

# Bearin' Down

## BAHS STUDENTS TRAVEL TO THE HAGUE FOR MUN

by Chris McAnallen

The 14th Annual Session of the Model United Nations will be held in the Hague, the Netherlands from 26 to 30 January.

Students from the United States and around the world will assemble for five days in the International Court of Justice to debate world problems and politics.

Berlin American High School, under direction from sponsors Charles Blum and Gloria South, will represent the Islamic Republic of Iran and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Iranian delegation consists of Susan Setzer, Suzanne Wood, David Harris, Grace Soltys, Doris Schultz, and acting as Ambassador, Mark Lewis.

The delegation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines consists of Jennifer Felker, Mark Britton, Sylvia Alexander, Debbie Stowell, Robert Wood, and acting as Ambassador, Tom Britton.

This year instead of only having occasional meetings as the Educational Trip Club, students debate every day during second hour in Mr. Blum's Model United Nations class. All the students feel confident that because of the extra debate practice the class time allows them, that they will represent BAHS in a manner that we will all be proud of.

## BAHS ATTENDED GREEN WEEK

by Beth Koon

On Thursday, the 28th of January, there will be a trip to Green Week. It is only for one hundred students, on a first come first serve basis. If you'd like to go sign up in Herr Prigge's room or in the attendance office. The cost is 5.50DM. There will be a double decker bus to take the students. The bus will leave at 2:15 and return to the school at six in the evening. There will be no interruption in the schedule since the trip takes place during sixth hour and after school.

On Friday the 22nd of January the student body has the day off and all students are encouraged to go to Green Week during this time. Instructions about public transportation will be given out to students on the 21st of January.

If your new to Berlin or if you have never been you should go. Green Week is a chance to experience good food and drink from different countries around the world. There is also a great flower exhibition and horse show.

Green Week means different things to different people. To some it is a chance to try new foods, a chance to miss school and have a good time. Whatever your reason don't miss this chance to go and have a good time at this educational exhibition. If you can't go on either the 22nd of the 28th, go some other time. Green Week runs from the 22nd of January till the 31st.



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## BAND PRESENTS CONCERT

by Maite Mendiola

On the 13th of January, the 1982 Guest Concert was held at the school gym.

Advanced Band started out the concert with "Man of La Mancha", directed by guest conductor Mr. Berg, from TAR. It was followed by "Stars and Stripes", which was conducted by Mr. Peplowski.

Intermediate Band began its performance with "Aura Lee for Two", with guest soloist David Bryant from Advanced Band. Charles Cleveland, also from Advanced Band, was soloist in "Carnival of Venice." They finished off with "Rock Around the Clock."

Advanced Band came in again with "Dedictory Overture", conducted by Mr. Lein. Mrs. Cobb was guest "typist" for "The Typewriter." The concert ended with three guest trumpet players doing the solo for "Buglers' Holiday."

## Student Council Plans Ahead!

by David Melvin

During 5th period on the 5th of January, the Student Council held a meeting with the intent of resolving the issues of the Basketball Homecoming; a set testing schedule; and the final results of the ACS Can Drive.

The first item discussed was the results of the ACS Can Drive. The Seniors massed a grand total of 462 cans, giving them the first place position over the Sophmores, who brought in 382 cans. One discouraging note was brought up by the President, Tom Hesse, and that was the poor showing of the Freshman class, who had but seven cans.

Then the Executive Board discussed the set testing schedule. The plan received a negative response from the representatives and the classes they represent. A second poll of the classes was ordered.

The Basketball Homecoming raised a variety of problems. One of which was the date. On the dates most convenient, certain organizations would be away. Another suggestion was that we invite the other basketball teams, here for the finals, to the Dance. Since too many problems rose the Dance was turned over to a committee.

## Martin Luther King Jr.

by Cheryl Dearing

Martin Luther King Jr., a U.S. Negro clergyman, recieved the Nobel Peace Prize (1964) for his leadership of the nonviolent struggle for racial equality in the United States. King was born on January 15, 1929, and today, even after his tragic death in 1968, we still celebrate the birth of this peace loving individual.

