

Restroom Dilemma Is Predominant Factor

STUDENT DESTRUCTION WRACKS BERLIN HIGH

by Kenda Hehn

A typical scene lately at Berlin American High School: a student (in the case of an emergency) asks permission to be excused from class to go to the bathroom and when returning more than fifteen minutes later, is queried about the long absence. The answer: "All the bathrooms on this floor and the next were locked, so I had to go all the way over to the annex!"

Recently the bathrooms have been locked to the students with an increasing frequency. The reason the doors are now locked more often is simple and obvious: the destruction of school property is becoming more prevalent.

There have been all too many instances which led to the bathroom doors being locked. "When vandalism sets in, and as long as the vandals are free to continue their destruction, the doors will be closed until the damage can be repaired."

That's how the situation was explained as I went over the work orders called into DEH over the last two months. A call was put in on an average of almost once a week for problems that arose concerning the school's bathrooms. Some of these concerns included replacing faucet heads in the girls' third floor restroom, a damaged toilet in the boys' room

on the second floor, a broken mirror, a plugged sink, a plugged toilet drainage pipe, and a broken sink waterpipe. Not once, but twice work orders were called in to re-hang the stall doors in the girls' bathroom in the LRC.

The real answer to the problem is not to review a lot of statistics written on a piece of paper, but for the students themselves to take a stand against the defacing and destruction of the bathrooms each and every one of us use. The students of BAHS are entitled to have the bathrooms open for their use, and it is fellow students denying us that right with their vandalism.

"If they want the toilets open, the students have the open opportunity to anonymously inform the administration of the vandals." Mr. Chavies recently pointed out. He, like many other persons concerned with the situation, would like to see some improvement in the way the school bathrooms are treated, but as he pointed out, he would not play "bathroom policeman." Again, he stressed the importance and need for the students to become involved with reinstating a more decent condition of the school's environment, before drastic measures have to be taken to keep the school as it should be.

Bearin' Down

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Conference Held

by Peggy Vine

Two students recently attended the European Student Council Association Conference held in Kaiserslautern on February 27th and 28th. The two students who represented BAHS were Peggy Vine and Susan Setzer.

The delegates passed resolutions and discussed problems shared at schools in DoDDS.

On the first day of the conference, the delegates discussed and amended the proposed agenda. After this, they discussed the items on the agenda and passed resolutions.

Some resolutions that were passed by the FSCA were that a conference be set up to decide the graduation requirements in DoD schools, a host nation day be set up on Rosen Montag, and that half day exam schedules should stay in effect. These are just a few of the resolutions that were passed.

Next year's ESCA officers were elected on the second day. Next year's officers are Sammy Brown from K-town as president, Peggy Vine from Berlin as vice-president, Keith Martin from Frankfurt as secretary general, Etienne Borgos from Bad Kreuznach as treasurer, and Lori Dicks from Frankfurt as secretary.

The delegates also elected a representative to go to Washington, D.C. The representative is Michael Howard from Zweibrucken. He is to represent the ESCA in conferences with the president and the Department of Defense and the Department of Education representatives.

ERIN GO BRAUGH

Did you know St. Patrick was not born in Ireland? He was born in the early fourth century A.D. in western England. He was captured by Irish raiders at age sixteen and carried to slavery in Ireland. After six years he escaped and entered an English monastery where he eventually became a bishop. He returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. March 17th celebrations mark the anniversary of his death in 492 A.D.

School Supply Store Opens For BAHS Business

by Joan Chartier

On March 6, there was a new addition to our school. "Bears' Den" is the school supply store. Sponsored by Mr. Stowell, the business is located in the old nurse's office by the cafeteria lunch line. It is operated by the Seventh and Eighth Grade Adventure Club during First Lunch period, and by the Sophomore Class during second lunch period.

At the present time, the items for sale include spiral ring notebooks and looseleaf notebook paper. The notebooks are imprinted with a bearhead and logo of Berlin American High School. Cost of a triple ring notebook is \$2.50, while a single ring costs \$1.50. The paper costs \$1.50.

Since this is a service to the student body, any suggestions on items to be sold in the store are welcome.

