

BEARIN DOWN

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Chorus Concert November 4th



Yearbook Is on Its Way to Completion by Spring

by Kenda Hehn

As it is every year, the BAHS Publications class is working hard, getting the 1980-81 yearbook started. With the first of five deadlines quickly approaching, the yearbook staff is well on its way in completing what will hopefully be a yearbook to surpass last year's impressive book.

This year's is a rather large and grade-wise varied staff, with many new and interesting ideas for the way this year's book should look.

Two of the very different concepts introduced at the beginning of the year by the yearbook advisor, Mrs. Bair, were the ideas of, one, a completely black-and-white yearbook, and, two, actual photographs of students and teachers in the BAHS surroundings on the cover (instead of a drawing and book title like previous years).

With the absence of the "color" gimmick, the yearbook staff has come up with many new ways of making the book a success, and by delivery time next spring, hopefully everyone will get to see the outcome of all the hard work put into the production.

If you have not as yet purchased one, yearbook orders can still be taken in Mrs. Bair's room before or after school (cost is still \$15.00).

SENIORS DRIVE UP SPIRIT

by Suzanne Wood

On October 15, in an unscheduled Spirit Week activity, a gang of renegade Seniors added to the Berlin American High School Homecoming decorations. An '82-mobile" (an engineless VW painted maroon, white, and black) found its way into the school cafeteria, "driven" by some twenty-odd 12th graders. The car remained in the cafeteria during a Speech and Drama presentation, and was then immediately removed by students who had been discovered by a guard while committing the crime.

The next morning, however, a Senior group (aided by some underclassmen) returned and restored the car to the cafeteria, where it was discovered by the school.

Many students applauded the prank, and while Dr. Jack congratulated the Seniors on their ingenuity, he felt that the students involved failed to see the dangers involved.

PTSA Meeting Discusses Board

by Jennie Felker

LTC Creed Morgan presided over BAHS' second PTSA meeting held on Oct. 21, from 1930 hrs. to 2030 hrs. in the cafeteria. The meeting began with business and ended in entertainment.

During the meeting, information about the Educational Advisory Board was given. This committee, made up of faculty, parents, and students; works on school policies with the administration. A schedule of the coming meetings was announced as follows: 9 Dec.-Chorus Program; 17 Feb.-Bands; 14 Apr.-Principal's Night; and 26 May-SC.

The evening's entertainment was provided by the Drama Club. Selections from Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein and Ogden Nash were presented. Students involved included Becky Becker, Connie Beech, Mike Beech, Timmer Beech, John Bell, Vincent Lingner, Vickie Villareal, Beth Koon and Larry Speer.

