Senior Week, baby pictures were displayed in collage form. All the members of the senior class were seen, and to the surprise of their many mothers or little brothers and sisters, had been secretly notified to provide a picture to a committee member. Tuesday was hat and colors day.

hosted the fifth annual Post High School Opportunity Night for all high schools in the area last night.

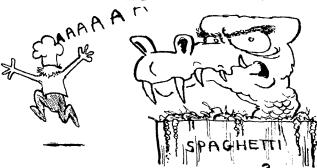
130 institutions were represented including trade and technical schools, nursing, two and four year colleges and college testing companies.

In the past this program has been a great opportunity for students wishing to pursue their academic career and

hopefully this tradition has been continued.

AFS will hold a pot luck dinner Tuesday, April 12. Elections for next year's officers will take place at this time. The place and time will be announced later.

SAT exams will be held this Saturday, March 26 at 8:30 am. Bring your admissions ticket, proper identification, and two no. 2 pencils.



WHAT'S HE SO UPSET ABOUT?

INSIDE LANTERN

success."

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New Junior NHS'ers2

Harold Loesch, assisted by musical director Ms. Mollie Macknin, choreographer Ms. Karen Haus, and student assistant director Jean Long. Featured actors are junior Mark Herion and senior Chip Weiant sharing the role of Harold Hill, the con man who comes to River City, Iowa, Seniors Kristin Layng and Anne McGinnis split the role of Marian, the town Librarian.

Imaginations were free to wear any hat and seniors were to wear their class colors, navy and ivory which was simple enough; the main outfit of the day was Levi's. Thursday rolled along with the Tug 'o War competition, pitner will be Thursday, April 14. ting juniors against mighty seniors. Friday was the most important day, though, dawning early with a senior breakfast. It was held in the gym and consisted of donuts and juice. The day gained momentum and also marked the '77" day countdown. The "77" sign was put up with much emotion, for the feeling of impending graduation was made a reality. According to Linda Giltz, "The week was a great



Mary Meyer Strives For Perfect Library

concentrated effort to keep

all talking should be barred.

Furthermore, there should not

be any textbook study, but rather research utilizing li-

This is in fact, the way the

library is run at most other

schools, according to Meyer.

At CFHS, students express-

ed their preference of having

the library open for purposes

is only doing her job when she

tries to eliminate the main

annoyances from the study

area. She points out that stu-

dents should avoid tables with

compulsive talkers because

these groups of people are the

first ones to be cordially in-

isn't fussy with kids in a non-

library environment. Simply

put, "I'm the custodian in

charge of quiet. I want kids to

understand that these rules

aren't mine, they're standard."

lady in charge, now it's up to

the students here to try and

reform their work/study

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Student Council success-

fully completed Micro Course

Month with a brilliant trampo-

lene and fencing show. Coun-

cil also began a money-making project selling Rex Soap

to students and parents. There is now a suggestion box

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third floor, and Council wel-

comes all your suggestions.

Council is also posting all act-

ivities on the third floor bullet-

in board. Watch for important

dances coming up, and help

Student Council help you!

That's the way it is from the

Miss Meyer asserts that she

Miss Meyer stated that she

In its pure form, she said,

(the library) quiet.'

brary materials only.

other than research.

vited to leave.

A rising number of CFHS students are expressing their concern about the present rules of the library. Many students complain about rulings which they consider unfair.

One of the more common punishments is being ejected from the library for a certain period of time due to excessive talking. The amount of time ranges anywhere from a day to several years.

Who is the preserver of silence and organization? Who is this crusader against the verbal expression of students in the sacred, sanctuary of

Mary Meyer, better known to most students as Miss Meyer (and other things),

Lantern wants to congratulate these juniors for their recent induction into National Honor Society (NHS). The induction was followed by a reception in the Library for all NHSers (old and new), parents and faculty.

Alpeter, David Gordon, Laura Greenough, Gregg Hartshorn, Elizabeth Hyde, Deborah Lamppert, Linda Leigh, Bradford Lynch, James MacLaren, Scott Rankin, Kristine Revelle, Douglas Richmond, Miriam Riddle, Frank Scheffield, Melody Seidel, Sandra Swift, Karen Wu, Helen

Honorary Membership Doi, Keiko, AFS Student Batista, Mario, AFS Student

The Other 98% Freaks Out

Well, band members, did you realize that you refreshing, if you dare take the time to try.



