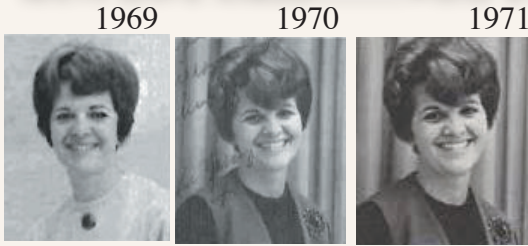


MANY HAVE ASKED.....WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO MRS. DEYOUNG????



Faculty 1968-1971

Mrs. DeYoung (the former Ms. Polly Croom), math teacher, cheerleading advisor and senior sponsor left BAHS after the '71 school year for another DoDDs school, London Central. Over the years apparently no one had heard from her...but many had asked. She was a mentor to many. Sandi (Hoosack) Trader '70 to the rescue. Sandi (Sam as she's now called) played detective and unearthed the following information:

Thanks Sandi!



Faculty London Central 2007

School Presents Musical Spoof

The Berlin American High School music and drama departments will present a production of the Broadway musical "Bye Bye Birdie" at the school April 4, 5 and 6 under the direction of David Hall and Miss Polly Croom.

"Bye Bye Birdie" is the story of Conrad Birdie, a rock and roll singer who is drafted into the Army, and the situations which encompass him.

The cast members of the musical comedy are: Molly McCord, Bob Gardener, Linn Harrison, Larry Fisher, Joanne Whittaker, Walter Townsend, Becky Philips and Nanci Sommers.

1968



April 1968 Teaching in Berlin Polly Croom co-directs the Musical Drama "Bye Bye Birdie"

Teacher of the Year 2000

Mary Pauline DeYoung
United Kingdom District

A student of Ms. DeYoung said, "She has not only intelligence, but wisdom enough to influence every child that steps into her room." Polly's impact on the educational environment of the school extends beyond the classroom. She plays a strong leadership role in the school and is looked upon with reverence by the community. Her reward in teaching lies in her students realizing, as they venture into the world, that she has touched their lives. A teacher for 40 years, Polly received her MA from Mercer University.

Polly DeYoung closes out her teaching career at London Central, a DoDDs school

Polly DeYoung's comments to students at the closing ceremonies of London Central as reported by Bryan Mitchell, Stars and Stripes European edition, Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Polly DeYoung, who taught at London Central from 1971 through 2005 and was described by a fellow teacher as the "Queen mother of London Central," reminded students that — despite the challenges that might lie ahead in new schools and new countries — London Central has prepared them well.

"We've been through a lot together: problems and protests, drawbacks and shutdowns," she said. "We've been through peace, and we've been through war. And, like always, we'll get through with it and move on."

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