HOMEcoming LEAVES WITH GREAT MEMORIES

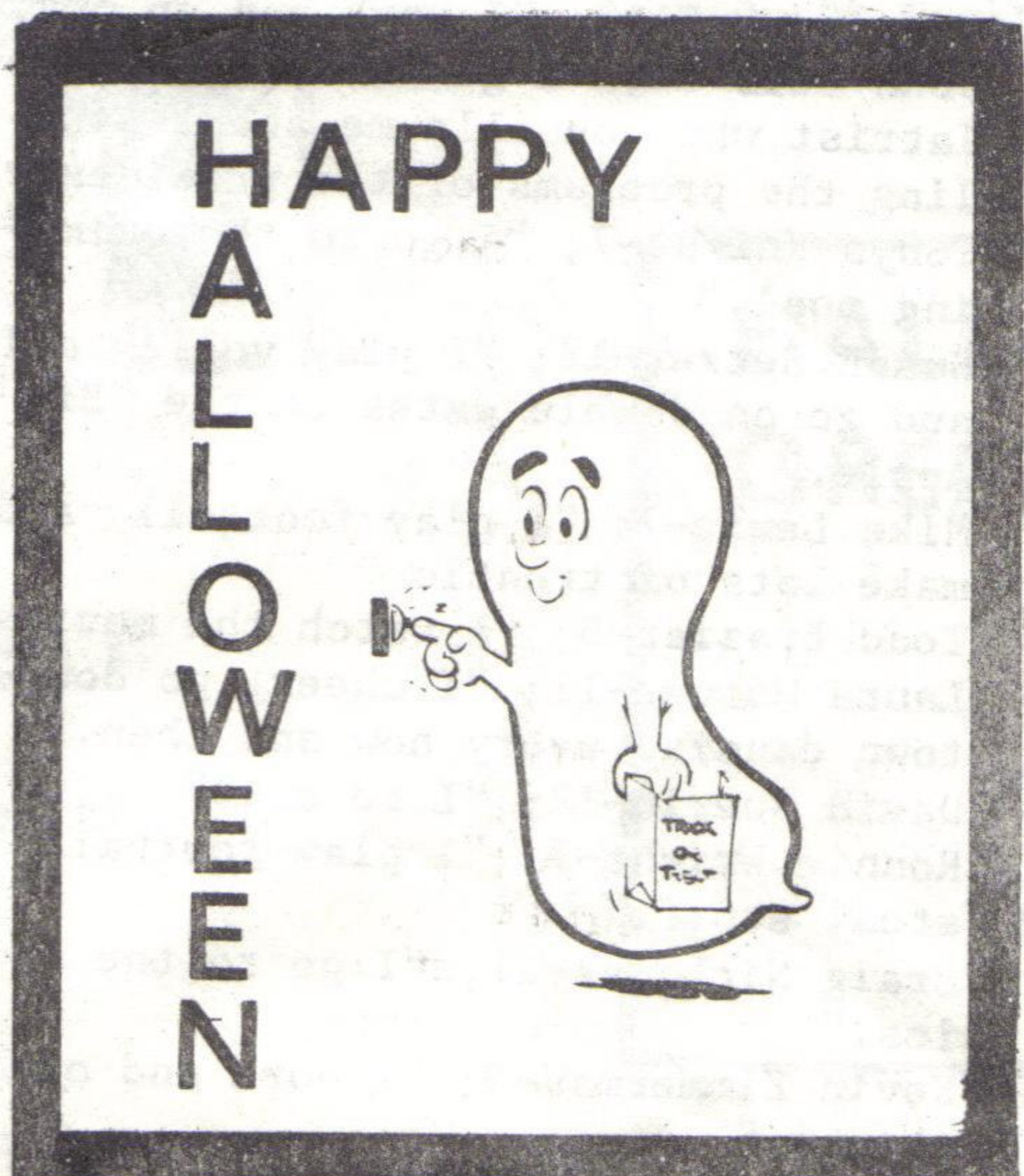
by Grace Soltys

The week of 11-17 October was designated as the 1981 Homecoming Week. Besides Spirit Week and the football game on Saturday, many other activities were set up to promote school spirit.

On Thursday of Spirit Week the volleyball team challenged the faculty to a volleyball match. The faculty managed to defeat the J.V. volleyball team, but the faculty was defeated by the varsity volleyball team.

The senior class took a clean sweep of victories during this year's Homecoming. They won not only the hall and float competitions, but they also won the Powder-Puff Football Game against the Juniors.

On Saturday 17 October, Tracey Turner was crowned Berlin American High School's Homecoming Queen. This coronation took place on the football field during varsity half-time.



Report Cards Due Home On 5 November

Students' Readings Brighten Meeting

by Erik Brush

Last Wednesday a very thoughtful atmosphere set in on the BAHS cafeteria as parents, students, and others were fortunate to witness a poetry reading.

The hour and a half long event bore a number of beautiful poems, including a few classics.

As a result of the enthusiasm which had grown, the students produced some magnificent poetry on death, love, life, hope, and various other issues. Many parents were amazed, and heard to say, "I wish we had more."

20 students participated at least half of which show promise for a future in the entertaining arts. Several stop and go, or impromptu, acts were also held. Good performances were shown by all, a particular favorite being put on by Butch Reed and Tracey Turner.

Any interested non-class members are welcome to join. Please see Mr. Schmoll beforehand. The readings will now be held once every two months.

Congratulations to all participants!

