

BEARIN' DOWN

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You CAN Collect for the ACS Can Drive

by Laurie Barsh

Wednesday marked the end of the 82/83 ACS Can Drive. The drive started on the first of December and continued on through the fifteenth. Students were to bring in canned goods which will go to the needy military families in Berlin. There was a competition among the classes to see which grade level class could bring in the most cans. The winners of the can drive will be given a free dance with chaperons, sponsored by ACS. This dance will be opened to the student body but they must pay.

When asked to comment on the can drive Mr. Sennett replied, "I think that the competition between the classes is beneficial to both the school and the community. Berlin American High School has enjoyed participating in this community activity for many years and it's nice to see our students thinking of others."

Teachers Work on a Holiday

by Carrie Abel

Have you ever wondered what the teachers and faculty members do at teacher workshops? Would you like to know what these hard working people are going to do tomorrow, while the students are living it up at home.

Their day is going to start off at 8:30 in the morning. Mrs. Black and Mrs. Rowlands will preside over the first half of the meeting concerning the Talented and Gifted program. The agenda for the first half includes the history of T.A.G., why we have a T.A.G. program in Berlin, the T.A.G. program at B.A.H.S., and the types of programs for the T.A.G.

After a short lunch break the meeting will resume with Mr. Benson, Mr. Sennett, Mr. Eichmer, Mr. Coffin, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Pinschmidt presiding. They will discuss the department work on Articulation for NCA, Science, Art, Careers, Music work on self-studies, and the departments work on updating the curriculum course of study. The meeting is scheduled to end at 3:30.

Publications Class
would like to wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



ACS Can Drive

a
success



BAHS learns from Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week

by Mark Millen

Last Friday was the end of the Berlin Community's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. All over the Berlin Command and in the High School the many problems and bad effects of drug and alcohol abuse were brought out into the open.

In the school several films were shown in many classes on this subject and on the results of using these substances.

Mr. Schmoll's Speech and Drama class was instructed to write short plays concerning some aspect of drug or alcohol consumption. The members of the class have performed these plays on many occasions.

It is hoped that the students of the high school have learned something from these experiences and will use this knowledge in the future.

SCHOOL PERFORMS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

by Tim Felker

Last week, the Choral department performed the musical Christmas on Angel Street for the PTA and the classes which elected to see it. Each performance was a success despite the relatively short period of time the play was practiced. The hard work of the students involved and the talents of Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Ahrens, and Mr. and Mrs. Beech combined to produce a wonderful Christmas play.

Although the plot could be likened to the consistency of hot chicken broth, the audiences showed their appreciation for the professional manner in which the actors and actresses played their roles. A commendable effort was put in by the main characters: Amy Deevers, Larry Speer, Beth Deasy, Kevin Doty, Tom Britton, and Tim Felker. These students and most of the choral department gave up their own time in

BAHS STUDENTS GIVE PRESENTS

TO: Michelle, my best friend ever
FROM: Laurie
GIFT: My left ear, and my love.

TO: David M.
FROM: Laurie
GIFT: A case of Diet Pepsi.

TO: Angela B.
FROM: Kathy
GIFT: A hammer that changed to a hamburger that is a hockey puck.

TO: Larry
FROM: The empty bottle gang
GIFT: 25 shares of Coca-Cola and a no spill bottle.

To: Sputnik
From: Russia with love
Gift: Salt II and Pepper shakers

TO: David M.
FROM: M.U. 1
GIFT: Cruise to radical Malibu and like catch some really gnarlastic waves. Totally!

TO: J.J. Jones
FROM: Cyndie
GIFT: All the Robert Ludlum books you can read and no practice for a week.

TO: Mr. Huffer
FROM: Advanced Math Class
GIFT: A class that does homework.

TO: Cyndie
FROM: Laurie
GIFT: A bottle of TIPP-EX!!

TO: Deb
FROM: Audrey
GIFT: High-heeled shoes.

TO: David B.
FROM: A concerned party of five
GIFT: MANEATER repellent

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



APATHY...WHO CARES?

by Deb Kottke

Berlin American High School has many fine qualities about it that deserve more recognition than it receives. It's about time to give credit to B.A.H.S. (Think positive, right?)

We have received recognition throughout DoDDS for having some of the better athletic programs. In the past issues of the Bearin' Down, "Athletes of the Issue" were chosen. B.A.H.S. has many fine athletes who work hard to keep up the esteem and morale!

We have also been recognized as having the finest facilities in Europe. "How?" you ask? We have the latest in educational aides and the best-stocked specialty classes in the sciences and shop departments. Our teachers were even "hand-selected" to guide us through our learning process.

