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SENIOR FAREWELL

Mr. Chairman, I propose a toast:

Here's to the schools and the rules of a million seniors everywhere; here's to the pride, the high-held heads, the happy smiles on the lips of us all as we took our places: Seniors. Here's to the grand authority; here's to the honors accepted with glee; here's to the stately attitude with which we looked upon the last course of food for the mind. Here's to the solemn, silent study as we took things seriously; and here's to the more abundant mirth that shook the halls and rang throughout earth.

Here's to the fun, that dazzling fun, and here's to the victories we've won; here's to the parties, dances, dates; here's to the happy turns of fate. Here's to the school trips, old friends and new, here's to the tropics (more than a few.)

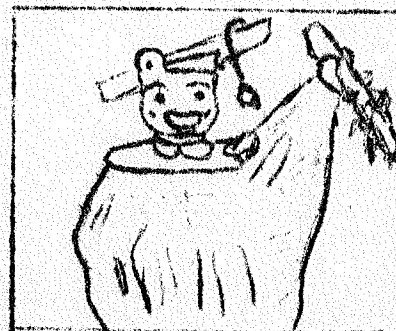
Here's to the play, and the way we gave it; it's not the banner; it's how you wave it.

Here's to our teachers; we must admit, (although we hate to) that they were a hit.

Here's to our rings, and our annual, too; something to help us remember TAR, too.

Here's to the prom, and Alice, too. (Why I said Alice, I'll leave up to you)

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Here's to all of us. In fact, TAR is lucky; it's still intact!!

Here's to the Health Room, Alice dear. (She made use of it all this year.)

Here's to our president-editor. Guess who? That's right, Annie, I mean you.

Here's to our athlete. Cheers for him!! Everyone knows that I mean Jim.

Here's to our champion skier, Sig. They tell me that he's a real big-wig.

Here's to Irene, that steady "ein" who does her homework, rain or shine.

Here's to Bobby. What shall I say? Bobby's hard to define, that way.

Oh dear me! I can't forget Dee! Why she's the cheerfulest gal I see.

And now underclassmen, here's to you. I guess you really deserve our thanks, too. They cheered us up, and helped us be the gay, the young, the worry-free.

Here's to coach Al; we'll never forget him. He gave us democracy with vigor and vim.

Here's to Mrs. Dodge, and to Junior, her flea. I heard someone say, "She's as crazy as me!"

Here's to Miss Biggs and that grand chorus trip. Show us a nicer one; we'll turn a flip.

Here's to Mrs. Riordan, steady and true. You don't have just one little aspirin, do you?

Here's to Miss Gregory. Have you forgotten? Her teaching is good, even tho' her memory's rotten.

Here's to the Rhine trip and graduation. What our parents spend should start inflation.

Here's to me, and here's to you, here's to the seniors of '52.

The 1952 EUCOM High School Music Festival, which was held in Frankfurt on May 14, 15, and 16, found most of the TAR's right there on hand to take their places in the group and to try for the honors of solo work.

TAR-Berlin was represented in solos by Mel Ray Miller, who sang "The Holy City", and Laurel Coleman, who sang "Come Unto Him." Nancy Leone was associate accompanist for the concert, and the conductor, Herr Nawowiski, was also a Berliner.

While the whole Berlin group did their part in the mass chorus, Mel Ray Miller and Bill Ricker of Munich sang the solo on "Russian Picnic" and took part in an octet in the closing number. Another Berliner was present in the final contest for another solo, as Laurel Coleman, June Orr, and Barbara Piper competed for a solo part in "Listen to the Lambs", which the latter sang.

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FUTURE SENIORS

Betsy Mathewson, Nancy Leone, Dennis Dix, Jim Schitt, Bill Garnett and Norman Deutschlander had the doubtful distinction of belonging to the smallest class in school at the beginning of the year. Norman soon left for Wiesbaden and from the remaining Juniors were the class officers chosen. We started out with Bill Garnett, president; Betsy Mathewson, vice-president; Nancy Leone, secretary-treasurer; Dennis Dix, student-council representative; and Jimmy Scott, sergeant at arms.

Bill and Dennis contributed their skill to the football and basketball teams, managed by Scott. Betsy's art work has been decorating "Bear Facts"; Nancy's musical talent is well known; and as a class, their projects have included a vocational assembly and the Junior-Senior Prom. The arrival of Mel Ray Miller in February and of Gerald Smith in May, and the departure of Bill for the States bring the grand total for the Junior Class to six. Because of their pep and energy, we know they will indeed make a "mighty" senior class.