WHAT? V.P. TO BE ELECTED AGAIN

by Mark Lewis

Due to the resignation of the Student Council President the Vice-President, Tom Hesse, has resumed the office.

Any Junior or Senior who would like to run for the office of Vice-President should get their petition from the Guidance office. All petitions must be completed with 100 signatures and returned back to the Guidance office by Thursday, the 29th of October, no later than 3:00.

The elections will take place on the 6th of November with the balloting scheduled for 1st period.

All candidates are required to see Mr. Sennett or Ms. Geller about running. No speeches will be given, however, if the candidate wishes to make a brief statement one may do so on the afternoon announcements.

Candidates wishing to campaign may do so during the week of 2-5 November.

When asked about the upcoming elections and the role of the Vice-President Mr. Sennett stated, "We need someone who really wants to work and become actively involved in our school and community."

Features

YOU CAN RAP

by Russell Walton, Jr.

continued from last issue
Since you know about her. Tell her about herself. It will stun her. Never talk too much. Get up and dance for a couple of songs while making your move towards the Babe. Do your own special thing when slow dancing. Make sure it's a little. Mate to have you put in jail for indescant exposure. When you've fot the girl home (her house not yours, unless you are a fast learner) see if she had a good time and ask if she would like to go out again. Don't kiss her goodnight. She may take this as the beginning of a lasting relationship, which Rappers have to avoid.

b) With your coolness, GQ rags, and charm, you wabk up-but first keep your eye on the Babe all day and let her know it-and ask her if she is not too busy to make that move at the disco, club, or if you are a natural Rapper; your crib. When she says yes you've done everything right. When at the disco you order the drinks. Try to get to know the people at the disco or club. You will seem important. You can pick any topic to talk about except for yourself (this could be rather difficult).

c) The Pickup. You have got to be careful about these women. They've heard every line in the book. Be on the safe side and ask them for a dance flat out. Do not under any circumstances wink at them, unless you know them.

After you have danced, you can ask her over for a drink at your table. Now is when you get to know her, her phone number, her address, and by slow-dancing, her vital statistics. You don't have to take her home, but if you find her interesting you should see if you could go out again some time.

HALLOWEEN FUN

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Bear Adventure Club To Go East Nov.11 !!!



DYA Haunts Berlin

by Cheryl Dearing

On October 29, 30, and 31, the DYA will come alive with ghosts, goblins, and the evil spirits of Halloween.

This year's haunted house will be held in the DYA gym, and will have seven different rooms, including the dining room, torture chambers, and as a new addition, the living room. They will be arranged in such a fashion that the narrow passage ways will be in the form of a maze. The gym windows will be blacked out, so that little or no light will pass through, and the only light that might aid in your seeing your way around, will be the dim lights of each room.

The student tour guides will take groups of ten people at a time through the entire presentation and when finished out the back door.... if you make it through!

WEEKENDS ARE MADE FOR....

by Diana Pederson

Recently a poll was taken to find out exactly what the students at Berlin American High School do on their weekends:

Kerri Martin-11; "I spend time with friends drinking and partying."
Eddie Jackson-11; "I get drunk with my best friends."
Laura Blackwell-10; "I go to bed & to the football games."
Mr. Schmoll-Fac; "I'm actively and physically involved-hike, tennis, & watch the football games."
Carrie Huml-12; "I work and go out."
John Bell-10; "I go to see my psychiatrist who councils me about handling the problems of the presidency!"
Tonya Knight-7; "I go to the swimming pool."
Susan Setzer-12; "I play volleyball and go on double dates to the "Big" Apple."
Mike Lewis-7; "I play football and make lots of trouble."
Todd Frazier-8; "I watch the movies"
Laura Morgan-11; "I cheer, go downtown dancing every now and then."
David Guerin-12; "I go out."
Ronnie Wright-7; "I play football & steal stuff."
Craig Nicholas-11; "I go to the movies."
Kevin Zimmerman-9; "I work and other things."