These are but a few of the reasons why B.A.H.S. should be the best in the world. But!...Something is missing.

The Drill team works hard toward perfecting their routines and performing during sporting events and halftimes. But!...Something is missing.

The Drama Club formulated in September and prepared themselves for the production of God's Favorite. They made it successful though there were minor setbacks. It involved much hard work in completing their endeavor. Their latest project was helping the Choral department with the musical. A few of the drama club members volunteered their time as elves for AFN's Snowball Satellite. But!...Something is miss-

ing.

The Band began preparing for the school year during the summer. They performed a fall recital of music with the choruses. During football season they, the tall flags, and drum corps put forth a fine effort of good music and routines because of much practice. But!...Something is missing.

One club that is new to B.A.H.S. is the Photo club. Students interested in photography should take a look into this club. They have many activities planned pertaining to the basics of photography. But!...Something is still missing.

These extra-curricular clubs and groups are just a few at B.A.H.S. who work hard toward maintaining an image of excellence. There are still many more who are not mentioned but assist in this task.

I'm sure that by now you're all wondering just what is missing. To get to the point, YOU are missing! Berlin American High School, even with all the fine qualities, lacks "participation". We need 100% involvement by all the team to maintain excellence and morale. Everyone from the newest freshman to the seniors, the faculty, and administration should be totally committed to maintaining school involvement. Most of the students who display total involvement and commitment will allow the exposure and experience to assume the responsibility of those graduating or transferring to the U.S. Do something! The time is now. Think about it! Just what have you contributed thus far to making this school successful??



Are You Eating With Jerks

by Peter Boatner

The next time you're in the cafeteria at lunch time, look around you. Does it seem like the people around you are mostly nice, cool people? Well, most of them might be nice, but a lot of them are jerks, and just plain stupid.

This year alone, over 800 trays have disappeared from the cafeteria, as well as a comparable amount of silverware. Some of it was carried out of the cafeteria and was inadvertently left out, but most of it (get this!) was thrown away!

Now what kind of social reject would do this? With 10 seconds and a stroll across the cafeteria, your tray is back where it should be. Why throw it away? For thrills? If your kicks come from wasting pieces of plastic, your life must be pretty dull.

So, to all you jerks throwing the trays away, QUIT IT! We all end up paying for it, and it only reflects your ignorance, not your coolness. And the rest of you, keep your eyes open for those jerks.

CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS

TO: My family
FROM: John Jones
GIFT: My love.

TO: The World
FROM: Richard Lewis
GIFT: Joy to the world and peace.

TO: Miss Barlow
FROM: Kelly Meister
GIFT: The shortest Christmas tree.

TO: Steve
FROM: Pam
GIFT: All my love forever.

TO: Chris F.
FROM: 31
GIFT: The love in my heart.

TO: Hot lips (guy)
FROM: Secret Admire
GIFT: Happy wishes for second time around.

TO: L. A.
FROM: The "Kid"
GIFT: A heart full of love forever and ever.

TO: Robert Taylor
FROM: You know who
GIFT: You and I

TO: "Shrock"
FROM: Someone
GIFT: A prayer for her baby

TO: B. T. S.
FROM: D. M. S.
GIFT: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

TO: Penny Bland
FROM: Kathy, Audrey, Angela
GIFT: A short and sassy haircut

TO: Laurie Barsh
FROM: Cyndie Duckett
GIFT: Thanks for your friendship and help. Have a Merry Christmas!

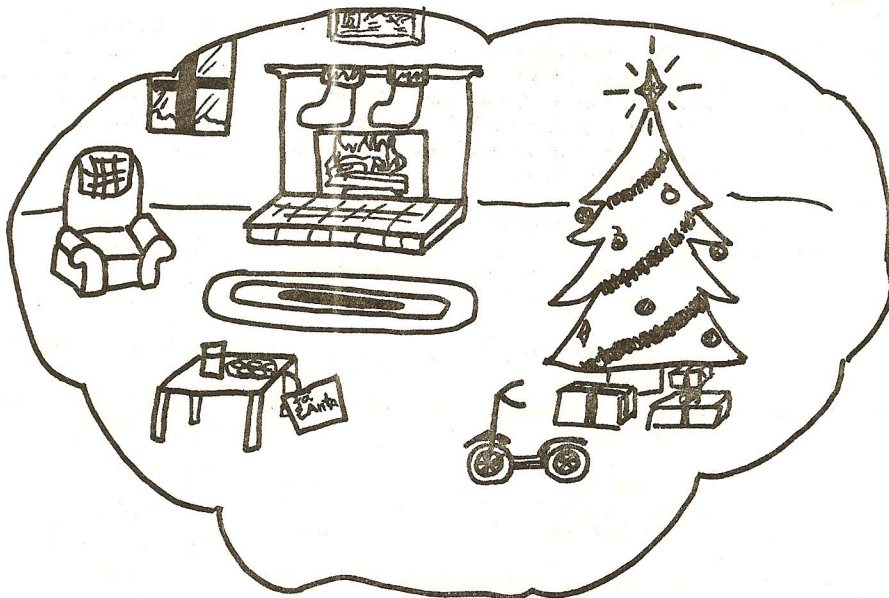
TO: LEE
FROM: M and S
GIFT: New gloves

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WE'RE DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS...



