

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY YEAR

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### BAHS Delegates Go To The Hague

by Jeff Alexander

Model United Nations is an assembly of high school students representing countries in the United Nations. Each year these students met in the Hague Netherlands to discuss issues of international importance. This year as in the past five years BAHS is sending students to the Hague. These students will represent the countries of Egypt and Guinea Bissau.

These students represent and participate in the educational trip club of BAHS. The members of this club have met and discussed world issues since Oct. of 1980. This combined with debate instruction should give the students a strong standing when they go to the Model UN in the Winter of 1980.

When the students in the club arrive at the Hague they will be reg-

istered and given name tags for the identification of the country these persons will represent. Upon being registered, the student will be free to lobby in the school of the Hague. During this period, the participants will be lobbying resolutions. These are used to resolve a problem or to get something done. The students by lobbying for a resolution are trying to get support for it so it can be passed in general assembly, that is when most of the countries of the UN are present and are able to vote for it. For students of the educational trip club to be able to participate in the Model UN, they must pass a series of requirements. The first of which states they must attend at least 75% of the club meetings and have a B average. Second, these individuals must be picked by a group of community leaders to go to the Hague.

### Volksmarch is Being Planned

by Monica Park

The Junior High Student Congress is in the process of discussing the First Annual Dr. Jack Volksmarch. There is no definite date set for the volksmarch, since it is only in the planning stage. The Student Congress is interested in knowing what students think of the idea of a volksmarch.

Some of the seventh and eighth graders have already been asked, their reaction has been favorable. Now the Student Congress would like to know how the high school students feel about a volksmarch.

### FREE HAIRCUTS FOR ALL

by Clifford Jack

Where can an average, everyday person get a facial and scalpe massage, manicure, haircut, wash and set, and a hairdye all for free?

If you would like to take advantage of all these services and more, the Cosmetology lab of BAHS is the place to be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during periods 2, 3 and 6.

Anyone in the community is welcome to make an appointment by calling extension 6351 during working hours.

Students who would like to make an appointment must get an appointment slip, which are issued by the student who will be doing the work.

Although the students will be doing all of their work for free, Mrs. Beech, the teacher of the class, will be taking donations which will go into class funds.

### DYA Volunteers Commended

by Glenn Reilly

On December 10, a special presentation was held for several deserving students at Berlin American High School by Roger Keller, Director of DYA, and Karin Billert, Chief of US Programs, Civilian Personnel Division.

The presentation was for outstanding performance of duty while working as summer hire employees with the DYA.

The recipients each recieved a check for 25 dollars and a Department of the Army Certificate of Commendation.

According to the certificates, these students were cited for assisting in the DYA Day Camp, which took place throughout the whole summer.

The awards were presented in a private ceremony that was held in Dr. Jack's office. Dr. Jack implied that these students were a credit to themselves, their families, their school and the community.

The students who recieved these awards were, Kathy Balthasar, Lisa Butlak, Holly Smith, Tracey Turner and Elias Uriegas.

### FOUR BAHS STUDENTS ATTEND PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM IN WASHINGTON D.C.

by Suzanne Wood

Later this year, in February and March, some Educational Trip Club members will journey to Washington D.C. to learn how our government works.

The Presidential Classroom is one of the ETC's two annual trips. Four students will go to Washington and have a chance to meet and talk with people from government, industry, labor, and media. They will attend seminars and lectures, and make visits to Capitol Hill, the State Department and other government agencies to learn how they are run. While there, they stay in student dorms, which give them a chance to meet high school students from all over the country.

To be eligible for Presidential Classroom, the student had to be a Junior or a Senior, a member of the Educational Trip Club, and have at least a "B" average.

Then, applicants submitted a resume and three to five recommendations. They were interviewed by a board consisting of representatives from the American Women's Club, the administration, the counselors' office, and ETC, and the School's Officer and the Student Council sponsor. The four students chosen were: Jeff Alexander, Mark Lewis, Sharon Sams, and Don Stovall. It is hoped they will gain a lot from this trip.

### "CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS" COMES TO BERLIN HIGH

by Kenda Wehn

On December 18, the BAHS chorus and intermediate band, directed by Mrs. Payne (accompanied by Lynnie Tolbert and Marta Stowell) and Miss Risner respectively, filled the school cafeteria with the Christmas cheer with their production of "Carols of Christmas".

