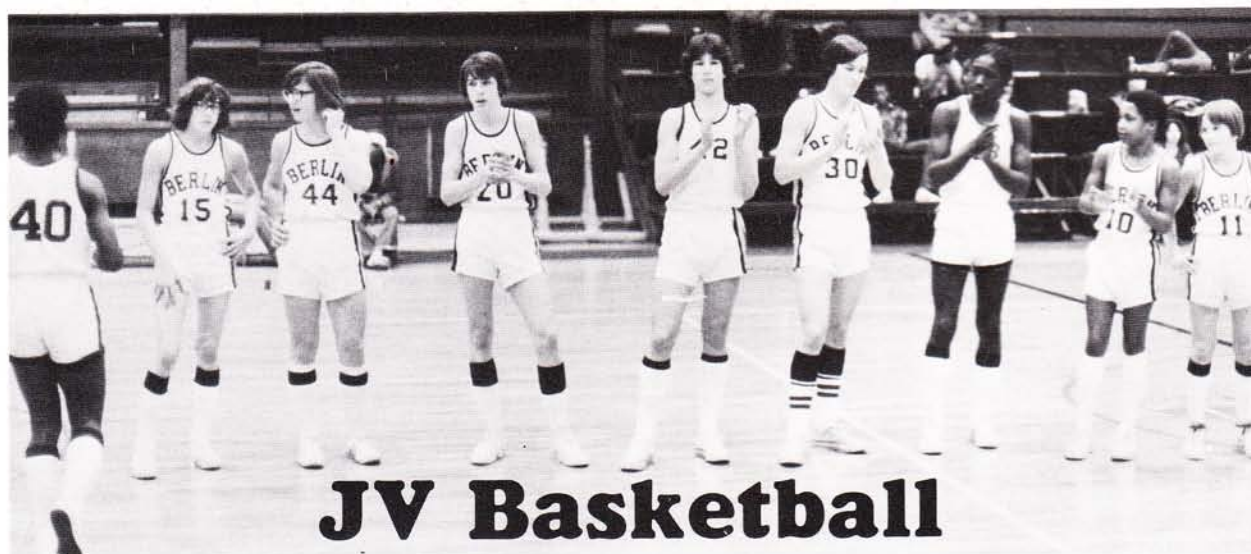


**And,
there were other students
and
other events, too,
for
REACHING OUT . . .**

Though this year's junior varsity basketball team wasn't so strong as in the past years, what they lacked in height, they made up with speed, determination, and hustle. The team had a workout every day after school at the high school gym. Several times they scrimmaged the J.F.K. basketball team.

Their overall season record was a disappointing 6-7. The team was invited to Bamberg, where they played in the J.V. Invitational Tournament. They took sixth place. Cletis Smith, one of the leading Berlin scorers, was selected for the all-tournament team. The team was awarded the sportsmanship trophy.

Two outstanding players on the team were Mark Berg, who averaged 15 points per game, and Chris Vorrath, who had a 65 percent free throw average. Other members were Bobby Brewer, Chuck Smith, Wayne Mitchell, Peter Stein, Steve Foster, Andre Harley, Robert Spitzenburger, and Irvin Hicks.



JV Basketball

Girls' B-Ball



The winter sports season has come to a somewhat noisy end. The girls' basketball team had a rough start with problems on the court and off. When the girls finally got all the kinds out of their act, they really "got down." Led by all-conference selectees Kathy Atkins, guard, and Lori Rhynsbarger, center, the lady Bears finished the season with an 8-4 record and second place in conference play. The ladies had high hopes as tournament time approached. Easing past Munich 58 to 43 in the first game, the lady Bears seemed to be headed straight into the championship game, but Wuerzburg had a surprise for Berlin as they defeated the Bears 46 to 43 in overtime. The ladies were not to be denied, for they came back to maul Augsburg 56 to 25 to take third place. Kathy Atkins, Susan Schmidt, and Lori Rhynsbarger sparkled for the Bears in the tournament with Lori Rhynsbarger receiving all-tournament honors. Dino Westrom, a second year player, became a starter during the season and performed in the tournament like a seasoned player. Over half the girls' team is returning, and next year looks to be even better than this one.

Basketball 1978



Under new coaches Crane Biberstine and Capt. Eric Marshall, the Bears extended their twenty-seven game winning streak to thirty-four by winning their first seven games of the season.

