

# Bearin Down

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## Class Officers Elected

by Cyndie Duckett

On Friday, Sept. 10, elections were held for class officers. This year we will have some excellent class officers. Laura Morgan will be our senior class president while Marcia Spohn and Beth Deasy took vice president and secretary/treasurer respectively. Laura is enthusiastic and will do a fine job as president.

Sylvia Alexander was victorious in the election for junior class president. Erin Rejzek will be the junior vice president and Laura Greenwalt secretary/treasurer.

The sophomore class officers will be Cheryl Dearing, Sam Anderson and Wendy Felker took president, vice pres. and sec./treas. respectively.

Scott Koon is this years freshman class president. Scott's assistants are Jeff Lockhart as vice president and Debbie Ambuel as sec./treas.

Jeff Hoss, Josh Sexton and Perry Grunewald are the 8th grade class officers.

William Yancey, Eddie Bell and Carlyle Norman are the 7th grade class officers.



## Old & New Welcomed

by Elizabeth Waldrop

On September 7th the entire school gathered at the gym for a "Welcome Back" assembly. The ceremony started off with Mark Millen, the Student Council President, greeting both the old and new students to BAHS. He then proceeded to introduce the other SC officers: Tim Felker - Vice President, Elizabeth Waldrop - Secretary, and Laurie Barsh treasurer.

Next he introduced our principal Dr. Jack. After a warm welcome, Dr. Jack continued with stating some of the changes in rules and regulations of this year's Parent-Student Handbook. The assembly ended with best wishes from Dr. Jack and the faculty.

## Computers Come to BAHS

By Didi Stowell

A new computer system was installed at BAHS this summer at the cost of 28,000 DM to automate student attendance, discipline, class scheduling and report cards. The new Apple computer, located in the attendance office, is far more sophisticated than the normal Apple home computer, even though it must still get ride of those readmit slips.

The hard disc storage device has 5.7 mega bites, that's 5.7 million letters or numbers stored on its spinning tracks. The printer can print 200 characters per minute. It can also print backwards and forwards.

So far it has accomplished the class list, attendance cards, a file for each student and a few others. Mr. Stowell and Mr. Conway are the programmers and they have decided to put the report card procedures on the computer, so if you don't like your grades you know where to complain.

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## English Department Plans Trip to England

by Kenda Hehn

The English department of BAHS is sponsoring an educational field trip to England. Beginning on Nov. 4, Mr. Pinschmidt and Mr. Schmoll will be taking approximately 40 students and chaperones to visit Shakespearean England.

The 9-day trip will include two days in Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford upon Avon, excellent seats for live performances of *Macbeth* and *Taming of the Shrew* by the internationally acclaimed Royal Shakespeare Theatre, and a combined gallery and back stage tour of the theater, and an in-depth guided tour of the Shakespearean properties including his Birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, and Holy Trinity Church, where he now lies.

Also in the tour package are tours of the famous and historic university town of Oxford and the beautiful Cotswold Hills and, as an added bonus, two days in London with tours to The Tower of London, the British Museum, and Westminster Abbey, a day trip to Stonehenge, and a visit to Canterbury.

At a price of approximately \$335 per person, the itinerary is pretty well packed to help give the students an interesting approach to literature and history, and is specially designed to complement the students' previous studies of Shakespeare. There will be pre-trip lectures on the history of London and Stratford landmarks, English villages, and the British Museum, and pre-trip lectures on *Macbeth* and *Shrew*. (Each student going must read both.)

## 5 Teachers Arrive

by Peter Boatner

This year there are five new faces among the faculty at BAHS.

In the guidance office is Mrs. Jeanne Tiberghien, who comes from Fairfield, Ohio. She has 18 years experience as a teacher, and attended Miami University.

The new choral teacher is Louise Cleveland. Mrs. Cleveland played with last year's chorus on several occasions, and has taught in Charleston, S.C.

Mr. Lindsay, the band teacher, taught in Holland before coming to Berlin. He comes originally from Los Angeles.

Lesley Dunkle is the new English teacher. Her teaching experience includes 3 years teaching English in German schools.

Merrill Bryner, down in the gym, is a native of Utah. He attended Weber State, and taught previously in Price, Utah.



## B.A.H.S. Gets New Look

by Rod Kennard

As some of the more astute students of our beloved school may have noticed, the old halls and campus are not quite the same as last year.

The lockers have been repainted inside and out in contrasting colors. A new patio has been put in beside the cafeteria, complete with picnic tables and shrubery areas. The football field has again been resurfaced and new versatile chalkboards have been installed in the classrooms. The cost of all these renovations? DM 400,000.

When asked how we could keep our school looking good, Mr. Stowell said that the outside of the lockers and painted walls should be kept free of stickers, posters, etc., although the inside of the lockers can be decorated. The tile walls in the stairways can also be used for campaign posters and advertisements of school activities.