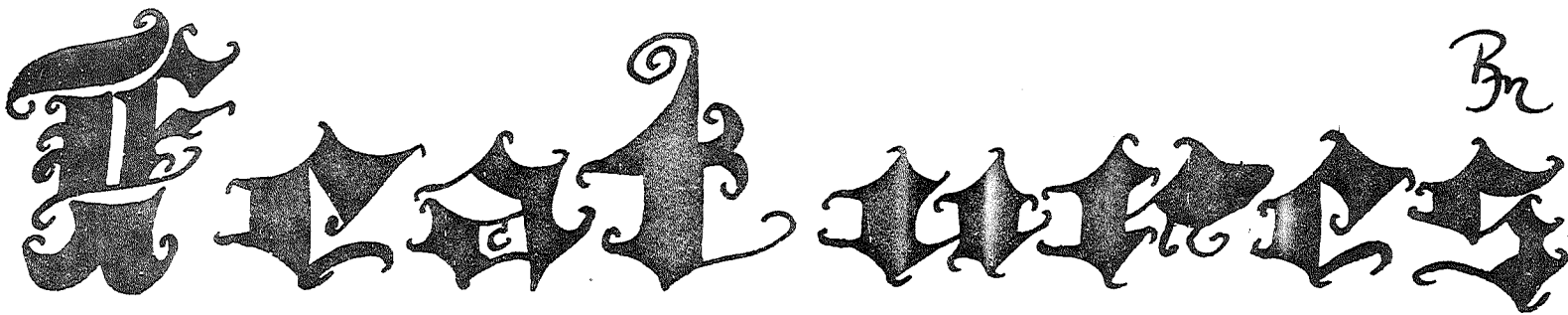
The performance of the Jr. high chorus included their opening song, "Super-cali-fragil-istic-expi-alidocious" as well as songs such as "Timothy's Carol", "Away in a Manger", and "What Child Is This". The Sr. high chorus performed selections such as "Do You Hear What I Hear" and a jazz-rock version of "Peace On Earth". The two choirs combined at least twice to perform songs such as the ever-popular "White Christmas" and "Silent Night".

The chorus has been busy lately throughout the community, performing for the German-American Wives' Club, the American Wives' Club, and the Protestant Women of the Chapel, as well as at BAHS for the students.

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"Hey, guess what I know about you-know-who . . .?" Page 5-6



# FOUND UNDER the CHRISTMAS TREE

To: Berlin  
From: The United States  
Gift: A new supply of boys.

To: Mrs. Payne  
From: Kevin Stewart  
Gift: A lipstick resistant coffee cup.

To: Mr. Bluem  
From: 2<sup>nd</sup> hour World History Class  
Gift: Book on proper handwriting & spelling.

To: Mr. Schmoll  
From: Danny Corder  
Gift: A new joke book.

To: Jeff Alexander  
From: Someone in third period  
Gift: 20 lessons in humility

To: Kenda Hehn  
From: J and J  
Gift: A Bobbsey Twin book

To: Mr. Leonard  
From: George  
Gift: To be handcuffed to a teenager.

To: Mr. Leonard  
From: A friend  
Gift: 50 lbs. to add to his weight.

To: AC-DC  
From: Kool and the Gang  
Gift: Soul music.

To: Coach Bob Moeller  
From: The Cross Country Team  
Gift: A coaching manuel on running.

To: Mr Sullivan  
From: Me  
Gift: A wig, so he can blow his top.

To: Mr. Lazenby  
From: A bored student  
Gift: 25 individually wrapped di-  
rected earthworms.

## Drama Club Books Plaza Suite

by Suzanne Wood

The Drama Club's latest produc-  
tion, "Plaza Suite", is now under  
way. This Neil Simon comedy has  
been well received since it was  
first performed, and will hit the  
stage at Andrews Theater in Janu-  
ary.

Auditions for this play were held  
on the 20th and 21st of November,  
and several students tried out for  
the play's 11 roles.

The action of Plaza Suite takes  
place in Suite 719 of the Plaza  
Hotel, and the three acts of the  
play depict three different stories  
that take place in the Suite at  
different times.

So watch for more news of Plaza  
Suite, which promises to be a very  
entertaining production.



To: Mrs. Bair  
From: Your loving son  
Gift: A free trip to the asylum.

To: Eric Engbretson  
From: Rene  
Gift: A new image.

To: Mrs. Payne  
From: Period 6, English 10  
Gift: A QUIET class.

To: Mrs. Payne  
From: BEBE and the Chorus  
Gift: A pair of earplugs

To: Jennifer W.  
From: Kim W.  
Gift: A very Merry Christmas

To: Evelyn Cruz  
From: Von Johnson  
Gift: A pair of red moon boots.

