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## Hargrove Dons Red Suit For Christmas Party

by Laura Newby

Tension was mounting, voices grew louder, apprehension increased! The hour of reckoning was upon us. At any moment we would be forced to speak—German that is.

After that "thrilling" opening your imagination must be stirred and your curiosity aroused. Well, the ordeal in question was that of the tenth annual Orphans Party held by the Student Council. In actuality it was no ordeal at all, but mostly pure fun. High and Junior High "scholars" alike had the chance to try their tongues at the German language. It actually proved to be a testing ground, and a successful one at that. The 25 orphans from ages 3 to 16, under the surveillance of their "Tante Anna" seemed to be at ease from the beginning, and, what with our endeavors to speak their language, they seemed to enjoy the somewhat unusual afternoon.

Refreshments were various and delightful. Several members of the Student Council prepared lavish cakes, cupcakes, cookies and candies, not to mention PX specialties—bags of assorted candy for each child. One of the most extraordinary offerings was a cake in the shape



Both the Junior Red Cross and the Berlin High Student Council sponsored parties for young orphans in Berlin. Judging from the candid shots above it's hard to tell who's having a better time, teachers, students, or guests!

—Photos by Ed Posey and Kathy Jones

of a horse, complete with reins, mane, and saddle, made by two of our Home Economic Students. A gingerbread house decorated with candies attracted much admiration and attention. And for a drink, Hawaiian Punch was offered and gladly received.

Apart from games of "Pass the Ball" in which even High School members participated, and a dollhouse, equipped with furniture and dolls, the major attraction and event was the distribution of presents after the traditional talk with Santa Claus, or Saint Nick as the children termed him—or should I say 'her'? After all, the part was well played

by Miss Hargrove. However, none of the children seemed to mind having a lady Santa, as evidenced by the fact that she always had her hands full of youngsters. All of the visitors seemed thrilled with their presents and their happiness helped many of the sponsors overcome their feelings of sorrow for their orphaned guests, several of whom were deaf.

The party lasted two hours, and all felt it came off very successfully. Margie Wertenbaker, who organized the party, did a fine job, as evidenced by the smiles, and happy faces of the Student Council's little guests.

## Queen Betsy Reigns Over Dance

by Lynn Horner

A last minute change of plans for the location of the Christmas Dance brought the 1966 Winter Wonderland to the Thomas A. Roberts Cafeteria on December 17, 1965. There were a few who thought the dance was a "bust" but most of the seventy couples in attendance had a marvelous time.

The Seniors who so generously contributed their time to slave over decorations and refreshments are to be commended. Each table had a candle surrounded by colored angel hair and a few tree ornaments. The curtains were festooned with glittering colored paper snowflakes. Evergreen branches and "snow" along the back windows, a Christmas tree and several sprigs of mistletoe suspended from the ceiling contributed to the magic mood.

Skip Brissette, Steve Denton, Don Minium, and John Phillips provided music as the Four Sharks. They played the last forty minutes without a break until midnight.

Refreshments prepared by the seniors included various cakes, cook-

ies, cocktail sandwiches, and an unusual but "fab" punch. No one seemed to know just what kind of punch it was, but one person called it "Dan Rau's Nightmare."

Xenophons arise! One of the three big X's has returned! This refers to Ross Calvert who showed up at the Christmas Dance in uniform. Those of you who are new to BHS this year and are unfamiliar with Xenophon International should consult with Skip Jiru, currently King Xenophon, unless you are a "phreen"—a person with anti-Xenophonic tendencies.

Reigning over the evening's festivities was the Senior Class Queen, Betsy Nuelson. Princesses from the other classes included Freshman, Kathy Semsch; Sophomore, Mary Saba; and Junior, Michele Klatt.

As the end of the dance approached, Cinderellas with early curfews began departing. By 015 hours, even the chaperones (Mr. and Mrs. Glauener, Mr. and Mrs. Chafin, and Mr. Cooper) were gone. Broken decorations and left-over food were reluctantly faced the next day by the senior class.



Taking time out from their dancing at the Winter Wonderland Christmas dance are: Bottom, Mimi Bates, Bob Metzger, Sandy Dragisity, Steve Coleman, Joe Wadson; Queen Betsy Nuelson. Top, Lorraine Trinca, John Phillips, Robert Edwards, Lorraine Cox, Chyneen Mitchell, Jim Corey.

—Photos by Frank Day

## Honor Society Takes Only Top Scholars

by Renate Kraszewski

The National Honor Society was founded in 1921. Membership to this society is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon a student. It encourages the members to increase and employ their academic abilities, teaches responsibility, and frequently aids the members in getting into the college of his choice.

Eligibility standards are quite stiff—candidates must have a 'B' average, a good personality, and especially good citizenship. In most schools, the teachers vote on who is to become a member of this elite society after an interview with the candidates. At BHS our teachers vote after the first semester. Once a member, regardless of the school Society, a student will always be a member regardless of the school he is attending.