ETC Gets Involved

by Mike Bowman

The Educational Trip Club has been very active in the school this year. The club has gone to the Model United Nations, the Presidential Classroom, and has held a debate with the JFK school. The JFK debate will become an annual event. The purpose of the club, which has been active in the school for the past five years, is to establish a consciousness about and in interest for politics and to learn how important it is to have the right people in the right jobs when it comes to running our country according to Mr. Bluem.

To be a member of the club you must first have at least a B average. Members are then selected by a process of elimination. Both their performance in debates and their knowledge of parliamentary procedures is taken into account in the selection process. In the debates, the students pick a country and find the political views on world events of that country. At this time there are thirteen members in the club. The sponsors are Mr. Bluem and Mrs. South.

Berlin Speaks Up

by Suzanne Wood

The Speech Festival in Osterholz on March 6, 7, and 8, was an event full of firsts. It was, in fact, the first festival for American schools in Germany devoted entirely to speech events, and the first time that Mr. Schmoll, the trip's sponsor, had taken BAHS students to a competition. It also marked a first for Robin McDonald, who came in first in a brand new category, "Humorous Interpretation of Prose".

Berlin also sent its first debate teams to the speech festival; four teams consisting of: Vincente Lingner, Mike Hunt, Tom Hesse, Mark Millen, Tim McCarter, and Connie Beech. All of the teams did well, and set a high standard for future teams to follow.

Features

JHC Helps a Child

by Elizabeth Waldrop

In a land unknown to most Americans and which is thought of as a paradise of sun, vivid colors, and monsoon rains, the Berlin American Junior High Student Congress sponsors a sixteen year old child. This far off country is Indonesia. Adi Sumarno lives in Jakarta and is one of the many fortunate children sponsored by the Christian Children's Fund. Adi is now in the eighth grade and his progress report shows improvement in religion, social studies, and foreign languages. His health has also improved a great deal, he is rarely sick and has grown an inch in the last few months. He likes to swim and is very helpful around the house.

What's Up in Dodds

By Alicia Muller

Frankfurt American HS held a winter ball on January 31. The dance was sponsored to promote school spirit and to give everyone an opportunity to get dressed up.

Also from Frankfurt, the Senior class is going to Lloret de Mar, Costa Brava, Spain during the week of 19-26 April.

In Kaiserslautern, four stage bands met to participate in the second annual all-area stage band festival. Bands from Baumholder, Frankfurt, Hanau, Kaiserslautern and Zweibrucken attended the festival. The festival was provided to give the bands a chance to play with other bands around Europe.

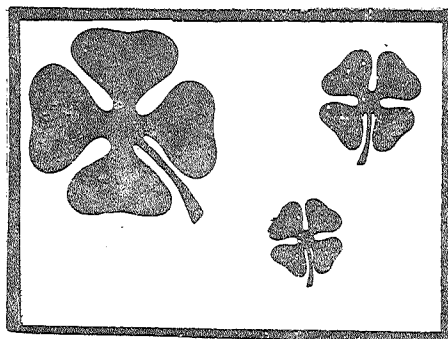
On January 28, the members of the Wuerzburg American HS Honor Society and students on the Honor Roll took a trip to Strassbourg, France. They visited a cathedral, a museum, and several other French shops.

Wishing Happy B-Day

by Tracey Turner

The following people have birthdays in the month of March from dates ranging from the 12th-31st. Happy Birthday to all of you from the BAHS publications class.

Jerry Rettie	28	9th
Trish Wilson	24	12th
Judith Toves	12	8th
Scott Hoffer	24	12th
Teresa Blandin	19	9th
Harry Decker	27	7th
Scott Feldman	14	9th
Mr. Lazenby	19	fac.
Mr. Pepoy	18	fac.
Mrs. Von Jacobi	18	fac.
Yolonda Harper	21	8th
Michelle Horton	22	10th
Rene Howard	20	7th
Kristi Howell	23	10th
Genie Hughes	20	7th
Robin Igou	30	8th
Micheal Jones	29	9th
Angie Kittrell	17	8th
Maria Kittrell	16	9th
John Leal	30	9th
Cathy Jones	14	10th



...and vivid Orange clashes with Green

by the Luck O' the Irish

They did it to me again. Somehow I always find myself in the reporting situation when it comes to the extra-curricular activities of the BAHS teachers on such days as holidays. Can you imagine Mr. Knowles clashing his red hair with a lime-green outfit so perfect for the party thrown in honor of St. Patrick's Day? Well, that's not all that appeared as I roamed the halls of the building. Mr. Long was there passing out shamrocks even as I walked through the door, and he had, in their own bright-green creations, Mrs. Rowlands and Mrs. Uluer there to help. Mr. and Mrs. South came in to view as twin leprechauns (and a lovely pair they made) and following them, carrying the toadstool leprechauns are often associated with, was Miss Von Jacobi. I couldn't stay as long as usual so I'll close with, "Happy St. Patrick's Day!!"