The 1982-83 Publications class
wishes you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

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TO: Kristel Doty
FROM: Stacy Wahlquist
GIFT: "The Gift of Friendship".

TO: Matt Dover, Beth Deasy, Laurie Pazik, Al Leonard, Chuck Bluem, Chaz Wieland
FROM: Bobby Harrell Jr.
GIFT: A merry, merry Christmas and a happy, happy New Year

TO: Kathy and Audrey
FROM: The "third grader"
GIFT: "Shortening" and perm neutralizer

TO: Carl Dover
FROM: "Gifted"
GIFT: Putt-Putt

TO: Mark Millen
FROM: Beth Deasy
GIFT: After all that we have been through - my love now and forever

TO: Laura M.
FROM: Patty
GIFT: My everlasting friendship and the will to decide

TO: Someone very special
FROM: Josephine Ichihara
GIFT: My love

TO: Vince
FROM: Barbara
GIFT: Hugs and kisses and my everlasting love

TO: Laura Morgan
FROM: Big "K"
GIFT: 18 roses and all my love

To: Laurie
From: David
Gift: 5 inches

TO: Amy Rash
FROM: Your best friends Paul, Brian, and Mindy
GIFT: A safe flight to the States and a merry Christmas

TO: Richard Lewis
FROM: P.E. class
GIFT: Tape for your mouth

TO: Colleen
FROM: Christy
GIFT: Merry Christmas

TO: The 4 aces minus one
FROM: The smartest ace
GIFT: Friendship always and memories to cherish

TO: Mr. Chavis
FROM: Steve
GIFT: Matching clothes

TO: Stephen Norman
FROM: Angiela Sablan
GIFT: Whatever you want

TO: Mr. Sullivan
FROM: Erik Brush
GIFT: A box of Green Bay Packers neck ties, a Garfield "Bigger than life" book, and best wishes from the class of '83.

TO: All my friends
FROM: K. R.
GIFT: Thanks for being there. Merry Christmas.

TO: Frank
FROM: Sharon
GIFT: A lot more love for a very long time

TO: Sharon
FROM: Frank
GIFT: My love

TO: Jessica, Aimie, Rose, Didi, Peg and Sidney
FROM: Kim and Missy
GIFT: Have a drink on me. Merry Christmas you guys.

TO: Jessica, Aimie, Didi, Rose, Peg and Sidney
FROM: Missy and Kim
GIFT: A man from Nantucket

TO: Beetle Bailey
FROM: Thunder Thighs
GIFT: It's been great knowing you. Party on.

TO: Liz
FROM: Wendy
GIFT: John Jones

TO: Mr. Conway
FROM: 2nd period
GIFT: Your own fish tank

TO: Amy Rash
FROM: John
GIFT: \$1,000,000

TO: The Music and Chorus Department
FROM: Kevin Tapee
GIFT: Thank you for all the sweet sounds you make at Christmas. Merry Christmas to you all

TO: Mike Wallize
FROM: M.B.
GIFT: 2 extra feet of height

TO: Tracey Dale
FROM: Christine Heidel
GIFT: Brian Hudson

TO: S.W.E.K.
FROM: 'E'lisa
GIFT: Here's hoping our first Christmas together is a good one

TO: Cyndie
FROM: Laurie
GIFT: For your "bath tub" a pair of flugles, and a rubber ducky.

TO: Darrin
FROM: Angela
GIFT: Tape deck and Vicky and my friendship

TO: Laura
FROM: Marcia
GIFT: I give you the will to make your own decisions for what is right for you and I'll always stand behind you.

TO: Cathy
FROM: Marcia
GIFT: Hang in there, baby.

TO: Bootsy
FROM: Muffy
GIFT: We widows stick together

TO: Craiggie Nikolaus
FROM: Guess who?
GIFT: A night off from the Harnack House the 15th of January.