With visions of a second straight undefeated season, the Bears went to Heidelberg for the Heidelberg Invitational Christmas Tournament. In Heidelberg the team extended its winning streak to thirty-five before falling to the Frankfurt Eagles 52-48 in the second round of competition.

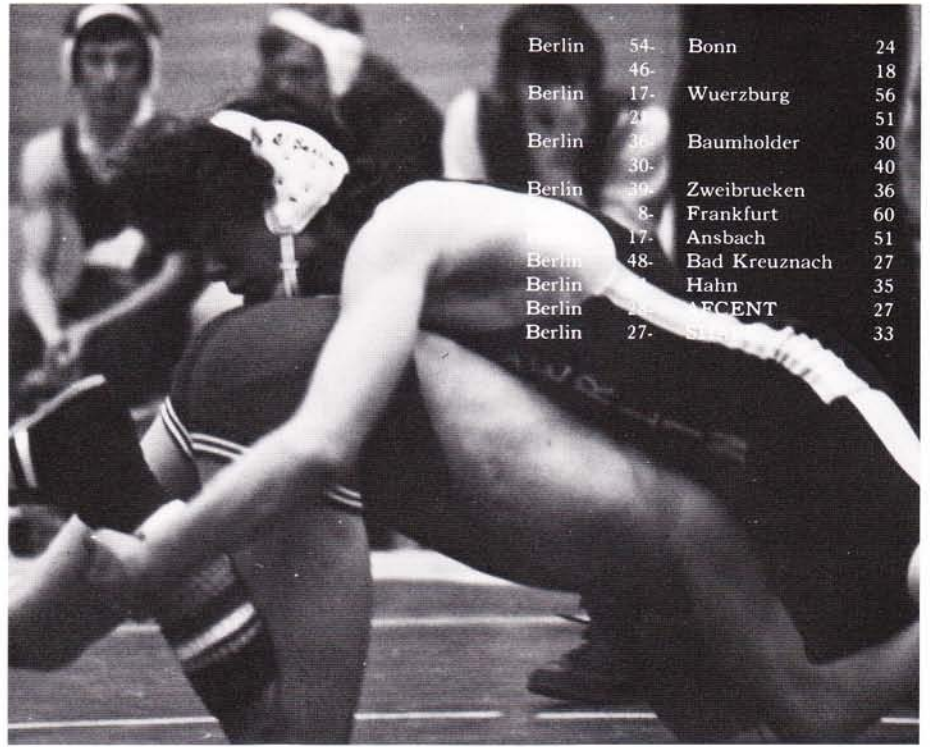
The Bears outclassed everyone in their conference with a 12-1 record. At the Class B Tournament in Zweibrueken, the Bears romped past their first opponent, the Wuerzburg Wolves, and then squeaked past the Zweibrueken Trojans in a close game before a packed house of partisan fans.

The stage was set for the championship game with the Hanau Panthers, the only team to defeat the Bears during the regular season. The game see-sawed back and forth with the lead changing over twenty times. With the game apparently wrapped up, a controversial last second foul was called. After a twenty minute discussion and a protest by coaches Biberstine and Marshall, the officials allowed Hanau to shoot a one and one foul shot. Hanau made both shots and took the championship 64-63.

Other than the disappointing ending the Bears enjoyed a fine season finishing with an overall 16-3 record. Three players on this year's team received special recognition. They were Victor Blackson—All Conference; Don Kennedy—All Europe and All Conference; and Don Pierson—All Conference.



Pin-Pals

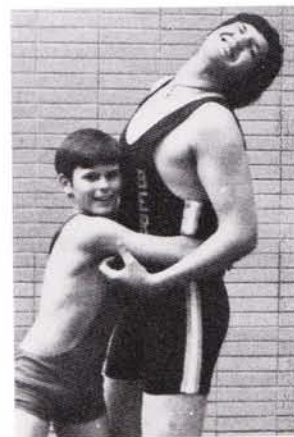
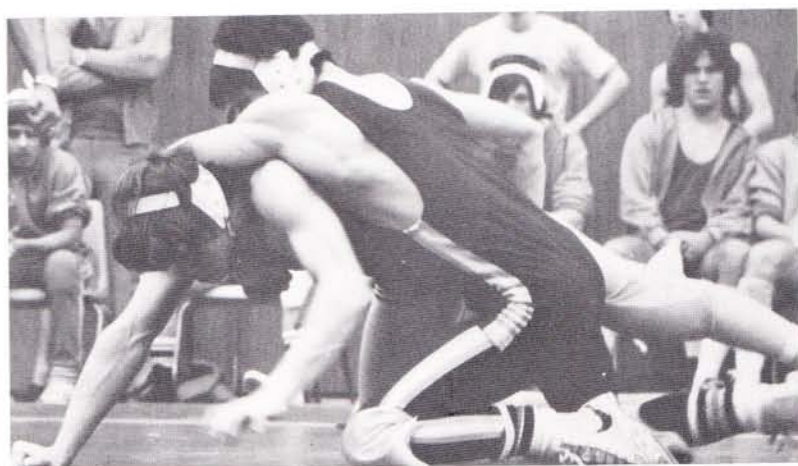


