

Bearin' Down

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WE'RE THROUGH PLAYING NOW!!

by David Bryant

On March 30th the Music Department presented its Winter Concert.

The Beginning Band opened the concert with The Bell Both Toll, Swingin' Saints, and Marianne. Tony Smith and Steve Vernon played solo tuba and solo Baritone respectively.

The Cresendo Choir was next. They sang: We Want to Sing, Blowin' In The Wind, Sunshine On My Shoulder and I Feel Love. Mrs. Barbara White was their accompanist.

The Intermediate Band then played Dixieland Parade, Meadowlands, and

Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair.

An ensemble from the choir and a Brass Band and Woodwind Quintet from the band then entertained the audience with their performances.

The Concert Choir sang Ching-A-Ring Chaw, Dancing with George M., and Aurthur's Theme. They then finished with Ride the Chariot, a foot stomping - crowd pleasing spiritual.

The Concert Band closed the performance with Sophisticated Ladies, Hazy Summer, and a swinging medley from the rock - musical Hair.

MUN Attends Mock Security Council

by Laurie Barsh

From April 19th to the 22nd, the Model United Nations class, accompanied by Ms. Tiberghien, attended the Mock Security Council which was held in Heidelberg.

This year, Berlin represented the delegations of Iran, Japan, and Zaire. Tony Boring, Mark Brittor, Pete Murphy, and Dave Sutherland represented Japan. Tom Britton, Tim Murphy, Larry Speer, and Makalena Young represented Zaire. Iran was represented by Jenifer Whatley only. Cathy Juris attended the council as an official observer.

Committee meetings are held at the Mock Security Council, which is a smaller version of the Hague, to choose the best resolutions. The five committees are decolonization, human rights, disarmament, security council, and the political committee. The resolutions are then challenged in a general meeting.

Education Minister Visits BAHS

by Rose Hanson

On April 14th B.A.H.S. had a very distinguished guest visit various classes for about 2 hours.

The Minister of Education in Berlin, Dr. Hanna-Renate Laurien, arrived at our school around 9 o'clock in the morning and was escorted by Dr. Jack, around the school.

Dr. Laurien's title, Education Minister, means that she is the head of the German school system in Berlin. She taught in England and at Berkeley University of California. She became the Minister of Education in 1981, when the new, CDU, government took over.

Dr. Laurien's aide, Mr. Bergmann, arranged for the Minister to come to B.A.H.S. and see what the American school is like.

She visited a number of classes and spoke with some of the students and faculty. Herr Prieger's German class spoke with her in German. Each student told her in German where they were born and all of the different schools they've been in. Dr. Jack said that Dr. Laurien was quite impressed with these students.

Dr. Jack and Dr. Laurien both discussed the differences in the American school system opposed to the German schools. Dr. Laurien told Dr. Jack that the main concern of the German students is the high unemployment rate.

Dr. Laurien and Dr. Jack also discussed ways to improve the German and American relations, as far as the students are concerned. Dr. Laurien only stayed a couple

of hours and therefore couldn't see all the classes, however she was quite impressed with B.A.H.S.

Journalists Plan to Attend Conference

by Kenda Hehn

On May 5 and 6, Frankfurt High School will be hosting the second annual Journalism Conference, and the program will include guest speakers, mini-clinics, and discussion groups. Participating schools have been requested to bring copies of their school newspapers for display and/or critiquing.

Unlike last year's conference, in which only sponsors attended, this year's is open to the sponsors and two student journalists from each school. Accompanying Mrs. Bair on this trip will be Rose Hanson and Kenda Hehn, who will be explaining the compilation, production, and printing of Bearin' Down.

Travelers Return

by Kenda Hehn

Tomorrow is the scheduled return of the group of students, faculty members, and chaperones who have spent the past week in the Soviet Union, on the Social Studies Department's field trip.

Faculty sponsors were Mr. Bluem and Mr. Schmoll, and they were assisted by Mrs. Kathie Schmoll, a professional Russian translator and interpreter who through her language expertise and previous Russian travels, was able to open up avenues that are normally closed to the average tourist group.