St. Patrick's Day to bring good cheer to everyone

by Cathy Jones

Legend has it that the celebration of St. Patrick's Day began with the doubt of a disbeliever. A person who did not believe that it was possible to have three persons in one God was proved wrong by St. Patrick. The shamrock, which has three branches extending from the stem, proved by its being that there can be three in one. This legend became widely known, so much so that when people spoke of shamrocks, St. Patrick was the person that came to mind. The story carries through to the present. Today St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by people around the world on March 17 by the wearing of shamrocks or simply something green, to show cheer for this occasion.

Announcing

- Mar 27- End of 3rd marking period
- Mar 29-
Mar 30- Exchange Concert at Osterholz
- Mar 31- PTSA meeting
- Mar 31-
Apr 1 - 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Spelling Bee

Do You Listen?

by Jeff Alaxender

The Eric Engbretson show on AFN radio was recently the topic for a Bearin Down poll. "Zero In" as the show is referred to by the show's host, is a radio show geared for the American High School students in Berlin. The show starts at 11 AM on Saturday mornings and lasts about an hour. It covers a variety of topics including sporting events, concert schedules and important school activities.

To see how the show fared on Berlin American High School campus a poll was taken. Students were asked, how much or often they listen to the show. This included, regularly, sometimes and rarely. Some of our students included never as their own preference.

Here is how much and/or how many of the students polled listen to the show.

- A) Regularly: 8%
- B) Sometimes: 49%
- C) Rarely: 25%
- D) Never: 16%

Some of the opinions as expressed by our student population are as follows.

"Must not be very big, I can never find the station."

"It's pretty good when I listen to it."

"Good"

"I am usually out of town on weekends but I think the show is really well done and I enjoy it."

"He could do a little better."

Just because he likes rock he don't have to play it all the time. Some people like soul to."

"Its OK but not enough rock."

"He overdoes his statements, too corny."

"It is stupid, I don't like bubble-gum rock."

"I like it and wish is to continue."

"Funny and he plays good music."

"Never heard of it."

"I think its pretty good. I like to hear what students have to say about things."

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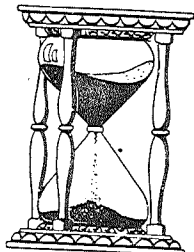
Time

Time is forever.
Time is past.
Time is flowing,
And never stopping.
Time after time after time.

Time is a mountain,
Tall and proud.
Time is an ocean
Giant and deep.
Time after time after time.

Time is a flowing stream,
Never ending, never stopping.
Time is peaceful,
Never at war.
Time after time after time.

By Paul South



B-BALL

Back and forth, round and round,
Bounce that ball up and down.
Jog, then run; jump, then fall
6 ft. 2, and that ain't tall in basketball.
You think your bad, you know you can jump,
But at 6 ft. 2, you can't even dunk.
You pivot and jump, you make your shot.
You swish the net: you know your hot.
You run down court and almost fall,
There's one sport you like and that's basketball.

by Todd Gorman

Material Things

Once
It was alive,
Enjoying the tear drops of rain,
And the loving rays of the warming sun;
Feeling safe and protected in the soil
Which gave it life.

Now,
It lies there
With it's yellow pedals stiff and dried,
It's former radiating beauty gone.
But the memory
Of how it was given,
What it meant,
Lies unforgotten in my head.

NAME WITHHELD WITHOUT REQUEST



Purple Noise

Can purple be the color of a sound ?

The tick-tock of a clock ? No,
That's more like black and white.

The hum of a refrigerator ?
Sounds more like a flat brown.

The dripping of a faucet ?
No, a soft pink.

The cheery song of a bird ?
A mixture of green and yellow.

Perhaps this world contains no purple sound.
There must be one.

Oh, yes of course ! That is it !
The relieving sound of the school bong.

