



Bearin' Down



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ETC. TRIPP'N OUT AGAIN FACULTY ADDITIONS ADD NEW DIMENSIONS TO B.A.H.S.

By Steve Slifer

This year's Educational Trip Club is sponsored by Mr. Bleum, Ms. Lindstrom and Ms. Okura. Some of the trips that the club are discussing are the Model United Nations, which is held in the Hague, Netherlands, the Presidential Classroom, held in Heidelberg, Germany.

A parent-student meeting was held September 14. In this meeting the club's constitution was discussed and revised. Last year's sponsor, Ms. Warner, attended and filled in all parents and new members on what is required to accomplish all the goals which have been reached in the past years with herself as sponsor.

The members must be willing to work to raise the money necessary to accomplish the pre-set goals, and hopefully with the money earned this will be a successful year for the Educational Trip Club.

This club is still open for students willing to participate in this years educational trips. If you're interested in joining this well organized club, contact one of the sponsors or simply attend one of the meetings. A certain amount of time is required of each member to raise the money necessary to launch each trip. However, your participation is welcome.

OPEN HOUSE HELD

B.A.H.S. held an Open House September 25, at 7:00 to give parents an opportunity to meet the teachers. Mini classes were held for 15 minutes in which the teacher conducted a mini lesson to give the parents a chance to see the type of course their child is being taught. An assembly was held before the classes and speakers were Miss Haney, Col. Spiller, Mr. Bringer, who is the PTSA treasurer. Tables were set up by the Student Council to give parents schedules and to assist the parents in finding their child's class. Other groups present at the Open House were the Publication class, selling Yearbook Patrons, and the PTSA for anyone who had not become a member of the PTSA. There was a large number of parents who participated by attending these classes, which forecasted a successful school year.

The new additions to the B.A.H.S. faculty are Miss Gygax, Mr. Knowles, Miss Van Galder, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Connors and Mrs. Bair

Miss Gygax, from South of Glacier Pare, Montana, has been teaching for seven years. She teaches Consumer, General, Advanced and eighth grade math. She attended college at Western Montana and likes to ski and swim. She is now working with Varsity Volleyball and enjoys teaching very much.

TESTS TO BE GIVEN JRS. & SRS. TAKE NOTE

Juniors and seniors, take note that the A.C.T. and S.A.T. tests will be given on the following dates:

S.A.T.	A.C.T.
3 Nov. '79	8 Dec. '79
1 Dec. '79	16 Feb. '80
26 Jan. '80	12 Apr. '80
22 Mar. '80	
3 May '80	
7 June '80	

In the A.C.T. test, four exams are given, one in each of the following subjects: English, math, social studies, and natural sciences. This test takes about three hours to complete.

The S.A.T. test is made up of multiple choice verbal and mathematical questions which are timed in thirty minute sections. To measure your ability as to how well you comprehend what you read and the extent of your vocabulary, the verbal questions are given. Mathematical questions are given to seek information about how well you can relate to problem solving.

Students who are uncertain whether or not they need to take the A.C.T. or S.A.T. test should contact Mr. Wieland or another staff member. This should be done as soon as possible to insure that the results will give maximum assistance.

If needed, A.C.T. Assessment registration packets, as well as college and career planning materials can be obtained at the counseling office.

The A.C.T. test is recommended or required in nearly 2,700 colleges; postsecondary education schools, and scholarship programs. It is taken by nearly one million students every year.

Mr. Knowles is originally from San Diego, California. He's been teaching for two years and was previously working on an Indian Reservation in Arizona. He teaches Basic Electronics, Automotive, and Small Engines. Mr. Knowles likes to rebuild old classics and fish. He attended college at San Diego University and his goal in life is to be the best at whatever he does.

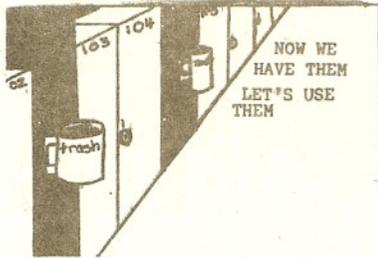
Miss Van Galder originates from New York and has been teaching for two years. She previously taught in Turin, New York at South Lewis Junior and Senior High School. She attended high school at Odessa Montour Central School and received her teaching degree from the State University of New York in Albany. At B.A.H.S. she teaches 7th grade Social Studies and Typing I. She is also the Junior Class advisor.

