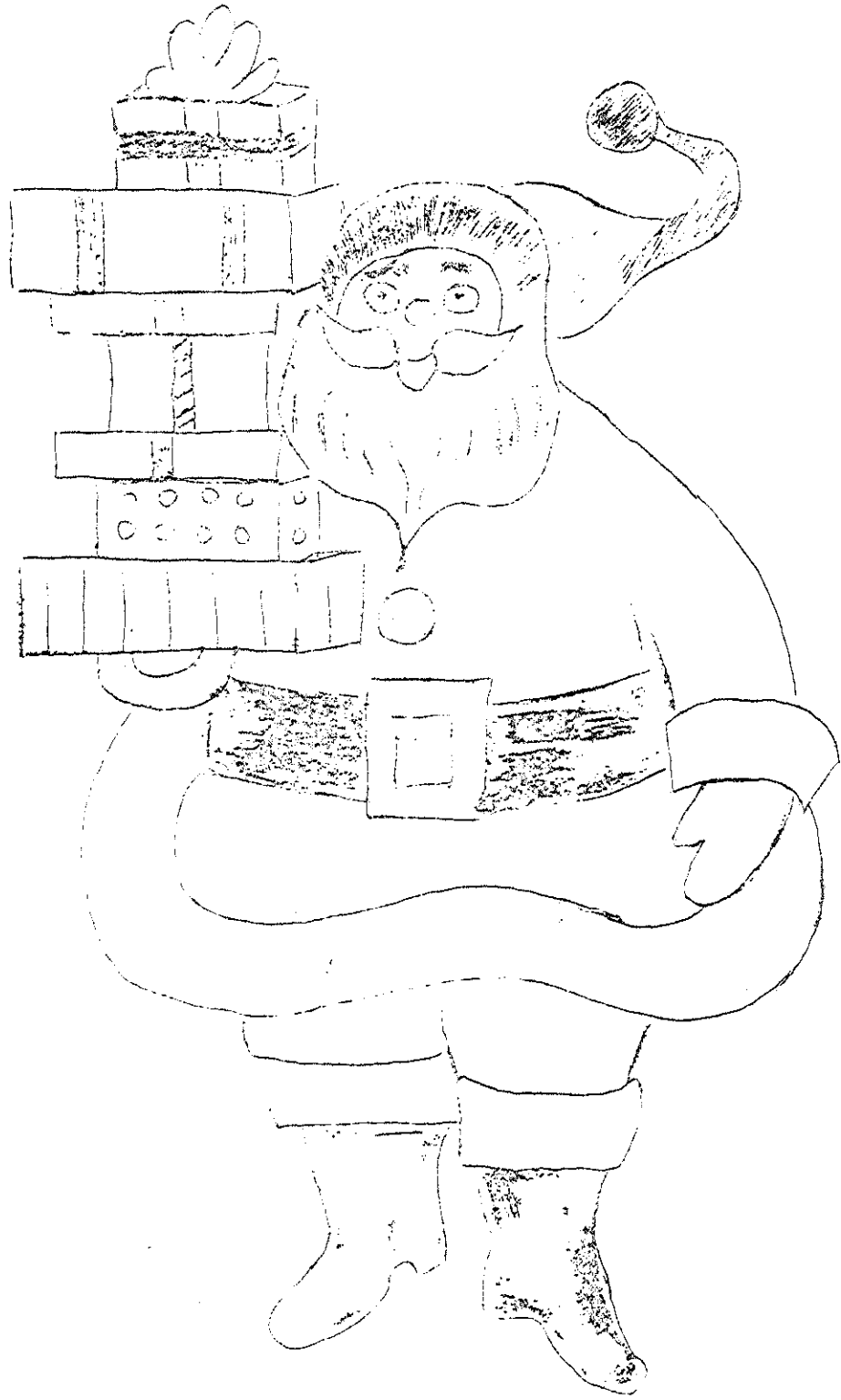


Bear Facts

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The editorial shall deal with two topics, both concerning the school.

The first is a request to those people that lack the better judgment in writing obscene remarks in the Johns! to stop. The walls are defaced with rude language and small minded slang. This is no way of keeping our school. The responsibility lies with us all and we must help end this disgusting example of petty literacy.

The second topic is the Mural. We are grateful to Miss Pietsch and the art class for their work in adding new and artistic scenery.