Berlin	54.	Bonn	24
Berlin	46.	Wuerzburg	18
Berlin	17.		56
Berlin	21.		51
Berlin	36.	Baumholder	30
Berlin	30.		40
Berlin	30.	Zweibruecken	36
Berlin	8.	Frankfurt	60
Berlin	17.	Ansbach	51
Berlin	48.	Bad Kreuznach	27
Berlin	28.	Hahn	35
Berlin	27.	RECENT	27
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The wrestling team was mainly composed of rookies this year. They made up for that with sweat and sportsmanship. Two outstanding seniors that led the team were Mike Sicotte and Steve Lynch. Some promising wrestlers in the team were Jeff Rothweiler, a sophomore, and Mark Schneider, a freshman. Another promising wrestler was Mike Phillips, an eighth grader. Mike wrestled exhibition at 105, and during the season he pinned three varsity wrestlers.

The wrestlers finished the season with an overall record of 8-7 in dual competition. In the Germany Wrestling Regionals, the team placed twelfth out of the seventeen class "A" and class "B" schools competing.



Racqueteters

U.R. Scott Flinn; C.L. Pam Robinson, manager, and Miss Barlow, coach; C.M.L. Irvin Hicks; C.M.R. Kay Martinez; C.R. Linda Fournet; L.L. Steve Coffin; L.M. Chris Ricchi.



After the tennis team was trimmed down to seven boys and seven girls, practice began under the coaching of Miss Barlow to meet Berlin's first opponent. Ansbach was that first opponent and they were defeated 10¹/₂-7¹/₂. Nuremberg was next and was turned back by the score of 12-6. Hanau came to Berlin and destroyed the team's high hopes of an another undefeated season as the Panthers easily won 14-4. Bad Kreuznach followed and was handed a 17-1 loss. The next weekend, the team made the trip to Karlsruhe and played to a 10-8 victory over the Knights. For the final match of the season, the Wuerzburg team came and outplayed Berlin to take a 10-8 triumph.

Chris Alexander, Richard Clarke, Scott Flinn, Chris Ricchi, Sherry Flinn, and Kay Martinez traveled to Regionals at Wuerzburg. Chris Alexander placed the highest in the competition for Berlin. The tennis team ended the season with an impressive 4-2 record. With the majority of the team returning next year, an even better season is anticipated.



U.L. Greg Price; U.M. Susan Schmidt;
U.R. Peter Stein; L.L. Richard Clarke;
L.M. Astrid Lieber; L.R. Chris Alexander.

