

# Bearin' Down

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## DR. JACK HONORS 'A' STUDENTS WITH PARTY

by Joan Chartier

As usual, after a marking period, a straight-A party was given in honor of those students who managed to achieve perfect grades. For the third time this year, Dr. Jack hosted a party for the students and their parents. Teachers were invited also. The get-together was held on Tuesday, 14 April, in the Home Economics Room, beginning at 1530 hours. Mrs. Williams' home economics students were kind enough to prepare the refreshments served.

From the Seventh grade class, Albert Beck, Kathleen Kennard, Tracie Payne, Eric Salahub, and Marta Stowell make perfect grades. The Eighth graders included Delano Adams, Steven Hill, and Maite Mendiola. Doris Schulze was the only Freshman and the only Sophomore was Mark L. Nelson. Seniors included Kathy Balthasar, Michael Bowman, Alicia Muller, and Robert Wieland.

## BERLIN TRAVELS TO Spain

by Kathy Balthasar

On April 16th, 21 students from Berlin American High School will be departing for a beautiful ten day Easter vacation in Lloret De Mar Spain. This trip was arranged with Ashley's Travel Agency, and was originally planned to be a senior trip but because of lack of interest, juniors and a limited amount of sophomores were included.

The total amount for this trip is 395 DM. This includes, 3 meals a day, the hotel room, and the bus ride to and from Spain.

The group will begin their journey by departing Berlin on the duty train, on the 16th, arriving in Frankfurt on the 17th and boarding a tour bus, that will stop in Heidelberg and France before reaching Spain on the morning of the 18th.

While in Lloret De Mar, the group will have the opportunity to go touring, swimming, sailing, water skiing, dancing, shopping, and just having a good time in the sun.

Much appreciation goes out to the chaperon, Terry Handy, for without his cooperation and guidance, this trip would not have been possible.

Here is the list of the very fortunate students going on this trip: Lynne Schenkelberger, Martha Andrews, Judy Gamino, Lola Cervantes,

## HAPPY EASTER

## baahs awards to be given soon

by Mike Bowman

At the Awards Assembly on Thursday, 21 May, the 1981 scholarship winners will be announced. Most of the scholarships will be given by clubs of the Berlin Scholarship Committee. These clubs are: Berlin American Womens Club, Templehof Officer's Wives' Club, Templehof NCO and Airmen's Wives' Club, Latinos- Unidos en Berlin, Parent Teacher Student Association, Shrine Temple Members in Berlin, Association of Retired Members of the Armed Forces, MEDDAC Wives, Berlin American Automobile Association, and the AUSA.

Mr. Wieland said that BAHS has the best scholarship program in all of DoDDS including even the biggest schools. Last year there were fourteen \$1000 scholarships, nine \$750 scholarships, and sixteen \$500 scholarships awarded to 26 seniors. Students don't have to be college bound to get a scholarship; vocational awards are also given.

There are also scholarships available to students who submit an essay: from the Latinos- Unidos en Berlin for an essay on a Hispanic topic, from the Association of Retired Members of the Armed Forces for 'Why I Deserve a Scholarship', and from MEDDAC Wives for 'Why I Desire a Career in the Health Profession.'

## NOTE FROM THE NURSE

I would like to extend a big thanks to all the students who brought their shot records in on time. For those who haven't had their records reviewed or received their shots, I'm not through with you, yet! Another dose of appreciation goes to the faculty for making this screening a success. THANK YOU!

## students take an afternoon off

by Nancy Chartier

On Monday, March 23, 1981 one might have noticed that some of the 5th and 6th-hour classes were a bit empty. The reason was the result of a student walk-out which took place right after lunch. About 200 students left the school, but around 130 turned around and returned to the school when reaching the graveyard area. The other 70 proceeded to the BB shopping area, where they bought beer, then went out to a park to party.

Contrary to previous belief, the walk-out was not due to protest the cafeteria food but just to get away from school.

## BAHS PLAY FESTIVAL HELD

by Robin McDonald

The B.A.H.S. Drama Club held a special one-act play festival this last week-end, March 10th and 11th. The plays, which were held at the Andrews Music and Theater Centre, included a diverse collection of suspense, horror, and comedy.

The first play, entitled "The Hitch Hiker," was a spine-tingling thriller in which a cross-country traveler finds himself plagued by a mysterious stranger.

The second, "The Monkey's Paw," was a frightening story of a couple who pays dearly for a casual wish.

The last, "Cleft For Me," was a laugh filled comedy, showing the true intention of people giving a helping hand.

## A WORKSHOP HELD

by Lynnie Tolbert

On April 2 and 3, the BAHS administration had a workshop. In early January, Mr. South, Mr. Babineau, and Ms. Winchester took a trip to Wiesbaden to plan these two days of activities.