For the future, a student store will be built somewhere on campus, housing different types of snacks and school supplies. Also on the drawing board, but still tentative, is a fine arts building and an addition to the gym.





# Features

## Newspaper Completed

by Cheryl Dearing

The BAHS publications class of 82-83 is proud to announce the completion of the first issue of Bearin' Down. Though there were plenty of complications, the class managed to pull through and meet the final deadline.

The class is considering many new possibilities for this year's paper. The cartoon at the bottom of this page, by Tim Felker, will be one of several to appear in future issues.

If you have questions, ideas, or comments that you would like to have printed and commented on, drop them off in room 103 to be put in the "Letters to the Editor".

The class is also considering adding an advice column this year, so if you need any advice about school, home, or whatever, drop off a letter in room 103.

## Behind the scene

by Marcella Jones

The movie E.T. has become a box office smash, since it has come out in June. Everyone has flocked to see the science fiction movie. Dolls, games, and comic strips are spreading. As you all know we were supposed to get the film shipped to Berlin, but were having some difficulty obtaining the film. The schedule date was September 11. The film will be here after the Christmas holidays maybe around the beginning of next year.

## HOMEROOM system exercised at BAHS

by Carrie Abel

Would you like to know how people around you feel about having homerooms? Well, here is your chance.

Staci E. "I like homeroom because I like to get myself together before first hour."

Kim G. "No, I don't like it."

Angela T. "I don't like it."

Rebecca S. "I like it because I can read books."

Tammie K. "I like it because I like to talk to my friends."

Fred B. "I don't like it."

Sue J. "I like it, but the announcements should just be over the P.A. system."

## EXPERIENCE CRETE

by Andrea Dedman

If you're new in Berlin and looking for some place to go, that's relaxing, warm and economical, Crete is the place for you. Crete is one of the Greek Islands in the Mediterranean Sea. The weather is always pleasant, but it is most comfortable in early fall, or late spring. Many of the Berlin travel agencies offer reasonable priced packaged deals, which include air fare, hotel and some meals. When looking into hotels, you will find they range from the moderately priced family style, to the more luxurious hotels. Main attractions, are its beautiful beaches, which are within every hotel's reach. Other main attractions in Crete are: The capital Iraklion Knossos (the four thousand year old ruins, from the palace of King Minos) and many picturesque villages. Be sure to try many of the Greek dishes, they are not only delicious, but they are reasonably priced... Also be sure to pick up a few souvenirs while you are there.

## First Impressions

by Sean Toner

When appraising the quality of this school, which has changed a great deal over the summer, it was necessary to get unbiased opinions. Therefore, some of the new students were interviewed about their feelings about BAHS.

The facilities received the most praise. The new bathrooms and the overall appearance of the campus were ranked superior. Also rated highly was the media center. Something which impressed the students quite a bit was the quality of the P.E. equipment.

Most of the students interviewed made good comments about the faculty. They reported that the counselors were friendly and the teachers were competent.

The consensus of the new students is that BAHS truly is the "Taj Mahal of DoDDS," as Dr. Jack said Tuesday.

However, no school is flawless. There were a few complaints about the crackdown on tardies and absences.

## CONCERTS

by Rose Hanson

-Peter Maffey-price(25 DM)-date (4, Sept.)-place(Waldbuhne)-time(8:pm)

-Joe Cocker-price(22 DM)-date(27, Sept.)-place(Metropol)-time(9:pm)

-Mike Oldfield-price(15,18,21,24, 27,30 and 32DM)-date(1,Oct.)-place (Deutschland Halle)-time(8:pm)

-Cliff Richard-price(20,24,28,30, 33, and 36 DM)-date(11, Oct.)-place (Icc-Saal)-time(6:pm)

-Marlboro Country Music Festival-price(10 DM)-date(24, Oct.)- place (Metropol)-time(6:pm)

-American Folk Blues-price(15,18,20, 22,and 24 DM)-date(8, Nov.)-place (Idk)-time(8:pm)

-The Dubliners-price(14,17,20,22,24, 26,and 28 DM)-date(9, Nov.)-place (Philharmonie)-time(8:pm)

-Rainbow-price(22 DM)-date(9, Nov.)- place(Deutschland Halle)-time(8:pm)

-Joan Jet and the Black Hearts-price(18 DM)-date(17, Nov.)-place (Metropol)-time(9:pm)

## Heavyweight Champs of the WORD

by Tim Felker

In the never ending quest to find something printable, a Bearin' Down reporter conducted this absurd and useless survey for your reading pleasure. Students were asked what they thought the word "horripilation" meant. Here are their spontaneous answers:

Barbara Petullo "Sounds like a hygiene problem."

Tom Jones: "That describes one of those women on Potsdamer Str."