Mrs. Mercer, originally from Michigan, has been teaching for five years. She enjoys sewing, cooking and hiking. She teaches seventh and eighth grade, and General Math. She attended high school in Augusta, Michigan and college at Western Michigan University. She hopes to go back to school and become a qualified engineer because it's not possible to teach everywhere she goes. She is now working with the student council as their advisor.

Mrs. Connors has been teaching for ten years and is originally from Clarksville, Tennessee. She previously taught eighth grade American History at Greenwood Junior High School in Tennessee. She received her teaching degree from Austin Peay University in Tennessee. She likes to read, dance, and play bridge. Her classes are seventh grade Social Studies, eighth grade American History and Civics. She is now working with the cheerleaders and hopes to extend her field in teaching and get a master degree in counseling.

Mrs. Bair is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and has been teaching for ten years. She recently taught at Middle Township School in Cape May Courthouse, N.J. and acquired her teaching degree at Kutz Town State, in Pennsylvania. Her classes are eighth grade English, Communications and Publications. She likes to play tennis and sew, and thinks that B.A.H.S. students are some of the best she's taught.

KEEP B.A.H.S. CDAAC PRESENTS CLEAN DRUG PROGRAM



WHO SAID THAT?

Who are those mysterious speakers for the 2:57 news every afternoon? Who are those entertainers, who use up air time trying to be funny? The Senior Class "Shadow Knows."

David Cronkite, Troy Walters, and Richard Barrett, alias David Fox, Troy Mason and Richard Clarke are the culprits who haunt sixth period teachers with their version of the daily announcements. Though the announcers have quieted down a great deal, probably due to a bribe, (or threat?), from the administration, they will always be near and dear to the hearts of B.A.H.S. students. (Hey! No laughing back there!)

This is yet another first that the "Great Senior Class of 80" has introduced. All the announcers are seniors, who are making their effort to raise school spirit.

HALL MONITORS HELP OUT

by Ross Bennett

Since Junior High School students are not allowed in the halls during first lunch, hall monitors are necessary. These students are giving up their lunch period to help the school. Hall monitors are supposed to act in an orderly manner. Monitors who have at least three quarters of the year of duty, will receive a service award at the end of the year. Recently, the first promotion party was held. All monitors' ranks were increased to the next higher rank. The next promotion party will be held on Oct. 16, in Room A-8.

PUTT PATROL PUTS OUT

During ten minutes of each period there are two students that are in the halls that are supposed to be there. These students are Putt patrol members. They walk the halls for many reasons. The patrols return library books to the LRC, return trays to the cafeteria, take lost school books to supply, and report damages to the school main office. If a student completes one full semester on the Putt Patrol, he will receive a B certificate at the end of the year. The teachers who sponsor the Putt Patrol are Mr. Long, Mr. Benson, and Herr Prigge.

"It's going to cost you." Immediately when you read these words, you think of an amount of money. These words do not mean the same thing when they come from the mouth of a CDAAC advisor. They mean that you're getting into trouble which you will not be able to buy your way out of with any amount of money.

The Community Drug and Alcohol Assistance Center (CDAAC) advisors came to speak to Berlin American High School students from Sept. 10th thru Sept. 12th. They came primarily to answer questions about drug and alcohol abuse and to help students understand what they could be getting into should they decide to use drugs. Over and over they stressed the question, "Are you willing to risk paying the price should you get caught?"

The group from CDAAC used different approaches to get their points across. There were five different advisors, each using their own method to relate to the students. Mrs. Reilly and SP5 Roxanne Dicks worked together as one team, Lela Brooks and SP5 Dan Rainwater as another, and Sgt. Ford did a solo act. All were effective in their manner, whether it be by group discussion, lecture or question and answer type seminar.

Just one word of warning: don't get caught loitering in possible drug exchange points. These points of exchange are often times in U-bahn station or in other such places where people constantly come and go. The reason for staying clear of these areas is obvious. Should a drug raid take place while you're in such a place, you will be under suspicion, and therefore searched and taken to the police station, regardless of whether you were involved in such action or not.

Don't let peer pressure, ignorance, problems, or just plain curiosity get you into more trouble than you can handle.