B.A.H.S. Soccer Team

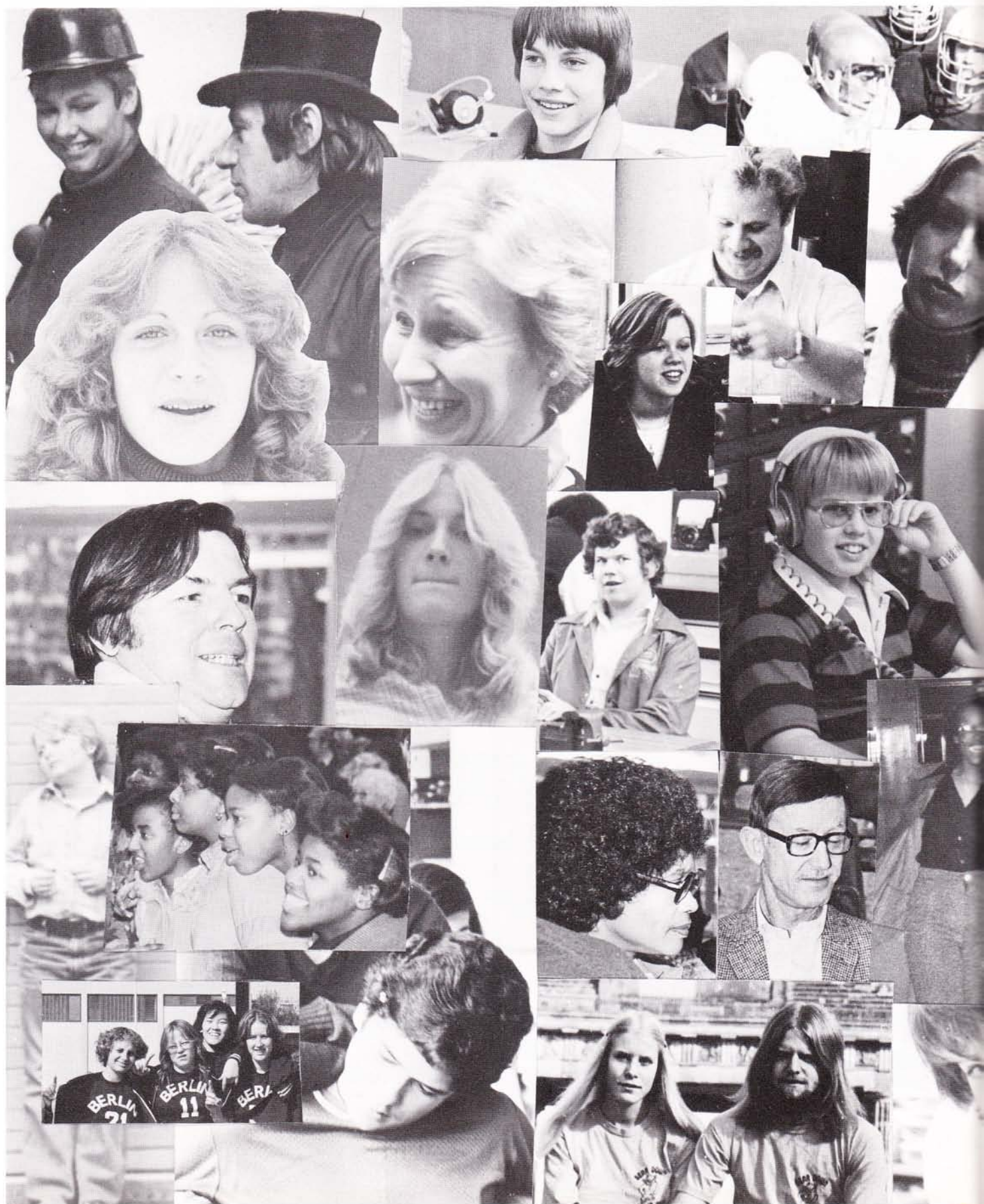


With only a few weeks of practice under the coaching of Mr. Ziegler, the team traveled to Nuremberg where they lost their first game 0-7. In the second game against Hanau, Tamiki Takagi scored the first Berlin goal of the season. Berlin lost 2-5. Once again after a trip on the duty train and a long bus ride to Bad Kreuznach, they lost 1-3. Against Karlsruhe, the team reversed and won with 11-meter kicks 7-5. With this win, Berlin out-played Wuerzburg 3-2. The last game of the season, the soccer team traveled to Baumholder where they were turned back with an 2-8 loss. The soccer team ended the season with a record of 2-4.





Daily Encounters





Spring Concert

The B.A.H.S. Music Department combined its talents on May 9 in Victory Hall for the Spring Concert. Under the direction of Miss Rhoda Risner, the advanced band, advanced chorus, junior chorus, and junior band each performed several selections. A visiting conductor, Mr. Ted Piechocinski, directed the advanced band in "Variation Overture." The music in the program—folk, religious, and classical—provided a variety of delightful musical experiences for those who attended.



