



Bearin' Down

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EXPAND PERSONAL

GROWTH GROUPS

The personal growth groups are groups consisting of students working under the guidance of trained counselors from various community organizations, and the High School.

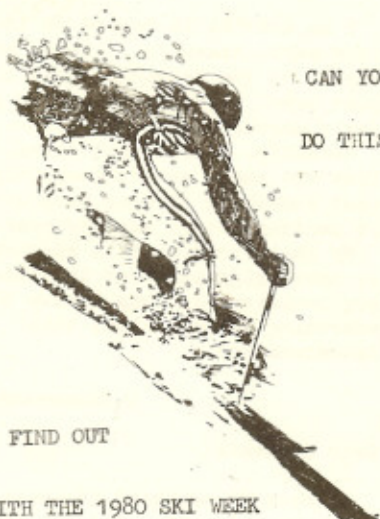
These groups each share a common goal, that of: self-understanding, identifying self-defeating behaviors, improving inter-personal relations, the setting of worthwhile goals, and optimizing functioning by eliminating self-defeating behaviors and self-crippling thinking.

At the present time there are nine groups, each consisting of between six and twelve students. Once a week these groups meet for a rap session where various topics or problems are discussed in order to help the group achieve their goals. These sessions are held in either room 106 or 210. Each personal growth group session has its meeting time announced through the BAHS student bulletin.

Mr. Payne is the coordinating counselor of this program and urges increased participation in the growth groups. This is strictly a voluntary program for those students who seek similar goals.

To sign up for participation simply speak to any of the counselors or sign up in the guidance office. New groups will be formed for the new members.

SKI WEEK PLANS ARE UNDER WAY



CAN YOU

DO THIS?

FIND OUT

WITH THE 1980 SKI WEEK

RESULTS OF ACS CAN DRIVE

The final results in the ACS Christmas can drive are the following:

Freshmen	1052
Sophomores	335
Seventh Grade	242
Eighth Grade	214
Seniors	125
Juniors	120
Total	2088

BERLIN CELEBRATES VOTEC CENTER

The Berlin American High School vocational-technical (VOTEC) center under construction by the German Construction Agency, has recently celebrated the completion of the structure's outer shell and congratulated those involved.

On Friday, January 11, at 2 p.m. the executives and construction workers involved with the building of the new VOTEC center held a formal Richtfest (roof-raising) ceremony. This was followed by a party.

The VOTEC center, located behind the cafeteria, consists of an auto craft shop and a cosmetology lab. Now that the outer shell is completed, the final completion date is to be June 1980, with a cost estima-

tion of DM 2,100,000.

The auto craft shop consists of a classroom for practical training and four maintenance bays for hands-on equipment training. The objective of the auto craft shop is to teach students how an automobile works, help students develop skills to perform repairs and develop mechanical aptitude that can be carried forward to higher development areas such as certified shop mechanics trade or mechanical engineering.

The cosmetology lab is a practical application and teaching lab on the second floor. It is intended to teach students the art of self grooming and improvement in personal health and appearance.

Would you like to go skiing with all your friends this winter? You can, with the 1980 Ski Week. The junior high school student's week takes place from Feb. 2 - 10, and the senior high school students from Feb. 16 - 24.

Students will take the duty train to Frankfurt on Saturday evening. From Frankfurt, students will take a bus to Lindau near the Austrian border. Students will stay in a German youth hostel.

Students will be able to partake in both downhill and cross country skiing, as well as swimming in an indoor swimming pool, bowling, ice skating, and games like pin ball and ping pong at the youth hostel game room.

The trip requires chaperones, so see if one of your parents would like to go. If so, speak to the Ski Week coordinator and supervisor, Mr. Coffin.

There will be a mandatory meeting of parents and students at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25. Be sure to be there and bring at least one parent or guardian with you. At this meeting, the balance of DM's will be collected. Also powers of attorney will be notarized and trip rules and other questions will be discussed.

PEP CLUB AIDS SCHOOL

The Pep Club, an organization which supports the cheerleaders, meets every other Wednesday in Room A-6. Its sponsors are Mrs. Connors and Miss Higgins.

Officers of this organization are: President, Melanie Hassell, Vice President, Carolyn Lindsay, and Secretary and Treasurer, Alicia White. These people, with the support of the Booster Club, organized a project to sell Berlin T-shirts. The project took place from Jan. 14 - 16 in the main lobby, and the T-shirts were sold for \$2.00 each. A total of 25 were sold.

Other items that are sold by the Pep Club are pens and pencils, which are engraved with "Berlin American High School", and also buttons. These items may be obtained from Mrs. Connors.

Anyone interested in joining the Pep Club is encouraged to do so. The membership fee is fifty cents, and both males and females are eligible to join.