To: Sheila B., Sandy T., Michelle  
From: Leigh  
Gift: Good Friends

To: Pattie Phillips  
From: Ronnie P. Blandin  
Gift: Cookie!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To: Diana Pederson  
From: Michele Horton  
Gift: A tape, 60 minutes long of  
Mouse squeaks.

To: Beate  
From: Liz  
Gift: Your own gun. (bang-bang)

To: Pattie Phillips  
From: Ronnie P. Blandin  
Gift: Anything you want.....!

To: Janet Hermann  
From: Liz  
Gift: NO fifth period!!!!!!!!

To: Peggy  
From: Sue  
Gift: A boyfriend.

To: Jeanne  
From: Liz  
Gift: Less sarcasm!!!!

To: Publications  
From: A student  
Gift: Extended deadlines

To: Scott Hoefer  
From: Advanced Math Class  
Gift: A homing calculator

To: Mr. Schmoll  
From: Second hour  
Gift: A new suit

To: Miss Risner  
From: The band  
Gift: 1 dozen unbreakable batons.

To: Mr. Huffer  
From: Kevin Stewart  
Gift: A ride in a flying saucer.

To: Doug  
From: 1<sup>st</sup> hour  
Gift: New Jokes.

To: The varsity football team.  
From: Not telling  
Gift: A winning season.

To: Mr. Chavis  
From: Student body  
Gift: A color coordinated wardrobe.

To: Cliff Jack  
From: Von Johnson  
Gift: A large hat and some animal  
magnetism.

To: Pattie Phillips  
From: Your only friend.  
Gift: A new mouth to replace the  
one you burnt out.

To: Mr. Sullivan  
From: A pupil-A+  
Gift: Applause, sir...just applause!

To: Dr. Jack  
From: Trish Lindsey  
Gift: Book of 1000 alternatives.

To: Kevin Wilt  
From: Tim & John  
Gift: A new set of hands.

## MACBETH PLAY SHOWN

by Beate Zander

It was on Monday the 8th of De-  
cember that students of Berlin A-  
merican High School had the oppor-  
tunity to see Roman Polanski's ver-  
sion of one of Shakespeare's great  
plays, MacBeth. This production was  
probably one of the best ones ever  
to be made of the play, and so a  
big group under the supervision of  
Mr. Pinschmidt set out by U-bahn to  
the British Center, where the  
screen play was to be shown. Since  
this film performance had an "R"  
rating, due to violence in it, each  
student had to have a signed per-  
mission slip from his parents be-  
fore he was allowed to go. After  
the group had arrived downtown at  
the British Center and, each stu-  
dent had paved his five marks, the  
famous Shakespearian tragedy was  
shown.

# Features

## IT WILL BE RESOLVED

by Jody Fullerton

Christmas is soon upon us, and with it arrives the new year. As we finish the year 1980, we make promises to ourselves and others, lovingly known as "The New Year's Resolution".

The New Year's Resolution is officially made on New Year's Eve and is unofficially broken within two weeks.

Some of the students at BAHS have confided in me their resolution for the 1981 year...I have, in turn, confided in the Newspaper.

Here they are...and I quote:

Elizabeth Waldrop: I resolve...to get a better grade in Geometry.

Kathy Balthasar: I resolve...not to take any more garbage from Cliff.

Kenda Nahn: I resolve...to make my summer trip to the states, a memorable one.

Suzanne Wood: I resolve...to stop bossing my sister...but not my brother.

The Cow-Pokes: We resolve...to party every week-end next year.

Cliff Jack: I resolve...to take life easy and graduate.

Peggy Vine: I resolve...to stop chewing my fingernails.

Von Johnson: I resolve...to talk more.

Tracey Turner: I resolve...to stop squeaking.

Kathy Jones: I resolve...to get everything finished on time.

Jimmie Estep: I resolve...to graduate from school THIS year and enjoy...just enjoy!

Norman Storer: I resolve...NEVER to cut my hair, again!

Nancy Chartier: I resolve...to TRY to be nicer to Michael.

Lynn Timer: I resolve...to TRY to lose 20 lbs.

Corinna Chandler: I resolve...to always stay a foot ahead in the future.

Rene Verret: I resolve...never to listen to "Zero In" or the voice behind the radio, again!

Have a Merry Christmas...and a Happy New Year!

## College Night held at BAHS

by Alicia Muller

On Thursday, December 4, Berlin American High School held a College Night for the Juniors and Seniors from BAHS and John F. Kennedy School.