The 1951-52 session of TAR's Student Council began in the middle of September, and terminated in late May. The accomplishments of our Student Council this year included a wide range of varied services which it has rendered the school, both in fields of information and recreation.

Student-Council sponsored assemblies included a speech on character by Miss Chute, a talent show, several plays provided by school talent, a vocational panel discussion featuring members of the Berlin Community, and several movies.

Providing the school with information was another of the services worthy of mention. The Student Council this year provided a handbook for the convenience of new students and teachers.

When the PTA-sponsored Football Banquet took place, it was the Student Council members who had distributed the tickets, and later, after basketball season, the Student Council sponsored its own party for the basketball team.

In order to make everyday school days more enjoyable, the Student Council arranged to have furniture placed in the school's recreation room.

Student Council members who left during the first few school months of the year after they had been elected to their positions include Mary Lou

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T.A.R.'s SOPHOMORES

The sophomores started the year as TAR's largest class with eleven pupils, Donna Sue Rice, Sue Shepard, Mary Ann Corcoran, Barbara Garnett, Skippy Subbitt, Lilla Lyon, Janice Latimer, George Shepard, Archie Bolyard, Bill Daley, and Ray Fairbanks. For officers we chose Lilla Lyon, president; George Shepard, vice-president; Barbic Garnett, secretary-treasurer; Janice Latimer, student-council representative; and Sue Shepard, student-council alternate.

Barbic and Skippy were the energetic sophomore cheerleaders, and George's football and basketball talents made him the Class athlete.

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OUR MEMORIES

As we, the seniors, bow out and make our exit from the stage of our high school education, we take with us scores of memories which we'll never lose. In the scrapbooks, and the diaries, and the minds of each and every one of us rest the echoes of the shouts, the tunes, the gaiety of a year at TAR, not just another year, but our year.

As we mentally re-climb the stairs to graduation, let's look at those happy marks upon that last and final step: our senior year.

As TAR once more threw wide its doors and welcomed in the throng, we entered, bristling with the authority and pride of seniors. The freshmen looked at us in awe, and secretly we shared their wonder at our station in life. We hid the newness of it all, and our voices boomed out, in control, "Come, shine my shoes!" "Say 'sir' to me!" and all the other delightful little abuses which we forced on the new freshmen.

The year began, and in us lay the hope that lies within the heart of every senior, "Let this be the year; let this be our big year," and so it was.

As football season rolled around, we won--and won again. We wrote down that first victory, and deep inside we knew we'd soon add more.

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JUNIORS HONOR SENIORS

The Berlin Junior-Senior Prom of 1952 was held at the Wannsee Officers Club this year, and featured Captain Ayres as the guest speaker of the banquet.

In the best of TARIan traditions, the Junior class paid tribute to the graduating Seniors with the customary banquet and ball.

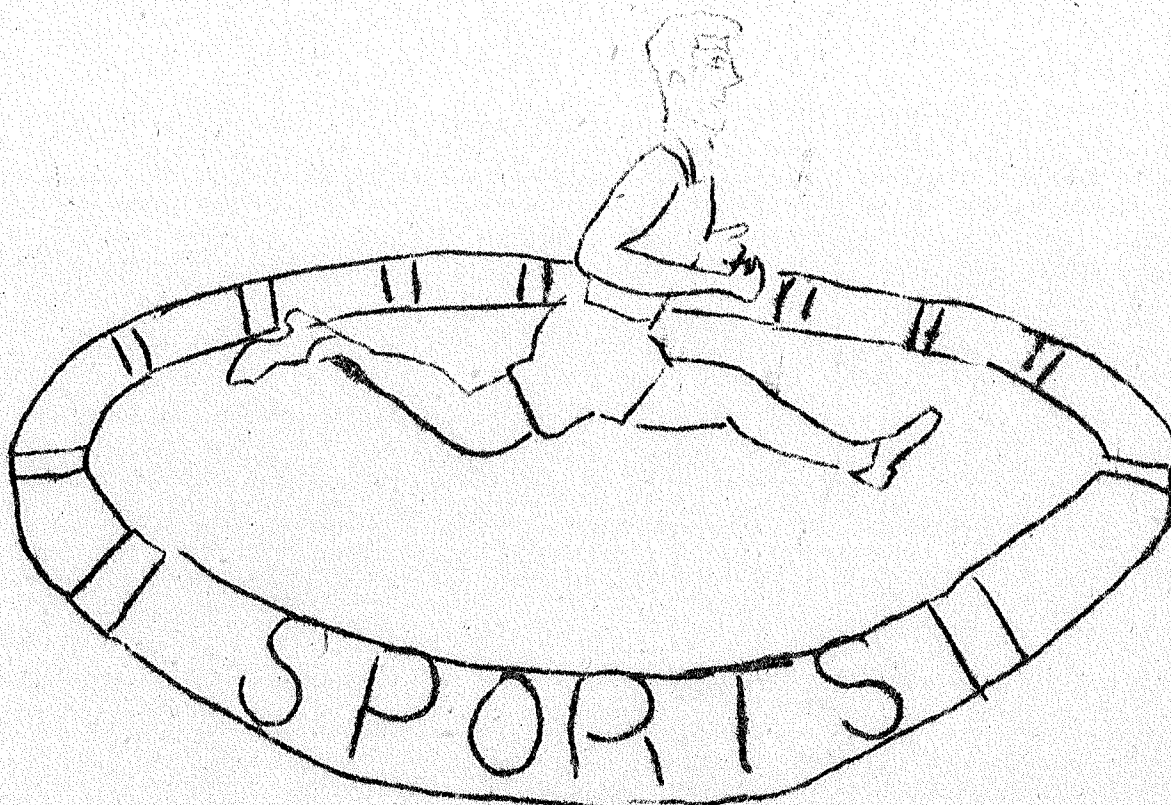
Ann Worrell and Jim Bender reigned over the assembly as king and queen of the occasion, but the fun was by no means limited to royalty, and everyone had a prima time.