TO: Kathy Kottke
FROM: M.R.
GIFT: Another message

TO: Mr. Sullivan
FROM: A student
GIFT: A book of funny & new jokes

TO: Marcia S.
FROM: Patty P.
GIFT: A plane ticket to Appalachian

TO: Dennis C., Alex M., Ral D.
FROM: Rob Deuey
GIFT: A getaway car

TO: Debbie Outland
FROM: Kelly Meister
GIFT: A trip back to Texas

TO: Mr. No-Laugh
FROM: The other yellow locker
GIFT: A giant blow up doll to keep you company on weekends and vacations

TO: PEB
FROM: DAB
GIFT: All my love forever and ever

TO: Elain
FROM: Debbie
GIFT: A magic pen to take all your American Government notes while you do your other homework

TO: Mrs. Bair
FROM: Moon Unit One
GIFT: A book on Interior Decorating (squeak, squeak)

TO: Matt Dover, Beth Deasy, Laurie Pazik, Al Leonard, Chuck Bluem, Chaz Wieland.
FROM: Bobby Harrell Jr.
GIFT: A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TO: Bobby Harrell
FROM: Yhoshekia
GIFT: Pick on somebody your own size.

TO: Vicky Brown
FROM: George Moffett
GIFT: All my love.

Outlook

Without You

I write you letters and tell you I'm fine,
That everything's going well.
This place is nice, the people are fun,
But life without you is hell.

I think of you as I go along,
Memories fill my mind.
But it's hard to keep going with
you not here,
Oh, I shouldn't have left you behind.

I've made some friends, they're good to have,
I need them when I feel low.
But I need you too, for I love you,
And I miss you so.

This time last year was special,
The thoughts and dreams we shared.
Christmas is better with one you love,
I hope you know I cared.

I know some day we'll meet again
Maybe it can last.
But I have to keep looking forward,
We cannot live in the past.

To: B.W.



Merry Christmas and Ho Ho Ho
Santa's on the way so don't be slow
Decorate your tree with trinkets of dough
And fill up the stockings for Stephanie and Joe

Prices went up and the economy is down
Santa's elves are on strike int the center of town
Their pay is cheap and the is much
It seems this Christmas no one will spend a buck

But look on the bright sidethere's always Christmas
cheer

Santa only comes around once a year
So enjoy the time that you spend with your friens
And just remember the fun will never end..

by Tammy D

CHRISTMAS

December brings Christmas cheer

With Santa and his reindeer.

On that holy, Silent night

Santa boards his sleigh for flight.

Little children asleep in bed

With merry dreams in thier head.

Along the fireplace the stockings are hung neat

In hopes that Santa will leave a treat.

When the night is finally through

Santa will have visted you.

by Kelly Meister
grade 11



Another Angel

There's one less angel in the world
One less person to live
So there'll be one less plate on the table
One less gift to give

But on the Eve of Christmas
When the church bells ring
There'll be one more heavenly tone to be heard
One more angle to sing.

RMH grade 11

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From the
PUBLICATIONS
CLASS



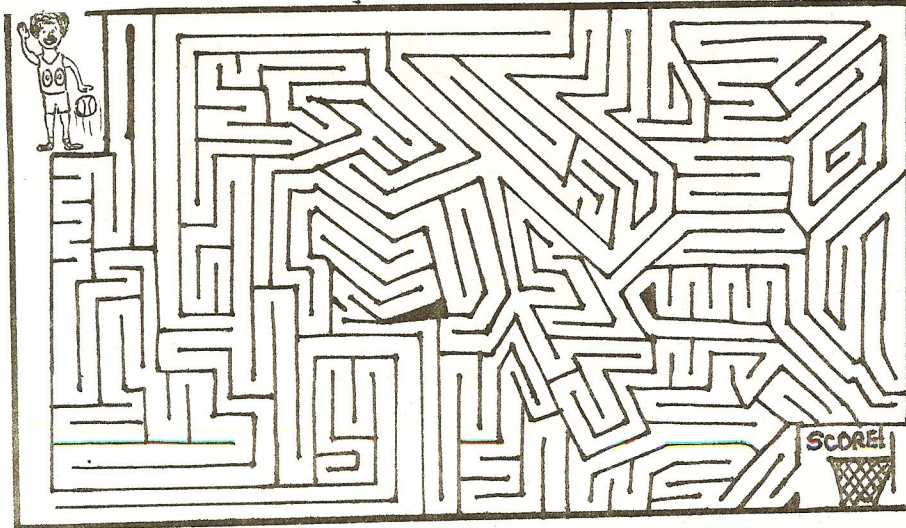
Dingbat

See that guy
Over there
The one with short
Curly hair
Look at his style
Look at his pose
He's one person
To whom I'd propose
Look how he walks
He's such a hunk
I must be a dingbat
I must be a punka
Look at the glare
He has in his eyes
I don't know why
But I'm hypnotized
Look at his face
His smile is a glow
He's a boy
I used to know
He's full of life
Full of zeal
I don't know why
But he has appeal
I remember his hands
They move with such grace
But I can't keep my eyes
Away from his face
He struts down the hall
With his long legs
But I still think his
finger tips
Look like pegs
I hope I run into him
In someplace bizzar
Somewhere like
A singles bar
Christmas vacation
Oh I hope it goes fast
Two weeks without him
I don't think I'll last
But one thing will save me
A gift full of bliss
One gift from him
One little kiss.