We also wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NATO Essay Contest

This year marks the 20th anniversary of NATO. This year, as in previous years, BAHS will participate in the NATO Essay Contest.

All juniors and seniors are eligible to enter this contest. Students will be asked to write an essay of no more than 1000 words on the subject: "NATO: A Direction for the Future." The essays are to be written outside of class time. They are to be submitted to the social studies department by February 21.

One essay will be chosen from each of the thirty-three USDESEA high schools. One grand prize winner will be chosen from these entrants.

The winner of the grand prize will take an all-expense paid trip (the itinerary has not yet been determined). All other winners will receive a certificate of commendation.

December seems to be the month of the beginning for many of us. Below are listed some December BAHS birthdays.

If your birthday isn't listed FACTS wishes to extend our apologies, and also ask again that you submit them in writing to the newspaper staff. A box is furnished in the cafeteria for your contributions.

STUDENT	DATE	GRADE
Marianne Stanislaw	Nov. 21	11
Mary Causgrove	Dec. 1	11
James Biernesser	Dec. 2	10
Dale Gable		
Sue Musalo	Dec. 3	10
Kelley Lynch	Dec. *	12
Lynn Lewis	Dec. 9	12
Michelle LeBrun	Dec. 16	9
David Howard	Dec. 18	10
Tom Haynes	Dec. 22	11
oops!		
Becky Yarbrough	Dec. 15	12
Ruby Anthony	Dec. 19	9
Ken Cousins	Dec. 23	9
Robin Mann	Dec. 24	12
Lafayette Hall	Dec. 25	9
Bill Galloway	Dec. 26	11
Rocky Gardener	Dec. 29	9
Dave Tuch		12
Laura Coats		10
Pam Owens	Dec. 30	11
Stewart Twins	Dec. 31	9
Jim Rich		12
Angela Agee		9

(Man, we really had a "Happening" on the 29th, 30th, and 31st!!!!!!!)

THE GENIUS OF BEAR FACTS (YEAH!)

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International Dance

Saturday, Dec. 7, evening's International Dance, here in the Student Union proved to be what may well prove to be the best dance of this year.

Yes, as usual, the Class of '69 surpassed all records.

The cafeteria was cleared of all tables; the chairs were arranged along the walls. A band platform was set up on either side of the room for the two bands.

The Berlin, French, British, and American flags were displayed. Traffic signs decorated the walls. Streamers were hung from the ceiling, coming together at a point from which a globe, symbolizing international friendship, was suspended.

At 6:30, the people began to arrive..... They didn't just "trickle in" slowly, or in sputters. They came in a steady flow until about 8:30. By that time, our little cafeteria was literally packed!!!

People danced millions of different ways. Wherever you stood or danced at least two different languages could be heard on each ear (unless you have three ears). The music played continuously through the night as the lights flashed from platform to platform.

It was also a perfect night for "people-watching." Boy, one could see all kinds of people there.

(continued on next column...)

No-one misbehaved. No complaints were heard. Wallflowers didn't exist. Everyone had a great time!!!

As for the people who "snuck" in through the back, we hope you had fun, too.

The seniors worked hard that day. Their \$452.00 clear profit was well deserved.

The Senior Class would like to express thanks to all the people who sweated and slaved to help make the dance such a success (even after a hard day of testing); Isabelle Lauka, Carey Daigle, Becky Yarbrough, Monica Nash (the leaders); and most of all Mr. & Mrs. DeYoung, who aided us greatly.

Sadie Hawkins Dance

Sadie Hawkins Day at Berlin High brought many laughs. The few people who dared, dressed up, or down, for school.

That evening, the Sophomores threw their wild Sadie-Hawkings Dance. Naturally, according to custom, it was the boys' night out. They had the opportunity to depend on the girls for all they usually had to do whenever they take a girl out.

A girl asked a boy to accompany her to the dance; she paid their way in; she bought his refreshments; she asked him to dance; she even paid for their 15¢ wedding ceremony

(Explanation: There was a MARRIAGE SAM available to any couple who wished to get "spliced." It cost a mere 15¢; that's including the genuine wedding ring and the bouquet-for-loan.)

It was a night to have fun. Truly an "once a year day."

Drama Class Production

Miss Lewis' Speech and Drama class has been preparing a production of Charles Dickens's famous Christmas story, "A Christmas Carol."

