

NEW

PRINCIPAL

ARRIVES

By Nancy Chartier

On August 25th, the 1980-81 school year began bringing not only new students and new teachers, but also a new Principal.

Dr. Houston Jack, arrived in Berlin on July 26, 1980 from Ramstein where he had spent the past two years there as Principal of the Junior High School. Dr. Jack has spent the past nine years working with the DODDSEUR school system. He worked two years at the Nuernburg High School as a counselor, and also for four years at the Manheim High School, first as Assistant Principal then being promoted to Deputy Principal.

Dr. Jack's undergraduate studies began at Park College in Parkville, Missouri where he received his Bachelors Degree. He furthered his studies by attending Trenton State in Trenton, New Jersey, earning his Doctorate in Educational Administration.

When asked what his opinion was of Berlin American High School, Dr. Jack stated that he felt that the faculty was very dedicated and excellent degree-wise. He is very impressed by the behavior of the students not only at the assembly, but also around the school. As far as facilities are concerned, Dr. Jacks feels that BAHS has possibly the best in DODDSEUR. He summed BAHS up as a community school, stating that he is very pleased with the involvement of the community, and feels their support is outstanding.

Asked if he had any goals for this year, Dr. Jack replied that he would like to increase school spirit, get more parents involved with the school, and get acquainted with all the students.

Dr. Jack comes to Berlin with his wife and younger son Cliff, who is a senior here at BAHS. His older son, Mike, lives in Chicago, where he is an ABC television executive.

NCA TEAM COMING SOON

by Mike Bowman

A team from the North Central Association will visit the school from the 19th to the 22nd of October. An accreditation association guarantees the colleges that students entering college will be properly prepared.

The inspection team will consist of eight people who are professionally involved in education. They will examine every aspect of the school, making sure that teachers are certified and qualified for what they teach, and checking that the school building and facilities are adequate. The team will make recommendations for improvement and note good and bad points of the school.

During the past year the school has prepared a self-study report for the NCA. This report contains reports from staff and faculty committees and the various departments as well as surveys of the students and parents taken last year. Mr. Payne stated that the self-study is the most useful part of the inspection for the school because it makes the school look at itself.

SC Moves On

by Rene Verret

The Student Council Vice President election will be held on September 12, 1980. Elections for first period class representatives will take place on September 15.

The council's executive officers are: Don Stovall-President, Kathy Sams-Corresponding Secretary, and Betty Barnhart-Secretary Treasurer.

The council has already started making plans for the year. Included in the plans are fund raising activities for charity, revising the Student Council Constitution, and bring pep and spirit into our students and faculty.

Ms. Mercer stressed heavily, that the student council is not run by her. The council members do everything with her help and guidance. Ms. Mercer takes care of all paperwork. Dr. Jack is usually consulted for his opinion on activities.

When asked for her thoughts on this year's council, Ms. Mercer replied, "I have a hard working conscientious group of students who are willing to put forth a lot of effort."

Berlin Downton

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Junior High SC Elects Officers

by Elizabeth Waldrop

Officers of the Berlin American Junior High were chosen during the 1979-1980 school year by their classmates. Through the battling elections and tough decisions the following seventh and eighth graders were elected into office:

President: Nicholas Meimaris
Vice President : Mike Cummins
Secretary: Michelle Nicolow
Treasurer: Jacob Kishter
Cabinet Member 8: Angie Gibson
Cabinet Member 7: Dennis Patton

These worthy seventh and eighth graders had begun early this year in organizing dances and the selling of school pencils for their classes. Their project has already accumulated a sum of \$35.00 during the first week of school.

The officers meet in the Annex once every month to discuss their plans and decisions of their activities. The members of this congress are expected to give their support and ideas to all of the Student Congress activities.

Mr. Long, the sponsor of the Junior High Congress contributes much of his time and money to help further the progress of this congress.

PIPER PREVAILS

by Robin McDonald

If you thought fairy tales were long dead, you're wrong. The city of Hameln thrives on a certain fairy tale, "The Pied Piper".

The story states that because the people refused to pay the piper for his services he returned and lead all the children away.

Legend has it that the 130 children were led through a cavern and came out in Transylvania. To keep this legend alive the city of Hameln holds a Pied Piper festival every year.