Features



STREET TALK

If you were to tune in on AFN AM radio on Saturday morning between 9:00 and 12:00, chances are, you might hear a program called "Street Talk". This is a show in which public opinions are voiced. The host of the show is Eric Engbretson. During the week, Eric brings a tape recorder to school, to record responses of the students to the question he is asking. The questions vary, and the answers differ more than the questions. The best responses are played back on the show. Eric says he got the idea from another show on AFN.

He gets a grade for this project as he does the show as a part of his Cooperative Work Experiences, course. The others at AFN do not really down on him, but feel that it is good to get experience such as this at such an early age. Eric has asked that if he confronts you with a question, don't become shy speak up and voice your opinion.

One last note, if you're an early riser, Monday mornings between 4 and 6 you can catch the rerun of the previous Saturday's show.

AN ARTIST WITHIN OUR MIDST

Within our faculty we have a very talented artist. Mrs. Payne, an English teacher has been painting since 1977. In September of that year she took some life drawing classes from an instructor who showed her a particular kind of art called photo-collage. Since then she has worked on many art pieces all pertaining to the theme of "Openings". Both Mrs. Payne and her husband now belong to the American Art Guild which exhibits in the Hospital, Bank and AFN.

Mrs. Payne says that her paintings have provided a way for her to get to know more of Berlin and it's people.

When asked if she had a favorite painting she said they were all special and she liked them all. Mrs. Payne feels that anyone can paint if they would only try. She feels that if you want to enough, you can do almost anything.

Mrs. Payne is exhibiting some of her works at the Funkturn for the Frei Berliner Kunst Ausstellung. Later in the year Mrs. Payne will have a solo exhibition with thirty of her works.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the afternoon announcements. They are done, in a word, trashily. There are many things wrong with them. First, I object to the disturbing way that they are blurted out in the beginning. What ever happened to saying softly "May I have your attention for today's announcements?"

Secondly, in frequent cases, the announcements are not screened before they are read, and consequently they do not make sense, or they will repeat something already said or also, one might be read after the time it pertains to is already over with.

My third complaint is that of quality. The announcers can sometimes be heard giggling over the intercom or talking amongst themselves. There are occasionally long lapses of time when nothing at all is said. Can something be done about this? Let's put some class into the afternoon announcements.

A Concerned Student

Dear Student:

We have no assigned students to do the announcements but rely on volunteers to help out. The way you have presented your complaint leads me to believe you could be an excellent volunteer for reading the announcements. Care to try?

Mr. Stowell

Meteor

The latest disaster film is one that entails a calamity which will devastate the world. "Meteor" is about a giant piece of rock, five miles in diameter, that is sailing through space at the rate of 30,000 miles per hour on a collision course with earth.

Earth's only chance to survive is a satellite with 12 nuclear missiles pointing towards the USSR. With the aid of computers the missiles could be realigned to point towards the meteor. Further investigation and analysis revealed that the US satellite would not create a big enough explosion to blow up the meteor. The US needed the help of the Soviet satellite which has 16 nuclear missiles aimed at America.

After negotiations the two countries decide to combine their efforts and armaments.

As the audience sits biting their fingernails, New York is bombarded by a premature meteor. Though it was small, it managed to make a shambles of the World Trade Center and Central Park. The missiles were fired and they reached the target a day later to save the world and all on it. Brian Keith, Natalie Wood and Sean Connery starred in this movie.

BAHS Drama Club Presents: "PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD"

February 7, 8 & 9

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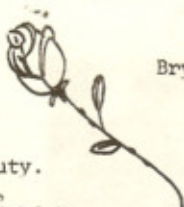
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HORIZON



THE ROSE



Bryan Reiff

Like a newborn baby,
A rosebud opens up and blooms.
Like a fireworks display,
It blossoms with exploding beauty.
Like a glamorous fashion model,
It struts around with head held high.
Like a prima ballerina,
It dances gracefully in the breeze.
Like a king among his subjects,
It stands taller than all the other flowers.
But like a clock winding down,
It loses its vitality,
And like an aging player on a stage,
It takes its final bow.

REFLECTIONS

James Bregan

I am a fortunate person
Enriched with life's golden pleasures.
Of automobiles and endless trails
That lead me astray from the truth
What is the truth that I speak of?
It is the reasons for my presence on Earth.
To live free and alive, with a fullness of
joy,
The joy of life's golden pleasures.

HIS VOICE

Joy Miller

I heard him calling last night.
I couldn't sleep.....the wind sang out our song.
His voice kept crying out.
As the rain pounded back, the remembrance.
He's leaving forever....look at all the things I've done.
The words I spoke caused him pain.
I heard him calling and I awoke, my pillow stained with
tears.
I tried to shake clear the memory, the guilt,
And piece back together.....reality.
His voice kept crying out, he's leaving forever.
But why do I care?
He's only caused me pain, he made me turn away.
He's haunting my dreams, and tormenting my days.
Yet, when he said he was leaving, I called out
His name.
Oh, God.
I heard him calling last night and I wanted to run
Back into his arms,
Leaving the coldness of yesterday behind.



