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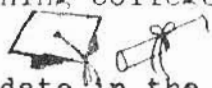
NEWS NOTES

Last Friday and Saturday, the Cubs basketball team played the Pitburg Barons winning the weekday game 49-47, but losing the following day 48-46. Outstanding Berlin players were Dan Sinnard and Bill Planz.

Over the weekend, the Berlin wrestling team won half of their matches, in a four-way meet at Frankfurt. Following is a list of the Berlin winners: Gary Brown, Jim Wright, Jim Short, Pascal Sherrod, Larry Garrels, Gary Planz, Rick Walsh, Randy Lewis. This weekend there are no athletic contests scheduled.

On Tuesday of this week, students of PAHS who are interested in pursuing a legal career were treated to a short talk and discussion of the subject. Guest speaker was Capt. Brisbee of the Berlin Brigade Provost Marshall's office.

Seniors!! Are you absolutely certain as to which college will be most rewarding for you? On Monday, December 28th, a "College Career Day" will be held in the Student Union from 7:30-9:30pm. This is an opportunity for interested high school students and their parents to discuss questions they may have concerning college with present college students. Refreshments will be served.



December 16 marked a historic date in the annals of recorded history. It is the anniversary of Ludwig von Beethoven's birthday, Edgar Peabody's birthday, and Pèpè Liquor's (Esq.) birthday. (Pèpè, six years old, is Mike D'Andrea's virtuoso pet dog. Mike believes in reincarnation and claims that Pèpè has the conscience and musical creativity of Beethoven.

Bare fax would like to wish all its readers and detractors a very Merry Christmas and/or Chanukah with best wishes for the New Year. See you in '71!



Coach Smith explaining strategy to the Cubs. (official bf photo)

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Contributions are appreciated and should be turned in Room 105.

Dear Editor-

Doing research in the library is no easy task. One must first be on the good side of the librarian before you get any assistance at all. If you are not, she will ignore you completely and you must flounder about the library on your own.

Most distressing of all is the fact that one must sit through a series of "Book Talks" given by the Junior High English classes. I know "Book Talks" help the students to express themselves, but couldn't they be done somewhere else? Usually, for the slightest whisper, one is chastised with a "the library is no place for discussion" speech which is louder and more disturbing than if you had kept on whispering.

During a "Book Talk" though, the tiny tots are made to speak as loud as they can, breaking that sacred law of silence. Also I would like to point out that the English classes of the Jr. High students are kept empty, during these library sessions. Why couldn't they just give their "Book Talks" in their classrooms and leave the library for what it really is.

Margaret Mullins

Margaret, you have my sympathies and I concur in your yearnings for a reformed high school library.

BARE FAX BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Mr. P. B. Sullivan's first period English class made the startling discovery last week that the birth of Jesus Christ is to be associated with Christmas!!

Last week, the Senior Class was exposed to one of the most vulgar phenomena of the American educational system: Graduation announcements. Graduation announcements are stylishly fashioned greeting cards that solemnly proclaim the senior's long-awaited departure from secondary school. Traditionally, the immaculate declarations are purchased before the end of the second semester (which is a bit premature for some seniors whose futures are in doubt) and mailed to those friends and relatives whom they should like to share the happy occasion. Actually, even the staunchest supporters of the "Barmecide bulletins" admit that they are bought and circulated solely for the purpose of earning money. The idea is that the poor fool receiving these "beggar's broadcasts" is supposed to feel obliged to treat the sender to a financial token of his congratulations. It is unimportant that not one shred of correspondence has passed between the sender and his "victim" prior to graduation time. In fact, some seniors who send out graduation announcements feel it is their just reward to squeeze as much money as possible from their long-lost relatives; after all, didn't they put up with four tedious years of high school just to make the family happy?

Of course, the real winner in the whole business is the company that manufactures and peddles these cards to the students. By simple suggestion, the students have been convinced that graduation announcements are "the thing to do" and are as essential as a diploma for finishing high school.

It is really too bad that today's American students are so interested in making a fast buck at the expense of others that they have frequently forgotten that graduation is a personal and private triumph.

Graduation announcements? I'll do without, thank you.

Editor