Sightseeing trips and exploration were made of Moscow, Leningrad, and other important cities.

LONDON MUSICIANS PERFORM AT BAHS

by Sean Toner

On Monday, April 25, a group of students from the American School in London performed a concert here. J.F.K.'s music department sponsored the musicians who also visited several German schools during their stay in Berlin.

During second and third hour, the high school students from London gave a concert in the gym.

Both the Band and the choir displayed their musical talents in the performance. A 60 piece band, a 20 piece jazz band, a 40 voice choir, and a choir ensemble comprised only of seniors each played a few selections to make the concert a success.

SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Senior Class of '83 is pleased to announce that its Baccalaureate Service will be held on Saturday, June 4, 1983 at the Kaiser-Wilhelm Memorial Church on the Kurfurstendamm at 1600 hours. Its graduation will be held the following Saturday, June 11, 1983 at the Reichstag at 1600 hours.

Arrangements for these ceremonies were completed through the tireless efforts of Brigadier General Leroy N. Suddath and LTC Creed Morgan whose efforts are greatly appreciated by the Senior Class.

TCA Opens Their Door

by Elizabeth Waldrop

On May 7th and 8th the students of BAHS have the opportunity of making money for their class by selling food, such as ice cream, at the TCA Open House.

Last year due to circumstances beyond control the TCA Open House was cancelled leaving the present junior and senior classes in a bind. The Open House in past history proved to be a major income for the upperclassmen. This year however the senior class is fortunate enough to be allowed to sell to their hearts content once again.

Unfortunately for the juniors, they will not be at Open House because they had difficulty in signing up and now will have to find other means of raising money.

GRADUATION: JUNE 11



Features

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT... GOSSIP?

by Marcella Jones

Berlin American High School seems to be infected by a serious disease. The disease is called gossip, which can be deadly.

Gossip is very infectious and cures are still unknown. The victims are of any age, sex, color or race. To catch the disease all you need is a big mouth and big ears. Do you qualify? Most of us do.

Gossip usually starts within the family. Father comes home talking about his job, while mother invites her neighbors for coffee and gossip. The children come home from school talking about their friends and who said what.

At school our friends tell us about their daily happenings, the weekend, who got drunk or stoned and who fooled around with who. Of course, things like this travel fast, from one mouth to another.

Gossip is a powerful weapon and can be very damaging. It could ruin one's reputation in a matter of minutes.

AN ACT OF DESPERATION

by Deb Kottke

Right now the Publications staff is running around like crazy trying to get this issue of the newspaper completed. If you're wondering why, it's because today is (drumroll, please!) DEADLINE! All you newspaper fans out there probably don't know what we go through. It's not fun when articles are short, long or even late. Matter of fact, it is very frustrating, but we still love it! that doesn't mean we're into sadomasochism or anything.

One thing I sincerely love, along with the other editors, about deadlines is the fact that we don't usually get done with the layouts (profundly named "dumales") until about 6:00 p.m. I just adore cold dinners!

I'll be honest with all of you and say that I need copy desperately! Or I wouldn't be writing this.

I don't usually have this problem. It's just one of those natural occurrences, like earthquakes, tornadoes, or hurricanes; it's just something you can't help.

Well, now you know just what we go through. But wait, there's still yearbook deadlines to tell you about. Then again that was just four months ago.

So much for this personal outlook or whatever you want to call it. It just goes to show, when you want something done you have to do it yourself.

As we all say some time in our lives, which I will use again:

BEAM ME UP SCOTTY!

No one likes to be talked about. Not even the people who are doing the gossiping themselves. If you ever tried to defend yourself, you will find it's useless and probably even more damaging.

But in the end we talk to our friends and companions and tell them someone will catch onto your "slip-of-the-tongue" manners and beat you up, see if they listen.