ME

HELP THE JOCK SCORE

by Deb Kottke



"A-Maze Yourself" is revisited! Estimated time: 6 min.

Girls Soccer Starts !

by Andrea Dedman

This year Bahs is trying out a first, a Girls Indoor Soccer League. It is being coached by Mr. Babineau, who states that "The main purpose of this league, is to give the girls a chance to work on their skills, in preparation for the outdoor girls soccer team this spring, at which time they will get to compete against other teams in the Dodds system.

Mr. Babineau, along with Herr Prigge are currently trying to arrange with German girls leagues, a chance for the two to play each other as a means of just practice not competition.

The Girls Indoor Soccer League's a new idea, so of course it has its problems, one of which is finding a place to practice, which is pretty difficult, considering all of the sports activities now going on. An ideal place to practice would be the dya indoor gym, but as league member Peggy VanGorder put it, "The indoor soccer teams always have priority over the school's. They manage to get in some practice time on Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30."

**HAVE A
SPORTY
X - MAS**



Bear-a-cudas faces First Defeat to Seals

by Cyndie Duckett

On Nov. 4, the Berlin Bear-a-cuda Swim Team once again traveled, this time to SHAPE, Belgium. This is the meet the Bear-a-cudas have been working for. The SHAPE Seals are the only team that has beaten the Bear-a-cudas. The Seals have not been beaten in their own pool and Berlin was hoping to break that streak. Unfortunately, they lost with a score of 196-220.

Berlin had many outstanding swimmers. Chris Minderman and Didi Stowell both had first place finishes.

Laura Jacoby, Steve Nezuch, Cathy Speer, Tammy Stoeber, J.J. Jones, Ann Zimmerman, Lisa Millen, Shelby Crawford, Jennifer Hewitt, Bryan Duckett, Jeff Edelman, and Cyndie Duckett all helped Berlin in the feat to try and beat SHAPE.

The 10 and under mixed freestyle relay broke the league record, which they have tried so hard to break. The relay consisted of Peter Rigney, Peter Stowell, Kathleen Belz and Karen Edelman.

Berlin will have another chance to beat SHAPE here in Berlin in March. Last year SHAPE was beaten by the Bear-a-cudas in Berlin and they are hoping it will happen again this year.

Guys Take It To The Hoop

by Marcella Jones

Saturday, Dec. 18 the boys and girls basketball teams will scrimmage Wiesben at the BB gym.

"The boys basketball teams and really working hard," said Mr. Moller the coach and sponor. He also said, "Most of these kids are freshmen and sophomores and they have very little experience except in the DYA programs. Some may have played a little ball in the states but most of them have had little or no experience. They do show a lot of potential but they need some coaching to make our league. We are asking for support from the cheerleaders and the student body. Good manners from the crowds and good sportsmanship from the players maybe we can make it."

Mr. Bryner is the coach and sponor of the varsity basketball team.

He said, "The goals of the two teams are to have a successful season. We would like each player to qualify for the end season tournament. We still have a way to go."

Girls Go to Hoop

by Sam Anderson

The Berlin American H.S. girls basketball team, will pop the nets once again starting tomorrow.

This years varsity team consists of no returners, but J.W.s from last year and the Junior Varsity is made up of some non-experienced 1st timers.

"We really have talent, but we have some lazy people", commented a player.

Mrs. Rowlands returns to coach her team to victory, and she brings a new staff; Sgt. e. Foster will assist Sgt. Scott, and teacher, Q. Williams will assist Mrs. Rowlands.

No coaches were available for comments at the time.

Concerned Wrestler Speaks out on Misprint

Dear Sports Editor,

The Wrestling schedule in the no. 5 edition is wrong. It indicates that all meets are away. balderdash! We have two home meets. Jan. 15 and one other.

Larry Speer

Dear Mr. Speer,

Thank you for letting us know about this error, but you have to take our situation into consideration. This box was done at the last minute, due to the lack of manpower and time.

In all due respect thank you.

Sports Editor
Bearin' Down