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BAHS ENJOYS HOMECOMING

By Steve Slifer

The Berlin Homecoming was led off by a Pep Rally, Held on the fifth of October. The master of ceremonies, Chris Hassan, introduced the afternoon activities. Each of the team coaches was called forward to present their team.

The crowd came to life with the presentation of the B.A.H.S. Pep Rally Homecoming Queen and her court. Robert (sexy leg) Campbell was voted Queen, with first runner-up being Troy (moony) Mason. The other contestants were Scott Chapman, Trevor Johnson, and Mark Andrews.

The Homecoming Queen and her court were presented during halftime of the Varsity football game on October sixth. The band, in their sparkling new uniforms, began the show, being led by field commander Kendra Payne.

The red carpet was rolled out and the court was introduced. The Homecoming Queen was Karen Reilly, with senior attendants Zbna Duncan, Toni Hassell, and Terry Moorman. The junior class was represented by Laura Farada and Lisa Moore. Rileta Satterfield represented the sophomore class, Joanne Percy the freshman, Beth Olguin the eighth, and Tracy Walker the seventh.

That evening the Homecoming Dance began. It was held at the Harnack House from seven until midnight. The D.J., Brown Sugar, put on an excellent performance, which followed dinner.

MATH AID OFFERED

By Steve Slifer

A math tutoring program is now being set up by Mr. Payne for all those students who seek math assistance.

At the moment there are approximately twenty-four students volunteering to do the tutoring. They are presently in either Advanced Math or Algebra II.

Students who require aid in their mathmatic skills must sign up with Mr. Payne at least one day prior to the day that they wish such aid.

Mr. Payne is now constructing a tutoring schedule for these services. The program will be held Monday through Friday, before and after school for one hour.

More information may be obtained from Mr. Payne when he visits your math class. He will be discussing and answering any questions during this time.



Berlin 1979-80 Homecoming Queen-Crowned Queen, Karen Reilly, escorted by father.

PLAYBOY CHOSEN

by: Robin McDonald

The Drama Club held its first meeting in September during which officers were elected. President of the club is Robin McDonald, treasurer is Lynn Thomas, and the secretary is Joy Miller. The club sponsor is Mr. Pinschmidt, and meetings are held on tuesdays every two weeks in room 188 at 3:05.

This club is not just for actors, but also for those who are interested in writing, backstage, scenery, prop work, makeup and speech. The debate team is in the process of being formed and if you like public speaking and are interested in participating you may get more information from April Coffin, Margot Horton, or Mr. Pinschmidt.

There are two major events during the year in which the Drama Club participates. One is a major performance which is put on every year at Andrews Music and Theater Center. The club held a meeting and chose the "Playboy of the Western World" to be performed this year. It is an Irish play written by J.M. Synge.

The play is set in Ireland and an Irish accent is required. To help those of you who may be a little bit rusty, workshops are held at lunch in Mr. Pinschmidt's room, 118. Dates of these workshops are listed in the Daily Bulletin.

The second event is a Speech and Drama Festival which takes place in May. This is a competition between schools in Germany and includes such categories as: solo acting, duet acting, debate, improvisation, impromptu, and a one act-play. The festival will be held in Frankfurt.

EVENTS SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT

By Cathy Jones

There were many events that took place during Spirit Week. The days that were selected by various grade levels were:

Twin Day - Junior High
International Day - 5th Grade
50's Day - 10th Grade
Gangster Day - 11th Grade
Historical Person Day - 12th Grade

On Twin Day there were many look-alikes, while International Day brought many people dressed in a typical fashion of many countries. Leather jackets, full skirts, and high ponytails were worn on 50's Day. On Gangster Day, Kendra Payne and Karen Sellers came in first place for the best costume, with Irvin Hicks claiming second. The last day, which was selected by the senior class was Historical Person Day, in which several people wore greek robes.

The last, and perhaps the best event of Spirit Week was the pep rally. In this event the cross country, volleyball, and football teams were presented to the audience. Also, there was a contest to determine which class had the most spirit, and a beauty contest. In addition to these, there was a bonfire, which brought Spirit Week to an end.