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The 2% Club Maladjusts;

were all wierdos? And you, the two-percent that have never indulged in the heathen weed marijuana, have you begun to seek psychological help for your maladjustments? For the advantage of the uninformed, a recent *Herald Sun* article quoted "Freak" students as having made the above generalities about certain high school students who were at least a bit offended, and justifiably so. An earlier Lantern editorial came to the defense of the intellectuals, and in the same manner, this editorial is aimed to defend the straight people. They are not wierdos, and not uncool. Of course the ultimate goal is to complete eliminate all of this ridiculous, ignorant stereo-typing. But, then again, Lantern recognizes that these things must be taken one step at a time. Next time you are tempted to think of someone as a "jock" or "freak", pause a minute, and try thinking of them as a person with a difference you might even find



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KANSAS — LEFTOVERTURE

I'm sure that by now most

of you are familiar with the

song "Carry On, Wayward

Son", by this somewhat new

band. The song is currently

sweeping the country, as is

the band, with their fresh ap-

this popular song at the be-

ginning of "Leftoverture" and

therefore, the other songs just

don't seem to measure up.

This is really too bad, because

songs such as "What's On My

Mind" and "Opus Insert" are

just as good, if not better than

Unfortunately, Kansas put

proach to rock music.

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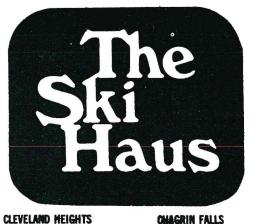
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Kansas Reaps Hit

Robby Steinhardt, the band's singer, has an incredible range, and his violin tactics are equally as interesting. The pianist, Kerry Livgren, wrote or co-wrote every song on this album, so the songs are all basically written in the same style and mode. Not that this is bad, but it tends to get tiresome after several listenings.

Kansas has been around for several years, and are finally getting the acclaim they de-

Starz Comes Down to Eartl serve. Let's just hope they can keep up the good work on future albums. STARZ

[Capitol]

THE VALLEY LANTERN

Starz is the latest in this ype of music called "Pretty Metal". They play hard rock and roll, sing high, and have lots of noisy guitars. Other such bands include: Rex, The Babys, Angel, etc. These bands have no real gimmick, but one often wonders about their credibility.

some good songs on their album, such as "Detroit Girls", "Pull the Plug", and "Live Wire". A few of the songs sound as though they were written the same day they were recorded, in about five minutes. But that's okay. Rock and roll wasn't meant to be anything profound, so pick up this album and have a good time with it.

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Who's the chick on the inside liner, anyway?

Ivy to Grace Spiked Railing?! by Ince Alle weather has finally arrived, from sitting on the

Well, folks, it's here. Warm

and with it those much-feared-by-administrators'-di-

seases--Spring Fever, Frisbee Fever, Skateboard Syndrome, and Senioritis. (The only known cure for these is time, or the annual March Blizzard.) Of the four, Spring Fever is the worst and also the most common. It is characterized by the victim's having only one thought--OUTSIDE, and rules are broken, classes cut, and doors and innocent bystanders flattened in the mad rush to get there.

Have you noticed the spikes on the second and third floor railings? We assumed they were to prevent the indigents falling over the edge, but now a certain teacher tells us that the Beautification Committee is going to train plastic ivy around the spikes, to give the place a more homey touch. What will they think of next?

Now for those guys who've finally done what most of us have considered at one time or another--Boys, we think you got the wrong meaning of the word "Blowout". This school isn't ready for a "blast" like

And now a word to all the library sitters--don't sneeze, or you will never be allowed back

by Laura Baker



This teacher likes to travel. He works a lot with his hands in his classes.



This teacher works as a librarian. She has a son in CFHS.

Last issue's baby pictures were freshmen Bill Atkinson and Lisa Gebler.

5 Students Explore Gov't:

Five Chagrin High students with Mr. William Fordyce met with about 230 Cleveland area kids at the Cleveland bus station on February 27. They all loaded the buses and cruised to Washington, D.C. Everybody was there on a Close-Up program, to be exposed to diverse viewpoints on a wide range of governmental subjects, according to senior Jen

The entire group stayed at the

from the Pentagon, right outside of D.C. the Guard at Arlington Cemetary. Senator John Glenn spoke to

Everyday they had seminars and discussions with many different authorities. They heard a lobbyist, newsmen, conservatives, liberals, a lawyer and many more very interesting people.

They took bus tours through all parts of Washington including Georgetown and the ghettos. Of course, the group saw all the different monuments and historic Quality Inn in Crystal City, across places including the Changing of

Rocky Scores Twice in Oscar Predictions

by Richard Arnold win.