Seventh Grade



Bonnie Baird
Jerome Biron
Thomas Blanchard
Liza Blood
Scott Campbell



Danny Collins
Diane Dorry
Melanie Hassell
Tim Holman
Michele Horton



Ray Juray
Amy Kerr
Corinora Kleinstiver
Matthew Mosler
Mitch Mosler



Christine O'Malley
Patrina Smith

Eighth Grade



Becky Borjorquez
Pascual Cartagena
Joan Chartier
Jeannie Cole
Noelani Crawford

Tom Dietz
Eric Edwards
Monica Kleinfelter
Cathy Lengel



Norma Jean Malloy
Sharon Sams
Connie Segal
Judy Teichman



Lynda Tolbert
James Triplett
Charlotte Williamson



Freshmen

Karen Anderson
Sandra Blood
Nancy Chartier



Richard Cichy
Jimmie Estep
Eric LeMar



Tanja Linton
Kathy Sams
Kip Taylor



Sophomores



Joanne Biron
Steve Breckenridge
Leimomi Crawford
Tonsa Edwards
Donald Fisher



Toni Hassell
Margot Horton
Marion Janssen
Laurie Lengel
Terry Moorman



Angela Ott
Mark Quinn
Rebekah Rockwell
Randi Teichman



Therese Beranek



Elizabeth Biron
Tracy Crouch
Valerie Hassell
William Letsch
Susanne Lowen



Tom Ott
Karin Pennock
Mike Pitsker
Dean Taylor
Robert Toupin

Juniors

For Many: Recognition of Achievement



Galloping Gourmets

During the 1977-1978 school year, the Gourmet Club of Berlin American High School was probably the only club with no male members. Sponsored by Ms. Beamer and Ms. Olvera, the twelve girls in the club expanded their knowledge in the art of preparing and serving gourmet foods.

The club had programs on cake decorating, Mexican party favors, and items for kitchen decoration.

Included in the activities of this year's Gourmet Club were a dinner at the French Officers' Club, a St. Valentine Sweetheart Dinner, a tour to East Berlin, a spring potluck picnic, and a trip to Braunschweig on the British duty train.

The members of this group had an enjoyable and educational experience with foods.



Left to right: Connie Brininger, Laurie Lengel, Linda Lumbard, Angela Lumbard, Ms. Beamer, Chris Ricchi, Julie Engbretson, Julie Seguin.

Victory Cafeteria

Or

Food Forum



Dieter's Menu

Four Chopped Banana Seeds
Pickled Hummingbird Tongue
Bellybutton of Navel Orange
Broiled Butterfly Liver
Jellied Vertebrae a la Centipede
Aroma of Empty Custard Plate
3 oz. of Prune Juice (gargle only)



Berlin Out-Acts Hanau!

The 1977-78 Speech and Drama Festival was held in Bumholder with nine schools, Bad Kreuznach, Baumholder, Berlin, Bitburg, Bonn, Frankfurt, Hahn, Hanau, and Wiesbaden, competing. The festival lasted two days, Thursday and Friday, the fourth and fifth of May.

Berlin went to Baumholder with three participants in each category, with the exceptions of pantomime and original oration, which only had two competitors each. Dianna Sneider won a place at the top for oral interpretation and in original oration Gabi Drumm placed in the top three with an excellent speech on the Berlin Wall. Sarah Chapman ranked in the top three in the improvisation category, while Berlin's one-act play, "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals," was ranked number one by the judges. All the members of the cast, Debbie Tolbert, Tony Gussman, Shari Robinson, Sherri Senay, Regina Williams, and Duane Haneckow, received ribbons for their superior performances. Debbie Tolbert and Tony Gussman went on to win best actress and best actor.

In solo acting Berlin walked away with the two top places. Billy Short gave an outstanding performance in a scene from *LOVE STORY*, scoring a perfect fifty points. Debbie Tolbert portrayed a lonely woman in a scene from *PORTRAIT OF A MADONNA*.

In duet acting Berlin once again came out on top with Katy Steger and Cheryl Wild in a scene from *THE MIRCLE WORKER*, the story of Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan.

Berlin won a total of ten awards, including the trophy for best over-all school, placing at least once in seven of the eleven events.



Prom 1978

Walking along Kurfuerstendamm in front of Berlin's world-renowned Kranzler Cafe around seven o'clock on Saturday evening, May 27, one could see a few familiar figures in long dresses, tuxedos, tophats and tails. They were none other than students from B.A.H.S. The reason for all this fancy dress was the Junior-Senior Prom.



"Just A Song Before I Go."

Chaplain Holtzclaw's invocation was followed by an elaborate buffet, offering the ultimate in Prussian and continental cuisine. After dinner the senior wills and prophecies were read by Billy Short, Gabi Drumm, Deanne Cook, and Debbie Pennock. Kelly Sellers, last year's Prom Queen, presided over the coronation ceremonies, announcing junior princesses, Diane Westrom and Laura Colangelo, and senior princesses, Diana Sneider and Donna Jones. As her final official function, Kelly crowned Susan Balthasar, the 1978 Prom Queen. The new queen and her court then continued the evening's festivities by dancing to this year's theme song, "Just A Song Before I Go."

