

Booster Club supports BAHS Cubs

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The beginning of the basketball and wrestling season is cause enough to bring the Berlin American High School Cubs Athletic Booster Club anew to the attention of the American public in Berlin. Many persons are members of the Booster Club. They have purchased their tickets and feel the necessity of supporting the high school athletic youths, both male and female. What about the rest of the American "Berliners"? It may be that many people are unaware of the purpose and nature of the Booster Club.

The Booster Club is a relatively new organization. It was founded in 1969 and has been active in the high school athletic program since that time. Officers of the Booster Club are newly elected each year. The office holders for the 1973/74 school year are the following: President, Charles E. Branam; First Vice President, Donald E. Malloy; Second Vice President, John E. Miller; Secretary, Margaret Smith; and Treasurer, Marilyn A. Schneider.

The Booster Club supports completely the USAREUR Policy on Equal Opportunity and will not discriminate against a high school youth on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

According to the Booster Club constitution the objectives of the club are four-fold:

1. To promote Berlin American Community interest in the athletic program of the Berlin Cubs.
2. To encourage family interest in school sports so that parents and students will support the athletic programs of the Berlin Cubs — either through active participation or as spectators.

3. To raise funds to provide special support not otherwise available for the interscholastic athletic program of the Berlin Cubs, both male and female.
4. To arrange occasional meetings with the Berlin American High School coaches so that they can explain and discuss with Club members the various sports programs of the school.

The Booster Club makes a valiant effort annually to raise funds to support the high school interscholastic athletic program, i. e. to purchase sport equipment, to fund out-of-town trips, to pay for field clean-up, as well as various odds and ends that are not covered by other monies.

To spell it out more concretely, this year the Booster Club has already spent \$595.09 on sporting equipment alone and is paying \$2.50 per athlete for one-day trips and \$3.50 per athlete for weekend trips. Including only the travels of the golf, football, cross-country and volleyball teams, the Booster Club has expended \$1,258.87, giving these young athletes the tangible assistance they warrant.

Funds are raised through various methods of operation. Throughout the year Booster Club tickets are sold to the public for \$1.00 each and not more than \$5.00 per family. These tickets enable the holder to attend each home game with no additional charge — a real bargain.

Furthermore, the Booster Club operates concession stands, selling food and drinks to the spectators. A major endeavor will be made during the basketball season in this area. In addition, mascot buttons, gummed stickers, tote bags, sweatshirts and other catchy items will be sold

in order to raise the necessary money. In other words each ticket, hot dog — or any item bought — is not only a personal gain for the individual, but also a very positive way to aid and encourage these high school athletes.

Basketball and wrestling 73/74 has been launched and is in full swing. The following schedules are produced for the benefit of the reader:

BASKETBALL

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| Dec. 7-8 | Berlin vs Würzburg, away |
| Dec. 14-15 | Berlin vs Munich, home |
| Jan. 11-12 | Berlin vs Karlsruhe, away |
| Jan. 18-19 | Berlin vs Augsburg, home |
| Jan. 25-26 | Berlin vs Katterbach, away |
| Feb. 1-2 | Berlin vs Zweibrücken, home |
| Feb. 8-9 | Berlin vs Baumholder, away |

WRESTLING

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| Dec. 7-8 | Berlin, Baumholder, Wiesbaden, Kaiserslautern, home |
| Dec. 14-15 | Berlin, Katterbach, Würzburg at Würzburg |
| Jan. 11-12 | Berlin, Frankfurt, Bitburg, Karlsruhe at Frankfurt |
| Jan. 18-19 | Berlin, AFCENT, Zweibrücken at Zweibrücken |
| Jan. 25-26 | Berlin, Karlsruhe, Augsburg, Würzburg at Karlsruhe |

Ample reasons exist, dictating why everyone should give their support to our young athletes. This is an area in which every adult can share in the lives of Berlin American High School students.