



Bearin' Down



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PICK IT UP! OR STARVE

Have you ever been eating, and you look on the other side of the table and think, "that's disgusting!"

Well that seems to be the case with many concerned BAHS students. But there is always that inconsiderate minority who refuse to bring their trays back or throw their lunch bag away. This is not only inconsiderate, but it reflects what type of person they are. Do you leave plates and coke cans on your floor and dining room table at home? Of course not! So why do it here? What's so hard about walking 20 feet to the nearest trash can. Everyone knows the cafeteria has plenty of trash cans, in convenient locations.

Think of it another way. If you were one of the cafeteria workers, would you want to clean up someone else's mess? Probably not.

Be considerate to the cafeteria workers, as well as your own fellow students. The cafeteria is a privilege, not a facility guaranteed for your own personal use. Don't abuse it. Because if you do, you might have to go hungry.

TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE?



The Annual seventh and eighth grade Spelling Contest will be held on March 10, 1980, during first period. The prizes are as follows: first prize a Webster's Dictionary, second a Thesaurus, third a Cassell's German and English Dictionary, and fourth prize is a book about Berlin. The contestants are J. Kidwell, T. Collins, M. Hall, R. Mooney, H. McNutt, P. Cleaver, B. Hamilton, J. Lockhart, H. Sasser, K. Jackson, K. Tracy, A. White, R. Kehler, C. Olenik, C. Twist, M. Stewart, D. Kahn, K. Lastra, C. Flores, M. Uriegas, and A. Evans.

BERLIN VOTED AMONG TOP 10 IN 12th ANNUAL MUN

By Steve Slifer

Ten students of the Berlin American High School left for the Hague, Holland, on the 28th of January, to attend the 12th annual Model United Nations session.

The Model United Nations is an assembly of students from 66 different American schools all over the world, ranging from Cairo, Egypt to San Diego, California.

Each of the participating schools is given at least one country to represent, by the American School of the Hague, the sponsor of the program. Once the school receives the name of the country (ies) that they are to represent, they begin research on their country's background, present political stance, military, allies, foreign policy, economic stability, and pending world situations. Also, during this time debates are held, using parliamentary procedure, by the delegates on mock resolutions that they have written. This gives the delegates the necessary practice of parliamentary procedure, which is the procedure used during the Model United Nations to maintain order.

Along with preparing mentally and physically for this session they must also earn or acquire the money necessary for the transportation to get there, the registration fee, and, in some cases, hotel reservations.

The Educational Trip Club of BAHS represented two countries, those of South Africa and Grenada.

They left Monday night, the 28th of January, by way of the Bremerhaven duty train, to Hannover, then to Utrecht, Holland and finally the Hague, Holland.

The delegations arrived on the 29th for registration, housing assignments, and lobbying (discussing their resolutions to pick up support with delegates representing other countries). This was all held at the American School of the Hague where a free lunch was provided.

The next day was the official opening ceremony, and was held at the official United Nations Congress building. Opening speeches were given by the Chairman, Secretary General, the principal of the Hague School, and the American Ambassador to Holland. Following these opening speech introductions, each of the 130 represented countries had the right to give an opening speech, and a vast majority did in alphabetical order. Most of the speeches were used for policy statements, and condemning the Soviet expansionistic move into Afghanistan, the South African apartheid policy, and many other disturbing political

situations. During the speech time, which took all day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., many world organizations (OPEC, NATO, The Non-Aligned Nations, etc.) and individual nations met to lobby on the resolutions that each delegate brought with them.

The next day was a day of committee meetings: disarmament, human rights, decolonization, and various political committees, are just a few. Each committee had a set agenda of questions that required the attention of the United Nations, or in this case, the Model United Nations. This is where a resolution has to pass in order to be considered by the General Assembly; most countries did not have a representative in each committee, and chose to be represented in those committees that were most important to their country. Much debating was done, so very few resolutions were passed in most of the committees.