Speakers at College Night included Mr. Wieland, Mrs. South, Mr. Davis, a counselor at JFK, and Mrs. Nelson from the Berlin American Women's Club Scholarship Committee.

Many useful points were discussed. Local scholarships and financial aid were two important topics of conversation. All in all, College Night was very beneficial for the soon to be graduating Seniors, and Juniors.

## students attend a party

by Cathv Jones

On Dec. 5, 1980, 33 students from St. Marien Catholic School and 32 seventh and eighth grade students from BAHS attended a German - American Christmas party, which took place in the Skydiver Recreation Center at Tempelhof Central Airport. Mr. Long was the BAHS faculty sponsor and Eric Salahab held the position of student chairperson. The purpose of having this party was to increase German - American friendship and to bring the students together to enjoy the Christmas season. During the party, gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served. The Christmas party was worthwhile as a good time was had by all.



## THANKS FOR THE CANS

By Tracey Turner

Finally, the most talked about, thought about, and the most enjoyed holiday season is here, Christmas. Christmas means something different to each and every one of us, and in almost every case it means it is time for peace and giving. That's true for most of us. But many men, women, and children's Christmas won't be as enjoyable as yours.

Many of these needy families are armed forces members and their dependents. For the past couple of weeks we have been having an ACS can drive for these needy families. On their behalf, I'd like to thank you for helping to make their Christmas a more enjoyable one.

## Word Hunt

by Elizabeth Waldrop

SEASON GREETINGS SSWP  
GINGERBREADS LEIGH J  
MKMABDCEGHINOWSACI  
EPNCESTEFSSZOWSDCAT  
RSMREIND EERWNOELNG  
RATDLENYASRFLEWMDL  
YKMAVENSARTLADEWYJ  
CSTAESSDZAOADEXYCI  
HRDSSWCMJUYKRYBEAN  
RDXIOHUVNVFEYSCWNG  
ISTYNVXZUOQSECNWEL  
STISTHESES OXOTVSE  
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| 1. Season Greetings | 9. Snowflakes   |
| 2. Gingerbread      | 10. Ornaments   |
| 3. Merry Christmas  | 11. Jinglebells |
| 4. Christmas Tree   | 12. Sweets      |
| 5. Elves            | 13. Tinsel      |
| 6. Presents         | 14. Candy cane  |
| 7. 'Tis the Season  | 15. Noel        |
| 8. Joy To The World | 16. Candles     |

## ACS wants your cans

by Rene Verret

Berlin Army Community Services sponsored a can drive to help needy families in our community.

The Berlin American High School student council organized and promoted the can drive so the student body would bring in as many cans as possible.

Each class has a goal of four hundred cans to be reached by December 19, 1980. The class with the most cans will receive a free dance.

The drive started a while ago, but you may still bring in some cans until the deadline.

Bring your cans to class sponsors office or classroom, and support A.C.S. and help your class receive a free dance!

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# Out Look

## Christmas in Chicago

On a cold bright night in the snowfilled streets,  
I can see the stars above in this windy city.

I can faintly hear the Christmas bells, and see  
the decorated trees lined up so pretty.

As I think of Christmas I feel the rustling of  
tissue paper, blinking of lights, ringing of bells,  
and Santa's old familiar guidance, then I realize  
first that Christmas means, strangely enough, silence.

As I walk down the busy streets. I listen to  
the crackle of my foot steps in the thick snow, my  
own moist breath as I puff into my wool scarf that  
holds a faint scent of gingerbread.

Then I remember I'm in Berlin, tears run down  
my cheeks. . . but then I realize the joy of Christmas  
can be found anywhere throughout the world.

by Evelin Cruz



## the vision

I looked through the crack in the wall,  
And saw a dim pencil of light  
Streaking across the room.  
I noticed it's source:  
A lantern sitting on a table  
In the corner of the room  
The ray splashed against the wall  
Trying to escape from the dark, dingy boundaries  
That imprisoned it.  
It was a ray of benevolence,  
Trying to break out  
Of an evil heart.

by Larry Speer



## A LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I know I'm getting older, and  
soon shall no longer write;

These precious, yearly Christmas  
lists when the world's a blanket of white.  
There are a few things I'd love to receive;  
When you come to my house on this Christmas  
eve.

If you could only bring gifts like forgiveness  
and love;

Gifts the Almighty sends from above.  
These are great requests, I wish you  
would grant;

Though try as you may, I realize you  
can't

If only the people of our world could see;  
The meaning of peace and true harmony.  
Peace to all men, all over the Earth;  
In memory of little Christ Jesus' birth.  
I close my eyes and can picture the sight;  
All the nations together, no more do they  
fight.