Because of the Society's stiff eligibility standards and otherwise difficult requirements, BHS is obviously proud of the three seniors and two juniors who are present members. President Stan Fedyshyn, Vice-president Diane Shaw, Secretary Kathy Jones, Treasurer Virginia Ashcraft, and Frank Harris, under the able direction of Miss Fahrenholtz, have many responsibilities, which include the distributing of honor and merit roll cards, and making speeches at various school and society functions. One of their plans at the present is to install an information booth at the coming Music Festival.

Colleges and universities in the United States recognize the National Honor Society as a society of above average students and fine future citizens who are capable of hard work and accepting responsibilities. They therefore consider favorably those HS members who apply for admission. Because of this fact, and due to the advantages of personal and academic improvement and achievement afforded, working toward membership in this society would not be a futile effort on any student's part.

## TGIF Newspaper Party Opens New School Cafeteria

Wouldn't it be awful if the only school-sponsored event in the near future were exams??? UGH! Wouldn't you like to forget about these exams and really let your hair down—to Thank Goodness It's Friday!? We on the BEAR FACTS staff offer the perfect solution to post-exam blues and pre-report card worries. We are sponsoring a party in the new BHS cafeteria on 21 January for all students in grades 7-12 who

want to have a good time and help raise money so we can continue publishing our school newspaper.

Tickets for the party will go on sale Monday, January 17th and if you purchase in advance they will cost only 50 cents per person. Persons who buy at the door must pay 75 cents. This ticket includes one free sandwich and two free cokes. If you are really hungry or thirsty, additional refreshments will be available at modest prices. The popular "Sids" will provide entertainment.

Prior to the dance a contest will be held to elect a Mr. and Miss Bear Facts from the Senior High and a Little Mr. and Little Miss Bear Facts from the Junior High. Election will take place next week in the school lobby when candidates put out their ballot banks for your votes. To vote, you merely drop money in the bank of your favorite boy or girl. The couples with the most money will be our contest winners.

Boys—this is a no coat and tie affair! Girls—dig out your cutest jeans or bermudas! This is a casual party. We want you to enjoy yourself and TGIF!!!

## Sophs Succeed!!!

The sophomore class is publishing a newspaper of all the latest news in the class of '68. Class treasurer, Annette Mason is the editor of Calling All Sophomores. She is assisted by seventeen of her classmates. Mrs. Chafin is the faculty advisor.

Because the paper was distributed only to the Sophs, other classes take note: this paper contains all the latest doings of the sophomore class. The first issue came out on the Monday before Christmas vacation.

The next issue is expected in the near future and will feature the stories of two sophomore leaders along with class projects, jokes, opinion polls and cartoons.

## Juniors Take Merit Test Soon

Students who are juniors now and who plan to graduate from high school and enter college in the fall of 1967 are eligible to the Twelfth Annual National Merit qualifying tests for U. S. Army dependent high school students. These tests will be administered at all high schools in the European Area on March 1st.

Forty Army Merit Scholarships and forty individual loans are available to qualifying dependents of Army personnel under an agreement between the Department of the Army and the National Merit Corporation, administrators of the program.

Beginning with the award of the U. S. Army Merit Scholarships in the spring of 1966, the minimum scholarship stipend will be increased from \$250 to \$500 a year. Two

Berlin seniors are eligible for this scholarship: Lynn Horner and Frank Harris. As a result of the high scores they earned on this test last year they are finalists in the annual competition. The results of their Scholastic Aptitude Tests, taken in December, will determine whether they actually receive one of these scholarships.

Each merit scholarship is a four-year award to cover the undergraduate college years. Finalists select the college they wish to attend and the course of study they plan to pursue.

The National Merit Scholarship Program was established in 1955 with grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

AYA:

## Teen Talk

by Chyneen Mitchell and Dulceny Stiles

The AYA really came through over the holidays and provided the young adults of the Berlin American Community with a busy, fun-filled vacation. All during the holidays, the AYA center was open day and night for our enjoyment.

Much time and effort was involved in the planning and production of a very fine Christmas Dance. The decorations were magnificent, the band was "danceable." Billie Cook won her second "Queen Contest" for the year when she took the title of AYA Queen. Mary Saba and Chyneen Mitchell were selected as members of her court. Billie was crowned by Col. Cancelliere and awarded \$25.00 plus a dozen red carnations. The runners-up were awarded \$10.00 each and six carnations.

Next on the busy holiday schedule was the New Year's Eve Party. With delicious free pizza and coke, elaborate decorations and an American band, the dance was proclaimed an

unqualified success by all in attendance.

Members of the AYA would like to express their thanks to Mother "C" and her husband, also to Sgt. and Mrs. Munoz for chaperoning the party on New Year's Eve.

"Thanks," to the AYA for providing a place for the young people to enjoy themselves during the vacation.



## Hello from the USA...

"Bon Jour and Wie Geht's?" Didn't think we would write, did you? The three of us got together and decided on this "brainstorm." We are back in the land of weejuns, madras, round door knobs, and Burma Shave. Mike hasn't quite gotten into the swing of things—like speaking English to the Americans. One of the custom inspectors isn't in the swing of things either, he spoke German. We will keep you informed on "Stateside Static" at a later date.