Sean Toner "a holocaust".

Katy Murphy: "I don't know."

Sam Anderson "Something you catch from a house of ill-repute."

Rod Kennard "A special form of whiplash where the 2nd and 3rd vertebrae are compressed together causing excruciating pain in the lower pelvic area, very rare only occurs in cannibalistic African pygmies."

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Yeah, he's been that way ever since he got his Walkman®

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## My First Week Back To School

### Monday

Bought myself a big juicy pack of grape Bublicious, and it was just "chomp city" till I walked into 1st hour, biology class. My teacher called me a creepiola and told me to "spit the nasty thing out" and write a 10,000 word essay on the production of grape bubble gum.

### Tuesday

Listened to my history teacher rattle on about the importance of keeping your "little trap" closed.

### Wednesday

Had to write a book report in English on the book that I never read. I found it later under my bed with my lunch from last January.

### Thursday

Wrote my little fingers off on the bus copying my best friend's geometry homework. In homeroom I frantically studied for the test but I did rotten on it anyway.

### Friday

Was speaking so enthusiastically about the upcoming weekend to my friend across the room in chorus, that I was instructed to stay after school Monday.

by a Defender of the 5th Amendment  
10th Grade

The sidewalks are covered  
With cigarette butts  
And leaves that have fallen  
From trees

Deep in the forest  
In a cardboard hut  
Is a man  
That no one sees

The wind is cool now  
No sweltering sun  
The trash spilling crowds  
To the schools have all gone

To the school of Authority  
Where the young think they play  
On to schools of indifference  
Where they sit for their pay

But the man from the hut  
Comes back to the places  
Of lakeside laughter  
And sun-burnt faces

To search for food  
And lost bits of change  
Emptied of laughter  
Summer sites seem strange

For the people at home  
The summer is gone  
For the man in the forest  
The winter has come

by Peter Boatner  
12th Grade



## Summer Fun?...

Our Summer fun  
Had just begun  
When I had to go away

Maybe next year  
He'll be here  
And love will make him stay

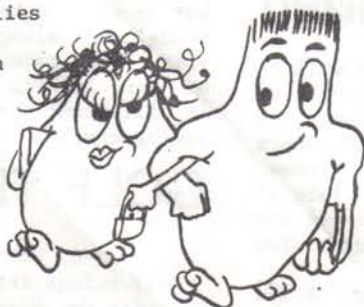
We'll talk and kiss  
And reminisce  
About that special night

When love ran free  
For him and me  
And everything seemed right

Now I end this note  
That I just wrote  
For only worried eyes

I hope he read  
All that I've said  
Although it's only lies

by Rose Hanson  
11th Grade



## Remembering

When all the stars are out at night  
And the moon is glowing with all its might,  
I think of you and the times we've had,  
It makes me smile yet feel sort of sad.

We'd run in the sand, skip stones on the sea,  
I miss the times that you were with me.  
We'd roll in the grass and look at the sky,  
And think of the times of days gone by.

To B.W.

I lay back on my towel under the swaying palm  
as I watch the last of the surfers come in.  
They've caught their dream wave for the day.

The burning sun slowly sets beyond the horizon  
seeming to be swallowed up by the ocean.  
The sandpiper scurries along as the tide goes out;  
the seagulls soar above the crest of waves.

It's time to leave this beautiful scene as  
I see the last traces of this scarlet sunset.  
But I'll be back; yes, I'll be back.

## California Promise



by Debrah Kottke  
12th grade



# Sports

## BEARS ON THE PROWL, AGAIN

by Mark Millen

Last Saturday another football season began here in Berlin and the Bears were ready and willing. Last year the team took second place in division play and this year's varsity squad has hopes of going one step farther.

The season opener was against Karlsruhe, and when head coach, Cpt. Rottner, was asked about the season and the outlook for the game, he confidently replied, "We'll take 'em as they come."

As was seen on Saturday, the Bears stomped on the Knights, the final score being, 33-17. The scorers were: George Moffett, who caught two key passes; Tyrone Worlds who scampered in for one; Bobby Harrell caught one and fought for a T.D.; and the final T.D. was set-up by an intercepted pitch and a run by Pete Murphy, then Dave Dover caught the last one in the endzone. The force behind this airborne attack is one of the captains, Matt Dover.

This weekend Berlin takes on the Patch Panthers, so come out and support the Bears.

### 1982 C/C - V-Ball Schedule

- 18 Sept. F-furt, Karlsruhe at Berlin
- 25 Sept. Berlin, Bamberg at Karlsruhe
- 02 Oct. Z-brucken, O-holz at Berlin
- 09 Oct. B-holder, O-holz at Berlin
- 16 Oct. B-holder, Berlin at Bitburg
- 23 Oct. Berlin, Bitburg, at O-holz
- 29 Oct. AA C/C Championships
- 29 Oct. AA V-Ball Championship

## Volleyball Bumps Off

by Elizabeth Waldrop

On September 11th the volleyball team ventured to Hanau in which they challenged both Hanau and Ramstein.

