



Bearin' Down

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JR. HIGH HOLDS SPELLING BEE

The tenth annual seventh and eighth grade spelling contest was held on Monday, March 10, 1980, in the Student Union. Prizes were given to students who finished in the final four. Kim Jackson finished fourth and received Time-Life's book about Berlin. Third prize, awarded to Pat Cleaver, was a German-English Dictionary from the Cassell book company. Chris Olenik received a Thesaurus for second place. The student who won first prize was Katherine Keough. She was awarded with a Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary. Although these were the only students who won prizes, there were others who deserve credit for competing. These students are T. Collins, A. Evans, C. Flores, M. Hall, B. Hamilton, D. Kahn, R. Kehler, J. Kidwell, K. Lastra, J. Lockhart, H. McNutt, R. Mooney, H. Sasser, M. Stewart, K. Tracy, M. Uriegas, C. Wist, and A. White. The presentation of the colors was by C. Moss, D. Vara, D. Newman, and B. Couchman and Debbie Williams gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Sylvia Alexander welcomed the audience to the contest and Jeanne Linnane explained the rules. Teresa Hamilton was the moderator. The judges were Miss Tatum, Mrs. Winchester, Barbara Hunt and John Roerty. Mr. Chavies was the enunciator for the contest.

FBLA TO VIE IN WIESBADEN

by Mark Workman

The Berlin chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America is scheduled to compete in several career oriented contests. These contests aid in guiding and encouraging students interested in the business field. They are to be held in Wiesbaden on the 26th and 27th of May. There are several contests open to members as well as nonmembers, such as: Typing I/II, Shorthand I/II, Consumer Economics, Job Interview, Extemporaneous Speaking, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

Those contests open only to members include: Business Communication, the Money Management Project, Business Law, Office Procedure, Business Math I/II, Stenography I/II and Mr. and Mrs. F.B.L.A.

Anyone interested in joining the F.B.L.A. or just participating in the contests is encouraged to contact Mrs. Blum in Room 100.

FOUR BAHS STUDENTS ATTEND PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM

by Julia Howell

The four students who attended the Presidential Classroom held in Washington D.C. were Richard Clarke, April Coffin, Steve Slifer, and Mark Workman. This year Miss Okura, Miss Lindstrom, and Mr. Bluem sponsored the students. Like every year the students were chosen before a panel of judges who were members of the PTSA, Women's Club, teachers and students.

Students from all over Europe and the United States attended seminars where they discussed the function of our Government's foreign and

domestic affairs. The programs ran in a seven week cycle. The students chosen attended one of those weeks.

Upon arrival in D.C. the students registered and were put in one of the ten sections which consists of forty people. They attended lectures given by various dignitaries for example, the Deputy Director of the CIA and the General Meyers, Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Each program had different speakers to give the students a different insight. Later the students met with his or her Congressmen. They were then shown the highlights of Washington, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian.

Of the four students each felt they benefited highly from this experience.

AAFES FINDS BAHS ANSWERS

by Joan Chartier

On February 22 Cpt Joe C. Garrett and Mr. Arnost Zasio conducted a sanitation inspection of the Berlin American High School Cafeteria. The cafeteria is inspected on a monthly basis by Preventive Medicine personnel. To date, no unsatisfactory ratings have been reported.

The facility was found to be in an excellent state of sanitation. Food supplies were kept covered, all holes in the floor, walls, and ceiling were found to be properly sealed. Since the cafeteria is treated by pest control every one or two months, no insect harborage was discovered.

A visit was also paid to the TAR Elementary School Cafeteria, unannounced. It, too, was found free of any noticeable discrepancies.

The inspectors feel the high school is one of the better facilities in Berlin. They also say the management should be commended on their continued excellent sanitation practices.

The ingredients and food products sold in the cafeteria are shipped under government inspection. The food bought by AAFES is premium American food, controlled by the American Health organization. Headquarters AAFES in Munich prepares the menus. The menus meet nutrition standards given by the world health organization for young people.

AAFES prices have gone upward, in all food operations, the school cafeteria included. Adjustments are due to the value of the dollar to the Deutsch Mark. The dollar has dropped from 2.34 in February 1977 to 1.74 in February 1980. AAFES will continue to offer the lowest practical prices possible.