Sincerely yours, (miss all of you) MEM (Marlowe, Ernie, and Mike)

- January 17, 18, 19: Mid-Year exams for grades 9-12.
- January 24: Second semester begins.
- March 25: End of third marking period.
- April 8-17: Good Friday and Easter vacation.
- May 28-30: Memorial Day Recess.
- June 10: End of fourth marking period. Last day of school.

We need your old books and paperbacks for sale to be held in February.

Box for donations in PX Lobby.

Proceeds go to SCHOLARSHIP FUND For further information call:

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AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB



# What the Students Like: Unmarried, Male Teachers Preferred

by Lynda Standard and Carroll Thebaud

Recently a public opinion poll was conducted at BHS to gather a consensus of opinion on the teachers in our school. The answers were many and varied, but here is what the majority of your colleagues think about teachers in general.

Most students prefer male teachers. There seems to be no apparent reason for this preference except that most of the students polled were female!!! An overwhelming majority of our student body also revealed that they get along better with unmarried teachers. A list of physical characteristics was listed on

## Happiness Is...

by Donna D'Amore

Most people can give at least one idea as to what happiness is to them, on the spur of the moment, without any hesitation. It seems students are no different! When asked what happiness was to them, they came up with some rather unusual "wants." For example, our president of the Student Council Tom Jackson's idea of perfect happiness is "no Juniors", while for Skip Jiru happiness is being at the Naafi. For Frank Cancelliere, happiness is having your own car with reclining seats! Jim Maloy and David Short have much the same ideas when asked the all-important question. For Jim, happiness is "finding the owner to a lost bikini!" and for David, it is seeing a girl losing her wrap-around!

Happiness lies in school for many

## Happy Birthday To Skip

by Laura Newby

One of the highlights of last December's social season was the birthday party for "the boy who has everything"—and now that is no understatement! The birthday boy was none other than Skip Brissette, a well-known Junior. His party, I'm sure all who attended will agree, was one that won't soon be equalled! Skip provided his guests with "real, live" music (he and his band did their best to disturb neighbors!), a tremendous cake, ice-cream, and even a bartender to serve the "drinks"—coke and 7-up. The crowd was large, the talk was lively, and the dancing "entertainment" even better, thanks to Don and Meg! Skip's gifts, though not many, were varied, and I'm sure one in particular should bring back memories and provide the perfect conversation piece! In fact, it could cause some very embarrassing situations and funny consequences if it fell into the wrong hands—beware Skip; strange things do happen!

## Oh Baby! Who Are You?



How well have you been doing on our regular baby quiz? See if you can improve your score this time. Pictured above somewhere are: Micky Graziano, Judy Brown, Lorraine Melnikoff, John Latham, Carol Mason, Natalie Winter, Mike Vrosh, Laura Newby, Michael Dorick, Cliff Lewis, Claudia Cooper, Phyllis Bost, Annette Mason, Diane Lewis, Maria Bare, Stephanie Cooper, and Herr Longolius.

our questionnaire—the winning combination seems to be short, fat and "cute." The tall, dark, and ugly types were definitely "out."

Teaching methods were analysed—TEACHERS, TAKE NOTE: We don't like to waste time during class periods. Fill them with work. Keep us busy. Clock-watching is no fun! BUT can't you take it easy on the home-work?? Most of us prefer to go quickly through a book and not drag it out. If you could manage it, the lecture method is much preferred if you can supplement our text. We don't like "sticking to the book" on our own.

We asked, "Are you a teacher's pet?" In nearly every case the answer was a vicious NO! To substantiate this answer many people stated under Dislikes in Teachers "Pets." Other dislikes included: laziness, no notice on tests, treating kids like babies, picking on teenagers, and embarrassing kids in front of the whole class.

The student's ideal teacher has none of these faults. He/she is intelligent and hard-working, humorous, light on homework, understanding and enthusiastic. We respect the teachers who can control a class and make a subject interesting. We can accept any grade from a teacher who is fair and forgives mistakes if we know he or she is working for our best interests.

How well do you measure up, Mr., Miss, or Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_?

## Senior Standouts

by Pamela Michaels

Many seniors who have walked into class planning to catch up on some much-needed sleep have been confronted by some strange looking birds, the artist of which was unknown. The young artist who draws these birds is our own "Bird Man of BHS", Anthony Bates.

A young man who does not beat around the bush, he answered our questions with bluntness and a distinct British accent. He has been to school in Paris, England and Hong Kong and can count up to nine in Chinese.

He has no favorite subject and finds "all of them equally dull." His plans after graduation are still indefinite but he is considering a life in the field of archaeology.

When we asked Anthony for some advice to the underclassmen, he replied in a typical short, to-the-point Anthony manner: "Take it easy and live longer."

by Florine Lyons

The pretty, blond, blue-eyed girl walking down the hall is Billie Cook, who has been a popular fixture in BHS for two years. Billie was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She has been a cheerleader for two years and has really boosted BHS's school spirit along with the other cheerleaders. She likes football most, as a spectator sport. Recently she was crowned as the Homecoming Queen at the very successful dance put on by the Student Council.

