

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT HELD

by Robin McDonald

The time is fast approaching for seniors and their parents to tie all college concerns.

To help make some difficult decisions much easier the Guidance Department has scheduled two special events.

On Monday, November 24th there was an Admission & Financial Aid Expert who presented a program beginning at 1:30 in the Berlin American High School Cafeteria.

This informative program included details on college admissions, such as procedures for applying to

post high school education programs, private parochial, state and community colleges and universities.

The DODDS-North sponsored expert also discussed procedures and deadlines for applying for scholarships.

On Thursday, December 4th the John F. Kennedy and Berlin Scholarship Committees will hold a "College Night". The subject of this meeting is college planning and should be of particular value to Juniors and their parents

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Awards Given at Fall Banquet

by Peggy Vine

On the evening of November 14, 1980 the BAHS Fall Sports Banquet was held in the cafeteria. The Varsity and Junior Varsity Cross-Country, Golf, Volleyball, and Football teams were present.

Before the awards were presented, there was a buffet provided by members of the teams and the Booster Club. The Booster Club also provided the awards.

The first team to be recognized was the Cross-Country team. Mr. Moeller presented the awards.

The Golf team was next. Mina Buenviaje introduced Mr. Lazenby, who presented the awards.

Joan Chartier, captain of the J.V. Volleyball team, and Teri Beck, Captain of the Varsity Volleyball team, introduced Miss Gygax. Miss Gygax presented the Volleyball awards to the players.

Last came the Football awards. Coaches South and Burgess gave the Football awards out.

Dr. Jack gave the coaches an award and a speech to the team members, parents present, coaches, and sponsors.

Letter Jacket Policy and requirements

by Ross Bennett

For those of you who have earned letters, whether they be varsity, JV, or band, you are probably thinking about ordering a jacket to put your letter on.

However, to order a letter jacket, you must earn a letter from a varsity sport. If you have earned a JV or band letter you are entitled to order a jacket, but it must be a different style than the varsity letter jacket. But if you're among the students who have not earned a letter of any kind, and want to wear a Berlin jacket, you too may order a jacket, but it must be of a different style than the letter jackets. If you wish to order a jacket, or want more information, see Miss Gygax in room 302.

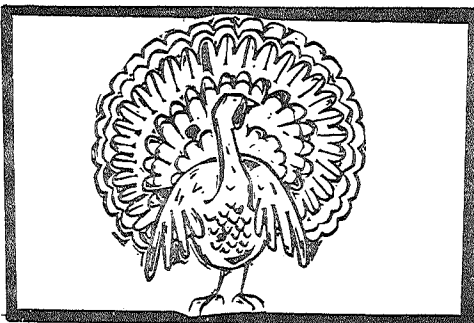
COME ONE
COME ALL
THE BAHS CHORUSES
"CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS"
DECEMBER 16th AT 7:30

Berlin To Welcome Teacher, Mr. St. John

by Lynnne Tolbert

In case you haven't noticed, there has been a replacement in our faculty. Frau Schneider, the new German teacher, was forced to resign due to personal reasons. Replacing her is Mr. Wendell St. John. Mr. St. John comes from Illinois. After receiving his diploma from Kankakee High School in 1949, he attended Cornell College for two years. He then joined the Army. After three years of duty, he attended the Translator's Institute of the University of Heidelberg. After two years of study, he returned to the States to complete his Bachelor's Degree.

Mr. St. John has had the opportunity to teach in Chicago, Illinois, for the mentally retarded. He also taught English at the Sakura No Seibo Junior College in Fukushima, Japan. In 1977, he returned to the States and again taught mentally handicapped children. In September, 1980, Mr. St. John, arrived in Berlin.



TWO STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

By Jimmie Lee Estep

Recently, two B.A.H.S. students were commended for their outstanding performance in the twenty-sixth annual National Merit Scholarship program of 1981.

Mike Bowman was presented with a letter of commendation for his exceptional academic promise.

More than one million students took the P.S.A.T./N.M.S.Q.T. tests in 1979. About, 33,000 of these students were given scholarships while Mike Bowman scored in the top five percent of all the students winning a scholarship for two of the colleges of his choice.

Clifford Jack took the P.S.A.T. National Merit Scholarship qualifying test at Kaiserslautern American High School last year. This year as a Berlin Senior, Clifford received a certificate of Commendation from Mr. Payne. It was then indicated Cliff Jack's selection index scores placed him in the upper ten percent of all black students tested.