JSHS MEETS

By Steve Slifer

On March 6 Berlin hosted the sixth annual European Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

This is a three day seminar where High School students from all over Europe meet to present science projects of unusual and unique categories. This symposium was planned for at the beginning of the 1979-1980 school year. At that time students began submitting project titles for approval so that they could begin work. However, only the thirteen best were selected to participate.

After months of research and experimenting they convened here in Berlin. The presentations were given at the Youth Hostels, located a few miles past the Tegel Airport, where they were roomed.

There is a reason for all this work. That being, this is a competition between students to see who will win a free trip to the University of South Carolina to participate in the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium and also receive a \$500 scholarship.

The Laureate was a duo from Mannheim, Charles Chase and Connie Schoenborn. Their presentation was on the topic of, "Why Cobalt Hydroxide Sometimes Turns Brown." There were also four runners-up.

Physics and Chemistry teacher, Mr. Robert Sennett, was the Berlin Coordinator. Also, students, Hobe Davies, Carol Hanson, Jim Nelson, Brent Norum, Robert Wieland and, Ted Wugofski, acted as guides and hosts for the visiting young scientists.

B.A.H.S. STUDENT GOES TO RUSSIA

by Karen Reilly

The week of 24 February - 2 March 1980 I accompanied a tour group to the cities of Leningrad and Moscow in the U.S.S.R.

In Leningrad we visited the Hermitage museum. It was comparable in size and appearance to the Louvre in Paris, France. Also included in this portion of the tour was the famous Peter and Paul Fortress.

After three days in Leningrad we traveled to the capital city of Moscow. We learned the history of the Soviet government and the ideologies by which the Russian people live. Located in the Red Square, we saw St. Basil's Cathedral. It appears at a glance as a castle in a fairytale.

The most enjoyable part of the trip, was discovering that the Russian people live with the same desires and needs that we do.

The whole experience was surprising, intriguing, enjoyable, sad and very interesting.

STUDENTS ATTEND FESTIVALS

By Linnie Tolbert

On March 22-24, the Berlin American High School Choir and Band will participate in a Music Festival. The festival will be held in Osterholz. Directing the Chorus will be Paul McKenzie. Robert Benson will direct the Band.

On May 2-4, the Berlin American High School Choir and Band will also participate in the Career Education Festival, which will be held here in Berlin. Students from all over Germany will be participating in this event. Students from the chorus and band have already been selected and are in the process of rehearsing for the performance. Linda Dykstra will be directing the choir and band leaders from the various schools will be directing the band. Also, the B.A.H.S. choir and band will perform a number together, which will be narrated by a B.A.H.S. student.

On April 25-26 the Drama Festival will be held in Frankfurt. Drama Students from Berlin will perform a one-act play, "Stage Directions," written by Israel Horowitz. It will be directed by Robin McDonald. The drama students are sponsored by Mr. Pinschmidt.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Many people that I see and hear each day at school have negative feelings about this school. They have all sorts of complaints, ranging from the ridiculous to the extra-ridiculous. I personally feel that this is one of the best schools that I have ever attended.

Of course, B.A.H.S. is not perfect. No school ever comes close. But I see a lot of good things about this school that others don't. For instance, take the subject of vandalism. Vandalism is not a very big problem here, compared with Munich American High School, which I visited last summer. I noticed broken windows everywhere, and even more often, I noticed graffiti and writing on the walls. This writing was usually in the form of spray-painted obscenities and phrases. There were few places you could go and not see this type of thing. Another example is a small fiberglass statue of an elephant in the front courtyard. Half the elephant had been spray-painted pink, and many students felt that they needed to write their names on it. These kinds of things really make me sick, and I'm glad that Berlin AHS doesn't have a problem of that caliber.

Another good quality about Berlin is lockers. Granted, there was a shortage this year, but more are on order. Again using Munich as an example, their lockers are made of wood, not steel, and were constructed with decorative holes cut into them about 3 or 4 inches in diameter, which makes it easy to steal smaller objects from the lockers.

I also think we have a pretty good time schedule, and a lot of good teachers and administrators. Personally, I find it hard to find fault with the cafeteria food, but then, I guess I am just partial to AAFES hamburgers.

