

Students Die by Dart Gun Fun at BAHS

GAME APPEALS TO BERLIN'S KILLER INSTINCTS

by Suzanne Wood

It's dark, and our hero is alone. Suddenly, a twig snaps, and he wheels around, whipping his gun out, but he is too late. The killer fires once, and our hero is dead. The killer walks away; a new target in mind.

This scenario is being played out quite a bit in Berlin as BAHS students join a national craze, and play Assassin. Sometimes called Killer, this game of survival is usually played in colleges, but is becoming more and more popular in high schools.

The object of the game is simple; to kill everyone else playing with rubber-dart guns. Though this sounds chaotic, Assassin is very organized.

The judge of a game gets registration fees and information about the player from anyone interested. Next, the judge hands back cards, giving each player someone else's information. The player then "stalks" a victim, trying to catch him alone (although rules vary from place to place, Berlin's rules state that

there can be no witnesses). Upon killing a victim, the murderer is assigned a new victim. The winner is the only one left living, and he wins all of the money collected (minus a 5% cut for the judge).

Games can take as long as a year, and though many college winnings go as high as \$2500, stakes at BAHS have not been more than \$30.

There are at least two games going on in Berlin presently, each with a membership of 10-20 players. The actual numbers are not known, as the judge keeps that secret. Also secret are the names of players so no one is sure just who is after him.

Administrators in the country take different views on the game. Some say that it only encourages violence. Other officials contend that it promotes meeting people, and some are so enthusiastic that they play it themselves. Its effect on Berlin students remains to be seen. Maybe it will just die out. Meanwhile, don't walk alone.

Music Department Presents Fall Concert

by Chris McAnallen

On Wednesday, November 4, 1981 at 7:30 p.m., the Music Department of Berlin American High School presented an Autumn Concert entitled "A Harvest of Music."

Mrs. Payne's seventh and eighth Chorus proved to the audience that the younger choir had just as much spirit and enthusiasm, if not more, as the Senior High Chorus. They did this through their outstanding renditions of "Who Says I Can't Read Music!" and "Scatter the Joy." Before they took their final bow, they enchanted the audience with the ballad "Little by Little." The Accompanist for the Seventh and Eighth Chorus was Hae-Joung Shin, a seventh grader here at Berlin American High School.

The intermediate band, directed by Mr. Risner, contributed to the atmosphere of the evening by performing three pieces of music outstandingly well.

The Concert Choir, directed by Mrs. Payne, then serenaded the audience with their first two songs on the program. As they prepared for their final aria, they discovered that there was a problem with the piano and "Our Love" was done a capella.

The Concert Band showed their outstanding abilities when they performed for approximately ten minutes doing three well-selected pieces of music. This band was also directed by Miss Risner.

The final number was performed by both the Concert Choir and the Concert Band for a "Pre-Thanksgiving" greeting, "Now We Thank All Our God."

CLUB PLANS 82

by Eric Salahub

On the 11th of November a group of about 30 adventurous students under the supervision of Mr. Stowell, Mr. Morgan, and Mrs. Gyax went on a trip to East Berlin. The students left at about 9 o'clock by bus and returned about 12 hours later after eating dinner in the East. The trip cost only 50 East Marks.

This was only one of the many exciting activities the club plans to sponsor this year. Some of the other activities which are planned are sailing, scuba diving, skiing, bicycling, camping, and various trips. To get more information contact Mr. Stowell. To become a member of the club simply attend one of the activity meetings or sign up for any activity.

Bearin' Down

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NEW PLAY LIGHTS DRAMA YEAR

by Betty Barnhart

The Drama production Bell, Book and Candle which was performed 13, 14 and 15th of November at Andrews Theater was a great success.

This play was a remake of a play starring Rex Harrison as lead and a movie starring Jack Lemmon as the leading actor. This movie will be coming to AFN the 20th of this month.

It concerned a witch who used her powers to create a romance between her and her neighbor. The crisis occurred when the hero discovered that he's been tricked. The ending was a surprise to everyone.

The cast included Mike Beech, Carol Hobbs, Beth Koon, Vincente

New V.P. Elected

By Kim Berg

Elections were held for the position of student Council Vice-President.

Tom Hesse, the former Vice-President, was moved up to the president. Elections were held on Friday November 6 to fill the Vice-President spot.

The candidates for the position were Grace Soltys, Jeanne Dansereau, and Suzanne Wood. The ballots were given to all the first period teachers and were handed out while students were listening to the candidates over the loud speaker. The ballots were counted during the day and the winner was announced by Tom Hesse at the end of the day.