B.A.H.S. POLICY REVIEWED

When a student is absent from school, a note must be presented to the attendance clerk stating the reason for absence. This must be signed by the parent and returned within two days of the absence.

Upon presentation of the signed note, students will be given a re-admit slip at the attendance office for each teacher to sign.

An excused absence is given for medical and dental reasons, family trips and emergencies, and school acts. Unexcused absences are given for reasons other than the ones stated above.

If a student has twenty or more absences in any one class, that student is subject to lose credit for that particular class, regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

HOME COMING

OCT 6

TRY TO ATTEND

CHEERLEADERS GET TOGETHER

For those of you who hadn't noticed, B.A.H.S. has an outstanding cheerleading team this year. The girls were chosen by a board of students this year, and are being coached by Mrs. Conner, who happens to be a new member of the faculty. Mrs. Conner has had previous experience with an eighth grade cheerleading team which she coached in Clarksville, Tennessee. The team consists of twelve cheerleaders, one alternate and of course two bears, Felicity Lee, and Concetta Hassan. The two team captains are Connie Phillips and Debbie Stowell, co-captains are Joan Chartier, and Sharon Sams. The other members are Betty Barnhart, Judy Gamino, Chris Hassan, Nancy Igo, Regina Marsh, Tammy McLean, Karen Percifield, Joanne Percy, and Debbie Holder. The team made their debut at the first football game which was played in Bremerhaven. The girls showed excessive spirit in freezing weather. The team will also be travelling to Baumholder, and Zweibrucken. The cheerleaders also did an excellent job on the first pep rally which was held Friday 21, of September. When asked for a statement Mrs. Conner said, "The girls have worked very hard on a short notice, and have been practicing two hours, five days a week and even on their own at weekends. They have practiced as much as any team in the school." Any girls who missed tryouts for cheerleading will still have a chance. This year there will be two groups of cheerleaders, the present group, first semester, and a second group who are interested in cheering for soccer and basketball second semester. For more information see Mrs. Conner.

BEARIN' DOWN STAFF

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.....Cathy Jones
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THE SOMETHING CALLED LOVE

Danny Jaynes

When I first saw you, I really didn't care,
 What happened to anything there.
 But suddenly I felt as though,
 You had the something I needed to know.
 The something called love.
 You said it was Jesus, the man from nowhere.
 He was the one who had it.
 The something called love.
 So I made my decision, I was heading for God's divi-
 sion, hoping to find,
 The something called love.
 But then you said, it was time for you to go,
 But before you went, I wanted you to know.
 The something called love I felt for you.
 As I sit crying, I want you to know, I found it,
 I LOVE YOU.

A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER

Toni Hassell

The strong wind on a winter day,
 Picks of many things that are thrown away.
 Through an open window the wind blows strong,
 It picks up important papers and carries them on.
 As I walk down the street, I see the children playing,
 I look up at the trees and laugh at their swaying.
 Behold, up ahead, what is this I see?
 A blank sheet of paper coming straight at me.
 Into my hands is where it blew,
 Not a crinkle did it make it looks brand new.
 The front side is blank, what does this mean?
 Should I be calm about it, or should I scream?
 Is this some message for me from him?
 I wonder why he sent this, what does this mean?
 On the back of this paper is a cross painted red.
 Oh my God, it's a letter from the dead.

Wednesday Afternoon

Carla Sutcliffe

Bore, boredom and boring.
 Looking at faces that tell,
 Hearing whispers that say it.....
 Boredom.
 Watching the fingers that play
 With pencils, pens and hanging thread.
 The chatter of dances,
 Last night's NBA play-offs
 And downtown.
 Cutting the blanket of smoke
 Stepping into second floor bathroom.
 Boredom.
 Drone of the Big Man up front.
 The whistle from the hall
 And the rattle as locks hit the lockers.
 Feet scuffling along the floor
 Around chair legs.
 The scratch of lead pencils on
 Rough, blue-lined file paper.
 Boredom.
 Tired lips conceal the fact.
 Just the boredom makes you bored.
 Sigh, Boredom.