Well, it's that time again. The man (Face to Face) nor Marie-Academy Award Ceremonies will be on television soon, and we'll all see the judges' choice for best picture, best actor, etc. That doesn't mean, however, the best choice, just the judges'. But, I'm not writing this to debate their reason for their choices (although I haven't agreed with the Academy many times in the past). I'm here to give my predictions for the winners of the main awards from the nominations given. I will try to give my reason for my guess (I emphasize the word quess), and attempt to explain why some of the choices should

out-time; here we go: Best Director: Lina Wertmuller, director of Seven Beauties, won't win because the movie is foreign. Ingmar Bergman, director of Face to Face, won't win for the same reason. Sidney Lumet (Network) won't win because Network is too preachy. That leaves Alan Pakula (All the President's Men) and John Avildsen (Rocky). Both are directorally fine. So I'll choose PAKULA for All the President's Men. Why? Because the coin landed on tails, Alan Pakula will

not win. Well, it's stick-my-neck-

Christine Barrault (Cousin, Cousin) won't win because their respective movies are foreign. Fave Dunaway (Network) won't win because she simply wasn't good. Talia Shire will win best actress for Rocky. Best Actor: Giancarlo Giannini (Seven Beauties), Sylvester Stal-

Best Actress: Neither Liv Ull-

lone (Rocky), and William Holden (Network) haven't got a chance. Peter Finch will win for two reasons,--1) he did a helluva performance as the "mad prophet" in Network and 2) because he's dead. Peter Finch will win the best actor Oscar posthumously. Best Picture: Seven Beauties

won't win because it's foreign. Bound for Glory won't win because nobody saw it. Network won't win because too many people saw it, and because the plot isn't an original idea. (Remember Hospital with George C. Scott?) It's pretty much a tie (again) between Rocky and All the President's Men. I will give it to Rocky. Why? Because the coin landed on heads.

Well, I've stuck my neck out far enough. We'll soon see whether or not my head rolls.



"WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS YEAR'S ACADEMY AWARD SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO A LACK OF WINNERS!"

Close-Up Views Washington

them in the same room where the Watergate hearings were held. Also, two representatives from Ohio, Ron Mottl and Mary Rose Oaker, spoke to the group. The students had free time Thursday and most of Friday to get out and see what they wanted. On Friday, most of the kids went to Georgetown and the Smithsonian. Jen commented, "I loved the different museums at Smithsonian and

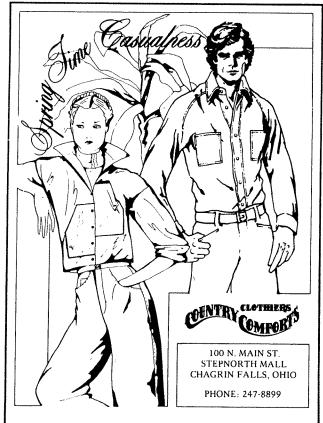
only wish there had been more time because there's so much to

The other four CFHSers were seniors John Barker, Paul Gamble, and Dave Thobaben; and sophomore Debbie Patrick.

"I thought the highlight of the trip was to get out in D.C. and meet the everyday people who lived and worked there. It would be excellent to be working in an office and to look out the window and see the President drive by.



The students who went to Washington are, sitting, I-r, seniors, Paul Gamble, Dave Thobaben, and John Barker and standing, I-r, sophomore Debbie Patrick and senior Jen Ogden.



In the Spotlight

March 24, 1977

Mr. Mario Gerhardt

by Helen Wu

The cultural difference between two countries can often be quite shocking. Take, for example, our custom of having periodic fire drills (for one reason or another). Imagine the confusion that must run through a foreign student's mind if he has never had a fire drill. Said Mr. Mario Gerhardt, who arrived in this country from Austria at age fifteen, "I immediately ran to my locker to save my books." The cultural difference is very great indeed!

Well, Mr. Gerhardt, local soccer coach and German teacher, has come a long way since those days. But he still remembers since those days. But he still remembers Austria with fond memories, and he admits that he grew to like America also after being here a year. Said Herr Gerhardt, "I got in a lot of lights, but they were caused mainly by a misunderstanding in language. Besides lighting, Herr Gerhardt also participated in swimming, which he greatly enjoyed. "Our team had a perfect record," he added. "No wins for three years straight." He also ran cross country and track, and played football. Unfortunately, he did not get the chance to play soccer, because his community, East Cleveland, is not an ethnic one. Living there did have its advantages, however, for he learned to speak English much more quickly. glish much more quickly.

After graduation, Herr Gerhardt spent a year at Bowling Green. When asked why, he replied, "I was waiting to get into the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and I thought I might as well stay." After this year was up, he picked up his bags and moved to Annapolis.