The election was very close and the new Vice-President of the Student Council is now Suzanne Wood.

Lingner, and Larry Speer.

The club also sold coke and other goodies during the intermission at all three performances.

There are plans for another production in the Spring. The members are hoping to attend the DODSEUR Speech and Drama Festivals which will also be held this Spring.

The Drama Club invites all those who are interested in the upcoming activities to come on out and join The Drama Club.

U of M in Munich Hosts College Day

by Jennie Felker

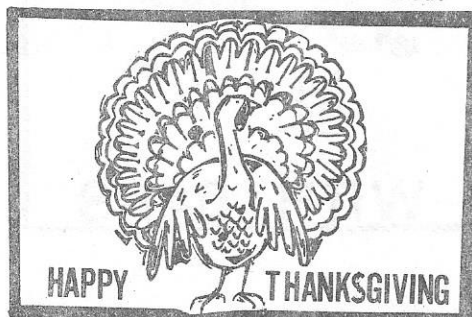
University of Maryland, Munich Campus, sponsored a College Day and Open House November 11, in Munich. All those eligible for USAREUR logistical support and who are interested in a freshmen - sophomore program of study were invited.

The day began with an opening welcome, by Dean McMahon, and refreshments of Bavarian pastries and fruit. Following this, tours of the Campus and orientation sessions were offered Prospective applicants were then given the opportunity to attend any two of the 25 regularly scheduled mid-day classes, ranging from Zoology and Botany to Law Enforcement and Government to Literature of Fantasy and Concert & Opera in Munich.

Also included in the day was a luncheon with entertainment provided by several U of M students. Entertainment, from the "Munich Campus Showcase," consisted of performances by soloists and the band, "The Gift of Four."

The Munich Campus program offers the first two years of University study in four major areas of concentration: Arts and Humanities Social and Behavioral Sciences, Natural Sciences and Math, and Business.

It also offers cultural activity programs of field trips, museum and theater visits, and educational tours.



Features



Win a trip to Denmark

by Yhoshekia Loftin

Have you ever dreamed of walking through beautiful gold fields and flowered countrysides, historic old castles, and lying under the warm blue skies? Do you like parties and big celebrations? Do you enjoy meeting happy, new peoples and eating new foods? Now you have the opportunity to do these and many more, all free! It's all waiting for you at Denmark. All you have to do is submit a prize-winning essay.

Your essay must have the theme of the U.S. and Denmark through the ages. It must be approximately two-thousand words long and only juniors are eligible for this contest sponsored by the Rebild program, designed to further U.S./Denmark relations. The winner(s) (the no. of winners is not certain yet, consult Mr. Benson) will participate in a large 4 July celebration in Denmark next year (1982). Entries are due by the end of first semester. All essays should be sent to Mr. Bob Lychnis, Dodds North, in Wiesbaden or Mr. Benson.

YOU CAN HAVE MOUNTAINS OF FUN

by Diana Pederson

Yes folks-it's time once again to pull out your woolen underwear and strap on those skis! It's the annual Berlin American High School ski trip! During the weeks of 23-31 January (7th, 8th and 9th grade) and 30 January through 7 February, (9th through 12th grade), the group will be traveling by luxurious duty train and motorcoach to the atmospheric alps of Austria, where they will spend one whole week snowplowing, paralleling, and jumping mogels.

Sound exciting? It is! The price is about 350DM for 3 hearty meals a day, a spacious room shared with a few other buddies, and mountains of fun! If this trip is similar to previous ski weeks, the day will start at about 6:00 AM, with a wholesome meal just before commuting to the slopes. The day will be spent skiing and sunning with your friends. Evening entertainment may include ice skating and swimming. These facilities are within walking distance of the lodge. If you're interested in skiing with BAHS, sign up for the 7-8-9 grade ski trip will be during break on 2 December and for the 9-12 grades, 3 December during break. A 50DM deposit must be made on these dates.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

First off let us say the paper does an excellent job, but we have found a few small discrepancies that could effect the self-confidence of a few of your readers.

For example, in your last issue and some issues before you made statements to the effect, "leading the cheers was J.C. Cleary." We will be the first to agree that J.C. leads most of the cheers, but you failed to recognize the 57 other people who yelled with him. We'd like to see how exciting one home football game would be without "The Band"!

We had a Harvest Concert on November 4, and the paper advertisement only recognized the Chorus. It was a trio concert, the Chorus, Intermediate and the Concert Bands.