But as we all know when there is a problem a solution is somewhere. The solution to gossip is the same as it is for an alcoholic, smoker, drug addict, or gambler. Admit that you love to gossip. Don't worry they won't commit you to an institution. Let someone close to you hear this bold confession. Don't let your mouth control you control it. You don't have to listen to other people gossip, it will only trigger you to talk about it, too. Just turn your head and walk away. Believe me...it's hard the first time but after a while it's easy and you'll feel better.

COUNTDOWN

Seniors: 6 weeks

Underclassmen: 7 weeks

Juveniles Invade BAHS

by Elizabeth Waldrop

No students shall be in the hall without a pass or suffer the consequences, SUSPENSION. Another rule is being made to prevent our juvenile students from "tearing down" the school. It's true, something does need to be done, but aren't these measures a little harsh? The answer to that question is simple. No, it isn't too harsh. It is the only thing that will get through to the students.

Complaints are being heard throughout the school, but no one has a better solution. There are a few individuals who have vague suggestions, but are they willing to follow through? Hall monitors, senior hall, students controlling students? Who's willing to give up their lunch period? Who is willing to "rat" on their friends and fellow students? Probably no one.

So until there is a willingness and cooperation between the students and staff what else can be done? And if you're not in the hall, you really don't have to worry about anything, do you?

LETTER JACKET SCAM QUESTIONED

by Sam Anderson

Recently, many letter jackets have shown up in the hall of BAHS, almost everyone has one, seniors, juniors, freshman. Stop right there, freshmen, I as a student, and a football player, feel that freshmen shouldn't be able to get letter jackets for this simple reason:

A freshman can not play varsity football, not only in this school, but Würzburg and others too. At these schools the freshman letter jackets come from sports like; cross country, track, and wrestling. I feel that, just as in football and basketball, the athletes should have to wait until at least their second year. The only time that a ninth grader is allowed to play varsity, is when there is a shortage of upperclassmen, and still there is a hassle.

As a resolution, I say that, a freshman should not become eligible until his sophomore year, as in the states.

Academically, it is just not fair that Drama is considered one of those activities that you can get a letter from. Yes, these jackets are of a different style and design, but it still has the general meaning of the "varsity" student. It may be said that this is an extracurricular activity, but what about a class, such as Publications, sure this is done for credit, but some of us do call staying at school until five or six o'clock, or spending a whole weekend in school very extracurricular. It has been argued that hard work goes into putting out plays, but the Bearin' Down produces 14 or 15 newspapers, a literary magazine, and a yearbook every year. What more can be asked for?

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Outlook

A Preview of the Literary Magazine

The Best Days of Our Lives

Our High school years should be good ones,
At least that's what I've been told.
These are the days to make memories,
To smile at when we get old.

But even now it's hard to smile,
Though these years should be "the best."
If this is the frosting on the cake,
I don't want a bite of the rest.

Right now I have school for security-
I don't have to face the outside.
It's a place to learn, and laugh, and prepare....
A place where most of us hide.

I have the American Dream to pursue,
However I choose to do it.
But so do 200 million others like me,
How many will say "I blew it?"

What's the rush to get where I'm going?
There will always be a line.
I'm not the only one who wants
A mark on the earth to be mine.

I've been assigned my number.
My name has been put on a list.
Only through that, and nothing else,
Would anyone know I exist.

Just stay out of trouble,
Don't follow those childhood dreams.
Dig below the surface, you'll know;
Life isn't at all like it seems.

Peggy Van Gorder
grade 11

Berlin

Blocked off from
Every city which is near.
Realizing the
Loneliness that can be
In a city that will
Never really be free.

Sharon Jennex

Land of Love

It is a place where fantasies live
a place where dreams come true
It is a land where you must find you
and all you do is give
To find it you must do more than ask
but to get there - ah the task
The map to there lies within
but it can't be taken, merely given
It is a place for those who try
but not for those who ask of "Why?"
You just may need to hold a hand
or receive a tiny shove
To find this pleasant sacred land
this ancient land of love

Mark Millen
Grade 12



It's True

Danny loves Grace
The black haired beauty
With an angelic face.
They met the first time
In eleventh grade,
And quickly friends made.
There after Grace moved,
Her leaving grooved
A deep hole in his heart.
He thought they'd never part.
Now eighteen, they still write
She promises, "One Summer night,
I'll come to you,
We'll share the night just we two.
I love you."
And even now he believes it's true.