This, another of many beautiful evenings in Berlin, will long be remembered by many.

The Junior Class

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Berlin American High School

Presents

"Just A Song Before I Go"

Music by

Daisey Winter

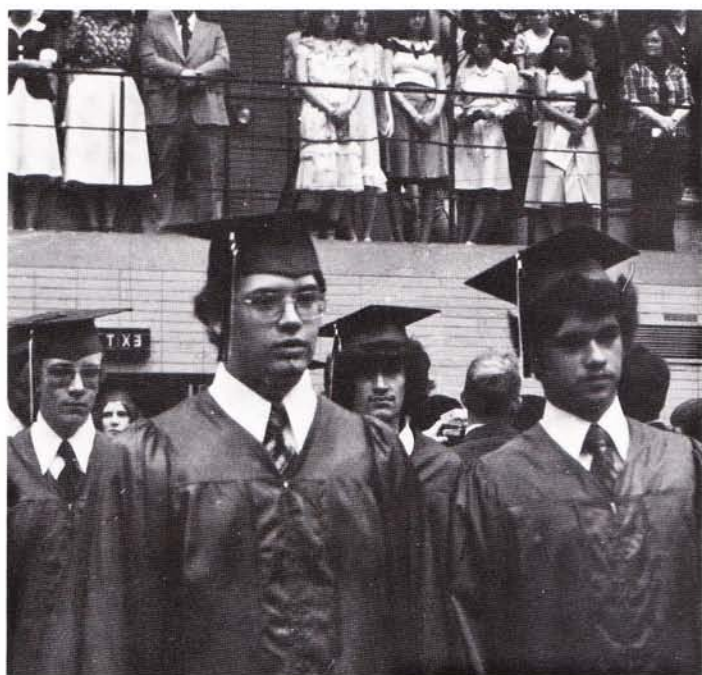
Saturday, May 27, 1978

Commencement Exercises

4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9, 1978

Victory Hall



The Annual Commencement Exercises of Berlin American High School began with prelude music and the processional, Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," which were played by the Berlin American High School Band, whose director is Miss Rhoda Risner. The invocation was given by Chaplain Holtzclaw, the installation chaplain at Tempelhof. The salutatory oration was read by Barbara Price, and Marcelle Holtzclaw followed this with the singing of the theme of the Class of 1978, "We've Only Just Begun."

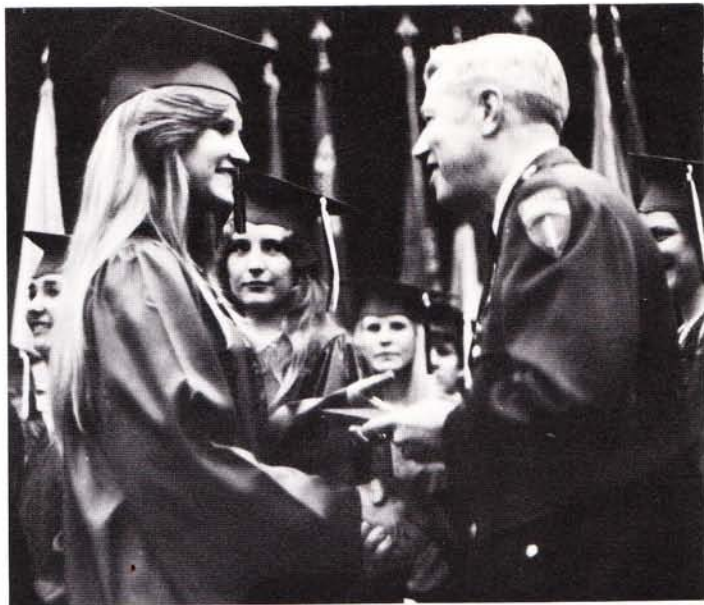
Miss Gladys Haynie, Principal of B.A.H.S., introduced Colonel Donald Lajeunesse, Commander of the 7350th Air Base Group at Tempelhof, who spoke on "The Challenge of the Future." Following this, the B.A.H.S. band played Mitchell's "Song for the Young." Recognition of scholarship winners was read by Mr. Roger Stowell, the deputy principal. Miss Haynie then presented the Class of 1978 to Brigadier General Walter Adams, who awarded the diplomas to the graduating students, as seniors were announced by Mr. Ken Payne and Mr. Charles Wieland.

