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Dedication

The staff of the 1969 Erinnerungen dares to dedicate our yearbook to the creative spirit of man.

In this city that spirit is best represented by Interbau, a dynamic symbol of man’s creativity and courage in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

Interbau represents not only a western response to an eastern challenge; it is also a step in the improvement of the human condition in that it offers beauty and color in modern urban housing which foreshadows a future brighter than the past.

But Interbau is more than all this—it is a gesture which proclaims clearly “We are here, and we mean to stay.”
The selection of Interbau as the theme for the 1969 Erinnerungen reflects your awareness of the vital metamorphosis that is Berlin. Fortune has allowed us to spend varying amounts of time in this great metropolis at a period of history when it can be described as a microcosm. You live at a point of confrontation of conflicting ideologies and you are able to judge for yourselves the relative merits of each.

In Berlin’s search for salvation we see the power and drive of a free people whose spirit was best expressed by their great poet Goethe in his immortal drama Faust. In a larger sense Faust is a symbol of our free world, a world unconquerable, a world impatient of determinism in any form whatsoever.

The dynamics of the Faustian soul, so evident in the restless ever seeking, ever reaching Western Civilization, are nowhere more evident than in the strengthener will of the people of Berlin to reject the chains of slavery already forged for them in the smithy of the soul of dialectical materialism.

In future years when you browse through our yearbook, you may recall friends you knew at BAHS. You may even remember the faculty and administration of our school with a certain wistful sympathy.

As you reflect upon this year’s theme with growing understanding, you will realize man’s inhumanity to man is balanced by man’s sense of brotherhood.

Good Bye and Good Luck to All of You.
The bold lines and soaring towers of Gropius Stadt show the creative imagination of the Berlin born German-American architect Walter Gropius. Professor Gropius' ideas in city planning and urban decentralization point the way to a richer life and to a happier future for city dwellers.
Introduction

This is Erinnerungen 1969. It is a book full of pictures and words. But we hope it is also more than that. It is made of paper and ink and two stiff covers. But we hope that it is made of more than that. Take it, not for what it is, but for what it holds. This book is an account of real people and real events for a very real year. The people leave and the events are quickly over. The only tangible thing left of them is this account, this book.

But what you value in this year is not tangible. So this annual, Erinnerungen 1969, is more to you than paper and pictures. These are stimuli to things which only you can remember and only you value. It is a touchstone for remembered experience. It has value to you according to your own mind and memory, "for there is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so."

The most important, the most wonderful part of an experience is the people you shared it with:

"Happily I think of thee, and then my state
Life to the lark at break of day arising,
From sullen earth . . ."

For many, your lives will part here; but whatever lot Fortune may cast for you, this book may recall a brief moment of youth, which yet will make you smile, and justly gay that these small things remembered "such wealth brings. That then I scorn to change my state with kings."

Deidre Sandstrom
Henry Moore's metal sculpture seems to dance defiance to the infamous Berlin Wall which is visible in the background.

First artist exhibited in the new National Gallery—Mondrian—filled its halls with his compositions typical of Styl. The National Gallery itself was planned by a German-bom American architect Mies van der Rohe who, like many of his colleagues, was under the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright. The daring use of metal and unobtrusive words was long been typical of Mies van der Rohe's work, but nowhere is it more effective than in Berlin's National Gallery.
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Vice-President—CAREY DAIGLE
Secretary—BECKY YARBROUGH
Treasurer—MONICA NASH

Class of 1969
Class of ’69

For us, the Class of ’69, this year is our last.

Our High School days began when we were the first freshmen in the new High School. We slowly learned that the freshmen did little but we prepared. Our class officers were Sally Haggerty, president; Rita Munoz, vice-president; Sherry Hoover, secretary and James Gates, treasurer.

The sophomores year was one of further preparation. Under Mike Chaney, president; Mike Stingel, vice-president; Carol Mason, secretary; and Sherry Hoover, treasurer we formed the nucleus of class.

1968, our junior year, was our finest. Class officers were Howard Ashcraft, president; Dee Dee Clary, vice-president; Isabelle Laucka, secretary and Jeri Hansen, treasurer.

They all helped produce that spirit which has marked our class.

Our most important activity was the Junior-Senior Prom. We gave the Class of ’68 a spectacular send off. Our class was especially noteworthy in our junior year for its athletes. Ray Holmes was honored as “Athlete of the Year.” Mike Chaney won the pole vault events in both the USDESEA finals and the Northern Regionals. In the latter meet he set a record.