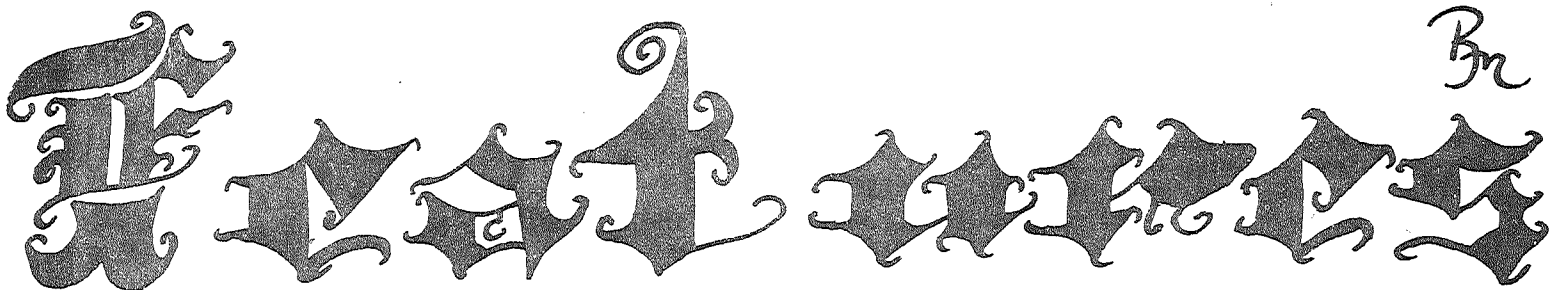
These distinctions should be highly recognized by our school; for both Mike and Clifford have made a great achievement for themselves, their school, and the youth of today.

STRAIGHT A PARTY GIVEN

by Alicia Muller

On Friday, November 14, a party was held to recognize all the straight A students at Berlin American High School. There were students present from almost every grade. From the seventh grade came Albert Beck and Sukanya Brown. Present from the eighth grade were Nicholas Meimaris, Eric Buenviaje, and Steven Hill. Representing the Freshman class was Patricia Cleaver. There were two Sophomores that made straight A's. They were Mark Nelson and Lawrence Speer. The Seniors had the greatest number of straight A students. They were Kathy Balthasar, Mike Bowman, Pam Corder, Robin McDonald, Alicia Muller, and Don Stovall. Many of the students' parents also attended the party.

Dr. Jack commended the students on their scholastic achievement. Calling them up individually, Dr. Jack and Mr. Payne presented each student with a certificate.



Coming Soon
To This Area,
"Plaza Suite"
Come Check It
Out!

Word Hunt

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GRAVY	STUFFING
HARVEST	TURKEY
HOLIDAY	THANKSGIVING
INDIAN	WISHBONE
MAYFLOWER	PLYMOUTH ROCK

BAHS Students Spill Wishes

by Liz Waldrop and Beate Zander

The month of November is upon us once again, with the wind, the rain, and the falling leaves. The air is crisp, cold and as sharp as an icicle. Inside however, warmth and the smell of the roasting turkey in the oven surrounds us, and brings the spirit of the long past happenings clearly back. Recollections form in one's mind and set us to think. What is it that one can be thankful for this year? Maybe the only reason for thanks would be the two days off from school, and being able to sleep a few hours longer in the morning. But the feeling of content may go much deeper. Do you know what some of the people who are around you everyday feel thankful for? Here are some thankful thoughts from students of Berlin American High School.

Brian Wacter -grade 7- "On Thanksgiving I give thanks because my family is home, there is no school, they have more football games and more of them, and only a few days until Christmas vacation."

Jennifer Buenviaje-grade 7-"I say thanks for all the families being together, but still remember the poor people, orphans, old people, and all the lives that were given to keep our country free."

Brenda Wilson-grade 10-"I'm thankful that I am alive, and get to spend another Thanksgiving with my friends and family. I am also thankful for no school, good food, and guys."

Janet Hermann-grade 10- I am thankful to be here in Berlin among my family and friends. Thanksgiving would not mean anything without these two ingredients.

Kevin Stewart-grade 10- I am thankful that my parents are there with me to celebrate Thanksgiving

Albert Beck-grade 7-wrote the following: "There are many reasons why I should be thankful on Thanksgiving, but probably the most important reason is that my family and I can be together and just talk and do things we normally cannot do."

Patricia Stoffel-grade 8-"I will enjoy Thanksgiving because my whole family will be there."