On behalf of the Class of 1978, President Billy Short made his acceptance, and Marcelle Holtzclaw gave the valediction. The benediction, given by Leo S. Cook of St. Mary's Church of England on the Isle of Wight, followed, and the exercises were completed with the recessional. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the school cafeteria.

74 Seniors



Receive Diplomas





At Last!



And We Grew To—79!



Christine Bowen
Kelly Escobedo



Anthony Gussman
Teresa Ledford



Jacqueline Threlkeld
Maria Fernanda Vela

A Word From The Principal . . .



REACHING OUT is a very idealistic concept that needs to be measured in concrete acts. It is a catchy phrase, moralistically sounding, but can be lost in a world of short and swift communication tactics without ever achieving one deed implied in such a noble phrase.

I REACH OUT to touch you with my hands
to say that I am not afraid of who you are.

I REACH OUT with a smile.
to say I love you.

I REACH OUT with my heart
to say that I understand you.

But . . .

I baked a cake for my new neighbor, today —

I took a new student in my class to lunch, one day —

I said a kind word to a teacher I considered mean, today;

I returned my tray at lunch today.

to thank the cleaning ladies who always do it for me.

I talked to a student at break who does not belong to my
group;

I thanked the garbage collector for keeping our community
clean.

Reaching out?

I spent the day doing just that!

PUBS. Editors Speak



I feel that BEARIN' DOWN, Berlin American High School's official newspaper, has accomplished its main purpose this year—it has kept the student body of B.A.H.S. informed on the various aspects of living in Berlin. As seen from the editor's seat, it has been impossible to print all the news that is fit to print—but we're not the NEW YORK TIMES, either. The staff and I have worked very hard at making this newspaper a success, and we hope that it has been enjoyed by the school community. —Tom Dorry



Putting together this yearbook provided a great challenge for me. Long hours after school sweating over a layout sheet that just refused to fit right, headlines that were three inches too long, and pictures with heads cropped off all made for a very interesting production, mainly a year book. Hopefully, this book will always rekindle memories of a time long forgotten. —Julie Ely



Though it was frustrating at first, putting together this year's yearbook has been a valuable learning experience for the whole staff. After learning the hard way how not to put an annual together, we trudged onward to bring out no less than B.A.H.S.'s 1978 yearbook. We'd like to thank the student body for their support, cooperation, and patience in helping to get pictures taken smoothly. Your support at the sales campaign was also very important in the final outcome of the book. Thanx. —Brian Storer



Working in publications was really a most unusual experience. Layouts always misplaced themselves, unseen hands cropped priceless pictures, and articles never said what they wanted to say. But, inspite of all this, September '77 all of a sudden became June '78, and the supplement was just beginning to put itself together, while waiting for the yearbook to make its appearance through the mail. The results of all these unclaimed efforts are in front of you now. —Tulip Chaudhury



It's not easy putting a literary magazine together. Many hours are spent at the drawing board, designing, organizing, and creating. In attempts to produce a well-rounded magazine, one is lost in the maze of work involved. Intricate and complicated problems arise causing nothing to work. At this point all hope of ever finishing seems lost. A very special thanks is given to Mrs. Payne, my sponsor, who worked closely with me in accomplishing a literary magazine and who aided me greatly when I felt like quitting. Thanks to those who contributed poems, and to those who helped in typing. Special thanks to Eric Armocida for spending his time in printing FLIGHT. —John Succo

BEARIN' DOWN

Vol. 1. Berlin American High School 1977-78

The school year 1977-1978 was a special one for many reasons. Perhaps one of the main reasons was the introduction of BEARIN' DOWN.

BEARIN' DOWN was the brainchild of the publications class sponsored by Mr. L. Paul Halderman and Mrs. Barbara Payne. BEARIN' DOWN was conceived and planned to be the voice of information for the students, a sounding board for their complaints and a showcase for student achievements in the school and in the community.

The paper was organized by the students, with the sponsors advising. As the democratic process goes, the organizing was a long and drawn-out affair. With the organization procedures out of the way, the staff was finally able to begin on the business at hand, that of reporting the news.