Marching Band Practises Were Disputed Frequently

by Maite Mendiola

Every morning, marching band members woke early to rehearse, and at the baseball field were woken up by the victory march. People from this area complained and asked why marching band couldn't rehearse after school or, that they couldn't use the school field. They were answered that if marching band did practise after school they wouldn't be able to participate because of other after-school activities, and that the school field couldn't be used because it's so near German resident areas, and the people there also complained about the time the band started practicing, and it was decided it would be better to use an American area.

Marching band is lucky to have some very talented and full of spirited musicians. Withstanding the cold practise mornings, marching band had a lot of fun during home games with J.C. Cleary leading both the cheers and the musical spirit of the school.

STUDENTS WITH HUSTLE SEE D.C.

by Betty Barnhart

Presidential Classroom is a one week experience in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this is to give students an opportunity to interact with congressional, business, labor, and industrial leaders.

On the 16th through the 20th of November, there will be personal interviews. The four selected students will be notified on the 23rd of November. Out of these four students two will get a free round trip, paid for by the Educational Trip Club, to Washington D.C.

The other two students will receive cost of registration but they will have to provide cost for transportation.

Any Junior or Senior with a 2.75 or better grade point average are eligible to apply. Students who have a strong interest in and knowledge of government, politics, and current events will find this to be enjoyable.

Mrs. South and Mr. Bluem, the sponcers, feel that this year will be a successful one.

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Outlook



THE BANDIT AND I

(refer to above Halloween chart as you read)

The wind howled eerily through the bare autumn trees, and an icy chill seemed to creep right into me. I tried to bury my hands deeper in the pockets of my jacket, but this action was useless. On this night claimed by demons, goblins and witches, I had been elected to take my younger sibling (disguised as a bandit) around for the tricks and treats.

The night was almost completely black as we approached "Halloweenische Allee." All that could be seen through the mist was a bony form. Then, as we got nearer, a scarred skull was visible, giving us a "head start" toward the next surprise, "witch" was, in fact, a green lady with a tall, pointed black hat. She was cackling to herself and making "catty" remarks to her friend beside her, who only meowed in response. Then she ordered us to go to 'ell. ("witch" was next to her haunt, anyway)

Rays from the nearing jack-o-lantern came into view, as they flickered, throwing, dancing triangular shadows on the grass. The jack-o-lantern gave us its en"light"ening smile, as we passed quickly by.

We had a feeling something "batty" was going on at the coming attraction, for the flapping of wings grew louder and louder, as we walked close. The black creature, perhaps once a vampire, sleepily "batted" one red eye open, from its upside-down position. We didn't need any encouragement for a rapid departure.

Onward we trudged into the surrounding fog. A wailing whisper soon reached our ears, asking us who "ghost" there. We did manage to catch a glimpse of the mysterious enquirer--a white figure who freely floated around.

We kept going on toward the "N" (end).

Behind a small, gray cloud, the moon was a big yellow-orange ball with the profile of a bat etched on it. It contributed to the solemn and "grave" atmosphere of the old, forgotten cemetery.

Finally, we saw the warm, welcoming windows of home. It beckoned us, the brave bandit and I, and we were more than happy to leave the "Halloween scene" on "Halloweenische Allee".

by Jeanne A. Dansereau
Grade 11

The Bat And The Scarecrow

Said the scarecrow to the bat,
I've been thinking that,
The best way I know,
To scare a crow,
Is to wave at them my hat.

Said the bat to the scarecrow,
I really hope you know,
That you cannot wave to,
With what God never gave you,
So a frightful face you must show.

So the moral is never to lament,
When you try to use something you haven't,
It's a good thing to know,
If you must scare a crow,
Though the words of Confucious it isn't!