ETC prepares for upcoming events

by Cathy Jones

The Educational Trip Club, sponsored by Mr. Bluem and Mrs. South, is preparing for the 13th annual Model United Nations, which will be held in The Hague, Netherlands, from Jan. 17 - 21, 1981. The ETC will be representing two nations at the MUN, Egypt and Guinea Bisseau. Members of the ETC who are participating in the MUN must know parliamentary procedures and do extensive research on the nation they will represent. There will be a debate in December to determine who will represent each nation.

ski week drifting nearer

by Rene Verret

Sign up for ski week has taken place, and fifty lucky students will participate in each of the trips. Fifty seventh and eighth graders will take part in the activities from January 31, 1981 to February 8, 1981. The senior high ski week begins on February 7, 1981 and ends on February 15.

The teachers will study and discuss the list, and indicate students with poor grades and behavior problems. The final decision will be made by parents and the teachers.

The first payment of one hundred DM will be paid on November 21, 1980 for the fifty selected students.

More parent chaperones are needed to accompany the students.

Schools from California to Egypt will be participating in the MUN and 153 nations will be represented, with five members representing each one. It is hoped that the outcome is rewarding.

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BAHS Applauds "Tom Sawyer"

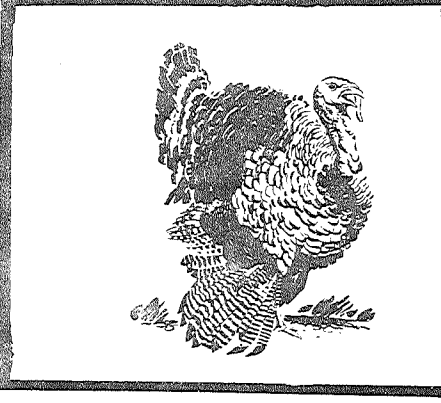
by Suzanne Wood

Mark Twain's famous book, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer", came to life at Andrews Theater earlier this month.

The MSAD production opened Friday, November 7th, with BAHS teachers and students as the director, in the cast and crew, and closed Sunday, November 9th, playing a matinee to a packed house.

Outstanding performances were executed by all the actors and actresses and the audiences enjoyed themselves greatly.

"In spite of some hardships" said Mr. Conway, director, "I think that the play went well. Everyone, cast and crew, worked very hard, and I was quite pleased."



Outlook

Summer

Hot, Sunny

Playing, Swimming, Relaxing

Shorts, Cold Drinks, Cold, Snowing

Jumping, Running, Playing

Long, Wonderful

Winter

by Barbera Sampier

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by Brandee Blewett

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by Harold Smith

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CHRISTMAS

Peace, Good will

Singing, Laughing, Playing

Presents, Gifts, Wrapping Paper, Clean-up

Eating, Laughing, Waiting,

Countdown, Fireworks

NEW YEARS

BY Alan Robinson

by Anne McCreight

by Manuel Uriegas

Friends

Wonderful, Beautiful

Trusting, Loving, Feeling

Girls, Boys, Hatred, Battle

ub, Fighting, Arguing, Crying

Mean, Tough

Enemies

by Denotra Lee

SPRING

Short, Warm

Melting, Growing, Planting

Flowers, Trees, Leaves, Falling

Ending, Dying, Freezing

Long, Cold

FALL

by Sharon Hayes

Child

Youthful, Adolescent

Learning, Playing, Loving

Baby, Teenager, Elder, Grown-up

Working, Bearing, Teaching

Mature, Developed

Adult

BY Yolanda Harper

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These poems were contributed by Mrs. Bair's eighth and ninth grade English classes. These poems are known as concrete and diamond poetry.

Love

Sweet, Kind

Understanding, Caring, Sharing

Gives, Recieves, Despise, Mistreated

Mistrusting, Dislike

Hate

by Donna Leis

BY Kathy Spears

Bears Sports

Class B Girls' Volleyball Tourney Held

by Monica Park

The volleyball season ended a few weeks ago with tournaments. The tournament was held in Baden Soligen from October 23-25. Fourteen schools participated in the tournament.

Berlin played Augsburg, Patch and Hahn. All of these matches were split with one game each. The final team that Berlin played was Munich. After a see-saw of serves the Mustangs took the lead and won by the necessary two points for a 14-16 win. This loss set Berlin in 7th place over all.

Team members participating in the tournament were varsity players: Teri Beck, Lisa Butlak, Evelin Cruz, Trisha Lindsey, Monica Park, Kathy Sams, Tracy Turner, and Sandy Waldrop, and junior varsity players: Susan Setzer, Vicky Villarreal, and Elizabeth Waldrop.

One of Berlin's varsity players made all tournament along with eleven others of various teams. That player was Tracy Turner, a Junior here at BAHS. This tournament meant an end to High School volleyball for the following Seniors: Monica Park, Kathy Sams, and Sandy Waldrop. Congratulations go out to the entire BAHS volleyball team for a fine season and a job well done.