Purple can be the color of a sound !

by Larry Speer

A Rainy Day

A face at the window,
Tears of rain streaming down the pane.
A turned-up nose pressing against the window.
A sigh escapes her lips.

Colors melt together,
Blues, greens, yellows, and reds
Turn to mushy browns.
Acrobatic leaves turn cartwheels in the wind.

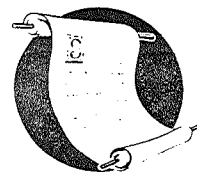
The rain falls in a monotonous rythm.
Sunshine, flowers, birds and pretty sounds
Hide from the cloudburst.

The little girl is sad.

by Alecia Muller

Cheap Paper

Distant relations
I've never met
Send me letters
Tell me they're doing great.
Companies want my money,
Or my opinion.
Then tell me later
What my opinion is worth.
I get postcards
From distant sandy shores,
From friends telling me
That the water is fine.
I sit and read these,
Then burn them
One
By
One.



NAME WITHHELD

the beautiful horse

The horse stood proudly on the hill.
Alone.

A shadow of power against the evening sky,
That had been painted in radiant colors.
Its unruly mane clung to the wind.
Its tail flowed from a body of rippling muscle.
The horse inhaled the surroundings;
Letting the crisp, exhilarating air sweep in.
The horse reared, elevating its hoofs and pawing the
clouds.

The sun shone upon the horse, highlighting its rich,
glossy red-wine coat.

A lonesome "whinny" permeated the earth and echoed
and re-echoed in the canyon.

by Jeanne Dansereau

PAIN

This pounding in my ears
Is making me insane.
It's driving me further on
Past this brink of pain.

Pain's a painful ally.
It tightens your every nerve.
It makes you fight your very self.
To it's every will you'll serve.

It pulls-you in, It drags you down.
It brings you to your knees.
It makes you realize once more
Just how human you can be.

by Norman Storer



Sports

16-0 GO TO TOURNAMENTS

by Clifford Jack

The Berlin Bears completed their undefeated season by ruining the Osterholz Blackhawks unbeaten league record at home and defeating the Bamberg Barons away.

Friday nights game saw the Bears and Hawks fight it out for 4 hard quarters just to have the game come down to the final 30 seconds. The Osterholz team had the ball with a one point lead and tried to stall the game away but Kevin Buckles and Cliff Jack double teamed an Osterholz player and stole the ball.

Fraizer took charge of the offense and quickly spotted Ron Watt and hit him with a high lob pass. Watt hit the layup and got fouled. He calmly sank the free throw. When the Hawks took the ball out of bounds the Bears stole it once again and the Hawks had to foul Buckles to stop the clock. The Berlin guard sank one of the foul shots to put the game out of reach.

Cliff Jack led the Berlin attack with 19 points, Kevin Buckles and

bear-a-cudas sink

by Glenn Reilly

On March 8, the Berlin Bear-a-Cudas competed against the SHAPE Seals. Even though Berlin lost the event, 262 - 154, many swimmers gave outstanding performances.

Jerry Rettie set a pool record, 1:20.75, in the 100m breaststroke - 2nd place in the individual medley and 2nd in the 100m butterfly.

Other outstanding performances were by Veronique Alderson, 1st place 100m freestyle, 2nd in both individual medley and 100m butterfly. Didi Stowell turned in a 1st place in the 100m backstroke, 2nd place in the 100m freestyle and the individual medley.

The next swim meet will be on the 14th of March as the Bear-a-Cudas meet the IAHR Beavers at the Andrews pool.

Tennis Season

by Monica Park

This year's tennis season is in full swing. The coach is Mr. Charles Jordan and the school sponsor is Mrs. Jackson.

When asked of the potential of the team, Mr. Jordan said, "The outlook of this year's team is jubilant. We have many talents, hopefully we can reel the team together and establish winners or have a better improved team by the end of the season."

The first match of the season is on the home courts. It is on the 28th of this month and is against Osterholz.

Spectators are invited to come out and support the 1981 B.A.H.S. tennis team.

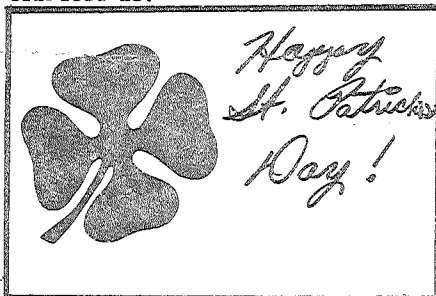
Ron Watt had 9 apiece. The final score was Bears 55 and Hawks 52.

