

# Bearin' Down

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## SC Washes Cars

by Jennifer Felker

Student Council sponsored a successful car wash during the afternoon of April 18 in the TAR parking lot.

It was held as a fund raiser for the Student Council's gift to the school. Ideas that have been discussed for a gift to the school by the General Assembly include a statue of Berlin's mascot, the bear, an emblem representing BAHS for the wall of "Victory Hall", and a banner.

Those who volunteered their services as washers were SC representatives, class officers, and the SC executive board members.

Other fund raising activities student Council has participated in include bake sales and dances- including the Welcome dance.

## Bees Buzz For Prizes

by Sam Anderson

The busy bees of Berlin American High School buzzed out spelling words at the 12th annual 7th and 8th grade spelling bee, held on the 25th of March.

22 contestants started out, but only 4 could receive prizes. At the end Tricia Shields, David Majors, Diedra McAlhaney and Missy Johnson were left standing. McAlhaney went down first putting her in fourth place, next went Shields, whom placed third. Majors and Johnson went into the final round for a showdown. Majors' turn came but he fell short giving Johnson the lead-way to victory.

Prizes included a trophy and books on Moscow and Pope John Paul. Johnson will also get her name engraved on a plaque.

## Principal's Meet in Berlin

by David Melvin

The 28th of March, marked the beginning of the 3rd annual DoDDS North Principals Conference. Since the formation of the DoDDS North Germany Conference three years ago, the meeting has been held in Berlin. This year's meeting was held in the Columbus House at TCA.

All DoDDS North Principals, five consultants, and Regional co-ordinators, were in attendance. Among the topics that were discussed, education, theories and practical applications, stress, time management, individual learning styles, coping with children, and curriculum value base were some.

These meetings will greatly enhance the skills that our administrators must use to better the way students learn. Thier new educational philosophies and newly acquired knowledge of trends and strategies will be an asset to all they teach.

Not only principals attended this meeting; five consultants from the U.S. were also in attendance, Dr. Rita Dunn from the St. John's uni-

## Drama Club Performs

3 One Act Plays  
at TCA theater  
on April 22-24



## Seniors Make Plans

by Grace Soltys

Tentative plans are now being formulated for the graduation ceremony and Baccalaureate of this year's Senior Class. These plans include a military ceremony conducted at the flight line at Tempelhof Central Airport on the fifth of June.

This ceremony is planned to begin at 1600 hrs., and the guest speaker will be the U.S. Minister to Berlin, Mr. Ledsky. The Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Class President will also be speaking at this graduation event.

Following graduation, a reception is to take place at the Flughafen Restaurant at TCA.

This year's Baccalaureate is to be held at the Army Community Chapel on Huttenweg on the thirteenth of May at 1600 hrs. Chaplains from the Army and Air Force commands will speak at this ceremony as well as the Senior Class President and Vice-President.

## Open House Cancelled for '82

by Kenda Hehn

For those of you who have not heard, there will be no TCA Open House this year. Due to security reasons, the US Air Force has been ordered not to open the gates at Tempelhof Central Airport for the annual airplane show.

Many organizations in the Berlin community will be affected, as the Open House is a major form of income to most of them.

Here at BAHS, the groups who usually have a booth are the teachers, the Educational Trip Club, the Sophomore Class, and, of course, the Junior Class, who will probably be hit the hardest as they must finance the Junior/Senior Prom and TCA Open House's bulk income usually took care of the expenses.

## Spirit of Camelot to

by Kenda Hehn

The theme for this year's Junior/Senior Prom is medieval Camelot.

In an interview with Diana Pederson, the head of the prom decorating committee, she explained how the committee plans to decorate the Checkpoint NCO Club, where the prom will be held this year. The prom will be held May 22.

In the dining room, the tables

## Band leaves for Bitburg

by Mark Lewis

The Berlin American High School Concert Band will be practicing and performing for the Bitburg school and community from April 24th to the 26th.

The exchange concert has been held for the past four years with different DoDDS schools each time. The Bitburg band staged a performance in Berlin in late February as well as touring the Walled City.

The forty-seven member Berlin concert band will also tour the historic town of Trier, which is located on the German-French border.

Students will be housed with families of Bitburg band members and will attend many functions hosted by their colleagues.

Plans are being considered to make the exchange concert a week long endeavor, thus allowing the concert band to perform in many sites around Germany.