The next two days were spent in the General Assembly debating those resolutions that had passed through the committees. This gave all countries the chance to debate, if they were not present in the committee: the General Assembly is composed of all countries represented in the Model United Nations, both those

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BAHS PAYS TRIBUTE

Joseph E. Ferguson was born on Sept. 10, 1928 and lived in Old Hickory, Tennessee throughout childhood. He graduated from George Peabody College in 1957, and received his Masters Degree in 1971.

Mr. Ferguson taught in Tennessee and Georgia before coming overseas. In 1960, he went to Nurnberg, Germany where he taught English, Drama, and Social Studies, was a Career Counselor, and a newspaper advisor. He taught English, Publications, and Drama in Tripoli, Libya, for a year, and then moved to Rota, Spain, in 1966, where he taught English and Creative Writing. In 1969, he came to Berlin, Germany. Here he taught English, Speech & Drama, CWE, Career Information, and Career Education.

Mr. Ferguson would have been 52 this year. He died on Feb. 4, 1980, of a heart attack. For those who knew him, he will be remembered as a great person who not only achieved many goals throughout his life, but helped many students in their decision of what goals they should try to achieve. Joseph E. Ferguson, Sept. 10, 1928 - Feb. 4, 1980.



Features



INTERESTING PAST

by Bryan Reiff

attending an overseas or military school can have its drawbacks, but one of the benefits of transiency is the opportunity to go to new places and see things that you only would hear about at a non-stationary place. However you need not even leave America to encounter a culture different from your own, as has a member of our faculty, Mr. Ronald Knowles. Mr. Knowles has recently come from a full-time teaching job on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona. He taught automotive classes to the ninth through twelfth grades, which had an enrollment of approximately 750 students, a student body slightly larger than Berlin American High School. Mr. Knowles (whom the Indians affectionately referred to as "Yellow Hair") lived and worked in a small community called Four Corners. The students themselves lived at the boarding school in traditional Navajo structures called higans, which are made of mud and brick. Mr. Knowles, who also taught at a small community college, grew accustomed to such Indian specialties as fried bread and "Navajo tacos". When asked what he thought of his unique teaching experience he replied, that the Navajos were always eager to learn, and were very good students, and about his teaching in general, he stated that it was the best teaching experience he ever had.

Muppets in Berlin

by Michele Schuetze

In the Muppet Movie we find our favorite frog, Kermit, in a swamp playing his banjo. There he is discovered by a Hollywood agent who advises him to go to Hollywood and share his talents. On his way, he passes the El Slegao cafe and meets up with Pozzie Bear. Pozzie and Kermit then run into the villain of the movie, Doc Hopper, who wants Kermit to represent his chain of frog-leg restaurants. Kermit's morals won't let him do it and he tells doc to forget it. As the frog and bear continue on journey they meet Gonzo and his girlfriend, Camilla. Other characters they meet are Miss Piggy, Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem, Powlf, and Sweetums. Throughout the movie Doc Hopper tries to swing Kermit's favor towards him. Starting with asking him nicely and ending with a determination to kill him. Of course our hero gets out of this pickle and makes it to Hollywood to organize the Muppets.

A multitude of famous stars made cameo appearances. Among these were Telly Savalas, Madeline Kahn, Mel Brooks, Dom DeLuise, Orson Welles and Steve Martin.

Valentine Find-A-Word

Cupid	Mail
Sentimental	Love
Emotion	Arrow
Candy	Liebe
Heart	Sweetheart
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Gifts	Valentine
Wings	Beloved
Bow	Darling
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Romance	Fidelity
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LOVE IS...

by Carla Sutcliffe

LOVE IS.....

...her offering to clean up your locker.

...his offering to carry your books to class.

...teachers when they give you an "A".

...a helping hand after slipping in the snow.

...sneaking a kiss in between classes.

...a friend who looks out for approaching teachers while you are kissing.