On April 2, the administration participated in a Stress Workshop led by Bill Doerr. The program was designed to teach the administration how to cope with individual stress by using mind concentration and physical exercise. In the afternoon a program on School Atmosphere was led by Dr. Landgren and Dr. Wiles, both from the DoDDS North Regional Office.

On April 3 the administration had the opportunity to participate in several programs of their choice. Mr. Babineau led a session in Computer Literacy and Application. Mr. Coffin presented a program intro-

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE EASTER BUNNY? SEE INSIDE







**Summer**  
**Spring**  
**Autumn**  
**Winter**  
**Write for**  
**Seasons**

submit entries to room 103

## Anthony White Spells It Out

by Elizabeth Waldrop

On March 31, 1981 the Eleventh Annual Spelling Bee was held. All the efforts of each contestant led to four individual finalists. Taking 4th was Nick Meimaris, 3rd place was stolen by Birgit Zander, while 2nd place was Cheryl Dearing. After a long hard struggle of spelling words, Anthony White stole the trophy away from Cheryl.

Once again, thanks to the help of Mr. Long this spelling bee would not have been possible. He not only sponsored the contestants, but gave his support as well.

## BAHS Invited to Norway

by Elizabeth Waldrop

LTC Christensen invited the Berlin Brigade to participate in the 10th International Youth Camp by providing 15 to 20 youth and three staff members. The Summer Youth Camp will be held in Norway at Stavanger. The cost of the trip is 370 DM per youth with a 200 DM grant for 15 of the specially selected students. Transportation, meals, and lodging for staff members is provided without extra cost. Pocket money is not provided.

The International Youth Camp operates from nine NATO countries. Each participating person must be older than fifteen years of age in order to have the privilege of going. This wonderful opportunity to visit a foreign country and meet new and different people will last for two exciting weeks. The dates range from July 6th through the 21st, on which this trip will take place.

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## Students Attend a Festival

by Cathy Jones

An Honors Festival was held in recognition of outstanding band and chorus members on April 12, 1981. The festival took place in Baumholder and 140 band and chorus members from BAHS and other schools in Europe performed at this event.

In order to attend the Honors Festival, several requirements had to be met. Band members had to have part of a song that they played recorded, and chorus members needed to tape their voices. These tapes were then sent to the District Office, and the best tapes were selected.

Mrs. Payne, the chorus sponsor, commented of the Honors Festival, that it's an "opportunity to combine with the best musicians in our schools in an outstanding experience for students." She concluded with a reminder that after the Honors Festival, there will be a big spring music concert here at BAHS on April 30.

## Announcing

- Apr 27- Prom Ticket Sales Begin
- Apr 28- PTSA meeting
- Apr 30- May 2- Drama Festival (Hahn)
- Apr 30- Spring Concert

# EASTER BUNNY EXISTS!!

by Jody Fullerton

This issue we are back, once again, with another BAHS poll. The question read as follows -- (and I quote!) "Do you believe in the Easter Bunny? Explain!"

We received a bunch of interesting and funny answers: here are some of them.

"Yes, because he still comes to my house and hides the Easter eggs that I color the day before Easter."

"Yes, when I was a little boy I saw this great big rabbit and he was maroon with a little purple nose, and he brought me a brown and pea-green egg that broke and smelled like a sewer."

"Of course I do! What a dumb question! Who else would be leaving all the candy and stuff? Not my parents ... they're too cheap!"

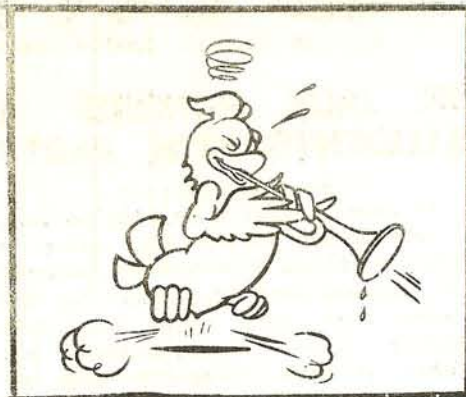
"Yes because my mom said she saw him once in our back yard where I found colored Easter eggs the next day."

"No, because every year I have to color the eggs."

"Yes, he is helped by his chickens like the elves help Santa."

"No because he never brings what I want."

"What a question... I'm crushed!"



## Springsteen Review

by Jeff Alexander

Bruce Springsteen has come to Berlin. On April 9, 1981 Bruce Springsteen came to the International Congress Center in Berlin. He, in coordination with the E-Street Band played to a full house of raving fans.

The concert started at 8:00 and lasted four hours. The band, with Springsteen's spectacular guitar play, put out a fantastic performance.

Bruce played an assortment of songs from previous albums including his most recent album entitled "The River". A seeming climax came when Bruce played his hit song "Everybody has a Hungry Heart."