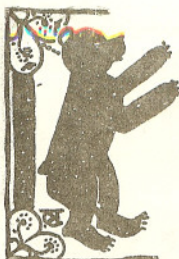
N.J.H.S. ORGANIZES FOR SCHOOL YEAR '79-'80

By Ross Bennett

The National Junior Honor Society is an organization of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students. They are not only good students, but are also good citizens. They are willing to give up time to help other students, and help other people.

For example, the N.J.H.S. has a student tutor program planned for the near future. To become a member you must maintain a "B" average for a full year, be in the overseas American School System for a whole semester, and then be voted in by your teachers.

At the present time the ninth grade members of the N.J.H.S. are: K. Hehn, M. Nelson, K. Norum, J. Percy, D. Pederson, and S. Reilly. The eighth grade members are: R. Bennett, S. Harris, B. Hunt, K. Jackson, E. Marston, H. Sasser, and S. Sotomeyer.



Features



BURYING THE PAST

Buried underneath the new auto hobby shop and cosmetology lab are three ammunition drums and a small container. What's in them? All kinds of things: magazine advertisements, stories, diaries, toys, photographs and many other objects. Why are they there? They are waiting for someone in the year 2020 to open them.

During the winter of 1978, one of Mr. Benson's 7th grade Social Studies classes decided to leave a "time capsule" for people in the future. The idea was to show them exactly what teenage, as well as adult life was like in the seventies. So they collected all sorts of waterproof containers, and every imaginable object they could think of that reflected what their life was like, and the comforts and conveniences they had, as well as articles about hardships they experienced during their life. Eventually they were able to fill fifteen capsules. In order to insure that the capsules were not disturbed until 2020, they buried them, threw them in the Wannsee, and various other places; one lies in the water underneath Freedom Bridge and others were hidden in the Grunewald behind the school.

In a little over 40 years, the objects in those capsules will be collector's items, historical and valuable ads and stories, and rare artifacts. So if you're ever in Berlin in 2020, make sure you look them up.

HISTORY STUDENTS TRY TASTEBUDS.

by: Robin McDonald

Mr. Benson's fourth hour Minority class held an American Indian meal Friday, October 12. The meal was one of many planned through January. This is a class project and each member of the class chose the group they wished to be in. The menu for the American Indian meal consisted of fried fish, corn mush, squash, wild rice, energy tea, which is made from the heat of the sun, and apples and pears, which were contributed by Herr Prigge. The meal was prepared by Joanne Biron, Tonsa Edwards, Carolyn Lindsey, and Connie Philips. The next meal, a Mexican American, will be prepared on Friday, October 26 by Tim Bailey, Susanne Duncann, Dave Fox, Shelia Higgins, Dave Paulson, Luis Rivera, and Karen Sellers.

PUBLICATIONS STARTS EDITORIAL

Beginning Friday Oct. 26, there will be a box in the main lobby, in the cafeteria, and in the publications room. These boxes are provided for questions concerning the school or the newspaper. New students to B.A.H.S. may want to use this box for information in reference to the school happenings.

Questions will be answered by the various editors of the newspaper.

New Faculty Arrive

Mrs. Brooks is the new counselor for eighth, half of ninth, and tenth grade. She originates from Clarksville, Texas. She earned her B.A. from the Oklahoma College for Liberal Arts, the third college she had attended to receive it. To achieve her masters, she worked at the University of Oklahoma, Whitworth at Spokane, the University of Maryland, and received at the University of Texas at El Paso. Before becoming a counselor, she taught English for four years. She comes to Berlin with five years experience as a counselor. She likes to ski, sail, read and shop. She also enjoys art and the outdoors.

Mrs. Bodie is the new home ecology teacher. She comes from Crystal River, Florida. To earn her B.A. she attended Florida State University. She has been in Berlin since July, and says she likes Berlin. She would like to see home economics become an interesting and integral part of career education at B.A.H.S. She also would like to offer more courses such as child development, marriage and family, as well as experience in food service. She likes to swim, scuba dive, cook and travel. She also likes soaring in gliders.