All we ask is a little more support from our peers and correct advertisement in "Bearin' Down".

Sincerely, Butch Reed and Renée Wilburn.

Butch and Renée,

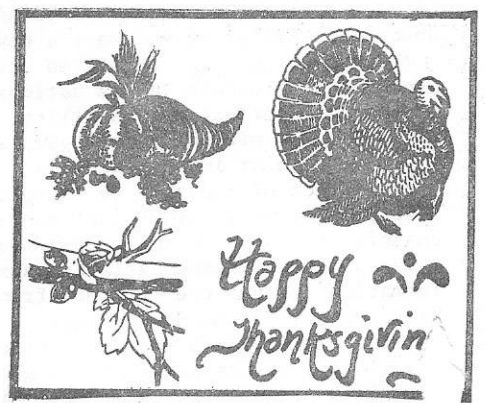
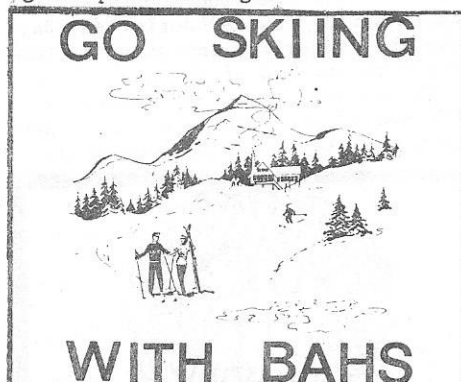
Thank you for your letter. I feel that the band does deserve more recognition and they will find it in this issue of "Bearin' Down" on the front page. I apologize to the most spirited organization in our school. If you have any comments or questions, please write me a letter and drop it off in Room 103. Thank you for your support.

The Editor.

NJHS Starts to plan this year

by Maite Mendiola

The NJHS is made up of a small number of outstanding students from seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. These students must have a grade point average of 3.2 during a whole two-semester year. Seventh grade does not have any members in the National Junior Honor Society yet. The first induction will be on February 24, 1982, and will be held in the Student Union. The officers of the NJHS were elected by the members of this organization. They are Cheryl Dearing, president; Eric Salahub, vice president; Elizabeth Wood, secretary; Howard Gammel, treasurer, and Brian Wacter, Student Council representative. To continue to be a member of the NJHS, the student must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.



BEAT THE RAF

Debbie Stowell and Beth Koon

Are you bored with your life? Do you need some excitement? Are you looking for a hero? Most importantly do you need someone to Rap with? Well, we feel we have just the man (well, almost). He's done everything, worked for a famous publications class, won the Mr. Shorthand of the year award, and he's also a ball bouncing JOX. he's R.W. Jr. ! With a few tips from the chicks who "hang out" in the Frankfurt Bahnhof, you can break R.W. Jr's cold heart and win him over.

First of all, you must be able to gyrate your hips from one side of the Bahnhof to the other. And when R.W. Jr. gets near you and whispers sweet nothings (nothing is exactly what it is) in your ear, he should be able to hear the hallow echo of his store bought words taken straight from the book on the "Art of Rapping." (Written by R.W. Jr.)

For those of you who are depressed and feel he ignores you, because every time you say hello he just walks on past don't worry it's not your fault he has problems seeing You see between his high flying nose and those dark shades, its impossible to see anyone or anything.

One trick that might come in handy for all you R.W. Jr. fans is to ignore him. Don't look like your interested in him, act sophisticated who cares if you not he'll never know the difference.

If you're looking for him, but are having problems finding him just look up in the sky, above the clouds and some where up in the great beyond, you'll find the tip of his nose. After all it is R.W. Jr. we are talking about.

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Outlook

Why Thanksgiving??

Why do the Americans on a certain day;
Why do the Americans of the U.S.A.,
Sit down to a meal and eat for an hour;
And talk about ships like the "Mayflower"?
Why do they consume turkeys, fresh produce in style;
And count their blessings for a short while?
They feast and feast till they can eat no more;
Then complain their stomachs are sore.
They speak of a special "Plymouth Rock",
The place where their "Mayflower" came to dock.
On a new land, Their claim they settled;
And where they bravely proved their mettle.
'Twas the last Thursday in the month of November;
One all Americans are sure to remember.
The year was 1863;--
When this great holiday came to be,
They continue to celebrate this tradition today,
With bowed heads to God they pray.
For continued good bounty, this land of the poor,
Of much good food, in nature's plentiful store.
This important event, titled "Thanksgiving",
Year after year, Americans keep re-living...