As the first issue came out, reactions were mixed. "Wow, what a neat paper!" or "It's nothing special." However, by the time the third and fourth issues came out, students and teachers alike were looking forward to the next issue.

Perhaps the letters to the editor column provoked the most positive and negative reactions. The students finally had a mouthpiece to speak into and express their views on a variety of subjects ranging from teachers in the school, to food in the cafeteria, to problems in the community. Students were not the only ones to express themselves in the newspaper. Several teachers wrote letters expressing their views and members of the military community provided answers to students' questions.

The student staff of BEARIN' DOWN put many hard hours of work into the newspaper. Their work would have been all for nothing if it had not been for the assistance of Sgt. Salvador Donez from Tempelhof Air Base, who printed the paper at no charge and allowed the class to publish a very professional newspaper.

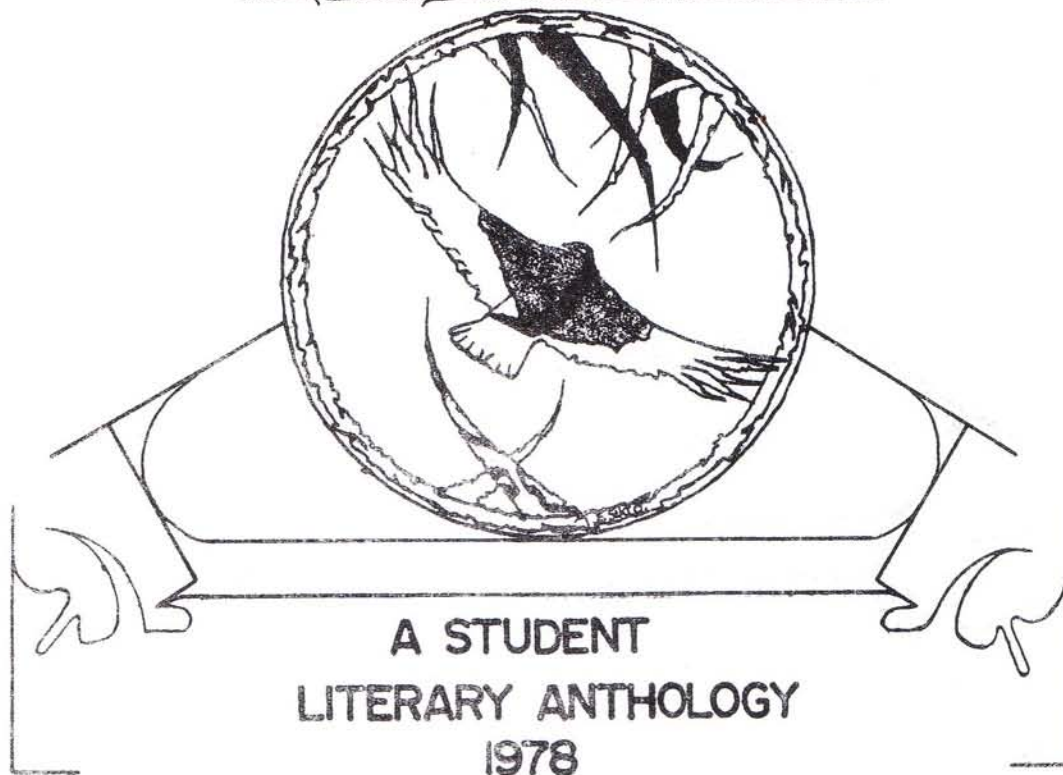
The newspaper and the managing of the paper was a learning experience for both the students and their sponsors. Many times a master page had to be done over because of miscounted spaces, proofing errors, and the many other mistakes that first-year newspaper people make. However, the class has achieved its goal of giving the students a voice and providing a showcase of the school to the community and is looking forward to next year and the second volume of BEARIN'DOWN.
—Eugene Peterson

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FLIGHT



This school year had something extra added into it: a collection of literary works divided into three parts—"Searching," "Discovering," and "Soaring"—done exclusively by students of Berlin American High School. **FLIGHT** was the combined work of students in the publications class. The editor, John Succo, contributed the most to **FLIGHT**, compiling the student contributions and doing the artwork in the anthology. It must be added that without the help of some patient typists—Susan Balthasar, Debi Cohoon, Dee Cook, Becky Lewkowicz, and Myra Turner—and an even more patient printer, Eric Armocida, the magazine would not have reached completion.

**. . . so the school year ended,
but the process of Reaching Out**

continued.