Varsity football rap up



by Bob Colangelo

The Berlin Bears ended their 1980 season on November 1st, with a 1-3-1 conference record which gave them a tie for fourth position in the Silver Division North Region. The Bears played very well against the larger schools they played during the season. The Bears lost three hard fought games throughout the season. They lost games to Osterholz, Baumholder, and Karlsruhe. They won one against Bamberg and ruined their homecoming and fought a battle against Hahn which ended up in a tie.

The scores of the Berlin games were as follows:

Berlin	
6	x-Osterholz 7
13	x-Baumholder 28
7	Karlsruhe 21
20	Hahn 20
2	Baumholder 7
19	Bamberg 8
0	Osterholz 46
x-non conference	

BASKETBALL TIPS OFF SEASON

by Tracey Turner

If anyone is interested in the sport of basketball, now is your chance to get involved. From now through the 10th of December, when regular practices will begin, the coaches of the two teams will be holding basketball clinics. The clinics are intended to build up skills of the less experienced players, and to better the skills of the more experienced, to prepare them for the seasonal games.

The men's team, this year, will be coached by the returning coaches of last year's team, Mr. Ogden Lazenby, and Coach Cobb. The men's clinic will be held daily, Mon. through Friday from 5:00-7:00 at the B.B. Sports Center gym. Men in grades 9-12 are welcome to come & participate.

The women's team, this year, will be coached by two all new coaches, Mrs. Rowlands, and Berlin Meddacs Captain Tom Gruber. The women's clinic is held daily Monday through Friday from 4:00 - 6:00 at the B.B. Sports Center gym. All girls in grades 9-12 are urged to come out.

NEW SPORTS UNIFORMS ARRIVE

by Rene Verret

The new sports uniforms which were ordered by the sports coaches, have started arriving. To date, the men's basketball warm-ups, the women's maroon uniforms, the tennis warm-ups, and of course, the football uniforms have arrived. The rest of the basketball, cross-country, track, wrestling, and soccer uniforms are still being patiently waited for.

The uniforms are chosen by the coaches, by appearance, and similarity of the men's and women's uniforms. The money for the equipment is funded by the Booster Club and DODDS.

The uniforms should prove to be quite fashionable, so that the team members can look as well as they perform.

Junior Varsity Football Rap Up

by Von Johnson

Hey sports fans! This year's JV football season has been another exciting one. The JV team was combined with wits, talent, determination, and luck.

The JV team went up against many teams this season and has prevailed. Only one team has stolen victory from the Paws of the Bear and that was the Osterholz JV Black-Hawks who defeated the Berlin JV Bears in their last game. The JV team would like to extend their thanks to their coaches who have helped and guided them through this season, they are coach Coyens, coach Knowles, coach Johnson, and especially head coach South.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1981

Date	Opponent	Type	Place
January			
16 & 17	Patch	NC	away
23 & 24	Wurzburg	NC	home
30 & 31	Zweibruecken	NC	home
February			
6 & 7	Karlsruhe	C	away
13 & 14	Baumholder	C	away
20 & 21	Ansbach	C	home
27 & 28	Osterholz	C	home
March			
6 & 7	Bamberg	C	away
12 & 14	Tournament		

NC- Non-conference games

C- Conference games

Bear-A-Cudas Win Again

by Mike Bowman

The Bear-A-Cudas outswam the Augsburg Otters 304 to 90 in an European Forces Swim League meet 3 weekends ago.

Didi Stowell earned 1st in the 200M individual medley, 100M backstroke and 100M breaststroke. Jim Finley set a new pool record 125:40 in the 100M breaststroke. Veronique Alderson took 1st in the 200M individual medley, 100M butterfly and 100M freestyle. Dennis Patton won the 50M freestyle and 50M butterfly events. Mark Nelson was 1st in the 100M freestyle and 100M butterfly.

Jerrie Rettie took a 1st in the 100M backstroke and 2nd in the breaststroke and freestyle events. Sally Shoup took first in freestyle and second in backstroke and breaststroke. Susan Sams took first in butterfly with a second in freestyle and the individual medley. Christine Cox and Susan Finley took 1st in the individual medley and breaststroke respectively. Norman Storer took 2nd places in the backstroke and individual medley.

Berlin JV

0	x-Osterholz	0
8	x-Baumholder	2
14	Karlsruhe	6
7	Hahn	0
21	Baumholder	0
0	Osterholz	14

x - means non-conference
Good luck to next year's J.V. Bears.