Jeanne A. Dansereau
Grade 11

EVERGREEN

The soft crisp mornings
And the brisk autumn air
Fill the horizons with love
For those who come to share.
Yet time always passes
And the trees soon stand bare
The seasons constantly changing--
But the love forever there.

by Mark Lewis
Grade 12

Farewell Dear Friend

On the day of the turkey,
We all feel so sad,
We all draw together
And say, "That's too bad."

Our dear friend the turkey,
Is such a noble bird
And on this day of mourning,
We say a final word.

Goodbye our friend; we love you,
We're sad to see you go.
You'll always be in our hearts and minds,
As far as the stuffing goes!

by The Turkey Team
Grade A

Thanksgiving Spirit

'Twas long ago when fall began,
When winter winds commenced to sing,
The Pilgrims from Great Britain ran,
To escape the power of the king.

They harkened to the new found lands,
They hastened forth across the sea,
Over oceans in ships well manned,
The New World now answered their plea.

With Indian help they flourished,
They thanked the Lord they were living,
They held a feast to be nourished,
They called this great feast Thanksgiving.

by Erik Brush
Grade 11

An American Thanks

A family sits quietly down to dinner.
The table is set with crystal and silver.
Candlelight enhances the dining room.
Father mumbles a blessing and picks up his fork.
Like lightning, four sets of limbs
Grab at stuffing, turkey, peas, and cranberry sauce.
For the next hour forks never touch the table.
Not a word is spoken,
Because mouths are too busy grinding.
After each party has consumed a portion
Large enough for a cow, yet fit for a king--
Complaints are exchanged about how full each feels.
A few excuse themselves to down
A glass of Antacid to calm their indigestion.
For dessert is now being served.

by Grace Soltys
Grade 12

We Give Thanks

We thank our friends the Pilgrims,
Who brought this happy day,
And taught us to be thankful,
In each and every way.

We thank the Indians also,
Who brought us corn and help,
Especially when the Mayflower
Was tied up in up in the kelp!

Thank you Founding Fathers,
You brave and noble souls.
We all will follow your leadership,
And strive to reach our goals.

by The Lone Poet
Grade Unknown

A Dying Season?

November is the month of change.
The weather, for one: bringing wind and rain.
The leaves change colors and fall to the ground,
While squirrels gather nuts and scurry around.
As the last little bird flies south from his nest,
The bears prepare for their long winter's rest.
The children wear sweaters and coats are zipped up,
And when hot cocoa is served, they each get a cup.
By the end of the end of the month, when the trees
are all bare,
Our country gives thanks for all that they've shared.
As the sounds of clocks ring out twelve times,
November ends with the midnight chimes.

by Cheryl Dearing
Grade 9

HOPE YOU HAVE A
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!



Sports

THE ATHLETES OF THE ISSUE

by: Russell Walton, Jr.

It is time again to recognize the outstanding Berlin American High School athletes.

One male nominee is Tomotaka Cato qualified for finals at a regionals meet at FIS, placing third with a time of 24:22 on a 4.2 mile course. At Heidelberg, where the finals were held, Tomotaka placed fourth out of 68 with a time of 22:19.

David Bryant, another cross-country runner also qualified for final, getting 8th place and a time of 22:5..

The other male nominee is James Triplett. James is a Varsity football player, who has been chosen to attend the All-Star Blue Chip Football Camp, to be held in Munich over the Thanksgiving weekend.

BEAR-A-CUDAS MAKE 3rd KILL

by Dennis Patton

On the weekend of the 31st of October, the Berlin Bear-A-Cudas won their third swim meet. Against the Hahn Seahawks, the Bear-A-Cudas scored an overwhelming score of 345-53. This was the first home meet of the Berlin swimmers, and they took easily to the newly renovated, Andrews pool.

Dominating nearly all events, the Bear-A-Cudas proved their consistent strength and endurance towards the sport of swimming.

Outstanding swimmers on the team that took double first places were; Didi Stowell of the 15-19 age group, Christine Cox and Sally Shoup of the 13-14 age group, and from the 11-12's, there was Jeff Edleman.

Other swimmers that took single titles were, Kelly Murphy, Dennis Patton, Jerry Rettie, Cathy Speer and Bryan Duckett.

The Baumholder Bucs Blanked The Bears,

by Sam Anderson

On October 31, the Berlin Varsity football team went up against the Baumholder Bucs, this game was of more importance than the last contest the two teams had, this meeting was for the AA North championship, they placed second by beating the Osterholz Blackhaws 10-6, with Bryan Frazier scoring a touchdown and a fieldgoal, all of the Berlin points. The J.V. also won their game by a score of 32-16 which lifted them to a respective first place in the AA North Conference. The J.V. game was not held on account of circumstances beyond control.