The cast for this production includes: Bill Elkins, Carter Embrey, Debbie Grantham, Rod Haden, Carol Henry, Isebella Laucka, Cara Lewis, Tyrone Lewis, Monica Nash, Marsha Rainbolt, Deirdre Sandstrom, and last, but far from least, Ralph Travis.

The entire class has suffered a number of unexpected set-backs; but all seems resolved. (so hoped---).

As an extra measure of hope, it is here announced that the performance will be held in Victory Hall on January 13, 1969; curtain time is at 2000 hours.

Senior Spotlight on Paul Graydon McCoy

Paul had been at BAHS for 3 years. He feels that the school, in itself, is very modern, both in design and teaching system.

Mr. McCoy enjoys sports. His favorite ones are football, soccer, wrestling, and "bear-skinin'." His interest in sports has led him to become a member of the Lettermen's Club.

Paul's favorite colour is black, as you might have noticed by his black pants.

Although, he will miss Mr. Hiller in the states, he dislikes his moustach. (etc....)

The Real's favorite food is listed as mountain oysters.

The girl of his life is Sue Jensen.

Mac's parting words were as follows:

"During my three year stay in Berlin, I have met many men including the fantastic coaching staff, composed of Mr. Hiller, Mr. Pepoy and Mr. Rice. I personally congratulate these young and old men for their outstanding athletic efforts in helping me become the great athlete that I am."

Guten Tag, Santa!

The Orphans Party will be held on December 18, 1968, from 1300-1500 hours in the Student Union. (coverage should follow..)

Volunteer students from "the mob" will each sponsor a German orphan. These students will buy his child a gift, and entertain them during the party.

The highlight of the afternoon, however, will probably be the presence of Santa (You new-comers to the school should check room 105 for a hint to Santa's identity.) (Isn't it amazing how versatile some of our English teachers are?)

Vicky Heizer, Mary Causgrove, Karen Hansen, and Toni Yarbrough are responsible for arrangements for the afternoon's activities.

May this year's party be a success and may the true mood of Christmas come through.

NHS Elections

On Wednesday, December 11, the National Honor Society had an election for its officers. The results are as follows:

President--Bob O'Neill

Vice-President--Jay Stewart

Secretary--Mary Causgrove

Treasurer--Dave Tuch

Program Chairman--Howard Ashcraft

Guardian of the Mace--Richard Sanchez

(latter being like a Sargeant at Arms)

Donate now for TJ's new jeans.

Here it is!!! The first column most of us read first when we get our BEAR FACTS. Are you here?

Looks like Bunch swallowed the Bate... Pretty fishy, huh?

Ask Rod H. and Bob O. about the boob on the Tube. That is the "Boob Tube."

[REDACTED]..?

Speaking of [REDACTED]—there is a rash going around in Poland of dirty Yankee jokes.

Still on the subject of [REDACTED] Did you hear about the guy who had a ticket to a soccer game in Poland that got rained out...? Instead of a rain-check, he got a Polancyk.....

"More, more," quoth the Real. (latter directed to one Mr. Haden)

Debbie B. has a kissin' Cousin(s).

Connie N. appeared at school one day in a skirt!?!?

Jet is propelled----->

Your Eminence: Your comrades send their love.

What Mama Bear is very lonely now since her Papa Bear has gone?

What does a certain varsity cheerleader use instead of sleeping pills?

Debbie G. is worn out. No wonder after seven children!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?

Richard S. is moving up in the world..

Has everyone seen Robin M.'s longhaired double?

Tico, can you tell us who made All Conference?

"Dur Dope in Berlin" does exist.

K.L.'s middle name is Timothy.

J.R. & D.K.???--both sophmores?! D.K., what happened to that nice senior?

"Out, out, damned spot!"

B.T., are you really GI Joe? Here's one for you: Turner and a girl--turn 'er off.

Angelo frolics come Summer(s)time.....

Awwwwoooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

Carter E. has one word for this article:

" H U M B U G . . . "

Business teacher seeking position with basketball team. All offers welcome.

Concert Soloists

Solos in the band and chorus were frequent. They included Diane Green, oboe; Lynn Kennedy, saxophone; and Julio Ferrari; French horn.

Cheryl Biesnesser sang with the band. Nanci Summers sang the Soprano Solo from Handel's "Messiah" with the chorus. Carol Henry and Angelo Allen sang the Bach-Gounod "Ava Maria" as a duet.

It was a really great show.