Jeanne Dansereau

## WINTER

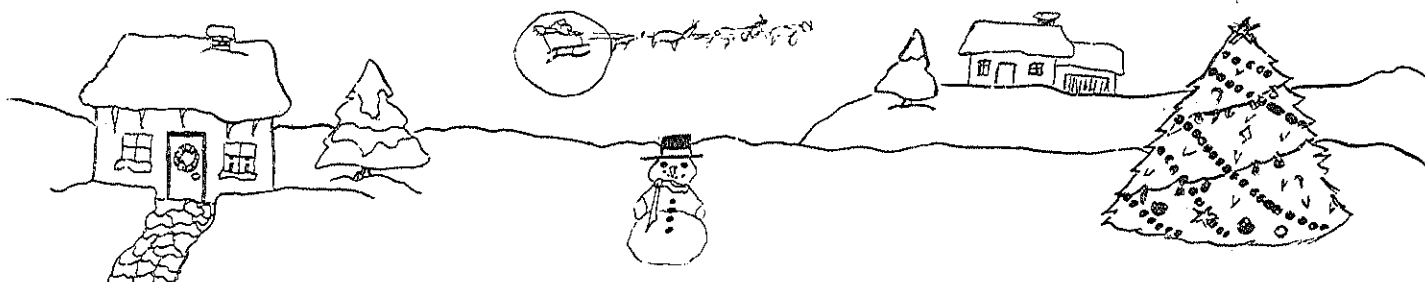
White, wispy, whirlwinds of gentle snow  
cascaded innocently to the ground,  
cutting off the lifeline to the frozen flora  
blind beneath the decadent autumn leaves.  
by Kenda Hehn



## THE SNOB BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas  
And all through the house,  
Selfishness struck like a nibbling mouse;  
The stockings were hung so cheerful and bright,  
Stingily hoping he'd fill them tonight;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds;  
While greedy little thoughts filled their tiny heads;  
And Mom got in bed and I took off my boot,  
Both of us hoping we'd get a cut of the loot.  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to settle the matter.  
To the window I flew, filled with hate,  
Wondering who'd be dumb enough to be up so late.  
I was so mad I was ready to shout,  
But as I looked through the window no one was out.  
Then what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,  
With that little old driver so terribly rude,  
I knew in a moment it must be The Dude.  
They had told me how often he came,  
Shouting noisily each reindeer's name:  
"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On Comet! On Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"  
As green bills that before the wild shopper fly,  
When they find an item, mount to the sky,  
So up to the housetop the coursers flew,  
With the sleigh full of cash and The Fat Dude too.  
And then in a twinkling I heard a great "oof!"  
So I figured the dummy had rolled off the roof.  
As I threw up my hands and was getting perturbed,  
He fell down the chimney like a big blurb.  
He was black from the soot, but I didn't care,  
Just as long as he gave me my fair share.  
A bundle of toys on his back so precious,  
I begged him to hurry for I was so anxious.  
He looked like a turtle just opening his pack,  
I pleaded with him to rush but he shot back,  
"Christmas is not supposed to be really drastic,  
So stop hopping around and acting so spastic!"  
The stump of a pipe he had I told him to douse,  
For it was beginning to stink up my house.  
He looked hurt in the eyes, I thought to myself,  
But what did I care? He was just a dumb elf!  
And putting his finger next to his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.  
"Where are the presents?" I called after him.  
He did not hear me, though, for he was flying again.  
But as he left he said something strange,  
"My friend, you are snobby--and you'd better change!"

by Norman Storer



## A Star Spoke To Me

Standing alone,  
I looked over the gables of the snow covered houses  
I gave the sky a long, searching look  
My eyes lead my mind  
Into the distance of the dark, great eternity-where,  
Quivering as if from the cold,  
A bright star hung.  
One I'd never seen before.  
It hung as a lantern of peace,  
And it caught my soul.  
It opened up to my disturbed mind,  
Golden thoughts of pleasant places,  
That were so far out of reach  
But some how seemed to grow from deep inside of me.  
The silver lamp in the sky grew brighter and brighter,  
Until it exploded, and fell to the ground  
And all over me came the small pieces of silver.  
The star had been speaking to me. NAME WITHHELD



## "HEY, GUESS WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOU-KNOW-WHO..."

Courtesy of the Lost and Found Department

How much time do you spend writing notes during your school day? How informative are they? What do they accomplish? what would happen if these notes were exposed to the entire student body?