After the last dance at the Wannsee Club, the scene changed to a more informal get together at Alice Lyon's for the all-night party.

Food, fun, and music were the keynotes of the chatter, as TAR's promoters shed formal attire for blue jeans and shirts, and settled down for a night's excitement.

Phil and Dennis appropriated the tennis courts, and Sig, Gusie, and Wayne claimed a divan, but poor little Jeannie had to be content with a pillow and a blanket.

As the gay morning sun awakened or aroused us, it was with profound thanks for a wonderful time that we left Alice's for our own homes that morning.



NORTHERN REGIONAL TRACK MEET

Saturday, May 17, 1952, the members of the Northern Regional track team met in Wiesbaden. The schools attending this meet were: Berlin, Bremerhaven, Frankfurt, and Wiesbaden.

The Berlin track team consisted of Jim Bender, Dennis Dix, Bob Partain, and Sig Schreyer. Bob Partain and Jim Bender are the only members remaining from last year's track team. While Jim and Sig specialized in the running events, Bob and Dennis participated in the field events.

Jim, the star athlete at TAR, took two blue ribbons as he won the 100 meter dash and the 800 meter run. Bob was close behind Jim with a second in the broad jump and a third in the 100 meter dash. Sig placed fourth in the mile, while Dennis was just barely beaten in the high jump and broad jump.

Frankfurt placed first in the meet with 61 points, Wiesbaden second with 30 points, Bremerhaven third with 18 points, and Berlin fourth with 16 points. Due to the small enrollment and the small number on the Berlin team, we were unable to compete with the larger schools.

BENDER SET TWO NEW RECORDS

Heidelberg High School took first place with 43½ points in the Eucom Track Meet which was held at Mannheim on May 23. Munich placed second with 35 points, Frankfurt third with 18½ points, and Berlin fourth with 11. Other participants in the track meet were: Wiesbaden, Bremerhaven, Nurnberg, and Linz.

TAR's athlete, Jim Bender, won the 800-meter run in 2 minutes 13.7 seconds and the 100-meter dash in 11.4 seconds to set two new EUCOM records. Don Hayes from Munich captured the 400-meter dash in 52.1 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 23.4 seconds. Bob Partain, another member of the Berlin team, took fourth in the broad jump. Other members of the Berlin Track Team were Sig Schreyer, Dennis Dix, Phil Shepard, and George Shepard.

The first event to the ten freshmen Nancy Worrell, Marylou Moore, Ronnie Egan, Tonia Dolozik, Jeannine Smoot, Barbara Schreck, Mitzi Neville, Phil Shepard and Peyton Ellis, who entered TAR last September, was Freshman Initiation. After a week of humble submission to the will of the "Almighty Seniors," the Freshmen proceeded to take an active part in school.

Our officers were Phil Shepard, president; Nancy Worrell, vice-president; Mary Lou Moore, secretary-treasurer; and Payton Ellis, Student Council representative. Two freshmen Nancy Worrell and Mitzi Neville, were chosen cheerleaders.