Amy Manders
Grade 8



On Foggy Nights

The fog swirled like a thick white carpet over the endless stretching moor. The wind howled eerily, and the few trees which stood here and there bent drearily to its force. Already, they were bare, and of their leaves only a few copper colored pieces were left clinging to the skeletal branches. It was chilly and cold as it always was with the coming of winter, and all the life had flown. It had flown down to the south where it was warmer. Warmth, remember, brings feelings of life. But brrrr, this draft, this feeling of rain in the air. The damp fingers of the cold that will not leave, but always cling. But in its way does it not bring enchantment? The mystery that blows here on the moor. Feel it! One can almost put out a hand and grab the unknown . . . if it wasn't for the cold. In the cold, one will think twice before doing things. "Think twice" is what the frigidity seems to say. I have thought twice, three times or even four. Carefully, have I gone through every step of the procedure. However, now that I stand in front of the small thatched cottage, I wonder if there is really a fortune hidden under the rotting floorboards. I tried to peer through the mist, but it seemed to have come all the way down, making sight impossible. I began to hobble from one foot to the other uncertainly. Then suddenly out of the swirling fog came a huge, pitch black cat! The feline was so grotesque in appearance, and its colorless eyes peered with a strange light of knowing, out of the dark, straight at me! They seemed to see through me, but at the same time they stirred in me all the anger and hatred that I had ever felt. The more sour I became with every second, this loathsome cat seemed to enjoy it. It even began to smile at me, a slow dire grin, and those pale eyes flared up with light. I acted then without a second thought. Grabbing that which was nearest to me, I sprang forward. The vixen was taken aback as I slashed out at it. Quickly, however, it caught itself and sprang at me. With all the venom in me, I fought with the bitter enemy. Snarling, scratching, biting and all the rest came with the fight. But my belligerent feelings were strong, and despite the claws and sharp teeth, I launched out. Hurling myself at a bristling leg, I twisted, and twisted, and CRACK! Stopping suddenly, the ghastly animal howled through the night air. I lay on the ground, forgetting the pain of my lacerated arms, and watched the creature.

Slowly did it change its form. From under the hideous black feline, came a bent old hag. Slowly the black fur fell off the human body as she slunk away into the murky darkness, limping, not looking back.

by Beate Zander
Grade 11

HALLOWEEN GREETINGS



Sports

Outstanding Athletes Recognized

by Russell Walton, Jr.

Once again it is time to recognize our High School's excellent athletes for the award this week.

From the football team there are Brian Frazier and also John Cervantes from the Varsity and William Pollard and Delano Adams on J.V.

Brian Frazier played consistently on offense and defense, gaining 95 yards and making two touchdowns, and having an interception against the Bitburg Barons. John Cervantes also had an interception and caught key passes that lead to Berlins' victory.

From the volleyball team the girl nominee there is Robin Murphy, went from J.V. to Varsity last week to take Tracey Turner's place. She turned in an excellent performance.

From the Cross-Country team there was Tomotaka Cato who is a transfer student from FIS. He is an excellent runner and will qualify for regionals.

This weeks winners are for the males is Brian Frazier from the Varsity football team. This weeks female winner is Robin Murphy who is on the Varsity Volleyball team.

HOMECOMING IS A BIG SUCCESS

by Diana Pederson

On the weekend of October 17, the Berlin Bears football teams played their Homecoming games against the Bitburg Barons. The result was a successful game for both the Varsity and J.V. teams.

The Berlin J.V. team got off to a slow start making their first touchdown in the third quarter and coming back to win the game with another touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Scoring in the game started with a one yard touchdown run in the second quarter by the Barons. The point after failed. Berlin matched the score with an 18 yard touchdown pass to Delano Adams in the third quarter. The J.V. Bears put the icing on the cake in the fourth quarter when Adams scored again. Defensively, the Bears were led by William Pollard with nine tackles. The aggressive J.V. Bears again posted the right numbers on the scoreboard: Bears-12, Barons-6.

The Varsity Bears followed the winning ways of the J.V. team by outdistancing the Barons 25-23.

The Bears got on the scoreboard first in the second quarter on a 51 yard pass from Matt Dover to John Cervantes. Brian Frazier kicked the point after to make the score seven to zip. Bitburg retaliated on a 1 yard touchdown run. The point after was good to tie the score at 7 all.

It was at this point that Brian Frazier began to warm up. He slapped Bitburg with a 39 yard touchdown run and point after to make the score 14-7. He then grabbed a Baron pass and scored on the 45 yard interception run. Matt Dover added two with a point after run. The scoreboard now read 22-7 in favor of the Bears.