PLAY TO BE SHOWN SOON

Miss Risner, the music teacher at B.A.H.S., is presenting a play called "The Me Nobody Knows". The actors and actresses are Joy Miller, Tim Hughes, Shelley Schuetze, Rosie Richardson, Toni Hassell, Dee Nelson, Betty Cunningham, Danny Haynes, and Barbara Peterson. Also very involved in the play are Ms. Pat Mathews, Steve Winlock, both from T.A.R., and our own Mrs. Okura.

The play revolved around nine kids from the ghetto and the everyday problems they face. The play will be shown Nov. 2, 3, & 4.

In addition to newspaper questions, questions about the Student Council and other school topics will be answered. Any contributions that might improve the newspaper are also encouraged, such as ideas from other school papers, or feel free to submit ideas of your own. Take advantage of these boxes. They're meant to help you.

SAVE FOR THE FUTURE

Energy conservation is something everyone hears about today. It affects all of us, here in Berlin as well as in the States. Energy resources are becoming very limited, and this problem isn't going to get any better if we continue to waste energy.

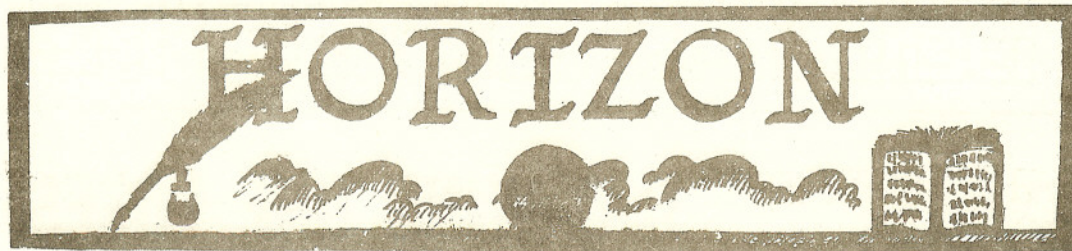
To meet the demands on energy and make our natural resources last longer, we must conserve energy now before there's no longer any energy left to be conserved. Here are some ideas people in school suggested to save energy:

1. Use public transportation whenever possible.
2. Turn off lights when not in use.
3. Carpool.
4. Dress warmly in winter so thermostats can be set at a lower temperature.
5. Turn off T.V. when not in use.
6. Bike ride.
7. Walk rather than driving.
8. Search for other sources of energy.

If everyone does their part toward conserving energy, together we can beat the energy crunch. Are you doing your part?

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WALTON'S WAR

Craig Walker

I wasn't sure as to what my algebra teacher, Mr. Walton, meant when he said, "No. You can't come in."

I looked to the windows but saw nothing.

He said, "Go on! Get away!"

He rose from his seat beside the overhead projector and strode to the windows.

Then I saw it, a large grey and black crow. It's large, boney head framed small, black marblelike eyes which stared unblinkingly into the classroom.

Mr. Walton attempted to shoo the bird away. The crow drew its head back and continued to stare. Finally Mr. Walton closed the window. The bird merely flew to the next window. Mr. Walton closed that window. The fiend fluttered to the third and final window. It to was closed. From the safety of the shut window Mr. Walton tapped the glass. The crow pecked back.

"Brave, isn't he," Mr. Walton said with a goon-natured chuckle.

The class laughed its agreement.

Mr. Walton returned to his seat and continued where he had left off, ignoring the still-staring bird.

Suddenly a boy in the rear of the room rose and flung open the window where the bird was standing. Apparently startled, the crow winged away from the building.

Mr. Walton rose and began to scold the delinquent boy when a sight outside caught his attention. He flew into action. He vaulted over his desk and strapped on his green helmet and took a firm grip on the double handles of his sub-machine gun.

I turned to the windows and saw a formation of five crows approaching over the annex. The leader was the crow that had been "scared" away before.

I hit the floor beneath my desk as the birds stretched out into a single file line. They flew through the opened window and one after another, flew over Mr. Walton who was holding his fire for a better chance.