## Yearbook Returns Soon

by Cheryl Dearing

This year, the publications class of BAHS has spent a great deal of time and effort putting together the 1981-82 edition of the yearbook. This year's annual will be entitled INVOLVEMENT '82. The book is expected to return and be distributed by about the middle of May. Any students still wishing to purchase the book should do so as soon as possible because there was only a small amount of extra copies ordered and they will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. The cost of the book itself is \$15.00

## STUDENTS ACT UP

by Debbie Stowell

Bitburg is the designated site for this year's Drama Festival. Students, 9th-12th graders, from our school will be participating in several areas of competition from 3 to 5 May.

This year, the Drama Club, under the direction of Mrs. Beech, will take the one act play "Look Who's Playing God" for competition. Other categories to be judged will include solos, duets, pantomime, improvisations, and readers theater.

The Publications class would like to wish all students involved with the Fest the best of luck!!

## Enchant Jr./Sr. Prom

castle walls) and purple and blue streamers to enhance the dining area, and the photo room will be likewise ornamented, complete with knight on horse to add to the feeling of Camelot.

The coronation of the Prom King and Queen will be a gala affair, with, of course, the crowns and sceptors and there's even a possibility of trumpeters to introduce



April  
Showers  
Bring  
May  
Flowers



## Jr. High Goes "Back to BC"

by Suzanne Wood

While reading the senior high newspaper, it is often forgotten that the junior high too, publishes a newspaper serving the needs of the seventh and eighth graders at BAHs.

The paper is "Back to BC", and is published by the students in Mr. Long's English classes, and by other interested junior high students, with editor Jennifer Pritte. It contains news and features that involve the younger students directly, and provides an introduction to journalism to the students.

The newspaper was started in 1970 by a group of very involved students in Mr. Long's class. He encouraged them in the effort, and is today still sponsor of "Back to BC".

"BC" now deals with all the facets of junior high life, including dress, Spirit Week activities, and activities of organizations. It only publishes things pertaining to the 7th and 8th grades, except for events in which Freshman also participate. Mr. Long feels this is very important in giving them their own identity.

## Bear-a-Cudas swim The Berlin Wall!

by Kim Farmelo

On April 11, at Andrews Pool, the Berlin Bear-a-Cuda Swim Team held their 1982 Swim the Wall Swim-a-thon.

Each swimmer on the team was given a certain amount of laps to swim over a non-stop, two hour period. The swimmers collected over 1000 pledges with an average of 5¢ a lap. the team's goal was to swim the Berlin Wall's distance.

On Saturday morning, the swimmers swam their laps, they met their goal and earned between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

The money earned will be used for new swimming equipment. Pull buoys, kick boards, a swim bench, clocks, and other items will be purchased for next year's team. The remaining money will be used to support the teams many trips during the season.

## ANTISSA ROCKS

by Debbie Stowell

Music has always been a very popular form of entertainment, not only for the listeners but for those who make the music.

Two of these people have combined their talents and appreciation of music, along with three others, to form a band called Antissa.

Tim Hughes, a senior, and Roy Hawkins, a January graduate, have been playing together for the past two years. In November, Larry Speer, Tim Felker, and Michael Flint, a student attending a German school, joined Tim and Roy to form the band. They have been practicing ever since in anticipation of their debut.

With Tim H. on percussions, Roy on guitar, Larry on synthesizer and lead vocals, Tim F. on guitar and back up vocals, and Michael on bass guitar, Antissa (the Greek Dragon in Latin) will debut at the DYA on May 7 at 8:30.

When speaking with this reporter of future plans, Tim Hughes stated that there is only one other positive performance date set. It is for the Memorial Day celebrations at Andrews on May 30 at 12:00. Beyond that, nothing is for sure. Tim H. and Roy are hoping to form another band in the states in the near future.

Antissa... listen for announcements about their debut performance coming soon. And to the members of the band, Good Luck and Keep On Rockin'!!

## Seniors Have It

You may ask what the seniors have. It's a disease that starts once you get in Senior high. You hear about it and say you won't get it, but it gets to every senior at one time or another. If you don't know what it is by now, it's SENIORITIS.

Senioritis strikes some time during the senior year. The symptoms are doing one third of the work partying more on the weekend, (during the week if possible) coming to school late (or not coming at all). There are other symptoms, but these are the basic ones.

Up to date there has been no cure to this horrid disease, unless a senior needs a lot of his or her credits, but for those seniors who don't need those credits to graduate; all they see or it should be said what they don't see are the school doors.

Have A  
Nice Day

## 43 Days 'till GRADUATION



## Blackstead visits BAHs

by Chris McAnallen

On Tuesday, March 30, Dr. Blackstead district director of DODDS-North Schools travelled from Wiesbaden to attend a conference here in Berlin.

Dr. Blackstead made himself available to the teachers of both Berlin American High School and TAR Elementary School to discuss individual problems and suggestions, but the major concern among the teachers was the decision made at DODDS Headquarters in Washington that there will be staff cuts next year due to decreased enrollment. Also, the teachers seemed to be concerned about the shift in classes they will be teaching next year.

The action hoped to result from Dr. Blackstead's visit is a possible trip to Washington, DODDS Headquarters, to see if a change can be made about decisions and plans being made there for next year.

## MUPPETS ZAP TAR

On April 1st and 2nd joy and song were brought to the hearts of many young people of the community by the B.A.H.S. Intermediate Band.

The April 1st concert was held in the gym for the general public, but on the 2nd, the performance was given for the TAR students.

"I enjoyed it because I like to make children happy", replied a band member, who thought the children enjoyed it.

The concert began with "The Muppet Show Theme" and went into other numbers including "Never Before and Never Again", "Rainbow Connection", "Moving Right Along", "The Theme from Rocky II", and rounding out the concert was Big Bird, Frank Ambrusco directing "The Muppet Show Reprise".

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# Outlook

## Spring

It is the end of death, winter's last cry of agony. Melted snow lies dormant on the ground which doesn't accept the juices anymore. The ice begins to melt and lies in the form of water on frosted brown earth. No greenery shows. The transition from bleakness to beauty moves slowly, for the young child sleeps soundly; until one day, she's awakened from her coma, rubs her eyes, and begins her tedious task. Grogginess slows her down as the urge to slumber overcomes her. It becomes cold once more. Then suddenly the sun will glitter and the spark is lit.

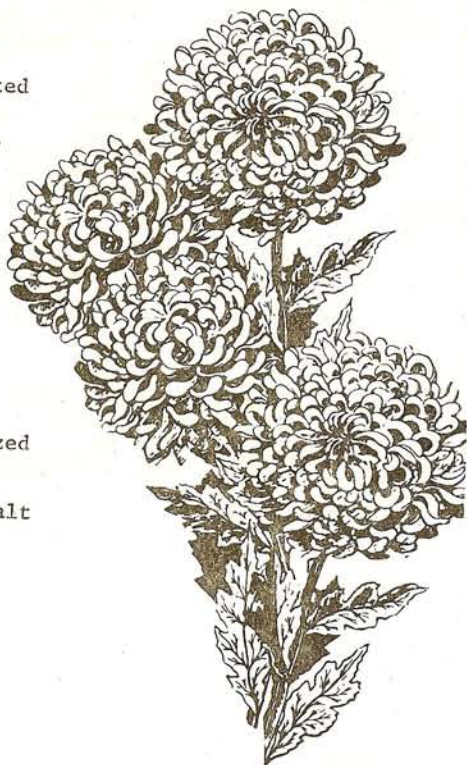
Fully awake now, the being emerges from its sleep. With one wide sweep of its rays, the sun tickles grass roots and gently shakes trees into life. Little flowers pop open and wonder what the disturbance is. Neighbors whisper, passing the word. The clocks tick on while messengers, the birds, twitter among themselves and share the news.

by Janette Juris  
Grade 10

### WHAT IS SPRING?

Fresh, new born, painted  
With greens  
A bright and beautiful  
Lovely scene  
Strokes of yellow  
A dab of gold  
With one glance  
The painting is told  
Young reborn  
Breathing with life  
Free from heartache  
And unknown to strife  
Framed in Youth  
Hear the birds sing  
The painting is reconized  
The season is spring

Laura Greenwalt  
Grade 10



## SEA ESCAPE

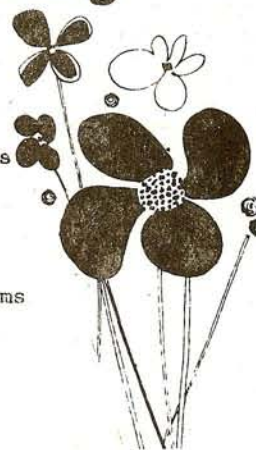
...and a bright sun rises over the sea  
As she stands alone on a cliff so high.  
A seagull cries so weary in the sky  
As though giving to her one last sad plea,  
Saying "Oh please, won't you listen to me?"  
She looks upon the water with a sigh  
Realizing her time of death is high.  
She glances to the sky and then the sea  
Preparing for the freedom that will come  
With her final last stand up on the rocks.  
She breathes her last breath and holds it in deep  
And takes one step up, then looks to the sun.  
She takes an endless dive on to the rocks  
Landing in a peaceful sleep.

Debbie Stowell  
Grade 12

## Come Quickly Spring

Please come and uncover the world  
From winter's cold blanket.  
Make the birds sing,  
Enabling us to awaken  
To nature's sweet music.  
Bring out the sun  
Marking flowers bloom into thousands  
Of brilliant colors.  
Make me want to forget everything  
That's past.  
And start anew.

Lynne Willaims  
Grade 11



## Is It Spring Or Winter Now?

"Spring is here!", that's what we said,  
We thought the weather was nice and clear.  
The birds all played with their summer toys.  
One day was sunshine, the next was rain,  
And to all the soccer players, that seemed to be a pain.  
The next day was sleet, the next was snow,  
Whether it's winter or spring, I just don't know.  
One day you can swim, one day you can ski,  
The next day you can sit and shout with glee.  
Who knows what to wear, what to do, what to say?  
Who knows where to go, how to talk, what to play?  
One day you wear shorts, the next day a coat,  
The next day you are tanning out on a boat.  
There's a wedding planned for a nice spring day,  
But somehow it turned out another way.  
Is it winter or spring in this month of April,  
Is it the time for swimming or the time for skiing?  
Winter is nice, it's very sweet,  
I like how the snow can fall so neat.  
I enjoy the spring and the winter too,  
In both you have so much to do.  
There's skiing, skating, and snow in winter,  
There's dancing, swimming, and tanning in spring.  
But I only have one question to ask,  
Is it spring or winter now?

NAME WITHHELD

## Post-Winter Changes

The north wind which had rages so long  
Receded in the morning sky  
No longer could one hear its song  
Or winters errie mournful cry.



The sun arose in brilliant red  
And set the sky ablaze with light  
Heat replaced the cold which fled  
Warming all the soil in sight.

Plants shoots had just began to grow  
The trees of old were still reiging  
Creatures awakened all so slow  
The sign of the coming spring.

Erik Brush  
Grade 11





# Gymnasts Tumble into a Spring Exhibition

by Suzanne Wood

On March 30, in its one and only performance, the Berlin American High School gymnastic team performed for many 2nd period classes in the bymnasium, proving their prowess in acrobatic skills.

The team, sponsored and coached by Miss Barlow, consisted of interested students, and gathered expressly for the purpose of putting on the March performance. The show itself was filled with trampoline and mini-tramp performances, floor excercises, vaulting over a gymnastic horse, uneven bars routines, and rope climbing skills, and all

were enthusiastically received by the audience, especially when Loren Washington surprised everyone by climbing up the rope backwards! Other performers also won praise for their routines and performances which kept students on the edges of their seats.

A special round of applause was earned by senior Trish Lindsey when she received a trophy for best all-around woman athlete in any of Miss Barlow's classes.

The team does not plan any other performances this year, the possibility still remains of forming another group to perform next year.

## TRACK--OFF AND RUNNING

by Cheryl Dearing

The track and field team has been practicing for competition for quite a while now and finally got to show off their skill on April 17th, when Frankfurt and Osterholz met Berlin for a test of their ability. Berlin team members gained much experience from their meet and are hoping to do well in all meets to come. Here are the dates scheduled for Berlin to compete:

- April 24-Berlin, Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern in Wiesbaden
- May 1-Berlin, Bitburg, Zweibrucken, FIS in Mannheim
- May 3-Berlin, Hanau in Baumholder
- May 15-Berlin, Bitburg, Zweibrucken in Osterholz
- May 22-AA Tournament (location to be announced).
- May 28-29-Finals in Heidelberg

Unfortunately (or mabe not), all of their games are away, but coaches Conway, Moeller, Jones, and Barese are all predicting a great season.

## Volleyball Clinic Bumps Off At Bonn

by Elizabeth Waldrop

Earlier this April applications were filled out for a special volleyball clinic to be held in Bonn, West Germany, from August 17th-20th. The volleyball clinic basically gives players a chance to review their basic skills and learn different plays. The clinic is once again honored by the presence of Sue Gozansky, the head coach of the University of California, Riverside, women's volleyball team.

Anyone attending DoDDS high schools can apply to attend the volleyball clinic. Miss Gyax is sponsoring the students from Berlin American High who wish to go to the clinic. The applicants had to pay a twenty dollar fee to attend the clinic which includes rooming facilities at a youth hostile.

**GOOD LUCK BERLIN!**

## GO SAILING WITH BAHS!

by Diana Pederson

Has your life dream been to learn how to sail? Have you yearned to feel the sea air blowing invigoratingly on your face? Then the Bear Adventure Club sailing class is for you!

In an interview with Ms. Gyax, the facts were revealed. The classes take place on Wednesdays, in room 302 (until the class is ready to move to the Harbor). The sailing instructing will be done by BAHS teachers: Ms. Gyax, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Lazenby, and Mr. Stowell.

Learning terminology, parts of the boat, sailing theory, and of course sailing are the subjects of discussions. When the class advances to the Wannsee Harbor they will be using Randmeers and Volkboats. If any student becomes a qualified sailor, they may enter in the Yacht Club's competitions.

## Swim Team Takes 1st Place in League

by Kim Farnelo

The Berlin Bear-a-Cuda Swim Team finished their 1981-1982 season with a final record of 19 wins and only 1 loss. This put the team in a tie with SHAPE Seals for the first place position in the European Forces Swim League (EFSL). Since Berlin beat the third place team by more points (172) than SHAPE (108) the Berlin Bear-a-Cudas are the 1982 EFSL Champions. This is the first time in six years that Berlin has won the title and first time in five years that SHAPE has not held that title.

The only thing left ahead of the

## TENNIS TEAM LOSES

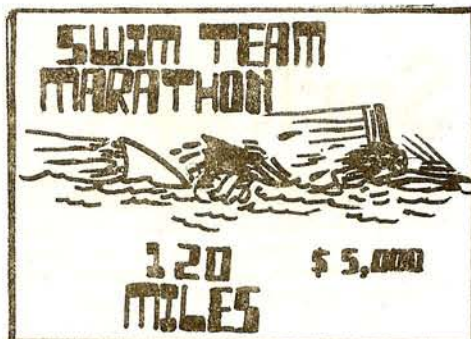
by Peggy Vine

On the weekend of 27 March, the Berlin American High School Tennis Team had their first match of the 1982 season. They played Mannheim in this non-conference match there under sunny skies.

The final score was 16 to 2 and the only winners were Patricia Foshage in singles and Patricia and her partner, Christa Gipson, a sophomore, in doubles.

The team is coached by Mel Turner and sponsored by Mrs. Jackson.

This loss will not count on the team's record for this season.



## Fussballers Foiled 3-2

by Russell Walton, Jr.

On Friday, the 27 of March the Berlin Bears soccer team squared off against the Mannheim Bisons. The Bears were defeated by the AAA school in the non-conference game by a score of 3-2. The scorers for Berlin were Steve Hoefer and Mark Millen.

After the loss to the Bears came back to improve on their deficiencies. Starting practice on Monday at 3:30 on the football field with the coach Mr. Schmoll, an English teacher in this school. Mr. Schmoll had the team go through various obstacles and training procedures to help the players in endurance, agility, quickness and improving their soccer skills for the next encounter against Baumholder here this weekend. To add to helping the players abilities, The team plays against a German soccer club every Thursday at Pacelliallee around the time of five o'clock, for those who would like to see these games.

The junior varsity lost to the Bisons with a score of 6-0.

team this season is the EFSL Invitational, which is an individual meet. A swimmer must have a fast enough time and be invited by the league to swim in this meet. Forty-two of the estimated sixty swimmers on the Bear-a-Cudas will participate in this meet on April 25.

Coach Ted Colquhoun had this to say about the season, "This season has developed into an excellent one for the Bear-a-Cudas. The swimmers were great. I was really proud of the performance against SHAPE at SHAPE, and against SHAPE and Heidelberg at home.