Billie thinks classes are too long and she believes the length of periods should be cut. She also puts her vote in for more Senior privileges. She thinks that Seniors should be allowed to enter school before underclassmen and she wishes the latter wouldn't push in the halls. What does she think of Berlin? We asked her and she stated, "I really like it. It grows on you!"

Billie is planning to attend college next fall, but she also wants to become an airline stewardess.

## Lovelorn Advice

Dear Arden Jaine,

I don't understand it. Boys just won't leave me alone. I'm very flattered but all these boys are very exhausting. What can I do about it?

Lucie

Dear Lucie,

We're sure that many girls envy you and would take vitamin pills to keep up the pace, but if you're very serious about cutting down on your allure try onions—"an onion a day, keeps the boys away"—or switch from Chanel No. 5 to Hydrogen Sulfide.

Arden Jaine

Dear Arden Jaine,

Boys never seem to know I'm alive. What can I do to get them to notice me?

Unnoticed

Dear Unnoticed,

Take a good look at yourself. Are you as attractive as you could be?

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## MEET THE FACULTY



Miss Fahrenheit



Mr. Hawver

by Patricia Geaney

No, it wasn't a well-known senator you heard speaking in room 103 as you passed by. It was Miss Fahrenheit, our American Government teacher.

Born in Peoria, Illinois, she later attended Carthage College, Los Angeles State University, and Bradley University.

Miss Fahrenheit chose to teach in Germany not only because of the numerous travel opportunities, but also because it is the home of her ancestors. She has enjoyed teaching here although she feels that the student body, on a whole, is lazier than that of previous years.

A lively game of bridge is Miss Fahrenheit's favorite pastime, and she listens avidly to all records, all that is, but Modern Jazz. Being an enthusiastic traveler, she has traveled extensively through Europe, besides having taught in the Far East for three years.

Miss Fahrenheit, who has lived in Berlin for the past three years, will be leaving this summer. Her plans for the future are still indefinite.

## Fashion Tips: Knickers Are "In"

by Pat May

Are you wondering what you should wear winter skiing, ice-skating, or to a basketball game that is stylish and different? Knickers have arrived to end your indecision! Your knickers will be great for watching all kinds of winter sports. Worn with heavy knee socks or textured stockings, loafers, and a bulky sweater or vest, knickers will make you look your very best.

Knickers can be found in any number of stores in Berlin (and we have that advantage over Stateside teenagers!) for a small amount of money. I would recommend the KaDeWe for buying knickers, for they have a variety of patterns, colors and fabrics to choose from. Some of the more popular colored knickers seen are black, browns and greens. Wool and corduroy are the most practical fabrics.

If you feel like really splurging... leather knickers and a leather vest with sheep's wool as a lining will look very stylish on top of a ski slope or at one of the basketball games. In any event, knickers have arrived, and it looks as though they are here to stay!



## Don't You Love Snow?

Here it is, another beautiful day in Berlin! Don't you just love the snow? Isn't it wonderful to be able to stand here and watch the snowflakes fall past your nose? And it's so delightful when it gets in your hair and looks like sparkles. Snow is especially nice in your hair—even when it melts inside and absolutely ruins your hairdo. Aren't you glad

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# CLUBLICITY

by Sally Jones  
New clubs this year give BHS a new outlook.  
Just before vacation on December 18th, the Junior Red Cross sponsored a Christmas Party for German orphans between the ages of 2 and 6. Each orphan received a Christmas present from the members of the Jr. Red Cross.  
Junior and Senior members of the German-American Club under the sponsorship of Herr Longolius and Frau Schirmer took a trip out to the Weihnachtsmarkt at the Funkturm on Dec. 15th.  
The Science Club with Mrs. Chafin has been studying weather. Last Dec. 8th they went out to the weather station at Tempelhof Air

Base and learned about the various types of weather apparatus used here in Berlin. Frank Day explained at the subsequent meeting the inner secrets of a radio—how the transmitter sends magnetic waves and how the receiver changes these waves into sound.  
Miss Skaar is teaching her Sewing Club students to KNIT! Right now they are mastering the art of the knit stitch, but seem to have trouble with purling—keep it up girls, by next issue we want to see some handknit sweaters!  
The Russian Club under the direction of Herr Voigt is having a bit of difficulty with reading and writing Russian, but other than that, they're having fun.

## Frosting Expert Visits Class



Home Economics II and III students observe and participate in the cake decorating lesson given by guest demonstrator Mrs. Charles Morehead. Mrs. Morehead showed the girls how to make sugar molds and use various decorating tubes. The results of her efforts were poinsettias and candles on a lovely Christmas cake. Unfortunately the cake was devoured by her hungry audience before our photographer could get a picture!  
—Photo by Craig Anderson

## Yakity Yak - All The Latest, Hottest Gossip!

Hello Fellow Gossipers!  
What's new in the freshmen class? We hear that K.S. and B.C. are still hitting it off... must be love... recently R.M. and P.D. have joined forces... is it for real???  
Guess who took K.B. to the Christmas dance? ... a long lost lover—B.C.! There is still hope!  
R.E. is looking forlorn lately—L.C. is leaving. Lots of broken hearts are evident because of the departure of R.Y. Bon Voyage to both.  
Freshmen! How can we keep track of your current flames, if you never come to public functions! Let's see you all at the BEAR FACTS party doing all sorts of gossiping things! Let's get a little spice into this column.  
Until next issue, good bye from your BARE facts reporter, D.S.