C-B Talk

Toni Hassell

While working a QPSD-500 power machine at an elec-
 tric company, there was a sudden gathering of people
 at the window. I ceased my normal working habits to
 swiftly engage myself with this huge multitude of
 people. As I reached the crowd, I kind of squeezed
 my way to the window. Just as I stuck my head out, I
 heard a loud cry, "Help! Emergency!" People were get-
 ting all excited. They began justling and bustling
 among each other like a swarm of ants over a crumb
 of bread.

"Call the cops!" someone shouted from the rear.

"NO, no, call the fire department! another in-
 sisted.

"I think S.W.A.T. would be more appropriate."
 sighed another.

A police car showed up five minutes later. By that
 time we had all gathered around the scene. I stood
 by the police car. I wanted to hear all the facts
 straight from the bears' mouth. The policeman then
 placed his hand on the radio receiver and released
 it from its holder.

"One Adam 12, One Adam 12, come in."

"We're in Brady Bunch." they replied.

The officer continued, "One Adam 12, we're having
 Good Times here on the corner of Baretta and Serpico.
 These Angles are really Columbo! The White Buffalo
 has caused an Earthquake, quite like the Poseidon
 Adventure. The Jacksons were really hurt badly."

Carrie heard the news about the Jacksons, and she
 did the Monkey Hustle on top of Cooley High. She was
 like the Wiz, a Towering Inferno. They even sent her
 through a Car Wash. Some thought this was it, the
 end. They treated Carrie carefully. The doctors told
 her that she had really been through a lot.

They told her, "All you have is One Life to Live.
 You act as if you're in Another World. What you
 need is a Guiding Light. Right now Ryans' Hope just
 isn't enough. Maybe the General Hospital can offer
 you more."

They took her there, and in a week or so, she was
 out, still a little upset, but trying to make it.

She returned home that week and in less than two
 weeks she found herself engaged in another Family
 Feud. All she wanted was a \$20,000 Pyramid she could
 get it on the Wheel of Fortune. They were throwing
 things everywhere. Her father had just raised a
 pillow to hit her when he shouted, "Name That Tune!"

She replied, "You'd Better Shape Up!"

He was furious and began to yell at her.

A crowd of people had gathered outside the house,
 all being nosey as usual. Some of them said this was
 the Exorcist II, others referred to it as the Last
 Dance, but still I say this was the first Sybil hap-
 pening that occurred since the Blob! This was better
 known as a Barnaby Jones on a Freaky Friday.

While returning to the company after a long vaca-
 tion, my fellow workers had once again gathered at
 the window. Learning from the previous incident, I
 brought myself to realize that too much C-B can real-
 ly have an effect on one's personal life. After the
 first incident, I found it very hard to keep C-B lan-
 guage off my mind. After hearing those cops, I went
 out and purchased myself a personalized C-B Radio.
 My handle was "Brown Peppermint."

I got home that evening and my husband set it up
 for me. I said, "Thanks Omen I, your Sparkled ser-
 vice has really been Mannixed. Maybe tomorrow, I'll
 fix your Rocky dish for Gunsmoke. 10-4 Good Buddy,
 over and out.

BEARIN DOWN ON SPORTS

HARRIERS BEARS HAND BUCS FIRST LOSS 50 TO 15 DEALT LOSS SMITH RETURNS BALL 97 YARDS

For the Bears, the Cross Country season began on September 15th. Mr. Coffin, this season's new Coach, and LTC. Clarke, returning from last year, accompanied the team to Frankfurt where it faced very stiff competition against the Hanau and Frankfurt cross country teams.

Both the varsity and junior varsity boys lost to the two class "A" schools. The team's number one varsity runner, Orlando Rivers, captured seventh place with a time of 21:12 for the four mile course. Kevin Norum took eighth place for the junior varsity boys with a time of 23:32.

The girls' varsity also lost to Frankfurt and Hanau, but that didn't stop Christie Schleifer from taking top honors for Berlin with fifth place and a time of 11:53 for the two mile course. Due to the small number of girls out for cross country this year, Berlin is unable to sponsor a girl's junior varsity team.

On September 22nd the cross country team competed in its second meet against Osterholz and AFCENT at Osterholz.

The boys' varsity team lost to both schools, but ran a considerably better race as was evident by Orlando Rivera's performance; taking second place in the overall competition with a time of 22:39.