Janette Juris
Grade 11

Johnny

No one was cooler than Johnny
he could drink 6 liters of beer
But now I can drink more than Johnny
'Cause Johnny's no longer here

Tim Felker
Grade 12

Friends

Friends
People
that are there
whenever you
call.

Sharon Jennex

Friends

We're so much different from one another
Yet I feel as if you're my brother
I share my dreams and goals with you
And when I'm down you see me through

I'm so glad I have you for a friend
The best of everything to you I send
You have been very special to me
And been things that no one else could be

Thanks for playing a big role on my life
I promise to help you end your strife
I want to be the same to you as you were to
So satisfied and content we both will be

Debbie Koltke
Grade 12

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 kind of sad.

We'd run in the sand, skip stones in 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.

Fool

he was a juggler by trade
many coins had he made
pins and balls were his tool
many called him a fool
he tossed them all high
while he boggled their eye

they would scream and yell
but only a couple had fell
his talent was known
but his coup was flown
the crowd always cheered
although one day they jeered

a discontented man began to sneer
but the juggler wouldn't hear

the man moved near
the entertainer didn't hear

he's only drunk, or so he thought
the man swung and so they fought

as he hit this sleighter of hand
his pride began to expand

the jealous man had won
the duel

he had just beaten the one
everyone called fool

by Mark Millen
grade 12

Sports

Bears Rip Patch TENNIS DEFEATS PATCH The Athletes of the Issue

by Tim Felker

On Saturday, April 16th, Berlin's men's varsity soccer team defeated the Patch Panthers by the score of 3-0. The Bears put a possible Patch victory way out of reach early in the game with superb offensive teamwork and tough defense. Early in the game, Lee Tournavacca broke the scoring ice when he made good on an 11 meter shot. A short time later, Tom Moore shot and scored on an assist by Mark Millen. Near the halfway mark, Andy Yoon scored on a throw in from Tim Murphy. The Bears' total control of both ends of the field afforded them a 3-0 halftime advantage.

Mark Millen lead an inspired second half charge with a score on a surprised Patch defense. Thus, the Bears dominated the first half with four unanswered goals. However, Berlin was never able to reply to any of Patch's three second half scores. With the top-notch defensive work of Pete Murphy, Martin Dunham, and Tom Britton, the Bears were able to successfully stave off a roaring Panther comeback. Robert Gotzman stubbornly stopped 8 Patch shots as Berlin triumphed 4-3. The Bears now stand undefeated at 2 and 0.

In J.V. action, Berlin suffered a close defeat at the feet of the Patch Panthers. They lost by the score of 2-0 in this, their first match of the season.

GIRLS CLAIM SPLIT VICTORY

by Andrea Dedman

On April 16th, the girls claimed a tie, and suffered a loss at Wiesbaden.

The action got underway at 9:30 with the JV girls. Jenny Milton almost immediately started bringing the ball down field, not giving Wiesbaden's offensive side a chance to set a charge in edgewise. The Lady-Warriors defensive side, almost having the turf swept from under their feet, began to charge back. The rest of the game had a windshield-wipers effect. Key players in the JV game were Ashley Butler, (JV goalie), Lee Muhart, and Carrie Abel.

The Varsity game unfortunately was not as successful. The game started abruptly with Wiesbaden scoring a goal about two minutes into the playing time. Kelly Meister, who was trying out the position of goalie for the first time, was somewhat taken back by the rapid force of the goal, but soon after began viciously defending the goal.

During the end of the first half, Peggy Van Gorder astonished everyone with a dynamic pulsating goal kick. In the beginning of the second half, Wiesbaden shot in another goal which tied up the score with a 2-1 loss for Berlin. Key players in this game were Peggy Van Gorder, and Caroline Kelly.

by David Melvin

April 16, 1983 was the day the Berlin Bears defeated the Patch Panthers on the tennis courts. Play at the Tennis Bubble was often fierce but never dull.