This article was written to make known the extent of note-writing that takes place in school--whether to pass the time, express our feelings about someone or to make derogatory or obscene remarks. For whatever reasons these notes are written, one thing is for sure--they waste time, effort, energy, and the paper they are written on. If these notes are written to express your private feelings, why are they found in public places such as: trash cans, on the classroom floors, in the hallways, and under desks. See if you can identify your note from the variety that were obtained during the past few weeks here at BAHs.

XXXX,

You don't know me but I know you. I've seen you around a lot and I like what I see. If you want to meet me, meet me at the telephone in the lobby right after the bell rings for lunch! You'll recognize me by my gorgeous brown eyes.

Love you,  
Your secret admirer

XXXX,

High! Not really right. How do you like school today? I don't now why I'm writing you but I am. Are you going to the dance on Friday? Yes there's a dance. XXXX and I think unless there's somewhere else to go we'll go. XXXX said that you said that I asked it. There was something else wrong with XXXX.

XXXX,

... Saturday night I met this Chicano and his name is XXXX and he likes me. And Sunday the people I had to babysit for had a party that's where I met him. Well, anyway Sunday when I went to go babysit he was still there and they didn't tell me and they left. Five minutes later he came walking out of the bedroom. W/B

XXXX,

How old is he? What did he look like? All Chicano's are fine I think. W/B

XXXX,

He is 19 and he is built. He has a mustache, he's a little taller than me.

XXXX,

Did you have fun? ...

XXXX,

He asked me to come over. We were kissing Sat. night and then Sunday.

XXXX,

H--- yea, he kisses good ...

Dear XXXX,

... I'm starting to hate it over here. This school is driving me crazy. The only thing keeping me here is my job. I'm glad I got this job, it seems it's the only thing keeping out of trouble. During school, dummy me started playing goalie in soccer, I jumped for the ball and the guy that was going to score missed. The ball came and kicked me in the face. My glasses shattered! I thought I was going to be killed by my father.

How are you? ...

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Dear XXXX,

Your a terrific guy and your mine! I love you and yesterday I wanted to be in your arms. In fact I could live in your arms. Saturday night or Sunday morning was excellent. I wish I could have stayed with you forever. It felt good to be in your arms that night, morning. I want to be your wife! I want to cook for you clean house for you and take care of you, and last but by no means least sleep in your arms. I know don't tell me "Don't get your hopes up!" "I can't make promises I can't keep!" It's a nice thought though.

So how's your day going? I'm so much in love with you. I keep falling deeper and deeper in love. Im in such a deep hole that I'll never get out. I don't want to get out. I love it down hear.

This note or letter or whatever probably doesn't make and dollars\$ to you but I mean every word I'm writing! I bet you are getting sick and tired of hearing the same old stuff or mushy stuff in this letter. But it's all so true. I'm love sick over you!

Can I please well kinda like have a kiss at break. Well, I kinda need one for third . . .

With all my love and more,  
XXXX

They were going together and she told him that she was trying to get XXXX back and that she was just using him. Now they both hate her! . . . XXXX really thinks she is a big time b----. . .

Hi XXXX,

How's life? I hope fine, I'm O.K. What did you do on Sunday? Hibernate? I bet you did. Give me one of your pictures. (if you can spare one) Thank You.

Forget all the cut downs that I made, the day before yesterday but I don't think your really mad, are you? I didn't even get half the things you were trying to tell me, so if their was anything important, repeat it for me.

see XXXX, see the party. see, it is a toga party. see the basement. see XXXX hurting XXXX. see XXXX's d--- covered with the molding grime. see XXXX lick it off see her cry out. see XXXX's dad come in and join in the fun. who cares? see, it's a free for all . . . see XXXX at XXXX's toga party. see XXXX's body for a price, see XXXX take off her . . .

Hi Sweetheart,

I'm in Algebra and she's going over the stuff on the test and I don't understand it so to h--- with it. If I fail I fail.

It's snowing really hard now and God is it ever pretty. On Monday, XXXX is going to add gold highlights to my hair. She wanted to put blond streaks in it, but I don't want too much of a drastic change . . .

Dear XXXX,

I am writing you for one reson. I just would like to know why you are calling me the names you are calling me? And I wanted to know why you and XXXX are mad . . .

Hi Ho XXXX,

What's up? Nothing on my account. I hate this teacher. I felt like giving her trouble. She keeps looking over at you two so you'd better watch it.