Both the boy's J.V. and girl's varsity teams won by forfeit, however they still competed. Jeff McCreight, Berlin's number two J.V. runner, came in first for Berlin at 25:59. Christie Schleifer took a dazzling first place in the girl's race with a time of 13:15.

Varsity Football

15 Sept.....A.....Osterholz
22 Sept.....H.....Baumholder
29 Sept.....A.....I.S.B.
6 Oct.....H.....Zweibruecken
13 Oct.....A.....Baumholder
20 Oct.....A.....Zweibruecken
27 Oct.....H.....I.S.B.
3 Nov...Play Off...Silver North vs Silver South

Volleyball & Cross Country

15 Sept.....Frankfurt
22 Sept.....Osterholz
29 Sept.....Berlin
6 Oct.....Berlin
13 Oct.....Bad Kreuznach
20 Oct.....Berlin
26/27 Oct.....Cross Country

The Berlin Bears varsity squad followed their little brothers winning footsteps, by defeating the Baumholder Bucs, 50-15, here in Berlin.

First quarter action showed the Bears jumping to an early twenty point lead behind touchdowns by Andre Harely, Troy Mason, and Scott Chapman. Gene Casey and Bob Brewer sparkled on defense by recovering key fumbles.

Second quarter action showed Baumholder getting into the picture when Charlie Curd ran a 65 yard touchdown. Berlin bounced

J.V. BEARS OVERPOWER BUCS

The Berlin Bears J.V. squad started their regular season with a victory over the Baumholder Bucs, here in Berlin. Tyrone Parks, Bobby Harrell and Pat Guyn scored touchdowns for the Berlin cause, while John Oberst kicked a field goal. William Harris chalked up 165 yards rushing, and Tommy Hardison added 50 yards for the Berlin attack. The Bears put on a fine defensive show, put on by players Hunt, Short, Kirkham, and Collins.

Quarters: 1 2 3 4 F
Bears: 6 6 0 7 19
Bucs: 0 0 0 0 0

V-BALL DROPS CLOSE GAME

The Berlin volleyball team travelled to Osterholz the weekend of the 22nd to compete in their first non-conference games this season. The teams were the AFCENT Lions, and the Osterholz Blackhawks. Both teams were tough competition for the Bears.

In the first match the Bears competed with the Lions. In the first two games the scores were Berlin 7, AFCENT 15, and Bears 8, Lions 15. In the next game, however, the Lions didn't win by such a large margin, with the score Berlin 12, AFCENT 15.

The next match was to be against Osterholz. This match was the longest and most exciting of the afternoon. Both teams were determined to win. In the first game the score was Berlin 11, Osterholz 15. The main reason the Bears lost that

back, with a 90 yard drive and a touchdown by Troy Mason. The rest of the second quarter was highlighted by fine defensive play by Bears lineman Bobby Brewer and defensive end Cletis Smith. By halftime Berlin led the Bucs, 12-7

The beginning of the third quarter again proved the Bears had the better defense, with superior play by James Triplet, Charles Henry and Bobby Brewer. A Harley handoff sent Scott Chapman up the middle for another Berlin touchdown. Andre Harley ran a perfect sweep for the two point conversion minutes later Baumholder's Charlie Curd ran for 80 yards for another Buc touchdown. Then, with seconds left in the third quarter, Cletis Smith ran a 97 yard kick return for a touchdown and a new highschool record.

Fourth quarter action showed Berlin scoring once more, this time from a Trever Johnson pass to Tom Graham. Berlin's Mark Andrews ran into the end zone for the two point conversion.

Baumholder put on one last desperate drive after a Buc player intercepted a Berlin pass with one minute and twenty-four seconds left in the game. The clock ran out before the Bucs could get into gear so the Bears won their first regular season game over the Bucs, 50-15.

game was because they didn't hold their positions. In the next game, teamwork lead the way to victory for the Bears. The tension really mounted in the second, third, and fourth games as the standings became two and two. The Bears were neck and neck in the race for victory with the Blackhawks. This last game had everyone on the edge of their seats, with scores tied up until the very last part of the game. The Blackhawks spiking and serving got the best of the Bears in the last part of the game, making the score Osterholz 15, Berlin 12.

The Osterholz Blackhawks placed first, the Lions second and the Bears third the weekend of the 22nd.

The JV team placed second the same weekend, defeating AFCENT, and losing to Osterholz.