The Barons tried to catch the Bears in the fourth quarter on a 10 yard touchdown run and two point conversion but Frazier, on one of his best days, took the wind out of Bitburg's sails with a 25 yard field goal. In a futile effort, Bitburg put 8 more points on the board with a touchdown pass and two point conversion, but it was not enough to overtake the Bears, who planned a victorious Homecoming.

Brian Frazier, Mark Millen, John Cervantes, and Lawrence Remick made key interceptions to spark the Bear defense. Shutting down the Barons on the line, was the outstanding defensive trio of Aaron Owens, Frank Richartz, and Dan Corder with a combined total of 25 tackles. The final score read 25-23 in favor of the Homecoming Bears.

During the weekend of October 8, the Berlin Bears went up against the Hanau Panthers. Both teams failed to score during the first quarter. Brian Frazier put the Bears ahead with a 1 yard run in the second quarter. In the third quarter Hanau tied the score with a touchdown. Both teams scored in the fourth quarter, but Hanau's 2 point conversion led them to victory. Due to insufficient information, the J.V. game could not be reported.

The Bear-a-Cudas will hopefully become the EFSL 1982 Champs

by Kim Farmelo

The Berlin Bear-a-Cuda DYA swim team is off to another great start this year. In their first meet last October 4, they defeated Heidelberg and Mannheim with a score of: Berlin, 330, Heidelberg, 260, Mannheim, 153. Angie Arnold, Christine Cox, Jeff Edelman, Kim Farmelo, JJ Jones, Chris McGoey, Sonya McKnight Kelly Murphy, Dennis Patton, Jerry Rettie, Sally Shoup, Cathy Speer, Melissa Stewart, Tammy Stoeber, and Didi Stowell all did their part in

helping defeat Heidelberg and Mannheim.

The Bear-a-Cudas placed second last year in the European Forces Swim League (EFSL). This year their goal is to become the EFSL champions. Swimming against teams such as Augsburg, Hahn, K-Town, Lahr, Muenchen, NATO, and Shape, the Bear-a-Cudas will have a tough schedule. Last year the Bear-a-Cudas managed to beat all of these teams except Shape. This year the team feels they can go undefeated throughout the whole season. Hopefully they will be able to.

V-BALL WINS AGAIN

by Debbie Stowell

On the weekend of October 10, the volleyball team travelled to FIS for their non-conference games against FIS and ISB.