Announcements

The principal's newsletter is due home on September 15, 1980. A student-parent handbook will also be enclosed.

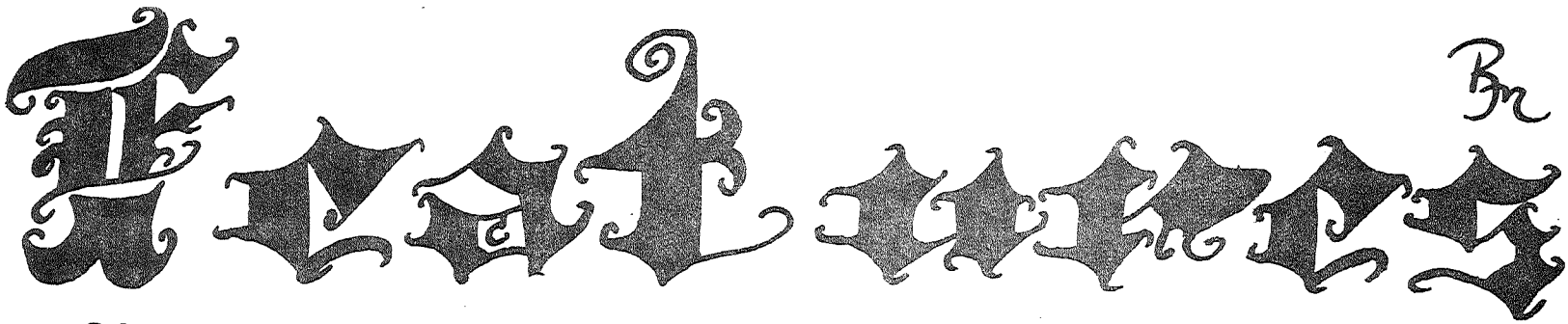
School pictures will be coming September 18, 19, and 22.

Open House to be Held

By Cathy Jones

The Berlin American High School will be holding an Open House for all parents and teachers on Sept. 16. The purpose of the Open House is for the parents to become more aware of their child's objectives and goals. It also gives them a chance to ask questions they might have concerning the school.

The Open House begins at 6:15p.m. in the cafeteria where parents can pick up student schedules. From there, they go to each of their child's classes and meet each of their teachers. The classes last fifteen minutes each, with five minute intervals between each class. During the classes, teachers will explain their goals and objectives for the school year. When the classes are over, there will be refreshments in the cafeteria for the faculty and parents. Yearbook patrons will be sold, and the PTSA and Booster Club will be recruiting members. The Open House ends at 9:00.



Chorus Begins The New Year

by Monica Park

There is a change in the music department. Mrs. Payne is in charge of the chorus this year. There are also two choirs, the junior high chorus is 1st hour and the senior high chorus is 2nd hour. Although Mrs. Payne has taught only English in the last four years, she has had previous experience in directing at three other schools.

When asked of her plans for the two choirs, Mrs. Payne replied that her first goal was to expand the interest of singing in the audience. Secondly, she plans to form strong performance groups of the choirs. Mrs. Payne also foresees after-school vocal groups. She also pointed out that the chorus will have a new appearance this year, it will consist of flashy and cheerful costumes, unlike the traditional black and white apparel.

Mrs. Payne is extremely encouraged by the growth of enthusiasm since the beginning of school. The senior high chorus has grown from 17 to 37 voices in one week. She later commented, "I can always find more chairs."

Marching Band Starts Season

by Ross Bennett

For the fourth year in a row, Miss Risner, the sponsor of all the performing bands, has put together close to 45 young, talented musicians from the intermediate and advanced bands to form the B.A.H.S. Marching Band. The marching band will perform at all home games for pre-game and half-time. The marching band also includes an excellent drill team which performs routines with flags to the music of the band. The band and drill team practice every school morning from 7:15 to about 8:15.

Despite the fact of coming to school very early each morning, and practicing the same drills many times over, Miss Risner feels that this year's band is much more enthusiastic and eager to do well than any other marching band, including professional, that she has worked with. She also said that if this particular group were to stay together for as long as professional, or college marching bands do, that this group's potential would be unlimited. One last note, until this year, BAHS was the only American school in Germany, DODDS North, to have a marching band.