Jeannie and Wayne Kirsch and Liz Schreyer joined our class in September, whereas Jeannine, Barbara, Tonia, and Mitzi left during the year. Our most recent arrival is Jimmy Cox.

Our many activities, such as giving a Freshman-Sophomore Christmas party, entertaining the high school with our thrilling Melodrama, and assisting with "Bear Facts," Annual, Dramatic Club and sports have helped make this year a successful introduction to high school.

OUR MEMORIES CONTINUED

We did that too. To our small school championship we added a corresponding basketball championship to our growing list, and cheered our chances and our victories.

The tournament came, lingered, went but not as fruitlessly as those bare words. Our language is inadequate to show the thrills we felt as once more we stormed our way to victory. Even
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However singing wasn't all of the trip--there's always a glow around a school trip, and this one's aura carried spirits high, and our music came from the heart.

As guests of the Wiesbaden students, we Berliners enjoyed two nights and a track meet there, and almost prolonged the stay, when our train to Frankfurt broke down as we were on our way home.

Now that we're back, with oh so many pleasant or amusing incidents to remember, we can truthfully say we had a wonderful time.

STUDENT COUNCIL CONTINUED

Moore, Sandra Coker, Dennis Dix, and Janice Latimer.

They were replaced by Peyton Ellis, Martha Whitworth, Betsy Mathewson, and Sue Shepard respectively.

All in all, Berlin's Student Council organization has enjoyed a very active year at TAR.

T.A.R.'s SOPHOMORES CONTINUED

During the year, we sponsored two assemblies, as well as enlivened the "Bear Facts", Annual, and school play with our talents. The sophomores are now a sadly diminished class. Janice Barbie, and Skippy are in the States, while Archie, Bill and Rusty have paid several visits from the Zone. However, we are looking forward to next year when the scintillating sophomores will have to adopt the dignity befitting upper classmen.

OUR MEMORIES CONTINUED

now, after the shouting has died out, the cheers and thrills still echo in our ears as we remember the excitement, the anticipation, the event. All the factors of a high school trip will always be remembered fondly by each one of us.

Among the outstanding traditions and events, we find the Junior-Senior Prom. As the Juniors honored us, the seniors, we danced once more with high spirits and light hearts and enjoyed every minute of the prom and all-night party.

As we emerged, so tired and sleepy from the rigors of the Prom, we launched another custom: Senior Skip Day. The school no longer knew the sounds of our voices that day, as we the seniors exercised another sacred right of senior supremacy.

Having recovered from the excitement of the week before, we hurled ourselves into another dream, and made our dream come true, as we sang our way to glory at the Music Festival. As we sang and sang and sang, our hearts sang with our voices and we cheered our luck and joy with inward hallelujahs.

The year drew toward a close--the Rhine Trip sparkled bright ahead, and graduation, too, shone brighter in the distance. As we received our annuals, the records of our own, our special year, and we thumbed through and read our issues of our own school paper, in among the fallen leaves of the tree of life, we made a mental note of the achievements which each of us had made during the year:

Jim Bender proved himself a victor at sports, all of them. In football, basketball, and track, he captured honors and added new letters, jackets, and awards to his credit.

Laurel Coleman held the academic

field as her forte, beginning with engineering the Freshman Week activities, continuing by editing Berlin's "1952 Gateway" (annual) and acting as feature editor and reporter for Bear Facts, acting in the school play, lasting until the finals of a solo contest at the Music Festival, and ending a perfect year.

Alice Lyon brought honor to herself and the class by acting as president of the dramatic club and directing the school play, and joining in other of TAR's extra-curricular activities.

Irene May distinguished herself as our favorite typist and as holder of the school's honor pin, as the seniors carried on as always.

Bob Partain proved to be another sportsman, as he too excelled in football, basketball, and track.

Sig Schreyer also did his duty, plus some on the field of sport, bringing home the football, basketball, and track achievements with the rest.

Diann Smith led the student body as president of the Student Council, received the school's honor pin and acted in the school play.

Ann Worrell, another of TAR's seniors who received the honor pin last semester, led the class as our president, put out Bear Facts as its editor; cheered for us at sports events as head cheerleader, and joined in school activities with all her heart.

And so we have, we the seniors have; TAR's gone but not forgotten for the good times, and honors and thrills of 1952. Our last year at TAR will always linger in our scrapbooks and our memories.