...offering her your seat on the bus.

...her staying up half of the night to type your term paper.

...helping each other with your homework.

...115 days to graduation!

NEWCOMERS AT BAH S

by Ross Bennett

Recently, BAH S received three new faculty members. Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kempton's replacement in the attendance office, originates from Louisiana. Previous to her job at our school, she worked at Tempelhof. To qualify for such a job she had to attend a secretary business college. Mrs. Green feels that the attendance system is a good system as long as the teachers keep up with attendance slips. She will be here until March 1981.

Mrs. Foster, our new Main Office secretary replacing Mrs. Sams is from Indiana. She has been here since August 1979. Her husband is in the Army, and she used to be in the Army, too. She enjoys cooking and reading. She will leave in July of 1982.

Mrs. Kaufmann is the new counselor for the eighth, half of the ninth, and the tenth grades. She grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This isn't her first time here in Berlin. She has been here before, when her son was in Berlin. She has plenty of counseling experience as she was a counselor for many years in a San Francisco counseling center for teenagers. She has two children. She enjoys cooking international foods, skiing, and sailing. Mrs. Kaufmann says that she intends to stay here as long as possible.



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YOURS TRULY STRIKES AGAIN

Toni Hassell

Early one morning in 1980,
I walked out the door feeling drowsy and hazy.
I walked for three blocks 'til I got to a fountain,
Which wasn't very far from Stoneface Mountain.
As I looked in the fountain, towards me came,
A cute little fellow; now what was his name?
He said, "I'm Cupid from Mount Olympus.
I'm not here for pleasure, I'm here on business."
I pictured hearts deep in my mind,
And a strange feeling arouse inside.
He pulled out his bow and held it tight,
And said I'd be hooked by eight that night.
The arrow struck, there was no way out,
I stood there happy while humming aloud.
And as I came to, before me stood,
A handsome young man; another Robin Hood.
He kneeled before me and kissed my hand,
And that's when it all first began.
He handed me a box of chocolate candy,
And I said to him, "This will sure come in handy."
He said, "How about a walk in the park,
And a candle lit dinner when it gets dark?"
So we had our dinner, and it was great,
We ate so much, we can't remember what we ate.
Our stomachs wer' full, there was no empty room,
We then sat talking beneath the moon.
He grabbed my hand and gave me a kiss,
Which I found exciting, but listen to this.
As we sat holding hands, we heard a bay,
That came from the mountain; a coyote.
As I blinked once more, before me sat,
A cute little toad, very slimy and wet.
I said, "Oh no, what's happened to you?"
Before my eyes, appearing once more,
Was Cupid himself. What more could he want?
I said, "Why did you play this joke on me?"

And he replied, "He wasn't for you, can't you see?
This guy was a turkey, really the pits.
He got what he deserved, and it was this.
It was I who was supposed to meet you,
I waited at the store, "McGlue."
You never showed up, so I figured that,
You'd gotten tied up with some other old rat.
So that's why the man who sat before you,
Is now a toad that never really loved you.
Just give him a kiss and say goodnight,
And he'll go on his way and you'll be all right.
So I did as he said and the toad returned,
To the little devil who posed as a man.
And Cupid and I returned to my place,
And slept through the night with peace and grace.
When I awoke from my sleep, early the next morning,
Cupid had left to return to his mountain.
On my dresser he left me a note that said,
"Happy Valentine's Day to you, my dear."