The crowd went wild when Bruce stepped off the stage and proceeded to walk up the aisle. The performance was truly outstanding.

"Yes, every year I get a basket. It's always behind the same curtain and that means there IS one and it's the same one every year."

"Yes, because he leaves a trail out of the back yard every year and I always find it when I step in it! Gosh is he sloppy!"

"I don't believe in the Easter Bunny! I don't believe in Santa Claus or the Great Pumpkin. To me, the Easter Bunny is a Communist plot to take over the world!"

"Yes, I have reason to believe Mr. Chavies is his helper. I saw him practicing his hopping during the walk-out!"

"Let me put it this way: I believe in the Easter Bunny but I'm an important person in this command and I wouldn't want it to become public knowledge."

"Yes, my mother and father are my Easter Bunnies."





# Outlook

## PROGRESS

We see two apes fighting over a scrap of food.  
One takes a club to use against the other.  
The other ape makes himself a weapon  
To fight the firsts.  
As time goes on, cities spring up,  
And weapons get more and more complex.  
But the basic goal is still: survival.  
Then someone presses a button,  
And a giant cloud fills the morning sky.  
And as the smoke clears,  
We see two apes fighting over a scrap of food...

by Robert Wood



## Synth.

Man made happiness  
Is found a lot these days.  
Manufacturing holiness  
Is the next thing in line.  
People don't like to go through the trouble  
Of doing things for themselves.  
So they buy up ready made solutions  
Instead of producing their own contributions.  
It's no wonder  
There's nothing original to look for.  
It all went out  
With the invention of fast food.

NAME WITHHELD

## Come Quickly Spring

Please come and uncover the world  
From winter's cold blanket.  
Make the birds sing,  
Enabling us to awaken  
To nature's sweet music.  
Bring out the sun.  
Making flowers bloom into thousands  
Of brilliant colors.  
Make me want forget everything  
That's past.  
And start anew.

by Lynne Williams



## The Corner

As you enter the room and turn to the left, you will see a desk. The desk is of no importance. To the left of the desk you will see The Corner.

When you look at The Corner, you would probably make the observation that a great deal of the objects were junk. Well, this so-called junk, if you took the time to observe closer, could be observed to be valuable, in its own way.

The first object you would notice would be the telescope. Even though it has a thick coat of dust, it has been used, on several occasions, to observe the cosmos as Galileo had intended.

The next object, the gym bag, would be of interest. The days of carrying it to and from school, it's weather-beaten outside and worn inside, would show how much of a companion it really was.

The next objects to be observed are the model boxes, filled with half completed tanks, planes and other artifacts of World War II vintage.

The last object, the pillow wedge, was of great use during last-minute cramming or late-night reading. This object could tell stories of sickness, sorrow, pain, and other feelings during its use.

As you depart The Corner, after several minutes of observation, you may sense a little part of the history behind the boy and may wish to come back in a decade to observe what the man is like.

by Glenn Reilly

## MIND GAMES

Pass the time  
With simple rhyme  
And little games I play.

Never mind  
Time left behind  
That's carelessly wasted away.

You never know  
How far you'll go  
Once you start your game.

It only lasts  
Until boredom's past  
Or until you go insane.

by Norman Storer



## Abused

Yes sir,  
I understand.  
I don't have to say anything.  
But I want to.  
At first,  
You see,  
It wasn't that bad.  
It only happened once in a while.  
Then, I'd come home  
And find my mommy crying.  
She'd tell me not  
To worry about her.  
But then,  
It happened  
More and more,  
And my mommy cried  
Harder and harder.  
Last night was the worst  
I've ever seen.  
Last night,  
He threw a chair  
At her.  
Then,  
When my mommy  
Started crying again,  
And you came,  
I decided to tell you.  
Because,  
You see,  
I was really scared  
And I decided  
Something is wrong  
When you're scared  
Of your daddy.

by Suzanne Wood

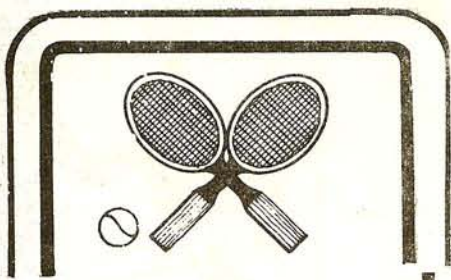


## SEPARATE WORLDS

Standing freely,  
Alone,  
I stared complacently,  
Yet with feeling  
As the child played on the twisted,  
Cold bars of metal on the playground.  
He seemed almost happy,  
Not showing the hurt  
That comes with a single parent,  
But, as I found hard to accept,  
He had accepted,  
And grown accustomed to.  
The semi-perfect world the two had formed.  
I dropped my eyes  
And walked away.

by Kenda Hehn





## Tennis Wins 2!

by Monica Park

On March 28, the 1981 Berlin American High School tennis team had their first match of the season against Osterholz. The Bears defeated the Blackhawks with a match score of 10-8. Among the winners in the singles matches for the women's team were Vinnie Pearson, Monica Park, Mabelle Conover, and Jody Fullerton. For the men's team the winners were Mark Lewis and Tom Neitzert.