In the cultural field Kathy Kelly’s mosaic is a permanent memorial to our class. This year the class has held positions of great esteem. The Student Council officers were seniors: Howard Ashcraft, president; Bob O’Neill, vice-president; Beverly Seyen, secretary; and Toni Durant, treasurer.

Our class officers president, Isabelle Laucka, vice-president, Carey Daigle, secretary, Becky Yarbrough; and treasurer, Monica Nash distinguished themselves in promoting the interests of our class. Under their leadership a plan for a senior class trip was revived.

The Class of ’69 is also responsible for the wall painting in the foyer. Miss M. Pietsch and Alexander Ferrari-Freyre directed the participating seniors in completing a memorable mural.

This year saw the staging of the convention and election under the kindly guiding hand of Miss M. A. Reczcki. Here again all but one, were seniors. Carter Embree appeared as Richard M. Nixon; Wayne Dahm as Spiro T. Agnew. Kelly Lynch as Hubert H. Humphrey and Jay Stuart as Edmund S. Muskie. Carey Daigle as George C. Wallace and Alex Ferrari-Freyre as his running mate General Curtis LeMay. We all hope our efforts stimulated political consciousness and good citizenship.

Our undefeated team under the direction of Coach George Pempel took the Silver Division Championship. Without the help of All-Conference seniors Howard Ashcraft, Dennis Cousins, Ray Sanchez, Mike Stingel, James E. Thomas, James Wheeler and T. J. Winters, the road to victory might have been more difficult.

Now, we have reached our last year. This is not the be all and end all. We now go into the world of our parents. We shall soon take up the burden of young adulthood.

Alexander Ferrari-Freyre

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H. A. Ashcraft
Student Council
President
Leukemia’s Club
National Honor Society
Football, Soccer, Basketball
Junior Class President
Newspaper
Houston, Texas

B. O’Neill
Newspaper 1
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

B. Seyen
Student Council 2, 4
Pop Club 4
German-American Club 1
Psychology Club 2
Doll Team 2
Spanish Club 2
Utica, New York

T. Durant
German-American Club
Pop Club
Student Council
Miami, Florida

A. Allen
Newspaper 4
Track 1, 2
Football 1, 2
Football 1, 2
Gellehusen, Germany

C. Bates
Corn Club 1, 2, 3
Drama Club 1, 2
Amateur Radio Club 1
Room 8 Club 2
New Haven, Connecticut
The Maerkisches Viertel construction provides inexpensive housing for lower income groups in ever expanding Berlin.
CLASS OFFICERS: President—GABY TAYLOR
Vice-President—MARY CAUSGROVE
Secretary—PAT ISHIMARU
Treasurer—RICHARD SANCHEZ

Class of 1970
Class of '70

We juniors, members of the Class of '70, have gained much experience and knowledge in our years as underclassmen. We are confident that we will be able to accept our responsibilities as seniors in the year to come.

Our freshman and sophomore years, under the leadership of Debbie Bronberg and Gaby Taylor, respectively, proved to be rewarding in every aspect. Our Go-Go Dance, Car Wash, Hippie Dance, and Protest Dance were among the many highlights of those two years.

This year we were led by a group of able and competent officers; Gaby Taylor as president, Mary Causgrove as vice-president, Pat Ishimaru as secretary, and Richard Sanchez as treasurer. We made up the bulk of the varsity athletic teams and three of the six varsity cheerleaders were juniors.

Some of this past year's highlights were: the institution of our "Junior Gyp Joint" and the sale of our candied apples, our sponge throw, Slave Dance, and last but not least the culmination of our years as underclassmen, the Junior-Senior Prom, one that all members of B.A.H.S. will long remember as the best in all of the school's long history.

Jay Stewart

Debra Affleck   Larry Allen   Bernard Beausoleil   Cheryl Bernester   Linda Blackwelder   Debbie Bronberg
Class of 1971
Class of '71

The sophomores of '68-'69 have brought a fresh approach to BAHS in the way of entertainment for our fellow students and have attempted to make the year enjoyable and profitable for both the students and the faculty.

By the clever guidance of our experienced president, Karen Hansen; the masterful authority of sponsor, Mr. John Hiller; the power of vice-president Kurt Oesterreicher's determination and dedication, the class of '71 held several successful events. We contributed much of our funds to the South Vietnamese orphans. This year, as sophomores, we have continued our efforts to raise money through new forms of student entertainment in the way of school dances. The "Ugly Man's Dance," "Sophomore Sweetheart Dance," and "Sophomore Sock Hop" have been introduced to BAHS as lively, refreshing changes unlike any events held in previous years. Our traditional "Sadie Hawkins Dance" succeeded in boosting the creative spirit of everyone who participated.

Not only are we academically adequate, but we have proven ourselves to be both enthusiastic and capable in the field of sports. Our athletes Herbie Black and Bob Widger as well as others, supported the Cubs in our undefeated football season.

The majority of the Junior Varsity team was also made up of energetic sophomores. Cheering the teams on to victory were Laura Coats, captain of the Junior Varsity Cheer-squad and Karen Hansen, a varsity cheerleader.

It's been a pleasant year for all!

Cathy Gilman
LUDWIG
Margaret Mattingly
Thorman Nash
Linda Norton
Kurt Oesterreicher
Josie Pachirick

Steve Reisler
Marc Rossinger
John Robinson
Louis Runge
Kay Sharper

Liz Snyder
Sarah Snyder
Maryanne Stanislav
Chris Stern

Steve Sullivan
Debra Swails
Brigitta Templeton

Karen Vintiner
Michelle Waring
Karen Wells
Nancy West

Mike White
Robert Widger
Steve Winkler
Tom Yarbrough
CLASS OFFICERS: President—JACK KLINIKOWSKI
Vice-President—LILLIAN ISHIMARI (not pictured)
Secretary—DEBBIE STEWART
Treasurer—MIKE DANE

Class of 1972
Class of '72

Freshmen at last! With the help of our class sponsor, Mr. Howard Douglas, we set the pace to start an exciting year. Our officers Jack Klikowski, Lillian Ishimaru, Debbie Stewart, Mike Dune are striving to make this year a swinging one. Already successful with Mum Day, we are now working for raffles, bake sales or even a car wash to hold the Sweater Dance. Who knows what the ingenious freshmen will think of next?

As freshmen we are determined to show how mighty we are! This was evident in the action of the Powderpuff game—where we "socked it to them!" Many freshmen played Junior Varsity football. Cross country was composed primarily of freshman runners already training for the Olympics.

Don't forget cheerleaders Dee Dee Heidorn, Debbie Honsack, Beatrice Seyen, Sherri Haines and Cheryl Daigle who represented the J.V. and the Bears. They helped to keep our spirit up throughout the games.

We are just as good scholastically as we are athletically. Many of us are on the honor and merit rolls. The majority of the ninth graders are participating in the B.E.L.L. activities. Two freshmen Robin Blair and Dave Weaver represent us in the Student Council. This year will be one to be remembered.

Lillian Ishimaru

Angela Agee  Nat Alderman  Terri Allison  Ruby Anthony  Marie Bauer  Sandra Bisgood  Susan Black
Robin Blanc  
Tom Brennan  
Virginia Brack  
Fred Bromberg  
Stelle Brownlee  

Joey Carty  
Gary Carpenter  
Betty Carter  
Elisanta Castro  
Anita Clark  

James Clark  
Donna Costner  
Ken Cousins  
Cheryl Daigle  
Catherine Desjardins  

Linda Dodson  
Ricky Dowling  
Gail Fleming  
Calvin Fullwood  
Dexter Galloway  

Connie Ganno  
Larry Garrels  
Diane Gay  
Jo Ella Glascock  
Diana Green  
Laurie Hanley  
Mike Harris  

Delinda Heidorn  
Debbie Honasack  
Robert Hoskins  
Lillian Ishimar  
Debbie Kidby  
Bebbie Kite
Bottom row: Laura White, Robert Motley, Rita Hornung, Michael Eisenberg, Heidi Flaten, Joseph Henry, Sherri Averitt
Second row: Kathy Green, Deborah Garrels, Tyrone Lewis, Lisa Erickson, Rick Walsh, Patricia Ferriter, Russell Lowery, Elizabeth Bird, Cathy Smallwood
Back row: Jan Willner, Bonnie Bates, Catherine Connelly, Virginia Martinelli, Debra Vecchio, Marilyn Ishimaru
Bottom row: John Hollywood, Florence Therrien, Eric Craig, Yasmin Esfandary, Craig Siemersoth, Cherie Hardeman, Larry Harrison, Buddy Mayhew
Second row: Poulette Desjardins, Mike Solbert, Greg Alyea, Debbie Inga, Ken Allison, Becky Dane, Gary Bunch, Debbie Brians, Rusty Donaldson, Judy Jenson
Back row: Becky Bigood, Tom Hadel, Linda Fulmer, Teddy Dodson, Bonnie Cehino, Jim Short, Sharon Bond

Bottom row: John Moncavie, Debbie Cousins, Edward Walch, Betty Rosenberg, Henry Gardner, Donna Fox, Norman Bergstrasser
Back row: Ruth Coughenour, Norman Anderson, Valerie Winkler, Mike McPherson, Janet Soper, James Gilliland
Bottom row: Steve Díaz, Beverly Owens, Bobby Bennett, Marie Carriger, Mark Domke, Melody Schwab, Garth Sanderson
Second row: Dwanda Stevenson, Carol Bomar, Earl Fulmer, Debbie Ayers, Richard Grubb, Astrid Long, Maurice Manley, Renita Blackwell
Back row: Lorenzo Hall, Linda Castro, Jerry Holt, Brenda Stacy, Ruth Pals

Bottom row: Charles Bexley, Neva Wood, Alvin Dardin, Susan Howard, Victor Castro, Rose Arely, Steve Chapman, Penny Reck, Philip Harris
Second row: Petra Axtlas, David Phelps, Shirley Smith, Pat Martin, Leslie Neeb, Pat Short, Patricia Serna, Dan Mattingly, Debbie Wheeler, Greg Wright
Back row: Chris Haynes, Michele Sherwood, Paul Dumont, Iris Quijano, Brian Hansoleil, Debbie Morales, Gary Kemp, Ray Bahcoak
Bottom row: Harvey Elkin, Sheila Lunier, John Foitac, Judy Marmor, Charles Smith, Susan Potter, Neil Hanley, Jeanette Snub
2nd row: Tony Garrels, Katherine Sibbach, Ricky Mattingly, Laura Hayes, Robert Jervey, Carol Ruse, George Gayden
Back row: Tom Brown, Kelly Sullivan, Denise Iest, Janet Wambold, Sylvia Morales, Eber Klubnik

Bottom row: Ronald Hatcher, Sally McDaniel, Robert Hanna, Shina Boyce, Wolfgang Bacco, Pamela Raines, Gardner Edwards
2nd row: Eric Castro, Markia Dahle, David Ludvigsen, Mary Basnett, Paul Gannon
Back row: Gloria Castro, Ralph Travis, Annette Gardner, William Blackwell

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Bottom row: Dorothy Gander, Dieter McLaughlin, Cynthia Heidman, Glen Coleman, Kayana Therrien, Jeb Kelly, Cathy Chapman
2nd row: Matti Mac Valmore, Gary Robinzon, Sabrina Guy, Mark Lepine, Lorraine Lombardi, Jim Smith, Angela Kimmon, Monique Krenick
Back row: Tomi Sharper, Pierre Allen, Adonna Guthrie, Don Diest, Pattie Stewart, David Caples, Debbie Holt

Bottom row: Colin Layfield, Gina Sutphin, Russel Wright, Jane Newman, James Stanislaw, Jeanette Martel, Richard Sather, Deborah Showers
2nd row: Tina Ollurberger, Yvette Coutes, Suzanne Abrazo, Janice Musco, Sabeh Lopez, Beverly Kirk, Jensen Lepine
Back row: Stephen Dagen, Diane Ziemba, Richard Wilcox, Kathy Vianneer, Steve Pilion, Duane Tiffany
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Secretary—BEVERLY SEYEN
Treasurer—TONI DURANT

Student Council
National Honor Society

Bottom row: Debbie Bronberg, Mary Causgrove, Pat Ishimaru, Linda Norton
2nd row: Gaby Taylor, David Tisch, Deidre Sandstrom, Becky Phillips, Isabelle Laucke
Back row: Richard Sanchez, Bob O'Neill, Howard Ashcraft, Jay Stewart

Bottom row: Cathy Smallwood, Marilyn Ishimaru, Angela Agee
Back row: Debbie Stewart, Elizabeth Carter, Lillian Ishimaru (Not Pictured)
Library

The high school library is open from 8:00 to 5:00 each day the school is in session and from 9:00 to 12:00 Saturday morning by appointment. Students of all grade levels in the high school use the library freely for study, research, and leisure reading. In the library they have access to 8500 books, 5000 back issues of magazines, 75 current magazines, 630 filmstrips, and 200 recordings. During the past school year circulation averaged 50 books per student.

Susan Blum and Cynthia Alderman look at books in our library.

Mr. Dingilier, Library Assistant, and Deborah Hubbard, Student Librarian, help pupils en route to Passaisus.
Some are in hot pursuit of knowledge—others like those in the foreground have other interests.

Mrs. Cossarini surveys her little flock as Heinz Goldschmidt prepares to "let her roll."
Betty Carter, Joe Pearson, Toni Yarbrough, and Mike Harris seek the secret obscurity of the Latin language.

Mr. Péche instills his own love of learning into eager young minds.

"The French really don't care what they say as long as they pronounce it properly."
Jalbird is all attention as he waits for the perfective aspect. Debbie McPherson is a bit more relaxed. John Tatum seems to regard Russian as amusing.

Mr. Sullivan gives another of his delightful tests on Hamlet. Why does he stand next to Joe Pearson?

Herr Albrecht runs his little flock over the hurdles of unlasts and lastants. Ist das nicht schon? Aber warum war?
Miss Recault's U.S. History class considers "Manifest destiny." A typical American group composed of Lynch, Stewart, Cuangrove, Taylor, Ishinari, and Sanchez consider the Sherman Anti-Trust Act or is it the Tea Pot Dome Scandal?

Miss Spremil's class move upon what appears to be the Porphyrean tree.

Future leaders of our business start at the bottom, a spot which some may never leave —unless, of course, you believe in Horatio Alger.
Mike puts a little sting(ing) in the otherwise relaxed atmosphere of Mr. Mower's Government class.

No, it's not the waiting room of the Open Air Bus Company in Tremérend, Mississippi, and Kelly will not be lynched—at least not today.

Miss Beams' sunny personality sheds rays of light on the sometimes confusing history of our little planet.
Chris Natzke and an expired frog examine an interesting (it's a safe word) specimen.

Who says white lightning doesn't strike twice? Debbie Oppel mixes up a batch. Apparently Freiherr von Kornatzki has just survived a sample, while Jerome McGarry prepares the labels.

Poor Rana never had a chance—he was simply torn to shreds. The scene is Berlin, not Toledo.
Mr. DeYoung's class learn about honest weight—they'll never be butchers.

A fine example of the use of audiosensory equipment in a science—one looks in vain for Miss Rainbolt.

More weights and measures—will it never end or will it go on until the last syllable of recorded time?
Mr. Hiller must have said something funny—was it intentional? One suspects he has just been upstaged by his slender friend in the corner.

Mr. Back thinks of Beethoven as he watches his little charges explode the beauty of pure mathematics.

"As ye sow, so shall ye reap!"
What are Cindy Heidorn, Adona Guthrie, Debbie Brian, Debbie Holt, Tomi Sharp, and Angela Kennan cooking (get it?) up in shop?

Does Mr. Echeveste have a future Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, or Walter Gropius in his class?
Mr. Fenstermacher's eager pupils raise their innocent child-like voices in the choral anthem. Where are the harps, robes, and clouds?
and Band

"--And the Saints go marching in."

Herman McClain is all wrapped up in his work.

Julio Ferrari plays a French horn in an American school — how utterly international!

Messrs Fleming, Sanchez, and Winkler resort to a less sophisticated means of communication.
Is it Lynn Kennedy we see or a younger Rudy Vallee?

"Once more from the beginning and let's try to play what Erik Satie actually wrote."

"A Fragment of an Agon"
Robin Wright plays beautifully upon kindling wood.

Judy Jensen has her hands full.

The beginners' hand does spontaneously what Stravinsky did with effort.
The newly completed fresco was dedicated by Major General R. G. Ferguson. The mural took Robert Sibbach, Susan Esfandiary, Suzanne Jensen, Jeri Hansen, Steve Rice, Angelo Allen, Alexander Ferrari and Ray Bunch (not pictured) two months to complete, depicts Berlin American High School sports.
Susan Jensen, Jeri Hansen, Angela Allen, Alex Ferrari, and Ray Bunch finish BAHS' answer to the Sistine Chapel.

Miss Pietsch's atelier.

Lois Field busies around.
Robert Sibbach displays his limestone Mayan devil mask. Mr. Sibbach is in the rear.

Alex Ferrari modestly declines to claim the subject of his El Greco copy as his ancestor, the Duke of Plaza-Toro.

Joe Pearson poses with a Mayan warrior. Mr. Pearson is the figure wearing glasses.

Miss Pietzch's assorted Kandinskys, Goyas, and Norman Rockwell's discover that they have to write. Horrors!

Toni Yarbrough shows her first oil painting.

Ray has a Bunch of pictures—get it—that's a joke!
Debbie Robinson, co-editor of our product, is her usual conscientious self as she works long and well to help meet ever-pressing deadlines.

Susan Jensen, Alex Ferrari, Jeri Hansen, Ray Bunch and Debbie Robinson, the Command and General Staff of Erinnerungen, smile and sulk for the camera.

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CLEO JOHNSON
Halfback—Captain
All Conference
Sports history remembers, it remembers Berlin, Silver Division Champions, overall record 7-0-0. But that is not what we remember, for football is not a collection of statistics and records. It is a different thing for each of us. For the spectator it is the crisp, clear autumn day, the cheerleaders springing about with precise, but animated enthusiasm, and then the game. Out of the locker room and on to the field, starting the warm-up like, you remind yourself, champions. You look over the other team and fraternal pride grows. "We're gonna kill the bums!" wells up in every chest, we're, never they're. No football game is a certainty, and a nagging doubt enters your mind as the ball streaks from the kicker's toe. Exultation, despair, the game rolls on. "Get some glasses Ref!" Temper rise, rise and boil. A good defensive play, the clean block, a brilliant run, and the set backs. It is life condensed, and everyone lives, with the line backer, lineman, quarterback and flanker. Then the gun with the warm, sweet smell of victory in the air. Player, parent and girl mingle, savoring this moment when all are one, with another.

In the locker room?

You are finished, the preparations are over. Most of the others are finished dressing also. There is an electric tension to the atmosphere which is not dispelled by tapping or any of the other pre-game rites. Everyone mumbles. Then we are ready ... For a week Coach Pepoy has tried to teach you everything necessary to win. He is good, you remind yourself, very good, and your confidence grows. The Lord's Prayer over, everyone files out of the locker room and falls into a double column. That tight feeling rises from your stomach to your chest. Bursting through the goal posts, streamers flying, you get your chance right away ... and so do twenty-one other boys-turning-men. Yet you seem to have an advantage, ten of them all in your huddle. "Slant right, second man through, on two, BREAK!" Jerry is in control. On the line, the familiar rhythms, the loud monotone, "Set DOWN—Hutwo—Hutwo." In a rare fit of brilliance, the line fires out. You fire, you feel all the blocks, not just your own. Seconds later when you turn to look, Cleo is sprinting around a defender and into the end zone. Thus goes the game, mistakes, failures and then that perfect moment when the team clicks. That is why you play, the joy of competition when the team is a unit, a single organism. There is a merging of identity while remaining an individual, mental, physical, and emotional. There are other reasons, but these unconsciously are foremost.

Even now when basketballs fill the air you can close your eyes and it is no longer winter. It is time to play another game of that magic season. The game, the season you will never forget.

Howard Ashcraft
CLEO JOHNSON
Halfback—Captain
All Conference

JET THOMAS
Linebacker

RAY SANCHEZ
Tackle
All Conference

DENNIS COUSINS
End
All Conference

PAUL McCoy
End

WILLIAM TURNER
Tackle

TIMOTHY WINTER
Center
All Conference

Mr. Pepoy gives a last minute briefing to his brain trust.
ROBERT WEDGER
Linebacker

AL DARDEN
Tackle
Co-captain

MICHAEL STINGEL
End

FRED ABT
End
All Conference

HOWARD ASHCRAFT
Guard
All Conference

Berlin v. Bad Kreuznach 36—6
Berlin v. Baumholder 16—0
Berlin v. Bitburg 14—6
Berlin v. Wurtzburg 40—18
Berlin v. Augsburg 41—20
Berlin v. Baumholder 14—0
Berlin v. Bremerhaven 26—6

—Ah Homecoming—Ard Ri
Robert O’Neill leads his Queen Toni Durant through the annual ceremonies.
Bottom row: Todd Darree, Rick Speer, Steve Morasco, Ralph Jess, Tom Brennan
Back row: Mr. Rice, Bob O'Neill, William Galloway, Timothy Winter, Rodney Hayden, David Howard, Bud Marut, Cleo Johnson

Varsity Team

Basketball

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| Berlin  | 30 | Bitburg  | 34 |
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| Berlin  | 62 | Bad Kreuznach | 35 |
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Won 12 Lost 6
King of the Boards, Cleo Johnson, tips in two as Tim Winter rushes in.

Coach Rice calmly explains strategy during a time-out.

Bob O'Neill share a rebound with Tim Winter looking on.

Rod Haden subdues curls as the ball flies past his grasp.

Rod Mann seems to have everyone spellbound as he sinks a counter.

Rick Speer penetrates the Bilburg defense for a counter as Tim Winter awaits a rebound.
Bottom row: Rocky Gardner, Ronald Wilson, Carl Kennedy, Stan Diaz, Bill Wyatt, David Weaver, Walter Stewart
Back row: Herman McClain, Bud Mann, Tom Brennan, Steve Souls, Tom McDaniel, Wayne Ollenger, Dexter Galloway

Carl Kennedy displays perfect shooting form as Wayne Ollenger and Bud Mann pursue the rebound.

Carl Kennedy at the charity line as Tom Brennan and Wayne Ollenger get set for the rebound.

Bill Wyatt sinks one for Berlin as Carl Kennedy, Tom Brennan, and Herman McClain look on.

Coach Pepoy gives instructions during a time-out.
Cross Country

Bottom row: Bernard Beausoleil, Steven Goodrich, Peter Morales, Rocky Gardner, Randy Lewis.
Middle row: Ronald Daigle, Mr. De Young, Steve Sauls.

JV Football:

Bottom row: Peter Morales, Bill Lannier, Ken Cousins, Robert Hopkins, Steve Goodrich, Richard Runge
2nd row: Thurman Nash, Charles Hipkins, Leo Short, James Connors, James Clark, Randy Lewis, Joe Pearson
Back row: Mr. Frasier, Steve Oesterreicher, Bill Turner, Bill Wheeler, James Thomas, John Tisman, Robert Gerber, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Hiller

Jet Thomas’ arm is propelled in victory.

Mr. DeYoung raises Leo’s hand after a Short bout.

We all held related as Ken Cousins win.
Ken Cousins has his hands full.

The long and Short of this affair is confusing.

Steve Oesterreicher has come to grips with a problem.

He's up! He's down! He's flat on his back!
Cheerleaders

MARY CAUSGROVE, Captain

JERI HANSEN
Time out for the Bear and the cheerleaders.

BECKY YARBROUGH

KAREN HANSEN

SANDI HOOSACK

LILLIAN MOTLEY

Becky Yarbrough, Jeri Hansen, Mary Causgrove, Bear—Sue Jensen, Karen Hansen, Sandi Hoosack, Lillian Motley
J.V. Cheerleaders
Robin Blank, Dee Dee Heidorn, Laura Coats, Debby Kite, Debbie Hoosack, Michelle Le Brun.

Drill Team

Monica Nash stands at the head of a gallant band which may go down in history as "Grantham's Grenadiers"
"Sigh no more, sigh no more
Sweet and lovely ladies sigh no more"

Just yell your lungs out for the Team (which team doesn’t matter). The Pep Club under the direction of Mrs. Anderson raised over six hundred dollars to pass on uniforms to their successors.

Here they are again—the girls who have 151 proof school spirit.
Tennis Team

TENNIS: Steve Winkler, Bud Mann, Matthew Schneider, Fred Bromberg, Mike Danc

TENNIS: Karen Hansen, Debbie Bromberg, Gaby Taylor, Kathy Travis

GAA

GAA: Theresa Glascock, Kathy Travis, Linda Norton, Kelly Sullivan, Denise Jost, Florence Therrien, Cindy Heidorn, Kaylee Therrien, Cathy Smallwood, Linda Robinson, Cheryl Grogan
The boys in the Gym class shoot a couple of baskets.

The girls—not to be out done—also shoot a couple of baskets. You can tell the girls from the boys rather easily—their hair is somewhat shorter.

A new sport—as yet nameless—where is Coach Ray Bubrock?

50 MILE-100 MILE CLUB: Laurie White, Lynn Lewis, Cathy Smallwood, Elizabeth Bird, Sara Loper, Val Winkler, Lorraine Lombardi, Kathy Green, Darlene Morales, Beverly Kirk, Gaby Taylor, Sheila Lannier.
Golf Team

Victor Martin, Jud Mann, Ray Bunch, Jerry Owens

Track Team

Bottom row: Todd Darress, Ronald Daigle, Leo Short, Charles Hipkins, Thurman Nash, Cleo Johnson

Back row: Richard Sanchez, Larry Williams, William Galloway, Mr. Rice
Lettermencs Club