Know Your Librarians

Deborah Hubbard, a senior, works in the library fourth period. She is a very capable librarian and not only meets all her responsibilities efficiently, but seems to enjoy doing it.

Deborah was born in Memphis, Tennessee. Before coming to Berlin, she attended the Flint Central High School in Michigan. Her favorite subjects are ty pingaand history. When she is not busy with her school work, she ENJOYS dancing and reading.

After she graduates from high school, she hopes to attend a business college in Michigan. However, one cold, snowy day, she was asked where she would like to live permanently; she replied, "In California, or some place where there is no snow."

Debbie is very active with the Cubbettes. What would they do without her.

(Ask her about a phone call.....)

Duh, look at ME, duh,
I YAM A VANDAL, I
BREAK THINGS - MAINLY BECAUSE
IYAM STOOPID!
Duh, Duh!



— DEDICATED TO SUN AMATEUR PLUMBERS
— THEIR ILK —

Dear Sheila,

BF Well Miss Phillips what do you think of this year in relation to last year?

BF It always looks better from the top

BF I see What are your favorite subjects?

BP I enjoy history the most and I like

Algebra II but I'm no good at it

BF How do you like your teachers?

BF Some of them are more competent than other h h

BF Never mind What do you think of the present dress code

BP I think it is a great thing for a trial and our friends have not one t so extremes as of late

BF Is there anything you would like to volunteer? I'm running out of questions

BP Volunteer what that? Gosh I can't think of anything

BF Let me help you I understand that you're one of Bahs's better actresses Would you tell us a bit about your production

BP "He's Having a Baby"

BF-What?

BP-No, no, no

BF-That is the play the drama Club is putting on

BP That is very interesting

BF Yes the drama Club is a sh better than last year Productions are desirable

to give all the members both on stage and offstage experience

BP I tried to join the chorus this year but our schedule would not permit it

BF That's too bad I understand that it's all the good this year

BP It's all the good this year

BP I'm not sure but I don't know for sure

BF We'll be sorry to see you go After all know that you are famous Miss Phillips have you the traditional word to the wise?

BP Don't be a fool and raise dry stones in a well

BF hummmmmmm Most unusual I think we had better close now Good-bye

Miss Phillips

BP My autobiography perhaps?

BF I don't think so

BP -If I could read your poem?

BF No that is quite alright No: no please

With that we close this shudder interview So much for you with weak stomachs

I guess I'm just a born joiner and have had a lot of experience in school projects. Now that I have a reputation as a leader, and it's got me in trouble. I am at present involved in a play at school, washing in the school panes, a choral recital plus school work and social life. My grades are going down like a lead balloon and yet I don't know how to get out of any of these activities. People are counting on me.

Joiner

Dear Joiner,

One of the people counting on you is the dean of admissions of the college of your choice. So you'd better jack those grades up, even though it means giving up one or more of your outside activities or skipping a date until the play and choral recital are over. Not much fun, you say? Well, neither is being told, "Sorry, no room!" when you apply for college.

Sheila

Dear Sheila,

Man, the college pressure is all around our house! My folks are so worried about my getting good grades that they insist that I do my homework at a certain hour and in a certain place (at home) every night. I get so mad to be pushed around. I should be able to run my own life. I stall and fool around and don't get much done when pushed. If they would only leave me alone. When will they treat me like a grown-up?

Hate to Study

Dear Hate to Study

Probably the minute you start acting like one! If you're so sure you can run your own life, then run it! Set aside a time and place for study yourself, and stick to your schedule. Your parents will stop nagging you the minute you no longer need nagging.

Sheila

INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Monday, December 9, the National Honor Society had it's autumn Induction Ceremony.

The Invocation was given by Chaplin Andrews and was followed by the definition of the four main qualities of the National Honor Society, by Bob O'Neil and Howard Ashcraft. (we had a dreadful lack of personal on our N.H.S.)

Gaby Taylor and Pat Ishimaru, both Juniors, were re-established as "full fledged" members. They were tapped last spring but were only on probation. The new members of the NHS are as follows:

Becky Phillips	11
Fred Abt	11
Deidra Sandstrom	12
Isabelle Laucka	12
Mary Causgrove	11
Jay Stewart	11
Richard Sanchez	11
Linda Norton	10
Debbie Bromberg	11
Dave Tuch	12

G-O-O-D G-O-I-N-G K-I-D-S! ! !