So, as students at B.A.H.S., we should feel proud to have such a fine marching band, and give them total support.

NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW TEACHERS TO BAHS

by Joan Chartier, Glenn Reilly, and Lynnne Tolbert

Our new career education teacher, Mr. South, is originally from Illinois. However, he has spent 19 years teaching in Plymouth, Michigan, and also in Inkster. Both are suburbs of Detroit.

His education includes attending the University of Michigan and graduating from Eastern Michigan University. Professionally, he has taught junior high industrial arts and course work, along with being an elementary school principal.

Mrs. South comes to Berlin as a counselor. Her educational background includes an undergraduate degree in business administration from Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana. She, like her husband, graduated from Eastern Michigan University, with her degree in guidance and counseling. She has taught business courses such as typing, accounting, and economics, along with counseling.

Mrs. Rowlands is Berlin American High School's new general science teacher. She comes from West Virginia where she attended Marshall University. Mrs. Rowlands also attended the University of Maryland. Majoring in Education, she studied biology, general science, and social studies. For 12 years, she taught high school state side, and also spent two years teaching in Japan for the Department of Defense.

Our new social studies teacher is Mrs. Lewis. Attending both North Carolina Central University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill she acquired her Master of Arts in history. Mrs. Lewis taught in Charlotte, North Carolina for three years and at Salisbury, North Carolina for one year teaching social studies, English, and

FBLA MEETS

By Nancy Chartier

What is FBLA? What does it stand for? What and who does it involve? To answer these questions, I talked to Miss Van Galder, the sponsor of FBLA.

Miss Van Galder told me that Future Business Leaders of America is exactly what it stands for. Its goals are to learn about businesses and to establish occupational goals. Their plans this year are to hold money making activities, to attend state contests, and to have guest speakers from the community involved in business.

Any interested students should see Miss Van Galder in room 106.

participating in the Learning Disabilities Program.

A new English teacher this year, Mr. Schmoll has had quite an exciting background in the field of education. His first year of teaching was spent in a coal mining community in Ohio. He then spent six years teaching in a Black and Appalachian ghetto, also in Ohio. He worked for two years as a psychological therapist with children with severe emotional problems. From there, he went on to be director of an alternative school, where he worked with delinquent kids for three years.

Another addition to the faculty is Frau Schneider, in the Foreign Language Department. A native of Berlin, Frau Schneider acquired the equivalent to a Bachelor of Arts at the Freie Universitat. At New York University at Albany she obtained

her Master of Arts, and studied for her PhD at Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island. Frau Schneider has already received her ABD, the first step of her PhD.

Another new person among the faculty this year is the Home economics teacher Mrs. Queen E. Williams.

Mrs. Williams has a very respectable educational background with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas and a Masters degree from Tennessee State University.

Mrs. Williams is also involved in several after school activities such as the Cheerleaders, Drill Team, Pep Club, and the Teen involvement Program.

Among the new faces at BAHS is that of the new French/German teacher Mrs. Traubel Probstle.

She is a graduate of the University of Wurzburg and was involved in the Army Headstart program until her present employment at BAHS.

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Out Look

Wild Was...

by Beate Zander

The pot-bellied pony
With a shining coat
Of rusty red,
On his stout legs, cantering
Over the plains,
With his long unruly mane
Flying out behind him in a carefree way.
The violent tossing of his pretty head,
And the heavy snorting from the running,
Expressing his joy for the world
In a speedy gallop over the hills.
Then he comes to a stop,
His handsome head in the air,
His ears twitching.
Suddenly,
He turns his body around—
His inquisitive eyes
Have seen something.
With a rear, and a kicking of legs,
He is gone then,
Over the hills
To his fellow ponies on the moors.

NIGHT ETERNAL

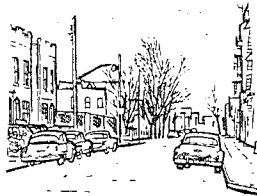
by Kenda Hehn

Dark, lonely.
Shadows dance along the wall
As momentary flashes of a storm's electricity
Light through the dusty window.
The wind, the howl,
And the deathly silence of the room
Is shattered.
Vibrating spasms shake the thin walls
With each suspended moment
Of thunder.
The incessant rain:
So thick that sight
Is an impossibility.
A scraping sensation of bare tree limbs
Against the window
Echoes through the room.
The rain runs from the roof
In rivers, like torrents looking to overflow
Their banks.
A seeming eternity.
But even the greatest of all storms
Must end.
Or do they?