Greetings, fellow Sophomores!  
I've got some surprising announcements about the Sophomore class!  
Well, M.N., I bet you didn't know about that little Freshman—he's insane over you. As for you, S.L., I really do wish that you would stop passing notes in German and please do SOMETHING with R.K.! D.W. and P.M., what's up? J.P. going with an older woman, making a certain Sophomore girl jealous. C.B., what's up between you and K.W.? S.W. is on the prowl, fellows. E.P., who in the world is "Kathy"? Everybody is dying to know! As for the cutest couple of the month, H.L. and N.M. have run off with the prize.  
We have two brave candy eaters in our class; namely G.G. and P.M. (If you see little sticky marks on

## Berlin High Students Support U.S. Policy in Vietnam

by Maria Bare  
When questions about U.S. reactions to Viet Nam were asked of students at BHS, most of the answers were similar. Most students think that U.S. action in Viet Nam is justified because we must stop the world-wide spread of communism to insure peace. Also, they feel that we are committed in Viet Nam since we have to make a stand for freedom someplace. One opinion which was very different was that maybe the South Vietnamese people would rather live under communism than fight a war. A few people feel that we have no business being there, since it is their war, and that it is insane to send all the young soldiers because if they're not old enough to vote, they're not old enough to fight.  
When asked what they thought about the protesters in the States who burn their draft cards, most felt that they were acting immaturely and that they were just trying to get out of helping their country in a good cause. Others felt they just want to stand out to get publicity. Also, someone felt that something should be done to stop the burning of draft cards, because it gives a bad impression to our allies and hurts the morale in Viet Nam.  
We should be more forceful, since we are on the eve of destruction, was another opinion. Most girls feel that if the fighting doesn't stop soon, the U.S. will be over-run with girls.  
  
that we get to stand outside in the snow and the cold for ten or twenty minutes every morning and at lunchtime? We don't mind if we get cold feet and wet hair and runny noses and maybe pneumonia, do we? Of course not! After all we can all admire the exterior of our beautiful new school—and wish we were inside it!

### Don't You Love Snow?

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Anonymous.

## JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

### Yakity Yak - With The Younger Set

Hi, Junior High!  
Well, we've found out that J.O. sure does change his girl friends frequently—he's gone with A.R., S.D., and B.E. so far—wonder who's next! C.L. has her eyes on that cute little redhead, S.C.  
L.S. had a Christmas dance. It didn't turn out very well—there were only 3 boys and 6 girls! How ghastly! R.S. danced only with D.M.; L.S. danced one or two dances—that's pretty bad for a host, don't you think, B.M. was thrilled when L.S. asked her to dance.  
S.P. really thinks a lot of T.C.—but she won't admit it. She even warned him not to believe anything rumored about him and her. J.K. would do a flip and jump up and down for joy if W.M. asked her to go steady. A.R. would really like it if J.F. asked her to go steady—she told me so!  
B.K. left us in December. The day after he left, B.E. (she kind of liked him), was sick, so Mr. E. who doesn't miss much, asked her about things when she returned to school. B.E. just blushed!!  
We'll be back next issue with more gossip. Hope you'll all show up at the BEAR FACTS party on the 21st and really show these upperclassmen that we are worthy of being invited to school events. See you then.  
A little girl with sharp eyes and big ears

### Junior High Happiness ...

by Bob Wyman  
In the Happiness Poll recently taken for the Junior High, it was found that most students are worried about grades, report cards, and mid-term exams. It was also discovered that there were a large number of complaints concerning boyfriends and dates. One Junior High student said, "Happiness is having a boyfriend who doesn't flirt!" Others pleaded for dates with more interesting boys. Many were up to date on the war in Vietnam and the Ku Klux Klan and many had a touch of humor. For instance, one 8th grader said, "Happiness is having a cross-eyed giraffe in your locker." So keep your locker shut or you may end up with a zoo!  
"Happiness is when we get to go to a dance the High School goes to and we aren't labeled PUNK!" was one Junior High student's wish. Another ideal for happiness was "Down with the BEAR FACTS", while yet another was "Happiness is not having to fill out lousy forms like these!" Judging from these returns, how much real happiness is there in the Junior High?