In Saturday's action the Bears took a early lead but could not hold on to it during the second period and found themselves down by a point. after the intermission Berlin's superiority came through, they dominated the final two quarters outscoring the Hawks 37 to 29.

Ron Watt led the attack with 18 points, Cliff Jack followed with 15, and Kevin Buckles and Brian Frazier tallied 12 apiece. The Bears took this game 63 to 57.

In their regular season finale, the Bears visited the Bamberg Barons. The Barons were so intimidated by the Bears high-powered offense that they tried to stall the ball the whole game long. This resulted in a very low scoring game. The Bears won 32 to 21. Cliff Jack had 14 for Berlin and Kevin Buckles had 9.

On Saturday the Bears bombed the Barons 72 to 52. Ron Watt and Cliff Jack combined for 48 points. Kevin Buckles had 16 and Rick Cichy contributed 12.



SHORT and LEAL Place!

by Nancy Chartier

On the 27th and 28th of February, the B.A.H.S. wrestling team traveled down to Wiesbaden, to compete in the Northern Regional Wrestling Tournaments.

The team, however, did not fare too well, as only two members placed.

Dan Short placed third in the 155 lb. weight class. Short won by a 6-2 decision over his Hanau opponent in his third match. However, in his second match, Short was pinned by his man from Wiesbaden. Short was victorious in his third and fourth matches as he pinned his opponents from Wurzburg and Hanau in :50 and :38 respectively.

John Leal took fourth place in the 98 lb. weight class. Leal received a bye in his first match and in his second, pinned his man from Wurzburg. Leal, however lost his third and fourth matches as he was pinned by his opponents from Hanau and Frankfurt.

On the weekend of March 6th and 7th these two victorious wrestlers traveled down to Baumholder to compete in the Germany Finals.

Leal and Short, unfortunately did not place as both were put out early in the Finals.

Berlin bombs the Barons by 47 pts.

by Tracey Turner

The she-bears ended their season with a 4-6 conference record. Two of their wins were gained from a bye. The other 2 were stolen from the Bamberg Barons in their last game of the 1981 basketball season.

On the weekend of the 27th and 28th of February, the lady bears hosted the Osterholz Blackhawks.

Tracey Turner had 24 points. Nancy Chartier, Barb Hunt, and Sandy Waldrop each contributed 12, and Shawn Vorrath had 1. The final score Bears - 31, Osterholz - 52.

The JV team put up a tough fight the following morning losing by a mere 6 points.

The varsity followed in the footsteps of their JV team, losing only by 7 points due to the Blackhawks stall.

Tracey Turner lead Berlin with a game high of 26 points, completing a 50 point weekend for the junior. Liz Waldrop and Trisha Lindsey each had 6, and Nancy Chartier and Barb Hunt each swished 2.

On March 6th and 7th, Berlin travelled to Bamberg to compete in their last games of the 1981 season. Though the she-bears were unable to travel to tournaments because of their 4-12 record, they played their last 2 games with a lot of style. In the first game Berlin rolled over the Barons beating them by 47 points, proving they were a much better team than their 4-12 record showed.

Tracey Turner lead Berlin with 23 points. Junior Trisha Lindsey and Barb Hunt both grabbed double figures with 18 and 10 points respectively. Liz Waldrop had 6, Michelle Begley and Kim Allen both had 4. Final score: Berlin 66, Bamberg 19.

The final day the she-bears cut some slack. They beat Bamberg by 20 points instead.

Tracey Turner had 14. Barb Hunt 6, Trisha Lindsey 5. Nancy Chartier and Liz Waldrop each had 4, and Evelin Cruz and Sandy Waldrop had 2 each.

Track sprints on

by Kathy Balthasar

This year's Track season will get underway with their first practise on March 16th.

Under the leadership of four very experienced coaches, Mrs. Mercer, Ms. Gygax, Mr. Moeller, and Mr. Jones the team is looking for a successful season.

With only a couple of returners returning, the team looks to be made up of this year's Cross Country team. Other members are encouraged to come out and support our school.

The first meet will be a home meet against Osterholz. Come out and cheer your team on!