



RAEDEANE KNUTSON (LEFT) AND SANDRA SENAY, 11th grade students, help put a new coat of paint on a bookcase during the Clean-Up Day at the High School.



LAURIE WALTHERS, A 7TH GRADE STUDENT, struggles to close the bag of trash she collected from the AYA Football Field.

# BAHS has a Clean-Up Day

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Instead of the usual books, notepads, and pencils; it was mops, brooms, and buckets for the students of the Berlin-American High School Friday, October 18.

The occasion was Clean-Up Day, the first ever for the high school. The students were busy sweeping, mopping, and dusting their desks, chairs, windows, and hallways. (And in some cases of over-enthusiastic students—themselves!)

The day was planned, organized, and executed by the students after a student meeting October 15, when the problem of the untidy cafeteria was brought up. Mary Stempinski, a 12th grade student, suggested giving the entire school a general clean-up; and the next thing she knew, she was project officer for Clean-Up Day. She began the task of rearranging the daily schedule, assigning areas to be cleaned and teachers' responsibilities during the day. Tony Parks, coordinator, set about obtaining the necessary equipment from the Supply and Services Division.

Finally, the preparations were finished, and the Clean-Up Day arrived. Classes were shortened to ten minutes each, and after the fifth period class, the students, with sponges, mops, and rags in hand, began the job of cleaning their classrooms. The musical talents of Barbara Streisand and Abba from the many radios blended with the school cheers and shouts as the students worked. A

general holiday atmosphere was evident with a great deal of laughing, shouting, and enthusiasm on the part of the students and teachers, continuing throughout the day. Teachers, who probably grabbed the nearest bottle of aspirin after the day was over, could be seen supervising and helping the students along in their endeavors.

After the classrooms received the "spit and polish" treatment, each class was assigned a specific area of the building to be cleaned. The areas included hallways, lobbies, and the Student Union (cafeteria). Two enterprising young women were perched on top of the lockers, scrubbing away in time to the music and shouting their favorite school cheer.

When all was finished inside the school building, work was started on the outside. The football field was policed, parking lots were swept, and the school grounds were generally prettied up.

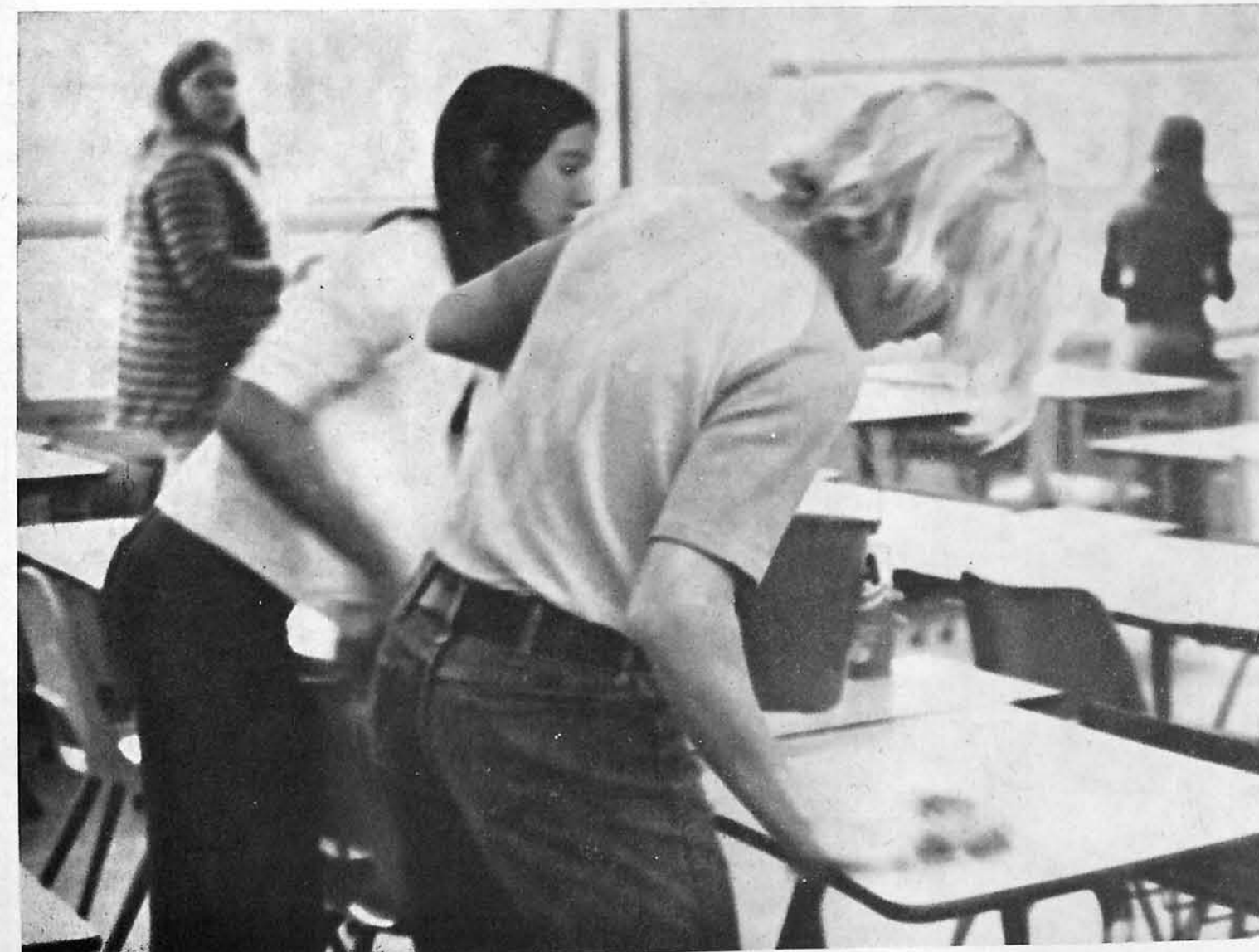
After the clean-up had been completed, three members of the Berlin-American community were invited to inspect and choose a winning classroom and class area. Berlin Brigade's Command Sergeant Major Gerald Davis Sr., Sergeant First Class Morris Albert of FSB, and Mr. Kendall Coats of the Engineer and Installation Division went through the school looking at classrooms, hallways, and lobbies, inspecting the students' work.

The Clean-Up Day ended with a pep rally held in the gym, complete with confetti, cheerleaders, and plenty of shouts and cheers. CSM Davis announced; Dr. Erika Shimmer's high school German class, Mr. Werner Prigge's junior high German class, and Mrs. Carol Marsh's ninth grade science class took first place for the shiniest classroom. The freshman class was declared the overall winner for their work in the Student Union.

Mr. Leon Rivers, Deputy Principal of the high school, summed up the day. "I think it (Clean-Up Day) went well, I did see a lot of kids who expressed a change of attitude, perhaps it was the first time they really felt they were a part of the school."



BARBARA THIEDE (LEFT), DARLEE MORRIS (CENTER), AND SONDR LANGENFELD (RIGHT) show that teamwork helps during a Clean-Up Day. All the girls are junior high students.



CAROL NEWSON, A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT, scrubs her desk during the Clean-Up Day at the Berlin American High School.



DIANA TURLINGTON (LEFT) AND BECKY LEWKOWICZ, BOTH 9TH GRADE STUDENTS, sweep the parking lot in front of the school.