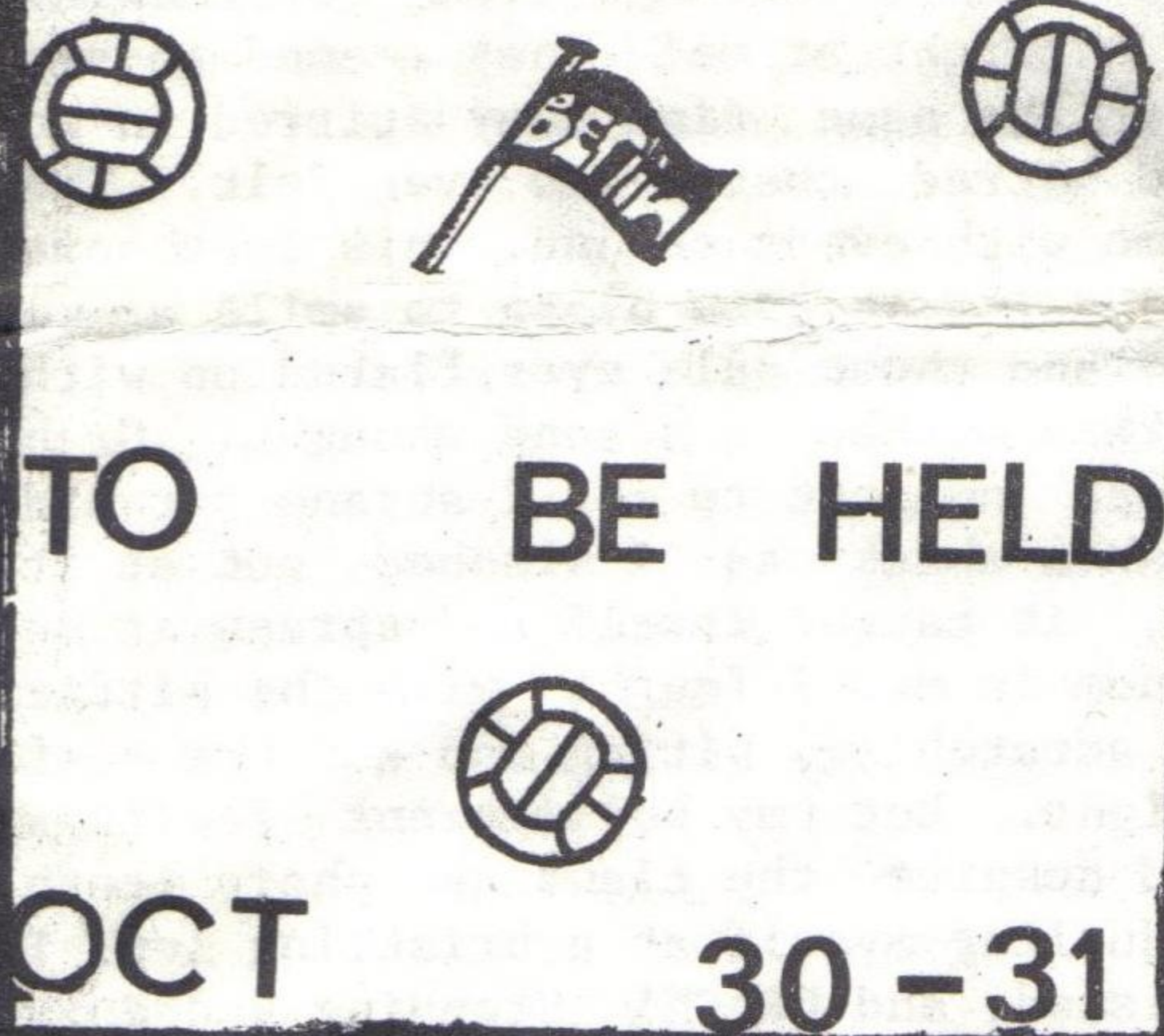
In a series of close games, the Varsity team was defeated by ISB 13-15, 11-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-12, and FIS 15-5, 15-10, 6-15, 15-12. The JV team suffered their first setback of the season as they lost to ISB 15-13, 7-15, 15-7, 15-12, and FIS 15-12, 9-15, 15-8, 5-15, 15-12.

Osterholz was the site of the teams' next games held on the 17th. The Varsity team obviously recovered from their defeat the previous weekend, stunned Bitburg 15-10, 15-7, 12-15, 12-15, 15-7, and Osterholz 15-9, 15-11, 15-5. JV defeated Bitburg 15-5, 15-9. However, they lost to Osterholz 15-6, 15-5.

Although the team had to give up Homecoming, all was not lost. When speaking with some members of the team, it seems they held their own Homecoming dance. Their buffet was catered by McDonalds, with an abundant supply of Duty Train water. After the dinner, a dance was held in the hallowed halls of the Berlin Express!

Your next and last chance to see the Volleyball teams in action will be the DODDS North Volleyball Regionals held in our school gym on the 30 and 31st of this month. Come on out and cheer them on to Victory!

V-BALL TOURNEY



CC Finishes '81 Season

by Tracey Turner

On the weekend of October 17th the Cross Country team travelled to Osterholz to compete in their last seasonal meet in '81.

The mens' varsity team placed 2nd in the triangular meet. The Osterholz teams were incomplete. The team finished with a score of 52 points. Bitburg placed first with 19 points. A newcomer to B.A.H.S. lead the way for Berlin that weekend. Tomotaka Cato placed 2nd in the race with a time of 22:37 for a 4.0 mile course.

The womens' varsity team also placed second for that weekend's meet. Christine Cox finished 5th overall and first for Berlin with a time of 14:44.