LETTERMEN’S CLUB: Bud Mann, Todd Darress, Mike Ganno, Bob Larson, Dave Tuch, Jim Wheeler, Bud Weaver, Al Darden, Wayne Dahm, Leo Short, Howard Ashcraft, Ron Daigle, Herbert Black, Thurman Nash, Cleo Johnson, Bill Turner, Bill Wheeler, Steve Murasko, Tom Boughman, Tim Winters, Dennis Cousins, Charley Hipkins, Carey Daigle, Marvin Riesinger, David Howard, Mr. Rice, Steve Oestereicher, Rodney Hayden, Bob O’Neill

Soccer Team

SOCCER: Joe Pearson, David Tuch, Mike Ganno, James Wheeler, William Turner, John Grey, Ken Cousins, Bernard Beausoleil, Timothy Winters, Ray Sanchez, Marvin Riesinger, Jerry Owens, Howard Ashcraft, William Wheeler, Melvin De Villasis, Al Darden, John Robinson, Carey Daigle, Mr. Hiller, Mr. Douglas
The staff of Bear Facts assembled with editors Alex Ferrari and Debbie Grantham
driving Carey Daigle, Monica Nash, Cara Lewis, Nanci Summers, Jay "Bird" Stewart,
Julie Ferrari, Mary Lou Guthrie, and Angelo Allen on to get out an edition.

The theater, the theater—Mrs. DeYoung's future stars twinkle for a brief moment, and then night must fall. The
drama club produced six one act plays and one three act play in the course of its busy season.
Cheryl Gregerson, Sandy Stacy and Judy Murrar pose with a putty cat. The cat is reported to have said, "Meow."

The same group minus the cat, but plus an attendant (name unavailable) look into the camera's lens.
Alex Ferrari stares in horror as one of the unshorn and unwashed addressess the wary multitude.

Miss Recucci represents law and order on the convention floor as she heads "grade power."

Howard Ashcraft, no novice at school politics, sings out "Promises, Promises, Promises."
The power behind the throne. Some have called it the tin hand in the calico glove.

At times the behavior on the convention floor descended to the level of adults.

This is a Social Studies' project?
Joe Pearson gets a little on the job training for his life's work.

Lynn Kennedy jumps clear as the whole kitchen appears to be ready to go up with a bang instead of a whimper.

Mr. and Mrs. DeYoung smile (grimace?) bravely at the camera during the spaghetti orgy.

Toni Durant, Ramon Sanchez, Monica Nash and assorted friends prepare atmosphere for the spaghetti dinner.
Untangle this pile if you can!

Susan Jensen in her favorite role as Ursa Minor. The rest of the scene is explained somewhere in St. John's Frazier's "The Golden Bough."

Cleo Johnson does it again!

Whoever he is—he is hit and hit hard.
The Band and Chorus will be long remembered for their "Intimate Christmas" and a smashing success in "Kismet."
Der Weihnachtsmann liebt die kleinen Kinder—wie noch nie!

They actually believe in him!

Todd Darress caught in an unusual pose—he’s being kind.

Mr. Fenstermacher produces his JV team to give a bit of tone to the festivities.
From Miss Causgrove’s smiles one would think that she had gotten a Barbie doll.

He’s on the warpath!

Toni Durant and the Hansen sisters help the tiny tots play with their toys.

Lillian Motley and Todd Darress frolic with the children.
Santa is surrounded by his temporary fans who wait for the band to play.

Lillian Ishimaru and Vicki Heizer assist in the glorious fun for all.

Beverly Seyen, Monica Nash, and Kathie Bates pause for their second wind.
Our ever camera shy Mr. Lochner is caught off guard as he impersonates Daniel in the lions' den.

Ah, the seniors! Debbie Grantham states at the photographer. T. J. Winter reflects upon life coldly (get it?), and minhile Visu! John Tatman is almost pensive.
Ha, Ho, He! President Nixon is O.K.!

On 27 February 1969 President Richard M. Nixon visited Berlin. Here we see his enthusiastic reception at Tempelhof.
THE PARTY'S OVER NOW

In closing volume 23 of Erinnerungen we also close the school year 1968-1969. For those of us who are Seniors that day for which we have waited and which in a way we have dreaded has arrived—for us the closing of our yearbook is also the end of a chapter in our lives.

Our brief hours of childhood and adolescence draw to a close. We have learned much and we have played much, but now the sun is about to set on a golden day, in its after-glow we pause a moment to thank the administration and faculty of Berlin American High School for lessons learned, guidance given, and services rendered.

Now the time has come for us to silently steal away to another chapter in the series of strange interludes which will make up our lives.

Ave Valedict