### Junior High Speaks Out In Rebuttal

by Douglas Price  
In answer to last month's article accusing Junior High students of immaturity, a poll has been taken by BEAR FACTS. The overwhelming opinion of a select group of 8th and 9th graders was that the bulk of the Junior High students are not immature. A surprising number of students contacted admitted that there are some Junior High students who are not mature, but that the entire Junior High student body should not be judged by these few.  
On being asked, "When do you think teenagers are old enough to participate in Student Council activities?", some replied that age does not count, it is how mature a person acts that counts. It was generally conceded that some students grow up more rapidly than others and hence their behavior patterns earlier.  
All of the Junior High students freely admitted that some of their classmates were not old enough, mature enough, or interested enough to participate in dances. However, it was quite clear, that all of the interested Junior High students would like to be asked to come to the High School dances. Most felt that those who were immature would not be interested enough to attend.  
It was also quite clear from the persons being questioned that there were many Senior High students who were not grown up and who frequently caused incidents which reflected badly upon BHS. It is hoped that the upperclassmen will give more understanding to the members of the Junior High and at the same time, that the younger set will not have to accept the responsibilities for all of the bad incidents that have occurred.

### Spastic of the Month



Can you guess what Ruby Stiles is doing in this picture??? She was chosen by our candid camera as the "spastic of the month" when caught in this peculiar predicament. We will publish the most original explanation submitted to BEAR FACTS in our next issue. If you know of any other spastic people that our cameraman can catch in action, let us know.  
—Photo by Tom Mize

### New Books + Teacher → Effective Course

by Gerry Griffin  
Recent activities in the Chemistry department include the adoption of new textbooks from the Chemistry Study committee and a flurry of activities aimed at modifications in the new laboratory. Miss White referred us to her lab assistants for more information in this department. Tom Jackson and Cookie Blevins pointed out a lack of sufficient desk space and sinks and a few minor flaws in the placement of some equipment. Arrangements have been made to remedy the situation and combined with the easily understood and modern textbook the Chemistry course will be very effective.  
The assistants said that "nothing is dangerous if you know what you're doing," as they demonstrated by lighting a magnesium strand which burst into bright white flames. Although this subject is difficult, it is not boring. Class was recently enlivened by an unidentified person who placed an opened container of hydrogen sulfide (which smells like rotten eggs) in the adjoining physics room.  
Tom said the "chemistry is a fascinating subject" and that later "it will be much easier in modern math if you take chemistry." Chemistry is useful in such sciences as medicine, engineering, geology and agriculture.  
Although the assistants admitted the difficulties of the course, they agreed that one of the benefits is the teacher, Miss White.

### Baby Quiz

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Mickey Graziano.  
Top: Laura Newby. Center bottom: John Lathum, Herr Longolius. Center: Annette Mason, Lorraine Melnikoff, Judy Brown, Cliff Lewis, Carol and Stephanie Cooper. Maria Bare, Bost, Diane Lewis, Claudia and Mike Vosh, Mike Dorick, Phyllis. Upper left clockwise: Natalie Winter.

## Top Five Graders' Club

TOP FIVE GRADERS' OPEN MESS BERLIN  
Schedule of Events  
January 1966

| Club "50" (closed Mondays)     |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dance Orchestra                | Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun   |
| Happy Hour                     | 1700—1900 hrs Fri and Tues      |
| Floor Shows                    | 8, 15, 22 Jan                   |
| Chicken and Schnitzel          | 29 Jan, \$1.00                  |
| Night                          |                                 |
| Bingo: All Cash prizes         | 2000 hrs, Wednesdays            |
| Free Beer                      | 22 Jan                          |
| SUNDAY SPECIALS:               |                                 |
| 0900-1100 hrs                  | Breakfast 40 cents              |
| Pizza & Wine Night             | 27 Jan                          |
| Gator Club (closed Wednesdays) |                                 |
| Dance Orchestra                | Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays     |
| Free Beer                      | 1800—1900 hrs, 22 Jan           |
| Happy Hour                     | 1700—1900 hrs, Tues and Fri     |
| Chicken and Schnitzel          | 29 Jan, \$ 1.00                 |
| Night                          |                                 |
| Floor Show                     | 15 Jan                          |
| Pizza & Wine Night             | 27 Jan                          |
| Eloso Club (closed Mondays)    |                                 |
| Dance Orchestra                | Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays     |
| Floor Show                     | 8 Jan                           |
| Happy Hour                     | 1700—1900 hrs, Fri and Tuesdays |
| Free Beer                      | 22 Jan                          |
| Chicken and Schnitzel          | 29 Jan, \$1.00                  |
| Night                          |                                 |
| Pizza & Wine Night             | 27 Jan                          |



# Wrestlers And Hoopsters Begin 1966 Season

## Wrestling Schedule

Jan 14-15 At Frankfurt a three-way meet with Berlin, Frankfurt and Kaiserslautern.  
Jan 21-22 Home match with Wuerzburg.  
Jan 28-29 At Karlsruhe.  
Feb 4-5 At Bremerhaven.  
Feb 11-12 Northern Regional Matches at Frankfurt.  
Feb 18-19 Finals at Ludwigsburg.

## Collins Captains Team Victory in B'haven

by Murell Shields  
The Berlin High School wrestling team invaded Bremerhaven Dec. 10-11, and defeated the hosts in both weekend meets, 43-10 and 45-13.