The real problem in the school is the students. They say that other students don't have any spirit. They say that they don't have good enough representatives in Student Council. Well, I say to them that it is their fault. If one doesn't take pride in one's own school, that only leaves room for discontentment. The students that do the complaining should be the ones to do something about their concerns. Sometimes it seems that they prefer sitting back and complaining rather than taking a real look at the great school we have, and trying to make it better. To those people that are working to make this school better—parents, teachers, students—I say: more power to you, great job, and keep up the good work. We need more people like you. Signed,

A student proud of Berlin American High School

TUT LIVES ON

By Cathy Jones

King Tutankhamen is well known because of his treasures which remained virtually untouched for over 2000 years. These treasures were discovered in 1922 by Howard Carter and were taken to the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

Fifty-five of these pieces are being shown in many countries before being returned to Egypt. The exhibit is now in Berlin.

Students of B.A.H.S. who were going to the exhibit attended a lecture prior to seeing the exhibit. The purpose of the lecture was to give students a better knowledge of King Tut.

One of the most famous pieces of King Tut's treasures is the gold mask, which portrays King Tut himself. Other pieces include a gold pair of earrings, a miniature coffin, a crook, and a scepter. The exhibit is a worthwhile and interesting event.

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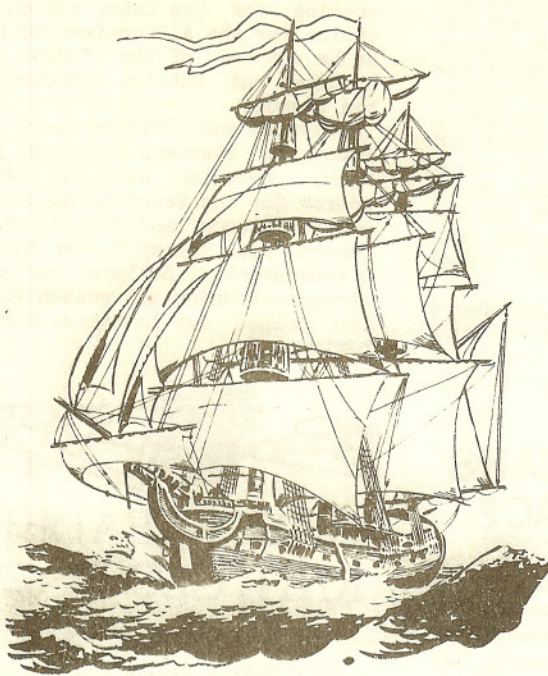
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Horizons

MEMORIES

The sea rolls up to greet him,
while a seagull soars silently overhead.
He walks down the beach staring at
boulders and rocks ahead.
His mind recalls the past;
old familiar faces flash back.
He smiles faintly at the memories.
He sees them all so clearly,
but he realizes that his mind has
played tricks on him once more. . .
Because the familiar faces
will never be here again.
Only the boulders and the rocks
are still here, he thought sadly,
as another wave broke upon a rock
sending spray overhead.

Valerie Jackson

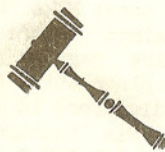


"O Captain! My Captain! our fearful trip
is done. The ship has weather'd every
storm, the prize we sought is won."

THE EXECUTION

The little boy drew nearer as the beetle scuttled to
get away. There was nothing special about this beetle,
thought the boy, no pretty colors or spots. Nothing
worth saving anyway. The little boy knelt down to
examine the beetle once more. Again he confirmed his
suspicions of the beetle being totally ordinary. The
beetle, stunned by the shadow of the boy, cast by the
late afternoon sun, sat stationary, afraid to move. The
boy stood up over the beetle and lifted his foot only
to bring it down on the beetle with a slam. Lifting his
foot, the little boy satisfied himself that his action
had proved fatal for the beetle. And somewhere God
felt another heartache - a sudden sorrow.