The crows assembled into formation then power dived at the awaiting Mr. Walton. Black smoke billowed from the bird's right wing causing it to lose control and collide with the front of the desk and burst into flames. The remainder of the formation retaliated to the back of the room before beginning another sweep. Mr. Walton sprayed shots at the approaching squadron with one hand as he pulled an old radio from the bottom drawer and cranked it up. He listened into the telephone-type transceiver.

"May-day! Mayday," he said as he rattled off another score of shots. "I need reinforcements and supplies in 209. This is Walton." He hung up the Transceiver and turned his full attention to the battle.

Soon the door was flung open and a burst of cover fire sprayed the ceiling as Mr. Stowell snake-crawled behind the cover of the desk. In turn he kept the birds occupied as Mr. Chavies crawled in.

Both stripped the backpacks from their backs and began firing on the birds.

The birds had since regrouped and were beginning a new plan of action. They divided up, covering four sections of the room. Mr. Walton tagged one of the middle birds on the left wing. It made one last attempt on the three men in its death throes. Mr. Stowell took a snap shot from the hip and the Kamikaze exploded in a panorama of reds and yellows.

The three remaining birds zeroed in on the three men and attempted a controlled freefall at them. The men hit the floor and shot up at the birds.....

When the smoke cleared, five birds lay dead in different areas around the room. The three victors placed hands on each other's shoulders and sighed their relief. Students emerged from hiding and gazed in silent awe around the room.

The only sound was the falling of crumbling plaster and the muffled mirth of a boy in the rear of the classroom.

WASTED MIND

John Adkins

The problems you face in your life,
Are tearing you apart.

You've turned from people to booze and drugs,
to make a brand new start.

The hash you smoke, the bottle you drain,
The funfilled nights, the mornings of pain.
The trip you took last night is gone.

In the eyes of others, you detect your wrong.
The people who think that your mind's caught in space,
Just stare at you and greet you with a shrug.
And after you're down, you can still feel the pain.

While awaiting death's tight-gripping hug.

SONNET OF THE WINTERTIME

Marc Lewiston

The time has come for trees to shed their leaves;
For summer flowers to fade and leave their stalks;
The chilling weather seems as one who grieves
The fact that Summertime no longer walks.
The air grows cold, the animals store up food
To last them through the many weeks of snow.
The sun goes down much faster than it would
In summer, and the nights are longer now.
The summer clothes are put away at last;
The mittens, scarves, and coats are now brought out.
The birds have left to wait 'til winter's past;
The children play inside instead of out.
But think of changes that the new year will bring,
When once again the winter turns to spring.

AUTUMN

James Bregan

A mysterious spell might be sensed in the air,
As nature starts shedding its layer of summer.
Life's creatures begin readying without much despair,
For the treachery of nature's blanket of winter.
How vast and beholding is this cold and dreary season.

The nights become longer and the days much more deceiving.

In this time of dampened spirits, may nature explain the reasons, for changing summer's pleasures into a life of endless dreaming.

BEARIN DOWN ON SPORTS

BEARS SHUTOUT BUCS, 26-0

The Berlin Bears broke a 0-0 half-time deadlock in Baumholder by tallying four times in the second half to hand the Baumholder Bucs their fourth Silver Division loss, 26-0.

It was Troy Mason who broke the deadlock in the third quarter by scampering three yards for the TD. The second Berlin touchdown was very unusual. Baumholder had possession on their 42 yard line and after 39 yards in penalties, were backed down to their own three yard line. A Baumholder player then fumbled the ball in the end zone where Trevor Johnson recovered it for the score.

Fourth quarter action showed Troy Mason scoring again and Andre Harley connecting with Tommy Washer making the score 26-0, Berlin.

Troy Mason lead the Bear's attack with 100 yards in 15 carries. Scott Chapman had 17 yards in 3 carries while Junior Brooks gained 52 yards with only 5 carries. Charles Henry Mark Andrews, and Troy Mason led the Bears defensive attack.

BERLIN	0	0	12	14	-26
BAUMHOLDER	0	0	0	0	-0

MAROON OUTCLASSES WHITE

On October 4, BHS had its annual powder-puff football game as a part of Spirit Week. In this game the girls became football players and the boys became cheerleaders.