On January 15, 1982, the B.A.H.S. students and teachers attended an assembly presented at the Outpost theatre in his honor. Tom Hesse gave an introductory speech to start things off, followed by a short multi-media show. Roy Hawkins then proceeded to do his excerpt, which was appreciated greatly by the audience. Then came the sounds of the "Interfaith Choir" singing two numbers: "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "Steal Away." The audience's response showed that they really enjoyed their presentation. Soon after, came another short multi-media show, followed by our own senior high chorus. During this presentation, Mr. Charles Williams sang a number with them, then more on his own. Then, topping it all off, Dr. Jack gave a short closing speech.

Over all, the presentation was a complete success, and left a little bit more inspiration and knowledge with all those who attended.

## THE BUS DRIVERS ON TOUR

by Erik Brush

A few years ago in December, a party was held for some senior citizens in the Berlin American High School. The bus driver was present during the festive event and explained to our principal, Dr. Jack, that in five years of driving for the school, it was the first time that he had seen the inside of the building.

A few days later, after receiving similar information from a couple other drivers, a party was held, hosting twenty drivers. It was followed by a tour through the school. The party went well and was again held the next year.

This year, on Monday the fourth of January, 1982, another such party was held. It began in the school library at eight forty-five in the morning and lasted until eleven o'clock. The drivers had drinks and cake as the party began, then after a while were escorted through the school. The drivers expressed much appreciation and gratitude for the party. Dr. Jack enjoyed the event and is seriously considering making it an orientation party to be held each year.



## What Are You Doing

by Yhoshekia Loftin

What are you going to do this year? It's time to make our New Year's resolutions again, promises we make to ourselves and never keep.

Like when we promise ourselves to go on a diet, or to get a date with that cute guy in math class. This is what a few of your fellow classmates have resolved to do this year.

To average 10 points and 5 block shots or 15 rebounds." - Howard Makynen - grade 10.

"To play football and meet new girls." - Markus Fischler- grade 10.

"To stop eating and be nicer to everybody."- Marcia Spohn- grade 11.

"To fulfill my dreams." - Benny Brown - grade 10.

"Take European in wrestling." -  
Tony Parkham - grade 12.

"To get a B ave. in school and to be the high scorer on J.V. B-ball."

- Cheryl Flack - grade 9.  
"Get my record in hurdles and

make All-Europe this year." - Trish  
Lindsey - grade 12.

"Make better grades." - Doug Johnson - grade 11.

"To continue my awesome style!" - Kevin Buckles - grade 12.

"To stop fooling around and find a fine guy."- Merian Wasileski-grad

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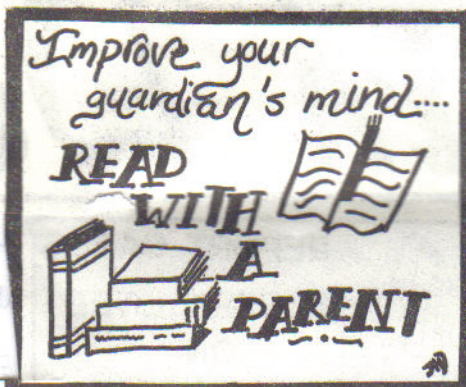
fears' of the coming year. Hopefully we can all live up to our resolu-

tions for the new year. Happy New  
year!

# Game Appeals BAH

by Eric Salabub

Balin the fighter, Dori the Ranger, Glorin a Druid, Alerian the Magic-User, and Elound a Cleric open the old oak door and peer inside. They see an ancient red dragon asleep on his plunder of gold and jewels. They whisper plans and rush to attack. This kind of dialog is common to many students at BAHS who play Dungeons and Dragons, a fantasy roll playing game many people enjoy. In this game the players roll character abilities such as Strength, Intelligence, Wisdom, Dexterity, Constitution, and Charisma. Then they equip their characters with weapons, armor, and supplies. Then the characters are put into dungeons, caverns, tombs, crypts, and wilderness adventures where their abilities are tested by terrible monsters, deadly traps, and horrible climates. If characters do survive these periles, kill monsters, and collect treasure they gain experiance and rise levels. As characters rise to higher levels they gain new abilities and are harder to kill.



## Spread The Words

by Elizabeth Waldrop

The Berlin Community is finding many ways to improve its essential skills. One of such skills is reading in which a reading program called "Parents as Reading Partners" has been established.