Our Principal, Mr. LeBrun, was introduced by Miss Rekucki and gave his acceptance speech. He then introduced the Guest Speaker, Father James Yoger, a former High School Principal. Father Yoger explained the parts the teachers and parents had in forming the new NHS members. The Benediction was given by Chaplin Andrews. Miss Rekucki, sponsor of the National Honor Society's "Outpost Freedom Chapter" was active during the ceremony and during the reception which followed.



BAND NEWS

The Berlin American High School Band has formed two small groups within the organization of the Band for it's Christmas concert.

The first is the Brass Quintet with Leonard Therrien, Alan Lombardi, and Dave Franklin with trumpets; John Robinson with trombone; and Walter Stewart with a baritone horn.

The second group, the Woodwind Ensemble, includes Jerry Powell, Patti Dumont, Jeannen Brenan, and Louri Hanley, clarinets; Robin Wright, bass clarinet; Deborah Swails, E-flat clarinet; Diane Green, oboe; Lynn Kennedy, alto and baritone saxophone; and Julio Ferrari, french horn.

Cryptograms

Each cryptogram has a different code. Answers on Page 2.

REJ NERS WTHLBCS SDSH FRKZS TC JTB,
GEL CSDSH USH NEBPULSH--RKFF WTHLBCS.

R UEBGJQSF NCBSG AKGJ TUUGBJO
KTJGNP IEBPBIENC IRJ GRNBSF CRZG PKG LEO
QBUUGBJIG LGPAGGJ EGUTEC RJQ EGNJPCCJP.

(Answer)

MAY DANE FORTUNE EVER SMILE ON YOU,
BUT NEVER HER DAUGHTER--MISS FORTUNE.

A FRIENDLY SMILE WHEN OFFERING HONEST CRITICISM CAN EASILY MAKE THE BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REFORM AND RESENTMENT.

IT'S ONLY A WORD

MEMORANDUM

How good is your vocabulary? Probably not as good as you think as REAR FACTS intends to prove. During a period of about a week several students were confronted with seemingly unheard of words. Many were people that you know personally.

Here are their reactions to some not quite commonplace words

The first word was sciamachy (noun)
Question: What would you say if someone accused you of having been in a Sciamachy?

- Debbie Bromberg would turn around and walk away.
- Jay Stewart would thank them.
- Sharon Peason would punch him in the nose.
- Beatrice Seyen would say big deal.
- Steve Reisler would just keep walking.
- Cindy Porter said: You're crazy!
- Mr. Hiller would punch him in the nose until I found out what it meant.

The second word was Xanthous (adj.)
Question: Would you feel honored or insulted if a person called you xanthous?

- Dennis Cousins would probably punch him right in the nose.
- Todd Darress would turn around and walk away.
- Gaby Taylor wouldn't do anything. She'd say define it.
- Howard Ashcraft would cheer.
- Debbie Hoosack would call him a name.
- Delsey Kent would say thanks for the compliment.

(sciamachy: a shadow fight
xanthous: yellow)

Can you imagine boy oh boy!!!
Teachers of BAH'S are so very versatile it with the Act.
simply amazing!

Did you know that a certain Business teacher is an English expert, a journal list expert and and and... much much more

TO ALL EMPLOYEES
FROM CHRISTMAS CHAIRMAN

We have been informed by the office of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C. that a White Christmas would be in violation of Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Therefore the following steps are to be taken to insure that we comply with the Act during the Christmas season.

1. All Christmas trees must have at least 26.4% colored bulbs and they must be placed throughout the tree and not separated in the back of the tree.
2. All trees must be wrapped in white paper. However interim approval can be given if colored ribbon is used to tie them.
3. If a manger scene is used, 20% of the angels and one out of the three Kings must be of the minority race.
4. If Christmas music is played, We Shall Overcome must be given equal time. Under no circumstances will I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas be played.
5. Care must be taken in planning. For example:
 - a. Use pink champagne instead of white.
 - b. Turkey may be served but only if the white meat and the dark are on the same platter. There will be no separating of platters permitted.
 - c. Use chocolate reveal ice cream instead of vanilla.
 - d. Both chocolate and white milk must be served. There will be no freedom of choice plan. Milk will be served without regard to color.

A team of HEW employees will visit us on December 25 to determine our compliance

IF IT SNOWS ON CHRISTMAS EVE WE ARE ALL IN TROUBLE*****

Merry
Christmas