Ten Years After

by Norman Storer

Empty silence rang throughout.
No noise could be heard
For miles around.
Death lingered in every corner.
The lifeless streets lay empty
Of any being,
Of any movement,
Of any thing.
Had the end come
So quickly that it left now remnants of its presence?
Now, now there was nothing.
Nothing kept on going.
Time itself seemed to stop
In this presence.
Only a few memories hung on,
With nothing to show for themselves
But these walls
And these streets,
And this silence.



GROWING UP

by Jimmie Estep

In this ever-changing world
It's sometimes hard to see
Exactly what it is
That I am meant to be.

No longer am I playing
And running in the sun.
My adult years are near—
My life has just begun.

I have my own decisions to make,
I have my own say.
I grow a little older
Throughout each passing day.

The world is always turning,
We'd better jump on fast.
Because we can never really
Go back to the days of the past.

Daydreaming in Class

by Suzanne Wood

While list'ning to my teacher lecture me
On math and other nonsense I should learn,
I tend to fill my thoughts with fantasy
(this may account for the bad grades I earn).

I dream of things I'd do if I weren't there:
Like horseback riding on an empty plain,
Or climbing mountains no one else would dare.
These thoughts and more are racing through my brain.

All worries are forgotten as I dream.
Why worry, when I'm very far away?
The problems of the times quite simply seem
Too trivial to think about today.

But soon, I know, this blessing has to cease:
The teacher stirs me from these thoughts of peace.

UNDYING LOVE

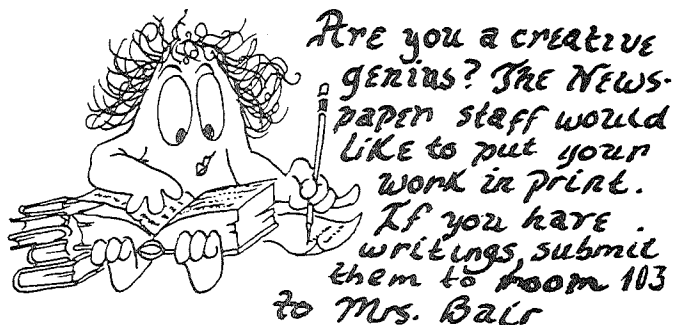
By Alicia Muller

People have always laughed and stared
At the old woman on the porch.
They say she's so old that she saw
Streetlights being lighted by torch.

A great beauty she was, in her day
So fair, so frail, so white.
Her love a prize beyond compare
For it many men did fight.

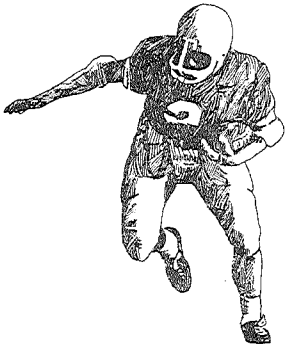
Her heart belonged to only one man,
A man she loved so true.
She found her love was not returned,
For weeks cried tears of dew.

Now she waits and watches
For her love to come and call.
Her mind is not able to accept
He never loved her at all.



Football

Bears



CrossCountry BEARS ARE ON THE RUN

By Jeff Alexander

The Berlin American High School Cross Country team has started out their upcoming season "on the run." With head coach Mr. Moeller and assistant coach Captain McCitrik the runners expect a good season.

This year's team has been "on the run" from the first day of school, with hard work and continuous practice. With returning starters from last year, the mens team is looking good. The womens team is also fairly well balanced with a few new girls. Although many girls have tried out for the team, Mr. Moeller would like to see a few more girls participate in the teams activities. In the words of Coach Moeller, "This looks like one of the better teams I've had."

The teams first meet will be September 13 at Frankfurt. The first home meet will be held September 27 at the football field. The team hopes that all BAHS students will attend and give the team support.