*"Life is what you
make it, so SMILE"*

THE FINAL REWARD

Michele Schuetze

The curtain goes up, the faces stare.
The months of practice come rushing back in a flood.
A line is delivered, a smile from a face.
A song is sung, a tear from an eye.
An ending, not happy, but not exactly sad.
The curtain falls.
A sigh of relief, a moment of anticipation,
And then.....applause.

THE SEARCH

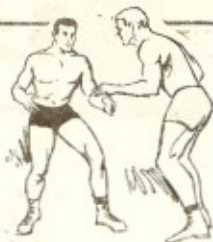
Brenda Yackel

I look within the depths, hoping that someday my
search will be over.
And I'll find the treasure that I desire.
But it's taken so long, it seems the search will
go on and on.
When I catch a glimpse of it, it sinks further out
of sight.
And with it, my hopes sink.

Well done is better than well said

BEARIN DOWN ON SPORTS

Sports Update



On January 25, the Mens and Womens Varsity Basketball team will be travelling to Karlsruhe to play the Knights in their first Conference game. GOOD LUCK!!!

This weekend, the D.Y.A. Senior League teams will be travelling to Rheim Meim.

The B.A.H.S. Wrestling Team will host Bad Krueznach, Wuerzburg, and Zweibruecken here in Berlin. The meet will be held in the highschool gymnasium.

BEARACUDAS WIN AGAIN

Veronique Alderson and Skip Sherrell set one and two records respectively, as the Berlin Bearacudas swept past the Mannheim Marlins, 245-147, in a European Forces Swim League meet here in Berlin.

Veronique Alderson set a new league long course (50-meter) mark in the girls' 15-18-year-old division, while winning the 100-meter freestyle in 1:08.3 and taking the 200-meter individual medley in 2:51.70. She also won the 100-meter butterfly where she was a tenth of a second off the mark. She also participated in two of Berlins' six relay victories.

Skip Sherrell, swimming in the boy's 15-18 year division, set a new long course mark of 2:33.9 in the 200-meter individual medley. He also won the 100-meter freestyle and butterfly events plus he participated in two relay triumphs.

Other swimmers for Berlin, were Beth Keough, who won the girls' 10-and-under 100-meter individual medley, 50-meter breaststroke, and butterfly; Charlotte Reynolds, took the 50-meter freestyle, backstroke, and butterfly; Mark Nelson captured the 13-14 boys' 100-meter freestyle and breaststroke races.



BASKETBALL BEGINS

This years Men's Varsity Basketball head coach is James Cobb. His assistant is Capt. Eric Marshall. The school sponsor is Mr. Ogden Lazenby.

Mr. Cobb is Sports Director for the American Forces in Berlin. Before leaving the service, Mr. Cobb was assistant coach under Bobby Knight (now head coach at Indiana State) at Westpoint Military Academy. After coaching at the Academy for two years, he became assistant coach at McKnee State University. After coaching at McKnee State, Mr. Cobb became head coach at a local highschool. He then joined the civil service and is now the Sports Director for Berlin. Assistant Coach for the basketball team is Capt. Eric Marshall. Capt. Marshall has been associated with B.A.H.S. basketball for three years. He coached under Crane Biberstine during the 1977-1978 season (in which Berlin placed second in the Silver Division North Conference); Richard Howe during the 1978-1979 season (in which Berlin placed third); and this year under Mr. Cobb.

So there you have it, we have two of the best coaches around-one who has coached college and highschool basketball and one who has been coaching here at B.A.H.S. for three years.

Now that you know a little about the coaches, here are the players and their positions:

WRESTLING 1980

WRESTLERS HIT THE MAT

This years head Varsity Wrestling Coach is John Chavies. Deputy Principal here at B.A.H.S. Mr. Chavies has been teaching here at B.A.H.S. for eleven years. For nine of those eleven years, Mr. Chavies was associated in one way or another with the highschool wrestling team. The remaining two years he spent officiating highschool wrestling matches. His best year as B.A.H.S. head coach was in 1974 when the Varsity team won a third place berth in their division. This year he feels that he has the talent and manpower to win first place in their division.

Wrestlers this year are: Scott Miller, Mike Phillips, Hobe Davis, John Gregory, James Triplet, James Mack, Tom Blanchard, Don Stovall, Steve Slifer, Jerry Beck, Jeff Marsh, Jim Pope, Richard Clarke, Danny Short, Mike Short, John Ashbough, Andrew Lynch, Mike Sneider, Steve Hoeffler, Pat Brogie, and Tom Grahm. This years team captains are Tom Grahm and Hobe Davies.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Cletis Smith	guard
Andre Harley	guard
David Paulson	forward
Ronald Watt	forward-center
Greg Routin	forward-center
Trevor Johnson	forward-center
Jim Batchelder	forward
Charles Henry	center
Robert Colangelo	forward
Mark Louis	guard
Bryan Frazier	guard
Peter Stein	guard
Bobby Harrell	forward