The games started with Berlin's JV players defeating Ramstein 15-4 and 15-3. With the spectacular serving of Yhoushekia Loftin the varsity team followed with victory over Ramstein 15-4, 15-0, and 15-0.

The Hanau Panthers were stunned by the excellent playing of Berlin's JV team by the score of 15-10 and 16-14. Unfortunately the varsity team suffered defeat against the Panthers team 15-11, 15-9, and 15-8.

In an over-all basis the Berlin She-Bears comprised mostly of new players accomplished a great deal enjoying the victory and suffering the defeat. Congratulations to both teams.



## Attention

All soccer players from

last year please return

your uniforms to Mr. Chavies

as soon as possible.

## CHEERLEADERS BRINGS SPIRIT

by Andrea Dedman

What would a football game, a basketball game or any kind of game be without its cheerleaders? This year's squad is being sponsored by Miss Dunkle, a new staff member in the English department. It looks like a promising year for both the varsity and junior varsity squads.

The varsity squad consists of Beth Deasy, captain, Laurie Pazik, co-captain, Laura Morgan, Barbara Petullo, Kam-Lin Young, Rachael Hennerree, and Kim Berg as the varsity bear.

The JV squad is as follows: captain, Patricia Platz, co-captain, Tonie Moore, who is also the 8th grade mascot. The squad is rounded out by Michelle Doty, Debbie McAuley, and Darlene Grice, the 7th grade mascot and Pam Morey as the junior varsity bear.

The cheerleaders are planning pep rallies, dances, and many other activities for the year to come. Their first pep rally will be held on September 17th.

## Unsung Heroes Are Recognized

by David Bryant

From now on this section will be dedicated to the unsung heroes of Berlin American High School, the managers, J.V. athletes and others working with our schools teams. These people do fantastic jobs of representing BAHS and never get any thanks or recognition for a job well done.

This issue is dedicated to the J.V. athletes and their managers from the Cross Country and the Volleyball teams.

From the Volleyball team there is April Fletcher, Candi Haines, Liegh Love, Malissa Murray, Wendy Felker, Pleshetta Loftin, Marcella Jones, Crystena Dearing, Cheryl Lindsey, Yolanda Harper and their managers Janice Diego and Stephanie Pugh.

The unsung heroes from the Cross Country team are Eric Salahub, Tony Smith, Don Menger, Andre Case, and their manager Kenda Hehn.

## The Berlin Bears Break The Tape

by David Bryant

The Cross Country team kicked off their season last weekend in a triangular meet against Hanau and Ramstein at Hanau.

The mens team took second behind Ramstein. Robert Martin placed 1st followed by Marcus Sweeney taking 2nd place, and Larry Speer hit the tape in 8th place.

Both the mens and the womens teams are far from being complete. When Coach Moeller was asked to comment he replied, "The teams are small this year because last years runners either graduated or moved. The team also has to compete with other activities such as football and the Drill Team."

The Cross Country team needs more runners. If you are interested, see Mr. Moeller for the details!

### 1982 B.A.H.S Football Schedule

- 18 Sept. Berlin Vs. Patch ( Home )
- 25 Sept. Berlin at. Osterholz
- 02 Oct. Berlin vs. Zweibrucken (H)
- 09 Oct. Berlin at. Bitburg
- 16 Oct. -Bye-
- 23 Oct. Berlin vs. Baumholder (H)
- 30 Oct. Berlin vs Osterholz (H)
- Playoffs 5 Nov. - site undetermined

## Swimmers Start Season

by Cyndie Duckett

The Berlin Bear-a-cuda Swim Team started another season hoping it will lead them into first place again. When coach, Ted Colquhoun, was asked if the team has a chance of taking first place, his response was, "With the addition of the new swimmers this summer, plus our returning point winners, it looks promising for a repeat. We won't be able to surprise anybody this year as we did last year. We are favored, but we will be hard pressed to beat Heidelberg along with Shape this year. If we receive the fan support we were lacking in previous years, it will boost the moral of the team during crucial meets."

## GOLF TEES OFF!

by Laurie Barsh

Golf swings into action this season with Mr. Morgan as coach. This is Mr. Morgan's first year with the team and his dedication and enthusiasm are apparent. The members of the team are John Jones, Jon Fowler, Stephan Keane, Tony Boring, and Michelle Barsh, the team's only female golfer. The junior high member is Charlie Pieczulewski. This year's regionals will be held in Wiesbaden on the 18th of September. DODDS best will then attend finals, which are also held in Wiesbaden, on the 24th and 25th of September.