Remember the last time Berlin played Baumholder, the Bucs came out victorious by a score of 34-0. In the second meeting the Bears lost by 41 the score being 41-0.

One of the female nominees, Evelin Cruz, a member of the volleyball team made many saves and served well throughout the tournaments held here to be selected to the All-Tournament Squad.

Karen Kohn and Tracey Turner were voted as All-Conference picks with consistent all around play throughout the season.

This issue's male winner is TOMOTAKA CATO of the cross-country team.

This issue's female winner is TRACEY TURNER of the volleyball team.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON ENDS

by: Ron Watt

The Fall Sports season has come to a close for 1981. Berlin did very well this past season in all sports.

The Football teams, Varsity and J.V., both had successful seasons this year. The Varsity team, three and three in league play, played very well against stiff competition and gave us fans many an exciting game. The team proved to be a home crowd pleaser, winning all of its home games, but unfortunately they dropped all of their away games. The team had many outstanding guys who deserve a lot of recognition. On offense, Bryan Frazier, Matt Dover, John Cervantes, and Jim Triplett were outstanding. On defense, Tony Parham, Aaron Owens, John Cervantes, and Jim Triplett sparkled all year.. Triplett was rewarded for his hard efforts with the honor of being selected to the Blue Chip All-Star Football game. J.V. also had a successful season, coming in first place in their division. All year long, Tyrone Worlds, George Moffitt, and William Powell shined.

The Volleyball teams had an even better season with both the Varsity and J.V. teams coming in first place in their conference. The Varsity team dominated their league, but suffered a setback at Tournaments, losing to Baumholder. The team had to settle for third place overall. The team placed two of its players on the All-Tournament team. They were Evelin Cruz and Trisha Lindsey. Karen Kohn and Tracey Turner were the team's All-Conference selections. Other outstanding players were Susan Setzer and Elizabeth Waldrop. The J.V. team lived up to its motto, "We are Winners," winning most of their matches. Robin Durden, Diana Pederson, Yoshiekia Loftin, and Marsha Spong were outstanding J.V. players on the team.

The Cross Country team hosted a crop of talented male and female runners. Both teams ran against

stiff AAA and AA competition. David Bryant, a junior, placed well all season long, coming in first for Berlin at several meets. Tomotaka Cato, a much welcomed newcomer, is a sensational runner and overall athlete. Bryant and Cato qualified for the All-European Cross Country Finals. Outstanding female runners were Tonya Pelz, Tracey Feldman, and Kim Berg.

Berlin Takes 3rd in 1981 V-ball Tourn.

by Tracey R. Turner

On October 30th and 31st, Berlin American High School hosted the 1981 DODDS North AA Division Championships. Five Schools were invited to Berlin to find out which team would come out on top.

The teams which were included in the tournament were Bitburg, Baumholder, Zwickbrücken, Osterholz, Hanau, and, of course, the host team, the Berlin Bears.

The first day of the tournaments went smoothly for the Bears. Trisha Lindsey, a Senior here at Berlin High, held the team together with both verbal communication and her well placed spikes. Evelin Cruz added to the success of the team with her fire-ball serves and spectacular saves. The team finished the day as the first placed team in their pool.

Both Osterholz and Hanau were knocked out of the round robin tournament in the first day of competition.

The following day's matches were to determine which team would travel to Heidelberg to compete for the DODDS Germany Championship.

The Bears met with the Baumholder Bucs in their first match of the day. The outcome of that match severely hurt Berlin's standing in the tournament. By losing to the Bucs, Baumholder was sent to the finals.

Next Berlin met once again with the Bitburg Barons. Berlin's team quickly pulled themselves together after their upset and came back to stomp the Barons and take 3rd in the DODDS AA North Championships.

Zwickbrücken, lead by Senior Veronica Hart, took the Championship for the 3rd consecutive year.

Trisha Lindsey and Evelin Cruz were both named to the All-Tournament team for their excellent efforts throughout the entire tournament. Tracey Turner and Karen Kohn were named to the All-Conference team. Veronica Hart, of Zwickbrücken, was named to both the All-Conference team and the All-Tournament team and was recognized as the Most Valuable Player for the tournament.

Overall, the 1981 Volleyball Season was one of the most successful Berlin has ever had. The team finished their Conference Season with a first place record for their division.

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