"I had a lot of fun at Annapolis." He was a strating forward on the process.

a starting forward on the soccer team, which was the runner up in NCAA. He studied engineering, which took up a good deal of his time. Also included in the school's agenda were Wednesday night dancing lessons for all the boys. On Sundays, then, a great number of girls were "imported" to the school and dances were then held. Of these, Herr Gerhardt said, "They were alugh." In the summers, he was sent to travel and learn about the navy. These places included a navy destroyer, where he

had marine corps indoctrination; Pensa-cola, where he had flight indoctrination; and Europe, where he assumed the duties of a junior officer.

At the end of four years, Herr Gerhardt graduated with a B.S. in engineering, and was accepted to the marine corps. "I chose the marine corps over the navy because I like solid ground under my feet," he said. He was a second lieutenant, and went to Vietnam for a year. When asked about the highlights of the war, Herr Gerhardt replied, "I did hurt myself once. I was playing volleyball against the South Korean team and I broke my little finger." Besides this extensive injury, Herr Gerhardt also came pretty close when he dove into a ditch to escape from enemy fire, pulled his gun which was rusty from not cleaning it, and nearly shot himself in the foot. Said Herr Gerhardt, "I learned a lot in Vietnam." Gerhardt, "I learned a lot in Vietnam.

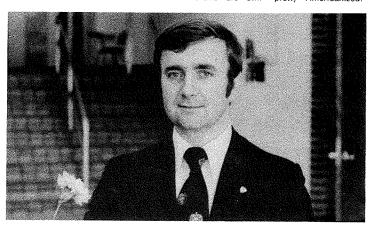
Herr Gerhardt became a teacher at Chagrin because he felt that engineering was not really for him. But he still finds time to continue learning, and he is working for his PhD in educational administration at Kent State University, When he finds free time, he also enjoys skiing, flying ("I hope to get back into it soon."), and traveling.

Herr Gerhardt, a seasoned traveler, en-

joys going to Austria with his students. He has done this twice already, and plans to go next year. He enjoys watching the hilarious reactions of the students to a differ-

me of these cultural differences in-

clude a more relaxed, easy-going type of people in Austria, a much higher cost of living over there, and those crazy Austrian drivers. Despite these and other differ-ences, Herr Gerhardt believes that the Austrians are still "pretty Americanized



Rocky Scores a Knockout

A certain rare excellence can be found in the film *Rocky*. It's an unusually delicate film about two sensitive people. But this delicacy doesn't have the stench of senti-mentality but rather is a sort of tough senti-ment. This may seem contradictory, but then that is the essence of the main character, a sensitive man but a brutal boxer. Rocky Balboa.

Rocky Balboa.

The story concerns two losers. One played by Talia Shire is a shy employee in a pet shop where the other, a lonely boxer, Rocky Balboa, buys food for his pet turtles. Rocky has a pleasant charm and after their first date, they fall in love. The shy girl comes out of her self-erected eave and then it comes time for Rocky's break. Rocky gets his chance when a cocky world champion heavyweight fighter decides to give an unknown a shot against him in the ring, as a rather callous Bicentennial gesture. The climaxing fight scene is suitably primitive, raw, tense, exciting, and brutal, ending with a gracious

and brutal, ending with a gracious

surprise.

Rocky importantly takes place in the gritty petrified slums of Philadelphia. Some quite excellent lighting and photography Graduating?

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give these outdoor scenes and even the in-door scenes a harsh repellent feel, in good contrast to the human warmth of its two

The performances, also are of a high order from Burgess Meredith's superb portrayal of Rocky's gruff trainer to Burt Young's high class job as the lower class

meat packer and brother of the shy girl. But Sylvester Stallone's unreserved perfor-mance as Rocky Balboa is undeniably the

key force in the sustainment of Rocky's

drama and humor.

Stallone's script deserves recognition as well. It contains much intelligent insight, especially into the mind of the sensitive loner. John Auildsen's direction is equally worthy of praise. Auildsen is not afraid to

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vary his camera shots (unlike so many directors who photograph everything from the same distance believing, I imagine, that their furry skulls would pop off if they did otherwise). And he occasionally acquires a rare visual poetry of the lyrical variety. Rocky succeeds with an unusual commitment to character rather than action in Packy. but it's not a structle of one diese.

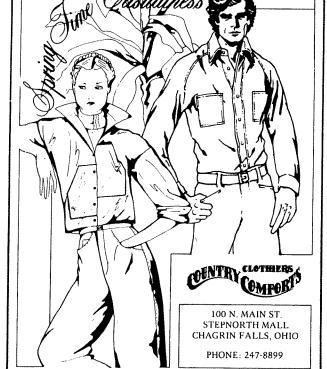
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