**Friday's Varsity Results:**  
95 lb.—Tony Gonzalez, Berlin, won by forfeit.  
103 lb.—Murrell Shields, Berlin, won by forfeit.  
112 lb.—Mike Gonzalez, Berlin, decisioned Peele, Bremerhaven, 11-1.  
120 lb.—Richard Saltzburg, Berlin, and Henry, Bremerhaven, fought to a draw.  
127 lb.—Jim Collins (captain of team), Berlin, pinned Wenger, Bremerhaven.  
133 lb.—Dan Rau, Berlin, pinned Bass, Bremerhaven.

**Saturday's Varsity Results:**  
95 lb.—Tony Gonzalez, Berlin, won by forfeit.  
103 lb.—Murrell Shields, Berlin, won by forfeit.  
112 lb.—Mike Gonzalez, Berlin, pinned Peele, Bremerhaven.  
120 lb.—Henry, Bremerhaven, pinned Richard Saltzburg, Berlin.  
127 lb.—Jim Collins, Berlin, pinned Wenger, Bremerhaven.  
133 lb.—Dan Rau, Berlin, pinned Bass, Bremerhaven.  
138 lb.—Proctor, Bremerhaven, pinned Steve Coleman, Berlin.  
145 lb.—Ed Posey, Berlin, won by forfeit over Clayton, Bremerhaven.  
154 lb.—Skip Jiru, Berlin, pinned Bowles, Bremerhaven.  
165 lb.—Harry Calvert, Berlin, pinned Bouldrey, Bremerhaven.  
180 lb.—Jerry D'Amore, Berlin, won by forfeit.  
Unlimited-Robertson, Bremerhaven, decisioned Steve McElmury, Berlin, 4-2.  
138 lb.—Proctor, Bremerhaven, pinned Steve Coleman, Berlin.  
145 lb.—Ed Posey, Berlin, pinned Clanton, Bremerhaven.  
154 lb.—Skip Jiru, Berlin, pinned Bouldrey, Bremerhaven.  
165 lb.—Harry Calvert, Berlin, decisioned Whitmayer, Bremerhaven, 9-3.  
180 lb.—Jerry D'Amore, Berlin, pinned Collins, Bremerhaven.  
Unlimited-Robertson, Bremerhaven, decisioned Steve McElmury, Berlin, 1-0.  
Although Buzz Coleman and Benton Peterson were pinned in exhibition on Friday, they came back to pin their opponents on Saturday.

## Senior Gossip

(Continued from Page 3)  
of us Seniors would like L.M. to KNOW! ... Finally, "Fluoride" has a normal jaw again! ... The Christmas Dance was a success for Betsy—she won the Queen of the Dance contest.  
Hey, kiddos, we have to get the luxurious Class of '66 out of the "red", think fast!  
The Senior Class would like to welcome Judy and Lynda to their ranks. Oh—Miss Hargrove, your party was swell and we, the members of the Senior Class, would like to give you "thanks" ... Miss White had a GREAT time in Italy, Seniors—what do you think about that!??  
Well, "mugged up cats" I have to say Auf Wiedersehen for now!  
D.S.



The 1966 Berlin American High School Varsity Basketball squad: Left to Right, Tuc Jones, Pat Davis, Mike Davis, Don Short, Ray Cook, Carl Dolmetsch, Bernie Wickenhofer, Ralph Cunningham, Tom Waggoner, Tony Morasco. Front, Coach Rice.

## How To "Beat Your Man" On A Wrestling Mat!

by Jerry D'Amore  
Like any other sport, wrestling is much more enjoyable to observe when you understand its basic mechanics and terminology.  
The beginning of each "meet" starts with a "match between the lowest or 95 lbs. weight class and it progresses to include all the other eleven classes, the highest of which is for those wrestlers over 180 lbs.  
Each individual match lasts for 2 minute periods unless one of the participants is "pinned". A pin is scored when one of the wrestlers puts his opponent flat on his back for a full second.  
At the beginning of a match, two men face each other from opposite sides of the mat from neutral positions.

When the whistle signifying the beginning of the match is blown, the wrestlers try to "take their man down" or gain control of him.  
When a wrestler gains control of his man he has a number of ways in which he can "break his man down". To break his man down, a wrestler must get his opponent in a prone position where he can then use one the various pinning combinations to pin his man.  
Most of the time during a match is spent in the down position. One wrestler tries to break the other down, his opponent tries to escape. As is to be expected, many different and complicated forms of break-downs and escapes have been developed. Members of the Berlin

American High School Wrestling team will display some of these techniques in the upcoming home matches.  
Scoring a wrestling match is done on an individual basis for each match. The team score is based on a cumulative basis. Points are assigned on the following basis:  
Take downs: 1 point  
Reserval: 1 point  
Near pin for 1 sec: 1 point  
Near pin for 3 sec: 3 points  
If a wrestler wins his match by decision or by outscoring his man he gets 3 points for the team; a wrestler pinning his man boosts the score up by 5 points; a tie gives each team 2 points.