The women's first, second, and third doubles also won their matches. These teams consisted of Vinnie Pearson and Monica Park as first doubles, Mabelle Conover and Peggy Vine as second doubles, and Joan Chartier and Jody Fullerton as third doubles. Only one of the men's doubles was victorious. It was the first doubles team of Jim Mahalik and Mark Lewis.

In their second match, the tennis team traveled to Baumholder for their first away match. In spite of the long trip the team once more emerged victorious. The entire women's team swept over their opponents to win all singles and doubles matches. Although the men's team didn't fare as well, the Bears won over the Bucs with an overwhelming score of 15-3.

As you can see, the strenuous practices are paying off. If they continue to do as well, once more the BAHS tennis team will be undefeated.

## Jack Makes All-Europe

by Glenn Reilly

This year, the All-European basketball team will have good overall size, tallest is 6'6" shortest is 5'8", speed, shooting ability, experience and defensive strength.

There are two hoopsters on this year's team who also played last year, Mike Crudder who plays center and Johann Westerhorstmann at forward.

This year the only player to make the All-European Team from Berlin was Cliff Jack, Forward. (Second Team)

The Coach of the Year is Ken McNeely, Aviano, Italy. One of the contenders for Coach of the Year was Berlin's own James Cobb.

The Staff of Bearin' Down would like to congratulate both Cliff Jack and Coach Cobb for being contenders in the selection of the 1981 All-European Team.

# soccer wins

by Jeff Alexander

The Berlin American High School soccer teams had their first games recently, beating their opponents, the Osterholtz Blackhawks.

In the first game the Berlin Junior Varsity, sparked by Greg Strafers three goals, put down any Blackhawk hope for victory. The



## Frazier, Lindsey, Kras, lead Bears

by Clifford Jack

On April 4th the Berlin High track team opened their season with a very impressive showing against a strong Osterholz squad. In the girls' competition Trisha Lindsey, Carrie Huml, Tracy Feldman, and Shawn Vorrath, all took home individual medals. Lindsey was by far the outstanding female competitor in the meet. She took firsts in the 100 meter hurdles and high jump, and second in the 100 meter dash and long jump. Huml proved herself to be the queen of the long distance races. She won the 1500 and 3000 meter runs in addition to anchoring the victorious sprint medley relay team.

On the guy's side of things Berlin was led by Bobby Krasnician, Brian Frazier, Loren Washington, John Cervantes and Pete Waldeck. Krasnician won the 110 meter hurdles and took second in the 300 hurdles. Frazier won the long jump and placed second in the 100 meter dash. Washington came home with two seconds, one in the 200 and one in the 400. John Cervantes took third in the 400 while Pete Waldeck brought home a first in the high jump. All of these guys contributed to victorious 400, 1600 and sprint medley relay teams.

Congratulations to the track team.

game started out evenly but half-way in the first quarter the Berlin team came to life with Lee Palidino scoring for the Bears. This winning trend continued as Steve Hoefler put in two more goals for the victorious Berlin team.

The Varsity game was also a thriller as there was no score for the entire first period. But the Berlin team again came to life as Scott Cheetham scored the first of his 2 goals. This score set the varsity into gear as Andy Fort drilled the ball into the net for another Berlin tally. But to the dismay of the Berlin team the Blackhawks put themselves on the scoreboard by scoring twice. Tied at this point the Berlin team was not to be put down as Scott Cheetham scored for the Bears, assuring victory for the Varsity team.

In their second match the Berlin soccer teams traveled to Baumholder to play the Buccaneers. The first game pitted the ferocious Berlin Junior Varsity against the Baumholder Bucs. Again, as they had done in the previous games. The Berlin JV took command of the game scoring six goals to defeat Baumholder. Those who scored for Berlin were Steve Hoefler, Mark Nelson and Steve MacDonald.

The Berlin Varsity went down in defeat losing 3-0 to the Bucs.

## Bear-a-Cudas Off To The Championships

by Elizabeth Waldrop

The Berlin American High School swim team "The Bear-a-cudas" will soon be packing their bags once again. And this time they are off to swim at the European Championships in Heidelberg, Germany. "The Bear-a-Cudas" being an excellent team, have only been defeated twice during the regular season. Even though we cannot be there to cheer the swimmers on, we wish them the best of luck, during the Easter swim meet.