TRUE LOVE

Charlotte Redd

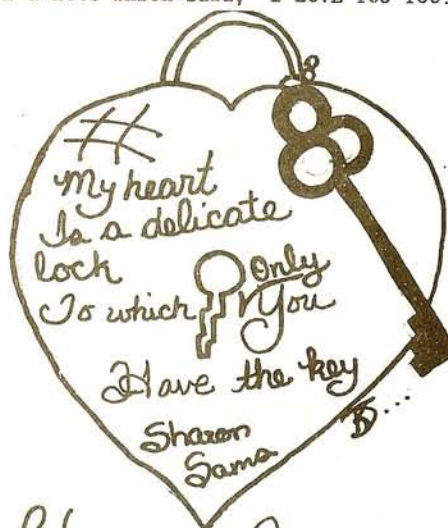
It was a heart-shaped white box, full of carmel and chocolate, wrapped with a red ribbon, with his name written on it. She placed it gently on his doorstep, and whispered his name, then hurried away before she was noticed. Later at school, when she passed him in the hall, he shoved the candy toward her and smiled. "Have a piece of candy?" She took a piece nervously and hurried away, avoiding his eyes. At the end of the day, when she went to her locker, taped to it she found a long stemmed crimson red rose, and connected to it was a note which said, "I LOVE YOU TOO!"

A SPECIAL VALENTINE

Jimmie Lee Estep

The red roses were so delicate and beautiful, he thought. She would love them. He remembered she had said that roses were her favorite, and the red ones would suit the time of the year perfectly.

He lived a few blocks away from where she was staying, and he knew he must run to catch the bus. It only took him a few minutes to reach his destination. As he walked down the sidewalk, all he could think about was what a lovely February 14th it was. She would have thought so also. She loved flowers and winter days. In the past, he had shared this day with her, but this year was so different. In some strange way, this Valentine's Day was very special to him. These roses gave him the chance to say all the I love yous he had never before taken the time to say, and he was sure she would understand. He slowly bent over in hope that she would hear, "I love you, Mom," he whispered, as he placed the red roses gently on the grave.



Happy Valentine's Day

BEARIN DOWN ON SPORTS

BERLIN GIRL CAGERS LOSE FOUR IN A ROW

By Ron Watt

The Womens Basketball team ran into the Karlsruhe Knights three weeks ago.

The first game the women showed an impressive comeback from a 20 point deficit in the first half, to fall short, 39-36. Ronnie Kosevich and Tracey Turner combined for 31 points Friday night. Kosevich led the women with 20 points. Tracey Turner followed with 11.

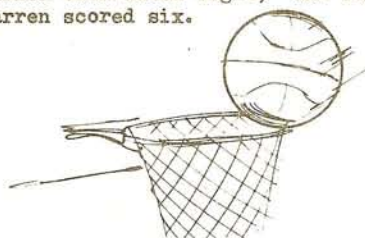
Saturdays game was pretty close as the she-bears lost, 44-37. Karen Sellers led Berlin with 13 points. Joyce Warren followed with 12 markers of her own and Kosevich added six.

In Junior Varsity action, the she-bears lost again in a low scoring game, 5-2. Karin Turner scored the only basket for Berlin.

Two weeks ago, the girls met the Zweibruecken Trojans here in Berlin. The girls lost both games, 58-45 and 59-39.

Friday night, the girls fell behind 17-5 after one quarter of play. The Trojan girls got the momentum going after the first quarter and had no trouble defeating the Bears. Ronnie Kosevich led Berlin with 13 points. Other scorers for Berlin were Tracey Turner and Joyce Warren who both scored seven points each.

Saturday's game was a carbon copy of Fridays game, H. J. Nelson of Zweibruecken led the Trojans to victory both nights scoring 21 and 23 points respectively. Karen Sellers led Berlin in scoring with 13 points. Roni Kosevich and Tracey Turner each added eight; and Joyce Warren scored six.



Male cagers win one, lose three

By Ron Watt

The Berlin American Highschool male basketball team met Karlsruhe Knights at Karlsruhe for their first basketball game of the season.

In Fridays game, Berlin lost 76-57. Leading scorer for the Bears was Andre Harley with 22 markers. Ronald Watt trailed with 15. Charles Henry had eight, Brian Frasier got six more, Jim Batchelder added four more, and Trevor Johnson and Greg Routin each scored two.