I decided I'm going to write that gift slip. I hope it comes out on the paper XXXX kept saying how dumb girls are. Boy well he have a surprise if it comes out in the paper . . .

bye,  
XXXX

vvvvv

How's life? Mine sucks. I am so glad she might not call. I am never skipping again are you? Not unless I forgot a apnt and write my own note and tell my sister.

Write me back

XXXX,

XXXX took the note all wrong. I didn't want XXXX to tell you because I was trying to get the money to get you a present so it's her fault!!!!

XXXX

XXXX,

You are no friend of mine anymore.

Why?

Because you were drinking yesterday and you promised me you wouldn't drink anymore.

I'm really really really really really sorry. I didn't think, try to understand.

Why should I!

I wasn't drunk! I hardly drank that much. Everyone can't expect me to stop drinking just like that! I need time. Nobody tried to stop me so I didn't think anyone cared or minded anymore.

Bull----! I tried stopping you and you still didn't stop so I don't want nothing to do with you anymore and that's all there is to it.

I didn't know you tried to stop me. You drink sometimes so why shouldn't I too.

XXXX,

. . . Did ya have a good time this weekend? I didn't really. I went down to Stuttgart to watch my brothers team play football. They got beat but put up a good fight. There was a bench of little 7th and 8th and 9th graders on the team so there wasn't no one to rap to. They were all too young. Oh well, I'm sure ya don't want to hear all this! I'll let ya go.

Stay Sweet!

. . . while you have a free moment now and then during the day, think of me working amidst a cloud of cigarette smoke while staring at XXXX's department store teeth. Oh, you asked me for a long note, right? Here it is (hold it for 200 counts, okay?)

Love,  
XXXX

P.S. There were not, I repeat, NOT any silverfish in your hair.

XXXX,

I'm sorry if I'm always saying "are you mad." I'll just cool out O.K. I hope I didn't make and unnecessary moves last night. If I did I'm sorry. You said it had never happened before what I was doing. Don't be discouraged. I won't be hanging all over you all the time, I can see that you don't like it. But I can't help for holding you. I love to hold you. You didn't make me feel like a little kid. You made me feel alive again. You see when I'm around you, you make me feel wanted. Just saying that made me feel as if I love you even more. Don't be discouraged by that. We have "alot of time" for that. Let's enjoy each others company, O.K. When you, or if you, love me, I'll know. I hope I'm not pushing you. It does seem like it's going to be a long relationship, HOPEFULLY!!!

LOVE YA ALWAYS,

P.S. W/B or call me tonight XXXX

XXXX,

Hi! How's life been treating ya? Me, I'm mad as all. People and my friends are trying to break XXXX and XXXX up. I'm gonna keep them together even though it is gonna be the dombest thing I'll ever do. I wanna get XXXX to be my friend and get him thinking I ain't be b---- and I happen to think XXXX is nice. I can care less what other people think of the girl. Where were you at break? I was looking all over for ya. I'm sorry it is short but I gotta go.

V.G.F.  
XXXX

For those of you who contributed to any of the above notes, the Lost and Found Department takes this opportunity to say, "Thanks for all the time, effort, and energy you put forth the make this article possible."

Also, a special thanks to all teachers who allowed us to browse through their trash cans.



# HOOPSTERS START JAMMING

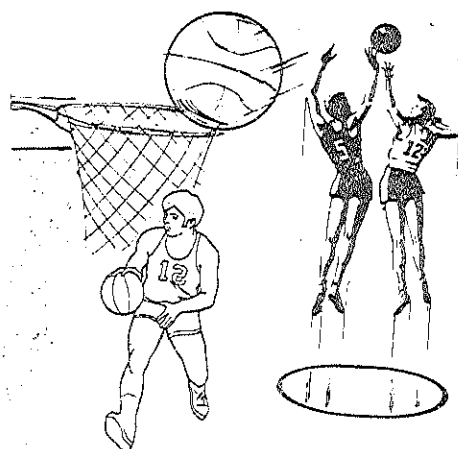
by Clifford Jack

The Berlin American High School Varsity Basketball team began its practice on the 10th of December in the BB Sports Center. The team is guided this year by returning coach James Cobb. Mr. Cobb is assisted by Mike Collins and Larry Seals. Once again Mr. Ogden Lazenby is the sponsor of the team.

The Hoopsters will kick off their 1981 season against Patch on the 16th of January. The team will play a total of 16 regular season games, 16th of January. The team will play a total 16

16th of January. The team will play a total of 16 regular season games, followed by the class B Championships on March 12-14.