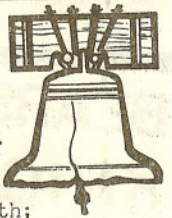
by Michele Schuetze



EPITAPH

by Bryan Reiff

A gunshot rings out—
A flower fades and dies.
A smokestack emits black, billowing death;
A man with feathers in his hair stands on a hill and
cries.
A family of nine in their car; a drunken driver;
and nine new graves are dug.
A bird soaked in oil washes ashore in Texas;
In California, a city is buried beneath a sea
of concrete by an earthquake.
A pack of cigarettes casts a knowing glance
to a bottle,
And the two of them laugh to themselves.
A National Park is a national trash dump,
And a man with feathers in his hair is still crying.
A shipment of wheat sets sail for Russia,
And millions of hungry eyes watch it go,
to see nothing return.
An aborted baby is tossed into a trash can;
An atom bomb is tested in Africa.
One match burns down an entire city block;
An airplane crashes into a residential area.
What was once an artificial sweetener
is now a cancerous killer.
Oh world, ask not for whom the bell tolls...
WARNING: THE SILENCE OF THE BELL TOLLS
THAT LIVING IS NOT GOOD TO YOUR HEALTH.
...It tolls for thee.



DALLAS '79-'80

I like the Cowboys in many ways.
Offense, Defense, and their gadget plays.
Roger the dodger can throw well.
And make a football really sail.
Springs, Dorsett, Newhouse and Laidlaw,
Can usually run a play with very little flaw.
Billy Jo Dupree is excellent for the end around.
On this play you can be assured a touchdown.
Drew Pearson is the man to throw to.
He'll always catch them and never deceive you.
Preston Pearson is Dallas' clutch man.
He gets first downs and lends a helping hand.
The offensive line makes holes
for the backs to run through.
They protect Roger so he can throw to Drew.
I've boasted on the Offense enough for the time.
Now for the Defense, which is really just as fine.
Harvey Martin likes to meet with quarterbackbacks.
And is widely known for his abundant sacks.
D.D. Lewis and the secondary really defend the pass.
They intercept and tackle while doing it with class.
Charlie Watters was hurt this
year, but he'll be back next.
That's the year the Cowboys will be best!

by Joyce Warren



ROCK AND ROLL

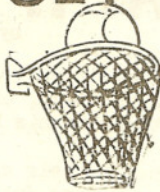
Glenn Reilly

Rock and roll is what I like,
I listen to it day and night,
Whether with friends or by myself,
I turn up my stereo that sits on the shelf.
The guitars and drums that keep the beat,
Always make me tap my feet.
I listen to jazz, I listen to soul,
But my favorite music is Rock and Roll.



BEARS UPSET KNIGHTS

By Joyce D. Warren



On March 6, 7, and 8, the Berlin girls basketball team participated in the Germany Class "B" Basketball tournaments held in Baumholder, Germany. The girls were not expected to do good, as they went into the tournaments with a 1-11 record.

Berlin faced Munich in the first game. Munich, which was favored, had to overcome a sluggish start to stop the Bears. Tracey Turner and Joyce Warren crashed the boards in the first half to help Berlin keep the game close. In the fourth quarter all hope was lost as Berlin was outscored 21-5 leaving the final score Munich 30, Berlin 27.

Roni Kosevich led Berlin with 11 points.

The next game Berlin played Karlsruhe. In regular season Karlsruhe had hosted Berlin four times. This was not to be the story at tournaments. At the end of three quarters the Bears were ahead 27-23. With six minutes left in the game Joyce Warren got three quick steals which were eventually turned into points. The final score of the game was 42-22, with Berlin on the winning end.

Tracey Turner received scoring honors with 11 points.

Their final game Berlin battled Ansbach. At the half Berlin led by six, but in the second half they could get nothing going, and took the loss and 5th place by a score of 34-20.

Leading the Bears once gain was Roni Kosevich with 11 marks.

SPORTS FIGURES ARE ANNOUNCED

By Ronald Watt

This issue's male sports figure is Cletis Smith. Cletis was a member of the Varsity basketball team. Throughout the year, Cletis was an inspiration to the team, with the winning attitude that influenced the whole team. Cletis lead the team in scoring, with a 19.8 average per game.

This issue's female sports figure is sophomore Tracey Turner. Tracey was a member of the girls Varsity basketball team. Tracey lead the girl's team in rebounds, pulling nine rebounds per game. Tracey was also a key scorer on the team, getting nine points per game. During the girls tournaments in Baumholder, Tracey averaged 9.5 points per game and had an average of 8.5 rebounds.