The teams were split up into two teams. The 7th, 9th, and 11th graders coached by Robert Colangelo, vs. the 8th, 10th, and 12th graders coached by Cletis Smith.

The game started slow as no one could score and each team was mauled with penalties. The white team scored two touchdowns in the first and second quarter, but they were called back due to penalties. In the third quarter the quarterback of the maroon team pitched the ball to Toni Hassell who ran 87 yards for the lone touchdown. The following play, quarterback Joyce Warren ran a quarterback keeper 3 yards for the two point conversion and put the game away, 8-0.

Standouts for the white team were Karen Spang, Kathy Balthasar, and Tracey Jamison. For the maroon team the standouts were Karen Sellers, Roni Kosevich, Toni Hassell and Joyce Warren. The final score of the game was 8-0, with the maroon team winning.

C-C WINS ONE, LOSES ONE

by Mark C. Workman

On October 6th, the Cross Country team ran against the Osterholz Blackhawks and the Hahn-Hawks here in Berlin.

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams ran to victory. Orlando Rivera, once again, took first place in the varsity race with a final time of 22:53. For the J.V. it was Jeff McCreight who crossed the finish line first after 26 minutes and 25 seconds.

The girls team did not do quite as well, however, still took a commanding second place. Christie Schleifer ran an excellent race; beating the number one Hahn and Osterholz runners by 13 and 15 seconds respectively. Her final time for the two mile course was 14:27.

TROJANS BEAT BEARS 6-0

The Berlin Bears and the Zweibrücken Trojans played a very defensive game, with the Trojans capitalizing on a Bear mistake, to come out on top, 6-0, to spoil the Bears Homecoming.

In the second quarter, with neither team able to move the ball, the Zweibrücken quarterback threw a bomb to his end for the score.

The Bears threatened to score a couple of times, but penalties and turnovers signed their defeat.

BLACKHAWKS AND HAHN HAWKS BEAT BEARS!

On the weekend of the 6th the Berlin Volleyball team hosted the Hahn Hawks and the Osterholz Blackhawks.

In the first match, the varsity played Hahn. This match lasted the full five games. The Bears won the third and fourth games of the match, with the Hahn Hawks winning game No. one, two, and five.

Next, the Bears played the Osterholz Blackhawks. This match lasted four of a possible five games, with the Bears winning the first game.

Osterholz, which is known for their incredible spikers, got the best of the Berlin Bears in the following three games as they bumped, set, and spiked their way to victory over the Berlin Bears.

The next meet, October 13, took place in the hills of Bad Kreuznach. The Bears ran a good race inspite of the acclivous course, but just could not pull off a victory. (St. John's, originally scheduled for this meet, could not attend.)

Berlin's number one runner Orlando Rivera came in a disappointing third place with a time of 23:30. Jeff McCreight repeated his performance from a week earlier coming in first J.V. with 26:14.

The girl's team won by forfeit, however, still witnessed Christie Schleifer coming in first place after 14:27.

BEARS THUMP TROJANS, 27-0

by Ron Watt

The Berlin Bears J.V. team proved once again why they're number one, by blasting the Zweibrücken Trojans, 27-0 in Homecoming action.

First quarter action showed the Bears taking a quick seven point lead, when Tyrone Parks tallied on a John Bittle pass. John Oberst kicked the extra point for the Bears. The score remained 7-0 at the half.

The score remained 7-0 until the fourth quarter, when William Harris blitzed ten yards for another Bear touchdown. John Oberst booted the extra point for the Bears. Minutes later, Ronnie Blandin intercepted a deflected Trojan pass and ran the ball twenty yards to the Trojan's ten yard line. This set up another Bear touchdown ran in by William Harris. Later in the fourth quarter, Bobby Harrell muscled his way 30 yards for the last TD of the game. Oberst's field goal attempt was good.

William Harris ran for over 100 yards, Bobby Harrell ran for 45, Steve Hill gained 20 yards, and Ronnie Blandin gained 20 yards off an interception. Tony Kirkham, Mike Short, and John Collins starred on defense.

BERLIN	7	0	0	20	-27
ZWEIBRUCKEN	0	0	0	0	-0