The program has been designed not only to improve basic reading skills, but at the same time parents are able to spend more time with their child.

To begin such a program pick up a monthly reading calendar from TAR, BANS or ACS. Read 15 minutes each day with your parents or child and record the time of each session. After a full month has been completed bring it back signed and send it to any of the above locations.

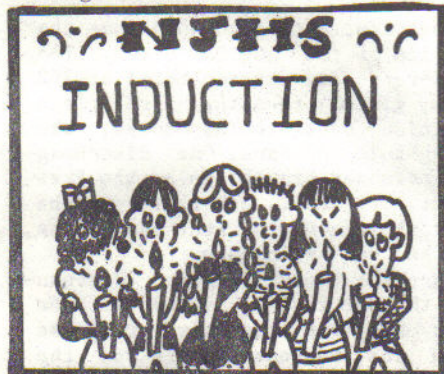
A reading certificate can be awarded to any of the participants.

## Good Grades Pay Off

by Elizabeth Waldrop

On February 24th the National Junior Honor Society will be inducting its new members. To be eligible to become a candidate a student must have a 3.2 average or better for one full year. The candidate must meet two other requirements as well as good grades. One is, he or she must be voted in by the school faculty and he or she has to be voted in by the National Junior Honor Society Faculty Committee.

Mr. Long is the sponsor of this junior-high organization as well as the majority of all other junior high activities.



## BAH Dieters Unite

by Elizabeth Waldrop

Last Tuesday, January 12th, the Diet Clinic held its first meeting. This meeting was basically the general introduction.

Miss von Jacobi is the sponsor of the diet clinic; but gets help from Sandy Doty, a therapist who participated in diet clinics in the states.

The basic goals of the diet clinic is individually set by the dieter. But there are a few guidelines to be followed, such as weigh-ins at the beginning of each meeting and diary's which record what you eat and how many calories you've consumed. An overall graph shows the dieters weight loss or weight gain.

Meetings are held every Tuesday in room 010. Every meeting has a different theme. One meeting will have film strips, another will have doctors come in and discuss nutrition. At each meeting a different exercise will be performed. The diet clinic will have meetings until the end of the year.

# MRS. POETHKE, WHO IS THAT?

by Kim Farmelo

Ms. Cathy Van Gaulder legally became the wife of Horst Poethke, at the Zehlendorf Standesamt, on Friday, January 8, 1932. Following this legal German wedding, their was a reception held at the Harnack House. Colleagues of the bride, and groom, and the family of the groom attended this reception.

On June 26, 1982, there is to be a future church wedding for this newly wed couple. This is to be a traditional June wedding with family and friends. This wedding is to be held in Cayutaville New York.

The new Mrs. Poethke, (not Ms. Van Gaulder, that's her mom) would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and warm concern.

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In the next issue of Bearin' Down, Valentines Dedication will be printed. If you'd like to contribute a dedication to a special someone, fill out the below information and submit it to room 103. Thank You!

To \_\_\_\_\_  
From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_



# Outlook

## EDITOR AT LARGE

As I approached the desk where she was seated, I began to realize what danger I was in. I walked very stealthily. It was best not to make any undo noise. Her unstable disposition was subject to violent change without proir notice.

She was Elizabeth Waldrop, editor extraordinaire. And why was she the best? Because she has made editing into a deadly art.

Her back was facing me, but I saw the bright glimmer of a gleaming pair of scissors as they mercilessly mutilated some poor reporter's article. I swallowed hard and pressed on, carrying my small contribution to the paper: a minute article occupying only three inches of space. "Why me?" I thought.

Then I decided to be brave. To be bold. I stuck my chin high in the air and walked on. She bit into a piece of raw meat and turned around.

My entire facade crumbled under the intense glare of her eyes. I turned back into a quivering mass and said, "L... Li... Liz, ma'am. I... I... uh, me... uh... my... ahem... article." Her eyes narrowed, but she said nothing. Instead she reached into a desk drawer and pulled out her tools of editing: a pair of rusty scissors and a large whip.

"Give it here, you ~~scissors~~." My arm was shaking radically as she snatched it from my hand. She pulled out a ruler to see if the article was the right size.