MEN TAKE 4th IN CLASS "B"

By Cletis Smith

The mens' varsity basketball team travelled to Baumholder during the week of March 6, 7 and 8th, to participate in the Class "B" Basketball Championships.

In the first game the Bears were up against A stubborn Patch Panther team that rallied in the fourth quarter but fell short 1 point to A Bear defense that never say die by A score of 54-53. Andre Harley led the Bears attack with 16 points, Cletis Smith followed with 15 markers, and Ron Watt controlled the offensive and defensive boards with 17 rebounds.

In the second game, the Bears was not as fortunate as they went up against A hungry Ansbach Cougar team. With the score 30-30 at the end of the first half, the Cougars changed their defensive strategy, and held the Bears to A 7 point 3rd quarter as the Cougars went on A shooting spur, to defeat the Bears by A score of 67-53. Smith led the Bears with 22 points, Harley followed with 19 while Watt pulled down 16 rebounds.

In the consolation game, the Bears were defeated by the Baumholder Bucs by a score of 65-54. Smith took game honors with 26 points, Harley followed with 17.

WRESTLING BEARS PIN 4th PLACE

By Tracey Turner

This year, the Berlin Bears Wrestling team travelled to Munich for the Germany class B tournament. The competition was tough, as usual, but the Bears still managed to place fourth overall in the Class "B" regionals with a total of 45 points.

Throughout the season, the Bears have done very well. Some of the outstanding wrestlers were: Mike Phillips, 10, who remained undefeated throughout the entire regular season. He managed to place third overall in Germany (B division) in the 112 weight class. His tournament scores were, 4-1, 10-2, 0-5, 7-0 and 8-3. Tom Graham, too, had an outstanding wrestling season. He also placed third in his weight class with 6-2, 6-8, 7-2, 3-2, and 4-0.

"I think we had a very good team this year," Mr. Chavies said. Chavies continued, "Everyone worked hard throughout the season and the team did very well. The people who went to tournaments did a good job and those who will return next year will be a good core for a winning team. All we need is for more people to come out for wrestling next year."

Indeed the wrestlers did do well. Hopefully next year they'll place first.

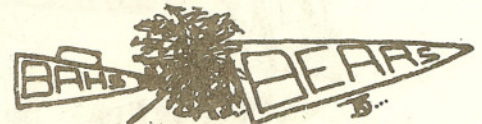
BERLIN HAS FOUR PLAYERS CHOSEN FOR A-C

David Paulson

The Berlin American High School had four basketball players chosen for All-conference in the Silver Division North. Cletis Smith and Andre Harley represented the men's team, while Roni Kosevich and Karen Sellers were chosen for the women. Smith was also chosen to represent Berlin in the Class B All-tournament team.

Smith, a starter for two consecutive years, led the Bear men in scoring throughout the season, and had the high game for the year with 35 points against Karlsruhe. Harley, also one of the leaders in scoring for the team, was an easy choice for the All-conference team, as he was one of the finest ball handlers and outside shooters in the league.

Kosevich and Sellers were both returning starters from last years team. Kosevich was the leading scorer for the Bears throughout the entire season and shared scoring honors with Tracey Turner in Class B tournaments. Sellers, was a very strong rebounder all season and often helped out in the scoring department.



CHEERLEADERS RATE CLOSE 2nd

By Karin Turner

This year's second semester were divided into two squads. Squad I consisted of Trisha Lindsey and Mina Buenviaje as captain and co-captain, and Rachel Mueller, Kathy Sans and Helen Spiller as members. Laurie Barsh, Lisa Butiak, and Debbie Mitzel made up Squad II with Joanne Biron and Chatty Casev as captain and co-captain. Our bear was Rene Verret.

Throughout the season our cheerleaders performed excellently choreographed half-time routines, that executed the skill of building human pyramids.

At the class "B" Basketball tournaments, there was also a competition held for class "B" cheerleaders. Each of the cheerleaders was entitled to one vote in which to choose the best cheerleading squad of the eight competing. The girls rated each other on ability, uniformity, sportsmanship and appearance. Our cheerleaders came in at a close second place by a difference of 1 pt.