This years squad is led by Brian "White Hope" Fraizer, Ron "Slam" Watt and James "Crackup" Batchelder, from last year's team, Richard "Hackerman" Cichy and Russell "Magic" Walton, who played for the Bears two years ago, and Kevin "Dunkenstein" Buckles and Cliff "Doc" Jack, who last year played Varsity Basketball at Patch and K-town respectively.



## Bear-a-cudas Close In Again

by Von Johnson

On December 7, the Berlin Bear-a-cudas out swam their opponents from Heidelberg and Hahn in a tri-team swimming meet. This meet, took place at the home of the Heidelberg Sealions, saw the Berlin swimmers tally a meet high of 351 points while second place Heidelberg finished with 295 and third place Hahn finished with 82.

There were two triple first place winners, they were Holly Braddock and Lars Asmis.

Other winners were Susan Sams, Jim Finley, Jerry Rettie, and Veronique Alderson.

## Wrestling Begins

by Monica Park

The BANS wrestling team has started their practices already, the first practice was the 10th of December. Anyone that is interested in joining the team should come out, as long as you are in grades 9-12 and male. If anyone in the 7th or 8th grades is interested in learning, can come out too, although it will only be training.

This year the wrestling team has three home games. We would like the student body to actively support the BANS wrestlers as they compete for our school.

The wrestling schedule is as follows:

Jan 17	Berlin at Osterholz
Jan 24	Berlin, Ansbach, Augsburg at Baumholder
Jan 31	Kaiserslautern, Stuttgart, Hanau at Berlin
Feb 7	Berlin, Osterholz, Munich, at Karlsruhe
Feb 14	Mannheim, Ansbach, at Berlin
Feb 21	Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Osterholz at Berlin

# Sports

## TOURNEY TO BE HELD

by Kathy Balthasar

There will be a Christmas Basketball Tournament on December 21 thru January 5 at the BB Sports Center Gym.

The teams participating will consist of military men and women, dependents, and civilians.

The BANS Women's basketball team, coached by Capt. Gruber, will take part in this tourney, and hopefully the Men's team, lead by Coach Cobb,

will too.

It is a double elimination tournament and individual trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams.

This will be a good opportunity to watch the Berlin American High School basketball teams in pre-season action.

So, come out and cheer your teams on!

## Finals Match Ends Season For Cross Country Team

by Suzanne Wood

Last month, on Nov 1st, the Cross Country team ended their season with a finals meet in Heidelberg, where the girls' team finished 1st for the Class "B" schools in their district.

Five runners; Connie Briniger, Tracey Feldman, Karen Hahn, Carrie Huml, and Debbie Stowell, and team manager Brenda Wilson went to Heidelberg to compete. Coach Moeller said that the men's team didn't compete there because only the top three Class "A" schools, and the top Class "B" school could compete, but he felt that both teams did well this season.

For Coach Moeller, the finals competition came as the end of a very

enjoyable season of coaching. "We had a very good season," he said. "Our team had more wins against schools that were sometimes much bigger."

He went on to explain that bigger schools have more people to draw talent from and so generally do better, but that Berlin's players proved to be very stiff competition.

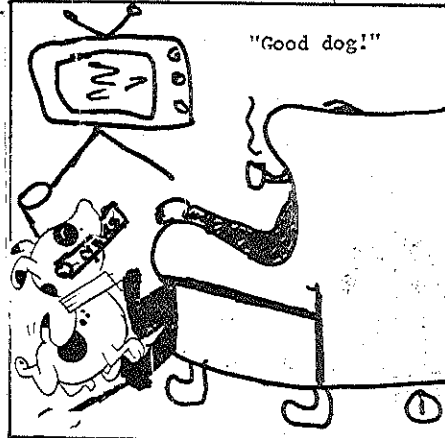
And they were. In a regional meet, runners from Berlin finished first over Hahn and Osterholz, only one of the races on which they did well.

Coach Moeller plans to coach the Cross Country team next year, explaining that he enjoys working with the athletes.

"Who put the gum on the phone?"



"Good dog!"



# Greetings

Tom Johnson

T120

James H. Turner

Norman Storer  
Jude Zander

Monica Suzanne Wood  
Park

Merry Christmas  
Alicia Muller

Kendra Helin

Alison Bailey

Merry Xmas!  
Gene Muet

Lynnie Robert

Mrs. Jane Bair

Jody  
Bullerton

Merry Christmas  
Robin McDonald

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