Then I saw it, her smile. And it scared the hope out of me. Her smile could turn the bravest of people into quaking masses of gelatin. I heard the crack of her whip as it entwined around my torso. She dragged me closer. "This article's too small," she yelled into my face. I groped around for my can of shark repellent. I found it, but it was empty.

Finally, she snapped the whip, with me in it, and I went sprawling across the floor and hitting a file cabinet.

She stood up to her full height and everyone in the room ran or dove for cover. Then she gave a very obscene lecture. "Rewrite this piece of garbage, then type it!" she yelled. "M... May... I, uh... have... i... it... back?" I snivered. "NO!" she screamed. "No was her favorite word next to 'kill'."

I crawled to an electric typewriter and she returned to her desk. Soon the students ventured to come out. Most of the smart ones still remained hidden. When I began to write, my hands were still shaking. I finished writing the article and slowly began to type. Then I heard the voice of death herself, "I want it finished in three minutes." "I'm having a stroke," I thought. My typing ability and the fact that I was melting, I am about as slow as the APO.

I started to type and suddenly she stood up. Again the students took cover, except one. The poor blighter was reduced to void with one blast of her fiery breath.

Then she paced around me like a vulture waiting for its prey. I felt the sweat bead off my forehead and on to the paper. I began to lose control of my fingers. I looked at the clock and a minute seemed to tick away like a second. I had only six lines left when suddenly flick the lights and the power blew out, rendering my electric typewriter useless. I beat the thing with no result. I sobbed helplessly. Then, an idea! I dashed through the darkness and finally reached the standard typewriter.

I rolled in the paper and strained my eyes to the keys. I wanted to see the clock. but it was too dark. Liz could, though; she was used to dark places. All the while I was typing, I could hear her hoarse laughter. I finished with only ten seconds left!

I grabbed the article and dashed into the darkness, towards her desk. She was already seated and as I dropped it there on her desk, I fell into a heap upon the floor.

She read it, and to my surprise, said nothing except, "Good article. David." and smiled.

David E Melvin  
Grade 9th

## GOOD-BYE to:

The Island  
The City  
The Kurfürstendamm  
The Kaiser Wilhelm Church  
The tourist attractions  
The sights  
The culture.  
The Germans  
The forbidding East  
The flourishing West  
The Divider  
The Wall.  
The tanks and jeeps:  
The British and French,  
The great Americans  
The military  
The protectors.  
The brigade  
And BAMS  
The people  
Our friends...

In BERLIN.

Jeanne A. Dansereau  
Grade 11



## MY HEART DWELLS IN NEW MEXICO.

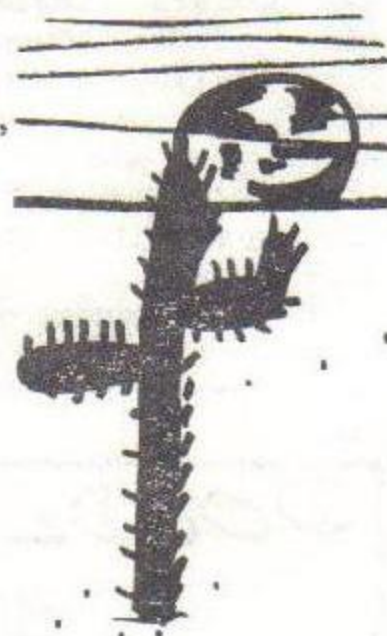
I love the desert all of sand,  
where plants grow slowly ever on,  
where Yuccas bloom and bless the land,  
and the spring provides life time to spawn.

I love to watch the sun at noon,  
and feel the breeze from clear blue skies,  
and see the mesquite crown the dune,  
where mountain grows and ocean dies.

I love to observe its creatures,  
like lizards sunning on a rock,  
like insects with bizarre features,  
or quail aflying in a flock.

I love to see where sand has been,  
or watch the cacti as they grow,  
or chase tumble weed on wind,  
for this I love New Mexico.

by Erik Brush  
Grade 11



## WORDS OF WISDOM

If at first you don't succeed. . . .quit!

An ancient guru  
Retired

Goodbye to Jeanne  
Dansereau, who leaves our  
staff to go to the States.  
We'll miss you, Jeanne!



