

# BEAR FACTS



**WE LEAVE IN SORROW...** The graduating class of 1960 of the Berlin American High School. Front row—1, to r.: Kenn Doerkson, Terrell Gandy, Ed Newland, and Tommy Giles. Second row: John Corra Annette Kotinek, and Noriko Sono. Third row: Beverly Jager, Pat Johnson, and Kathy Sipos. Fourth row: Carol Willoughby, Nettie Scott, Marilee Shaw, Connie Bullock, and Miss Murcott. Back row: Kenneth Knott, Carolyn Weyand, Virginia Ing, and Gordon Rankin.

## Futures, Memories, and Right Now

As this article is being written we are going into the last part of our school year 1959-1960. We are looking forward to the 60's to bring some of our plans to fruition as we look back over (in my case) two wonderful years in this beautiful World-focus city of Berlin. Memories are such wonderful things to cherish, plans for the future are so necessary and so much enjoyment and they are both made possible by what we are doing Right Now.

Now, with this in mind, lets give a little thought to the present situation, to the Right Now. I can think of many things that you have done (and are doing). Mostly I think of the fine things you have done that will bring you and me good memories and have prepared you to do other useful things because there is nothing that takes the place of experience. If you are wise you will turn the bad experiences of Right Now into stepping stones for you future. None of us live without mistakes and our true character comes out when we are under stress.

So, if our Right Nows are worthwhile efforts to better ourselves and/or help our fellowman our memories will well-up as happy pictures and the future will be promising because we will know how to meet obstacles with fortitude and with objectivity so that all who come into contact with us will be better and happier people from having known us.

As I call roll Right Now of my friends in Berlin in my memories, joy reigns supreme in those **Beautiful Memories** and I look forward to an eventful future more securely because I have known YOU.

Auf Wiederseh'n!  
Mrs. Anderson

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

On May 6th in the Amerika Haus, Carol Willoughby and Bob Bullock were given awards as first place winners in Group One and Group Two, respectively, of the Know Your Neighbor Essay Contest. Both of the winning Essays will be entered in the European finals. In each group three other contestants placed: Group One—Ella Sue Bone, second place; Steve Corra, third place; Marilyn Hor, honorable mention; Group Two—Connie Bullock, second place; Lee Ewing, third place; Kathleen McConahay, honorable mention.

## Memories of 1960

Eighteen students compose the graduating class of '60 in the only American High School behind the Iron Curtain.

The Seniors of the Berlin American High School established many new traditions and upheld some of the old ones. Because of a USAREUR ruling prohibiting class trips, the Seniors led by Class President, Kenn Doerkson, launched a series of excursions that they called the Cultural Series. