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Arbor Day Recognized

by Ron Watt, Jr.

On April 22nd, in observance of Arbor Day, the high school held it's twelfth annual tree planting ceremony. The ceremony was held here at the high school outside in the Japanese Garden.

As is the custom, the tree was dedicated to a student and a teacher of B.A.H.S. Billi Cooper made the dedication to Dawn Abel, a seventh grader and Herr Werner Prigge.

Stephanie Martinez gave the history of Arbor Day, the intermediate band played the song Rainbow Connection, and Dr. Jack gave the closing remarks.

The ceremony, which was a class project of Mr. Long's third period class, was a complete success.

B.A.H.S. TRAVELS TO PLANETARIUM AND OUTPOST THEATRE!

by Kim Farnelo

On May 3, and May 6, 1982, the students from B.A.H.S. attended two separate field trips. Half the student body attended the presentation given by Herr Freitag at the Wilhelm-Foerster-Sternwarte Weiss-Planetarium. The presentation consisted of explanation of the stars and their constellations. Herr Freitag also explained the beginning of the earth and sun.

The other half of the student body attended the Drug Assembly at the Outpost Theatre. The assembly was presented by Crime Prevention. Sgt. Valesquez and Sp. 4 Warfield helped organize this event and also gave helpful information to students on drugs. Two films were shown, and a narcotic dog was shown doing his job. After the film there was a question and answer session. Quite a few of the students had numerous questions, and showed a great interest in the assembly.

School Year Nears End

by Sam Anderson Jr.

The 1981/82 school year is coming to a close with 18 days left for underclassmen and 10 left for Seniors.

Here is a schedule of the final days events.

May 27 and 28 Senior Exams
 May 28 Senior last day
 June 2, 3, and 4 Exams
 June 5 Graduation
 June 8 Final day of instruction
 June 9 Report cards sent out.

Information about any of these happenings can be found in the guidance office.

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Merit Scholarship Is Awarded to 1982 Finalist; Four Hope to Compete for Same

by Kenda Hehn

Earlier this year, it was announced that a Berlin American High School student, Suzanne Wood, had been named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Since then Suzanne has turned in an application outlining her various activities within school (involvement in school organizations as well as grades play a major part in the continuing competition), and on April 29, it was made public that Suzanne had not only advanced to finalist, but had also won a scholarship for 500 dollars for each of four years, with a guarantee of up to 1500 dollars each year in student aid. She is going to the University of Georgia, in Athens, Georgia.

To qualify in the competition, a student must take the PSAT as a Junior and get a high enough score. The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) was taken in the fall of '81 for the Senior qualifiers of next year and four students have scored high

enough to go on to compete for semi-finalist standing: Peter Boatner, Tim Felker, Larry Speer, and Eric Wahlquist. They are currently part of 50,000 top scorers throughout the U.S. and European DoDDS schools.



(L to R) Mrs. Wood, Suzanne Wood, and Lt. Col. Wood.

Bearin' Down

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MUN Delegates Attend Security Council

by Mark Lewis

The MUN Class recently traveled to Heidelberg to attend the 10th annual session of the Mock Security Council. Eight schools from around Germany represented approximately seventy-five countries.

Berlin delegates represented Spain on the Security Council and four other countries: Sudan, Central African Republic, Chile, and Belgium.

Chorus And Band Present A Concert

by Jennifer Felker

B.A.H.S.' "Spring Festival of Music" was held May 5th at 1930 hrs. in Victory Hall. Mrs. Payne directed the Chorus and Ms. Risner directed all Band selections.

Beginning Band opened the concert with a selection entitled "Black & Blues". They continued with "Our Director" before giving the floor to the Crescendo Choir, whose performance included selections from Oliver!.

The Intermediate Band played "Rainbow Connection", "Tangatoon" and "Redemption". The Flute Choir performed the selection "Happy-Go-Lucky".

Sr. High Chorus sang the madrigal "Follow Me", "He Ain't Heavy...He's My Brother", and "Let's Begin Again" among others.

Concert Band concluded the presentation with the energetic tune entitled "Spanish Fever".

Suzanne Wood, Dave Harris, and Mark Lewis received the 2nd best delegation award for their representation of Spain. Tom Britton took honors as the 3rd best delegate and Doris Schulze was honored for her single-handed representation of the Republic of Chile.

A crisis situation on the Falkland Islands was discussed as well as many conflicts facing the world today.

Other countries represented by Berlin at the Security Council were Belgium, Sylvia Alxander, Laura Greenwalt, and Peter Murphy; Central African Republic, Tim Murphy, Robert Wood, Mark Britton, and Camlin Young; Sudan, Tom Britton, and Eric Flint.

The Model United Nations class traveled to the Hague, Netherlands, to attend the annual MUN, and to Heidelberg for the Mock Security Council; as well as hosting many debates for the school.

Students who are interested in debating world issues are encouraged to sign up for the class next year.

YEARBOOK OUT TODAY!

SENIORS and UNDERCLASSMEN Will Receive the BAHS Honors at the All-School Awards Assembly

by Peggy Vine

The All-School Awards Assembly will be held on May 26th at 1330 at the Outpost Theater.

Awards will be given to students who are outstanding in the areas of: Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science and Foreign Language. There will be three special awards. These awards are the Bausch&Lomb Science Award, the Principal's Award, and the Community Service Award.

For students who excell in a non-academic area, there are awards for excellence in Music, Art, Drama, Career Ed., and Journalism.

Four awards will be given to students in grades 7-9. These awards are in Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Math.

Major General Boatner will address the faculty, students and parents. Colonel Spohn will recognize the Air Force ROTC scholarship winner and the Merchant Marine Cadet.

Mr. Wieland will recognize the "College Bound" Seniors and Mrs. Davis, the Berlin Scholarship Committee chairperson, will announce the scholarship winners from BAHS.

The All-School Awards Assembly is an annual event held to recognize the outstanding Seniors and other students in our school.

Parents and other family members are invited to attend to Assembly.

CALENDER FOR END OF YEAR

MAY

- 19 - 7th and 8th grade Volksmarch
- 20 - Student Council Elections
- 22 - PROM!!
- 26 - Awards Assembly
- 30 - Baccalaureate 4:00P.M.
- 31 - Memorial Day NO SCHOOL!

JUNE

- 3 - Athletic Banquet
- 4 - Teachers Workshop NO SCHOOL!
- 5 - GRADUATION!!!
- 8 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

Oh Thank Heaven

Teachers Departing

by Mark Lewis

Many teachers will be departing Berlin American High School this year. Their services to the Berlin community have been greatly appreciated by all.

Mrs. Lewis will be moving to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, where she will pursue studies in the field of law. She will also rejoin her husband who was restationed last March.

Mr. and Mrs. South will be going to Plymouth, Michigan, where Mr. South will take over as a principal and Mrs. South will continue as a counselor.

Mr. Priebe will be retiring after thirty-four years of teaching. He

SUMMER HIRE WANTS YOU NOW!!

Summer vacation is just around the corner and with the coming of summer vacation is the coming of Summer Hire.

Applications will be accepted from males and females, ages 14--23 years of age. Applicants must be dependent youths whose military or civilian sponsors are assigned to Berlin.

Application forms can be obtained from the Berlin American High School career center, the CPD office at Clay Headquarters, or at the CPD office at Templehof Central Airport. Completed applications should be returned to the Civilian Personnel Division no later than May 27.

Employment will last for five weeks. You will either be assigned to the first phase, 14 June through 16 July or second phase, 19 July through 20 August. The hourly pay will be DM 8.

So do something productive with your summer, join Summer Hire.

So You Think You'll Graduate ? ?

by Chris McAnallen

Attention seniors...as of today, May 14, 1982, there are exactly 22 days until graduation. So you think you've made it? Hold on for a second and ponder briefly on these few, minor, unimportant details before you go on planning your action-filled summer.

Each senior must have at least 18 credits (minimum) to graduate. This includes 4 units Language Arts, 3 units Social Studies. One of these units must be U.S. History and 1/2 must be American Government. You also need 1 unit Math, 1 unit Science, 1 unit Career Education (vocational), 1 unit Fine Arts, 1 unit Physical Education, and 1/2 unit Health. Please keep in mind that these requirements are the absolute minimum. A schedule with more academic courses is recommended for those wishing to go on to college.

Another factor to consider in order to graduate is attendance.

Class ranks are listed and can be obtained from Mr. Wieland.

For New Positions

will be taking up residence in the San Francisco Bay area. Mr. Priebe has been teaching in our school since it opened in 1965.

Mrs. Payne has been granted a year of leave from DoDDS to continue her studies in art. She will remain in Berlin to work closely with professionals in both painting and writing.

Mrs. Hasling, due to administrative cutbacks, will probably resume as a teacher at the TAR school.

All these teachers will surely be missed by students and faculty here at BAHS. We wish them the best in the future.

Drama Shines in Bitburg

by Suzanne Wood

Berlin Bears displayed their talents in Bitburg as the BAHS Drama Club participated in the DoDDS District Drama Festival May 3-5. Eleven schools attended the competition, and performed in categories of solos, duets, pantomime, improvisation, Readers' Theater, and one-act plays. Nine Berlin thespians, sponsored by Mrs. Beech, took part in the festival and returned with three awards. BAH's entry in the one-act play category, Look Who's Playing God, starred Debbie Stowell, Alan Robinson, Connie Beech, and Mike Beech, and tied with Bonn for a rating of Outstanding. Vince Lingver won Honorable Mention for his solo performance, and Lissa Ahrens, in her first trip to the festivals, received Honorable Mention for her pantomime.

The other Drama Club members who attended were Becky Becker, Renee Bergen, and Rose Hanson, and Berlin was represented in all events except duets. For their Reader's Theater performance, actors from Berlin read excerpts from Where the Sidewalk Ends, by Shel Silverstein.

Courses Outlined For The School Year 1982-83

by Cheryl Dearing

Now that the 1981-82 school year is coming to an end, course selections for next year have been made, and are in the process of being organized for students' schedules.

In grades 9-12, the following subjects will be given credit as English courses: English 9, 10, 11, 12, Speech & Drama, Creative Writing, Literary Research & Advanced Essay, Publications, and English Literature.

Social Studies credits (9-12): World Regions, Civics, Sociology, World History, U.S. History, American Gov., Psychology, and MUN.

Science credits (9-12): Earth/Space Science, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Ecology, and Oceanography.

Math credits (9-12): General Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Advanced Math.

If you have any questions concerning your schedule or course selections see your counselor as soon as possible.

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Outlook

The Evils of Smoking

The Surgeon General has determined that cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health.

So, the truth of the matter is a person who smokes has increased chances of getting cancer and other such smoking related diseases. While the average smoker is not interested in hearing about what he is doing to his body, on the whole the smoking public in our nation has sharply decreased since various health related studies have been published.

These studies, which were conducted on rodents as well as humans, seem to have brought about a change in attitude. Now scientists managed to turn the rodents into chain smokers remains a mystery to us all. Still, somehow they accomplish this fact and as a result have found that this audacious habit can lead not only to disease but also addiction.

Many smokers, on the basis of such studies, have decided to put their "smokes" aside. However, a large number of people refuse to be intimidated by the fact that they are destroying their bodies.

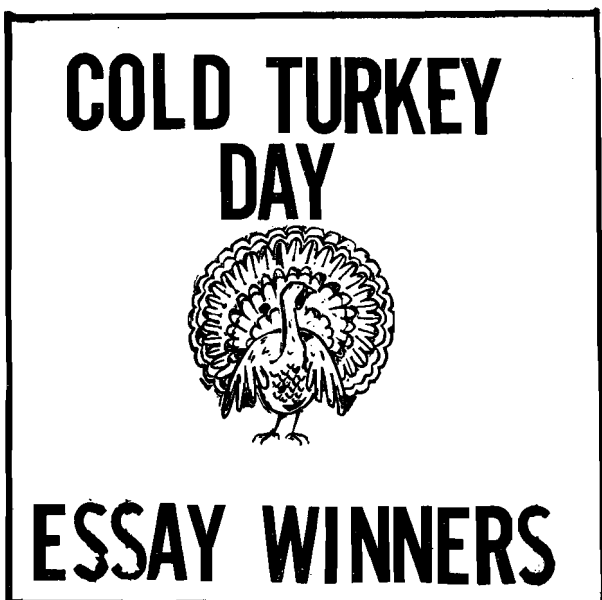
In an effort to reform these biased believers in the pleasure of smoking, a new approach should be taken. Speaking as an ex-smoker myself, a personal testimony to the validity of the following can be taken for granted.

Smoking, a habit which not only blackens your lungs but also effects your personality, often leaves you with a limited wardrobe. On the basis that almost all smokers at one point in their lives make the careless mistake of burning their clothes. This most often happens when wearing the most expensive or favorite outfit.

Another disgusting reality in the smoking world is the odor. A smoker can be unmistakably singled out among a crowd. To actually touch or possibly kiss a person who partakes in this disgusting habit can prove to be an undesirable if not revolting experience. Thinking about it even irritates the stomach. The smoker, most likely marked by brown and yellow stained teeth, will probably smell and taste like wet clothes that were shut up in a box for three years. This odor often leaves the victim or non smoker in a "distasteful" state.

The cost, another impending problem, has notably increased over the years. So at last smoking is an expensive, unhealthy, bad smelling, clothe ruining, and distasteful habit.

1st Place
Tracy Carrell
Grade 12



HONORABLE MENTIONS
Cynthia Pugh
Ronald Watt, Jr.

The Evils of Smoking

Smoking, or the inhalation of tobacco smoke into one's lungs, has become one of the most popular "nasty habits" in the world.

The reasons that people smoke, according to them, can vary greatly. "It calms my nerves," or "it gives me something to do with my hands," or even this one, which always brings forth a chuckle from me, "I really enjoy smoking." I must confess that I fail to see any pleasurable aspects of smoking. But the real reason for smoking seems to be social pressures.

The physically detrimental effects of smoking are much broader than a smoker would lead you to believe. Due to concentrated and frequent exposure to smoke the mouth, throat, and lungs are extremely vulnerable to diseases, such as cancer and cannot function the way they should. This causes a shortage of breath, which tends to make the smoker do less physical exercise, which of course leads to the deterioration of the entire body. There are also many minor damages caused. These can be: "Smoker's lines" around the eyes, caused by a combination of wincing and deterioration of muscle tissue in that area; the yellow stained reprimating "nicotine fingers"; and unsightly stains on the teeth.

If someone would willingly destroy his own body, I can see that it is his own prerogative. However he has no right whatsoever to infringe on other peoples' right to a smoke-free environment. An awareness of this is causing many smokers to refrain until they are away from others who do not appreciate it, but they fail to realize the full effects of smoking. The non-smoker must still put up with smelly clothes, rooms, and breath from those who feel it is of such dire importance to inhale smoke.

2nd place
Bridget Toner
Grade 12

The Evils of Smoking

Once upon a time there was the ignorant human being and a funny-looking plant. Winter was soon to come and a fuel would be needed for the fire to keep him warm. The ignorant human dried and burnt the funny looking plant to warm himself. "ooh!" said he, as he sniffed up the fumes. So he tried many ways to sniff the fumes, first he used a bowl, but the wind blew the fumes every which way. Next he put the funny-looking plant in a hollow stick and it worked well, except it burnt his nose. "Ah" said he, the mouth might work, and it did. He went everywhere to show off his new discovery. Everyone looked at him with curious eyes and wanted to try this smoke breathing, and they did.

A time not long ago there was the doctor who saw the ignorant people, and the stick with the funny-looking plant inside. Some were very sick, coughing, choking and having a good old time.

Then there was the X-ray machine. "Look at that!" said the doctor, "Look at the funny looking lumps." The doctor wondered, "Could the funny looking plant cause this?" Without delay he dug in to find the facts. This funny-looking plant is bad medicine," he said in despair. He decided he had to warn the ignorant people. He put up signs and warnings, but ignorant people didn't see any danger. "We feel good" they said, "It's cool." The doctor was sad, there was nothing he could do. He saw them die and their children die and still no one saw the good he was doing.

3rd Place
Terry Kennard
Grade 12

Berlin Bear-a-Cudas Place First in European Forces Swim League; Didi Stowell and Jeff Edelman Capture Medals.

by Kim Farmelo

On April 25, 1982, the Berlin Bear-a-Cudas attended the 1982 6th Annual Invitational European Forces Swim League (FFSL), Championships held in Munich, Germany. All of the teams in the league, coming from West Berlin, West Germany, and Belgium, came to Munich for this big event.

To qualify for this meet, each swimmer must of had a fast enough time to be ranked in the top 10% of the league. From the Berlin Bear-a-Cuda Swim Team 44 swimmers qualified in either one or more events. The Bear-a-Cudas had the highest

amount of swimmers competing in the Invationals.

The Bear-a-Cudas had some exceptionally good swimmers. Didi Stowell gave an outstanding performance at the Olympiahalle in Munich. She walked away with two golds and a bronze. Didi placed first in freestyle and backstroke, and a third in Individual Medley Relay. Jeff Edelman also did quite well in this meet. He too walked away with two firsts and a third. Placing first in freestyle and Individual Medley Relay, and third in breaststroke, Jeff came close to all records in these events.

American Basketball Clinic To Be Held In Switzerland

by Grace Soltys

During the weeks of the 8th of August to the 22nd of August, there will be an American Basketball Clinic held in Leysin, Switzerland. The first week of the clinic will consist of a girl's session, and the second will consist of a boy's session.

The cost of this basketball camp is \$325.00. Room and board are included in this fee.

Students from all over Europe, including Italy and Norway, have

attended this clinic since it opened three years ago.

There will be room this year for sixty boys and sixty girls to attend this camp. However, the people who plan to attend the American Basketball clinic must be serious about the game of basketball, because the camp is a challenging experience.

Tennis Team is 1-1-1 in 3 matches for '82

by Peggy Vine

The Berlin American High School Tennis Team played Hanau on April 17th, Baumholder on April 24th and Bitburg on May 1st. The scores were 6-12, 9-9, and 10-8 respectively.

The Hanau match winners for the females were Robin Murphy, Peggy Vine and Natascha Urban and Foshage-Urban in doubles. The male winner was Delano Adams and Mark Lewis and Andy Blackwell won in doubles.

Baumholder played here and the male winners were Mark Lewis, Andy Blackwell and Delano Adams. Women were Peggy Vine, Marcia Spohn, and Patricia Foshage. The doubles which won were the teams of Murphy-Spohn, Lewis-Blackwell, and Foshage-Alexander.

Berlin played Bitburg there and the male winners were Nathan Childs, David Melvin and Tony Boring. The women were Susan Setzer, Peggy Vine, Marcia Spohn, and Patricia Foshage. Doubles teams who won were Setzer-Vine, Foshage-Alexander, and Lewis-Childs.

The team will play the remainder of the matches here every Saturday.

Athletes of the Issue

by David Melvin

With so many excellent athletes in our school it is difficult to pick but two, to be "Athletes of the Issue."

From the sport of soccer comes two nominees. From the Varsity team the nominee is Mark Millan. Mark has been named "excellent" by the opposing coaches in every game that he has played in. The J.V. soccer team's nominee is Doug Magruder. Doug, a starter in all four games, has scored an average of 2 goals per game.

From tennis we have both a male and female nominee. From the men's squad the nominee is Nathan Childs who, in spite of an ankle injury, won his match in straight sets. The female nominee is Sylvia Alexander. Sylvia did well in her first match.

From track the nominees are Tomotaka Cato, Marcus Fischler from the men's track team and Carrie Humel.

And this week's Athletes of the Issue are Mark Millan and Carrie Humel.

SOCCKER KICKS INTO ACTION!

by Diana Pederson

On the 17th of April, BAHS's soccer team was overpowered by Hanau 4-1. Andy Yoon was the single scorer for the day. Outstanding defensive players were Steve McDonald and Keith Muhart.

On the 24th of April, Berlin successfully conquered Baumholder with a final score, 3-2. In the first half, Bryan Frazier scored with a corner kick that was deflected into

the goal. Baumholder then scored to tie up the game, but Kevin Buckles put one in on a solo effort to advance Berlin 2-1. Baumholder once again evened the score. The game then went into overtime. Berlin's last minute drive, a well placed header centered by Kevin Buckles, was the key to their success. Outstanding players were: Kevin Buckles, center; Mark Millen, halfback; Pete Murphy, fullback.



Berlin Makes Tracks

by Suzanne Wood

Berlin's track and Field teams kept pace with Osterholz and Baumholder at a triangular meet in Osterholz on May 1.

Both the men's and women's teams competed in the match, and performed well, the men placing 2nd with 57 points, and the women 3rd with 19 points.

The three runners in the women's events were Carrie Huml, Stephanie Wise, and Tracey Feldman. Huml placed 1st in two events, running 1st in the 1500 and 3rd in the 200. Wise carried four events, coming in 3rd in the triple jump, in the 100, 2nd in the 200, and 1st in the long jump.

Twelve Berlin men placed 3rd or better in the day's event. Tomotaka Cato led the field in two events, running 1st in both the 1500, and 3000. John Wilburn placed in two events, 2nd in the 1500 and the 800. Marcus Fischler ran 3rd in the 800. Jerome Biron represented Berlin in the high hurdles, placing 3rd in the 110. Loren Washington jumped to 3rd in the high jump. Zan Davis came in 3rd in the triple jump and 1st in the shotput and in the discus. John Cervantes, in two events, placed 1st in the 400, and 3rd in the 200. Jim Triplett came in 2nd in the shotput. Berlin men (Cervantes, Fischler, Feldman and Wilburn) also placed 1st in the 1600 meter relay.

sports Regionals Approach Quickly

by Grace Soltys

Championship sites and dates have been set for the spring sports of track and tennis.

Track regionals will be held in Frankfurt on the 22nd of this month. The top athletes will then move on to Bonn for the Central European Finals on the 28th and 29th of May.

Tennis finals will be held in Weisbaden from the 27th to the 29th. Berlin will be sending the top men's and women's singles and doubles players.

The soccer playoff site has yet to be determined, but the AA North Champions will take on the AA South Champions on the 29th of May.

All Berlin American High School sports fans wish these teams luck.