# Sports

support our  
**WRESTLERS**

this  
January  
**23**



## BEAR-A-CUDAS, EFSL CHAMPS

by Dennis Patton

On the weekend of the 10th of Jan. the Berlin Bear-A-cudas defeated the five-year victors, SHAPE Seals. With the score of 220-196, the Bear-A-cudas became the first EFSL team to overcome the International Seals which now puts the Bear-A-cudas in the number one position.

Swimmers that were superior to the Seals and captured two or more events were ones such as Lars Asmis, Jeff Edelman, Kelly Murphy, and Didi Stowell.

Meanwhile, swimmers that added valuable points by placing a first, second, third or took first in the relays were Knut Asmis, Reto Asmis, Nona Ballard, Christine Cox, Kim Farmelo, Chris McGoey, Dennis Patton, Jerry Rettie, Suzanne Rivard, Sally Shoup, and Todd Walsh; all added points that enabled this high spirited swim team and coach Ted Colquhoun to establish what all teams wish for.

The Bear-A-cudas will attend to defeat the Seals once more at SHAPE's home-pool on the 6th of March.

**DOODLE  
SPACE**

by: Ron Watt, Jr.

## COACHES TALK

By Kim Farg

With the beginning of the basketball and wrestling seasons, I went and asked the coaches what they foresee for this year's team. Here is what they said:

"The 1982 BANS Wrestling team shows a great deal of potential for the coming season. Co-captains Erik Flint and Von Johnson, lead a group of dedicated young men. They practice a grueling two hours each day, and are quickly molding themselves into what looks to be a successful team." Lt. Al Barese

"The 1982 Bears Wrestling team is composed of 26 students from grades 8 thru 12. They are coached by Lt. Al Barese, former West Point wrestler and weight lifter, and sponsored and supervised by Mr. John Conway. The Bears look forward to an exciting, strenuous season opening on January 16 with a quadruple meet against Hanau, Osterholz, and Frankfurt at Hanau. The first home meet will be on 23 January 1982. The team looks forward to your support at all of their home matches to be held in our gym." Mr. John Conway

"I am very pleased with the women we have on the basketball team this year. They are intelligent young ladies who display a great deal of emotional maturity as well as having the physical abilities necessary in athletes. We have the desire to win and I feel we'll leave each team we play with the feeling that they have had to give 110% to compete with us. The team needs the support of everyone here at BANS and we look forward to seeing you at our games." Mrs. Betty Rowlands

"The men's varsity basketball team is working well together, and should be competitive in our league. The lack of height must be compensated for with speed. We are looking for a good season from our returning seniors, Kevin Buckles, Russell Walton, and Ron Watt." Mr. Lazenby

## Wrestlers Emerge And Hit The Mats

by Sam Anderson

Have all of you Grappling fans been waiting for action packed wrestling? Well, the Berlin American High wrestling team returned to action last weekend, and will make the season's first home appearance to morrow.

This year's team is sponsored by Mr. Conway and coached by Lt. A. Barese. Last year's season was an unlucky one, ending with only 1 victory. "this year's outlook is much better", predicted Barese.



## SPORTS QUIZ

Here is a Sports Quiz brought to you by the Berlin American High Publications class.

All questions below are related to sport records. The answers can be found upside down on the bottom of this article.

- 1 What Major-League Baseball player had the most consecutive games played in his career?
- 2 Whos won the most gold metals individually for down-hill skiing, and how many did that person win?
- 3 What is the longest reign for the Heavyweight Boxing title and who was that person?
- 4 What is the highest score, in three sets of Bowling? Remember a perfect score is 300, so the highest score possible is 900.
- 5 What professional Basketball team has the record for league "championships, and how many is it?
- 6 What professional Baseball player has stolen the most bases in a career, and what is the number?
- 7 When was Wrestling first discovered?
- 8 What woman lifted 312 1/2 pounds over her head? This was the record for woman's power-lifting.

1. Henry Louis Gehrigs
2. Sixten Jernberg
3. 11 yrs., 8 months, and 7 days. Joe Lewis
4. 386 by Althea Brandt
5. Boston 14
6. William R. Hamilton, 936
7. 2350 B.C.
8. Katie Sandvina

**GOOD LUCK**



**TO B-BALL**