The Bears also lost Saturdays game by a score of 75-59. Harley led Berlin in scoring again for the second night in a row, with 23. Watt also scored in double figures with 11 markers. The Bears also received fine play from Charles Henry, Mark Luis, and Greg Routin.

Junior Varsity action showed the Junior Varsity boys losing 32-26.

On Feb. 1st and 2nd, the Bears played at home against the Zweibruecken Trojans. Friday night, the Bears fast broke past the Trojans by a score of 78-67. Highman for Berlin was Andre Harley who scored 23 points. Ron Watt and Cletis Smith trailed with 22 and 20 points respectively. David Paulson added 10 markers and Greg Routin put in three.

On Saturday, the Bears lost 62-53. Cletis Smith was the high man for Berlin tossing in 17 markers. Andre Harley added 12, Ron Watt followed with 11 and David Paulson put in seven.

After four games, the Boy's Varsity team is in last place with a record of one win, three losses.

BAHS GRAPPLERS SCORE WELL

Three weeks ago, the wrestling team left for their first match of the season. It was a four team round-robin competition held in Baumholder between Karlsruhe, Zweibruecken, Berlin, and Baumholder.

Berlin's first match was with Zweibruecken, which proved to be the closest match-up of the day. Berlin dominated their second competitor, Karlsruhe. The final score of that conquest was Berlin 48, Karlsruhe 24. In the last contest, Berlin fell short to Baumholder with a score of 25-42.

The Bears showed their strength through Mike Phillips and Tom Graham who chalked up three wins a piece. Two-win wrestlers for Berlin were Richard Clarke, Danny Short, and Scot Miller.

The Berlin American High School wrestling team hosted Bad Kreuznach, Zweibruecken, and Wurzburg in a regular season meet a few weeks ago. Berlin defeated Bad Kreuznach by a score of 54 to 16 and Zweibruecken, 42 to 27, but lost to Wurzburg, 19 to 38.

Danny Short, at 155 pounds, had the fastest pin of the day, pinning Bob Lamport of Wurzburg, in 59 seconds. Tom Blanchard won three wins in the 98-pound class, two by forfeit and a win over Wurzburg's Johnson, 13-3. Richard Clarke, at 145 pounds, won one match by forfeit and two by pin. This gave Clarke three wins for the day. Don Stovall, at 119 pounds, won two matches by pins.

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that were present in each specific committee and those that were not.

On the second day of the General Assembly a crisis occurs. This is a fictional crisis and is selected from those submitted by various delegations who choose to predict the future. Although the crisis is fictional, it is realistic and is selected on that basis.

This year the crisis was Vietnam's invading Thailand to capture the fleeing Khmer Rouge troops. Most of the General Assembly was displeased with the choice of this crisis, when other problems such as the Iranian and Afgan crisis's existed.

The closing ceremony concluded this 12th Model United Nations, that being when the ten most outstandingly represented delegations were named.

The South African delegation represented by five students of the Berlin American High School received this honor. Those students were Mark Workman, Steve Slifer, Richard Clarke, Irvin Hicks, and April Coffin.

The other delegation represented by BAHS was that of Grenada, which consisted of the delegates Don Stovall, Jeff Alexander, Connie Phillips, Ted Wugofski, and Peter Stein.

The session was finalized with an MUN sponsored dance that evening, which featured a Jamaican band.

FEBRUARY

SPORTS

FIGURES

This issue's Female Sports figure is Roni Kosevich. Roni plays point guard for the girl's Varsity Basketball team. Roni's play and attitude has kept the girl's teams together on and off the court. She has an average of 11.7 points per game and leads the girl's team in that category.

This issue's Male Sports figure is Mike Phillips. Mike is a member of the Varsity Wrestling Team. Mike is the only B.A.H.S. wrestler who has won all seven of his matches by pin this year. Mike wrestles in the 119 lb. weight class.