## Supercalifragilis-tikexpealidocious

by Karen Kuhnke  
We asked the question, "What would you do if you found a Strabismus camelopard in your locker?" to a wide variety of students at BHS. The best answers were:  
Pat Geaney: I'd drop it on the floor and see if it broke.  
Skip Brissette: 1st answer: Found who? 2nd answer: I'd plug my guitar into him.  
Tina Wertenbaker: Turn it into the office.  
Louise Wong: Kick him out; there's not enough room here.  
Carl Dolmetsch: I'd look again and see if was really there. If it was I'd call the fire department.  
Pam Michaels: Study it so I could pass my Biology test.  
Michele Klatt: Invite him home for dinner.  
Lynn Horner: Put a saddle on it and enter it in a Serendipity race. (What???)  
Debbie Gieber: Wrap it up and take it home.  
Perry Shackelford: Give it to Steve Kelsey and let him hatch it.  
Steve Kelsey: Unwrap it and hatch it.  
Since a strabismus camelopard is a cross-eyed giraffe, we wonder why no one wanted to 1) give it contact lenses then 2) recruit it for the basketball team. Giraffes are quite tall, you know.

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## Baskethall Schedule

1965-1966  
Jan 14-15 Heidelberg (Home)  
Jan 21-22 Baumholder (Away)  
Jan 28-29 Karlsruhe (Home)  
Feb 4-5 Bad Kreuznach (Home)  
Feb 11-12 Bremerhaven (Away)  
Home Game Times  
Heidelberg: Friday JV 1600 hrs  
Varsity 1800 hrs  
Karlsruhe: Friday JV 1600 hrs  
Varsity 1800 hrs  
Bad Kreuznach: Friday JV 1800 hrs  
Varsity 1930 hrs  
All Saturday morning games will begin at 1030 hrs.

## Skating, Skiing Found In Berlin

by Kathy Jones  
Who says there isn't anything to do in Berlin? Now that winter is firmly entrenched, one can iceskate all morning, ski in the afternoon, and then go sledding at the Rodelbahn in the evening.  
One can even skate in the rain at Neukoelln or the Europa Center. Neukoelln (near the Leinestrasse U-Bahn) is open from eight to eleven in the morning, two to five in the afternoon, and from seven to eleven at night. It costs thirty or fifty Pfennigs to get in and skates rent for two marks an hour with a deposit of forty marks or an identification card. The Europa Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission costs one or two marks, and skates rent for two marks an hour.  
The Teufelsberg is the best and possibly only skiing hill in Berlin. It has a ski lift which costs one mark per ride- and skis and poles can be rented.  
So get with it and make some tracks in the snow this winter!

## Wrestling Round The World

by Chris Dolmetsch  
The art of wrestling is almost as old as man himself. Records of ancient matches have been found in Babylonia, dating as early as 3000 B.C., and carved on the walls in the pyramids of Egypt. It wasn't until the Greeks introduced wrestling into the XVIII Olympiad, in 704 B.C. however, that the sport gained popularity in the civilized world.  
The Romans in their later Olympiads under Nero were responsible for the development of what we now call Greco-Roman Wrestling. The emphasis in the method is on standing holds and the wrestlers are not allowed to seize each other anywhere below the waist.  
As early as 22 B.C. the Japanese had their famous Sumo wrestlers. These huge Asian, men, weighing over 300 lbs., were responsible for the development of the other form

of wrestling called Catch-As-Catch-Can. This method, used in America, is somewhat freer than Greco-Roman Wrestling in that prone holds are emphasized. Only choking and kicking are forbidden. Both forms of wrestling are now used in the modern Olympic Games.  
Almost every race of people in the world developed their own wrestling style. The American Indians had leg wrestling and even the American backwoodsmen had their own lawless style.  
Wrestling turned professional in America in the 1880's with William Muldoon as the first world champion. Since then eight classes have been developed by weight: Flyweight—121 lbs and under; bantamweight—128 lbs; featherweight—136 lbs; lightweight—145 lbs; welterweight—155 lbs; Middleweight—165 lbs; light-heavyweight—175 lbs; heavyweight—unlimited.  
Wrestling is at present an organized, entertaining, professional and school sport.

Lovelorn Advice  
(Cont. from Page 2)  
Perhaps the boys do notice you, but prefer to pretend they don't. Try cleanliness, neatness, and a smile now and then. If this fails, write again and we'll give an alternative solution.  
Arden Jaine  
Dear Arden Jaine,  
Whenever my girlfriend and I go out she always brings her girlfriends along. I ask her out; not her girlfriends. She persists in this despite my protests. What should I do?  
G.W.  
Dear G.W.,  
Protest violently! Assert your manly prerogative. If this fails, examine your dating behavior. Why does your girl feel she needs her girlfriends around on a date with you? Perhaps she's afraid to be alone with you! Good luck.  
Arden Jaine  
Anyone with lovelorn problems is invited to submit their problems to Room 306 or any BEAR FACTS member. Arden Jaine is an expert in such things and welcomes an opportunity to guide the misguided.

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