This was Berlin's second win of the season, the first was against Karlsruhe.

Delano Adams, number one men's seed, lost his match 1-6, 0-6 but rallied to win with his doubles partner Tony Boring who won his sin. as did, Andy Blackwell, Sally Shoup, Pat Foshage, Marcia Spohn, and Tammy Davidson. Robin Murphy, number one women's singles, lost also against one of the top players in California.

The winners for Berlin in doubles were: Blackwell-Tom Neitzert, Boring-Adams, and Sylvia Alexander-Foshage.

The final score of the match was, Berlin 10 and Patch 6.

BEST WISHES TO THE
BOYS' SOCCER TEAM AND TENNIS TEAM
AGAINST THE ZWEIBRUECKEN TROJANS

GOOD LUCK TO THE
TRACK TEAM AS THEY TRAVEL TO
TAKE ON THE OSTERHOLZ BLACKHAWKS

BEST OF LUCK
TO THE GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM
AGAINST THE NURNBURG EAGLES

Track Team Sets Pace

by David Bryant

On April 16th Berlin's track team attended its first track meet of the season at Frankfurt.

The girls' score was Wiesbaden 69, Frankfurt 57, Osterholz 33, Berlin 2. Kam-lin Young placed 3rd in the 3000m race.

The mens' team also placed fourth, Wiesbaden 58, Frankfurt 49, Ost. 40, Berlin 33. John Wilburn led Berlin with a 1st in the 1500m and 2nd in the 800m race. Loren Washington placed 1st in the high jump and 200 meter and a 4th in the long jump. Robert Martin placed 4th in the 1500m and 2nd in the 3000m race. Felix Mangual took 3rd in the 400m sprint and Marcus Sweeney took 3rd in the 3000m race.

Wilburn, Martin, Mangual, and Tim Snow also placed 1st with Berlin's 1600m relay team.

This relay team came from behind to take 1st. Snow and Mangual each passed someone to put Berlin in 3rd place. Robert Martin passed the remaining two racers and John Wilburn sealed the victory.

by Didi Stowell

The outstanding athletes of the issue are Peggy VanGorder, on the Varsity Girls' Soccer team and Loren Washington, on the Mens' Varsity Track and Field team.

Peggy VanGorder played an excellent game on the 16th of April, against Weisbaden. Miss VanGorder is the team captain and plays the center and half-back positions. She also starts varsity. Peggy was able to tie the game 1-1, by making a direct kick, kicking it over the defense and goalie. Later in the game she went up for another direct kick but it was too high and went over the goal.

Loren Washington proved to be outstanding with his two first places in the meet in Frankfurt on the 16th of April.

Loren cleared the High Jump which was 5ft 7in, receiving 1st place for the outstanding feat. He also received 1st in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 22.9 seconds. Loren also competed in the Long Jump and cleared it with 19ft and 6in, receiving 4th place.

Congratulations to the outstanding athletes of the issue.

Bear-a-cudas End A Successful Season

by Cyndie Duckett

The members of the Bear-a-cudas who qualified for the EFSL (European Forces Swim League) Championships went down to Munich, Germany, April 17. The meet was held in the Olympic pool. There were swimmers there from all the swim teams in Europe.

The SHAPE Seals took the first place title from the Bear-a-cudas this season and before the championship meet started they were presented with the first place trophy.

Berlin did well in this meet, with many swimmers in every age group and event placing in first, second, and third, and returning to Berlin with ribbons signifying their achievements.

Karen Edelman, who is in the 1040 age group, was the only swimmer from Berlin to win all of her events. Didi Stowell got second in the 100 freestyle event and 4th in the 100 backstroke. The 13-14 mixed relay, who consisted of Todd Walsh, Chris Minderman, Lisa Millen and Anne Zimmerman came in 3rd and 2nd in both the freestyle and medley relays.

The Bear-a-cuda Swim Team did not get first place as they expected but with Berlin beating SHAPE in March and doing so well in the championship meet, it was still a successful season.