13 Sept.	Berlin at Frankfurt
20 Sept.	Berlin at Karlsruhe
27 Sept.	Baden, Zweibruecken at Berlin
4 Oct.	Osterholtz at Berlin
11 Oct.	Berlin at FIS
18 Oct.	Berlin at Karlsruhe

V-BALL GAMES

GAMES TO LOOK FORWARD TO

13 Sept	K-town, Berlin at Frankfurt
20 Sept	Berlin, Baumholder at Karlsruhe
27 Sept	Baden, Zweibrucken at Berlin
4 Oct	Osterholz at Berlin
11 Oct	Berlin, Zweibrucken at FIS
18 Oct	Berlin, Zweibrucken at Karlsruhe
25-26 Oct	Class B Tournaments-Baden

BEARS ARE BACK FOR BLOOD!

by: Robert Colangelo

The Berlin Bears football team has been working very hard for a month and a half now and they look in great shape and have high hopes in winning their division. They are not a very big team but their quickness makes up for their size. They are coached by six of Berlin's best football coaches. The 2 representatives from the school include: Mr. South who teaches Career Education and Mr. Knowles who teaches Auto Technology. The volunteer coaches from the military include: Lt. Jones, Lt. Rottner, Cpt. Burgess, and Sgt. Nesbit. The Berlin Bears practice five days a week (Monday-Friday) and sometimes on Saturdays. The Bears will travel on Thursday nights this year instead of Friday nights like in previous years. The change has taken place this year because of the lack of rest and time before and after playing games

in the past. The Bears will play all of their games on Saturdays and they would really like your support throughout the whole season.

Bear's Football Schedule

September 20	X Osterholtz
September 27	X at Baumholder
October 4	at Karlsruhe
October 11	Hahn
October 18*	Baumholder
October 25	at Bamberg
November 1	at Osterholtz

X-Non-conference
*-Homecoming

GET ROWDIE

By Cliff Jack

Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Williams are the sponsors of this year's varsity and J.V. cheerleading squads. The members of the varsity team, who were chosen last year, are: Regina Marsh, captain, Betty Barnhart, co-captain, Lynne Williams, and Karen Percifield. The J.V. squad, the two bears, and the other varsity cheerleader will be selected before the fall sports begin. The cheerleaders will be performing at all the team sports and pep rallies throughout the year. The young ladies who have been chosen will be the cheerleader for the whole year. The team members were picked on the basis of: poise, jumps, appearance, personality, group and individual cheers. The sponsors feel that "as representatives of Berlin American High, the girls need the students' support." They went on to say "with this support we look forward to a successful year with a new-found sense of dedication and pride."

Refreshments will be sold during both J.V. and Varsity games. Their season opens up on the 20th of September in Berlin with a clash between the Osterholtz Blackhawks.

GOLF TEES OFF!

By Tracey Turner



This year's golf team has the returning coach of last season, Mr. Lazenby.

According to the scoring in tournaments, J.V. and Varsity will be selected.

There are 9 members on the team. Newcomers are welcome.

The season will last until around the first week in October. Hopefully this year Berlin will host the DODSEUR qualifying tournament for north division.

Practices are held after school at the golf course. See Mr. Lazenby for more information.

VOLLEYBALL SPIKES OFF SEPT 13

by Kathy Balthasar

Under the coaching of Ms. Gygax with assistance from Ms. Mercer, this year's Volleyball team looks very promising.

There will be 3 returning Varsity players, Kathy Balthasar, Tracey Turner, Monica Parks, and 2 starters from last year's J. V. team, Lisa Butlak and Kathy Sams, along with a lot of talented newcomers.

"I have a lot more confidence in this team than last year's team and I feel we will be a strong contender", says Coach Gygax. The Varsity players for this year's team are:

Kathy Balthasar, Tracy Turner, Monica Parks, Sandy Waldrop, Trisha Linsey, Evelyn Cruz, Lisa Butlak, Kathy Sams, and Teri Beck. The J. V. team will consist of Susan Setzer, Tina Yancey, Jeri Gibson, Peggy Vine, Liz Waldrop, Joan Chartier, and Karen Kohn.

We hope everyone comes out to support our team on September 27, which will be our first home game.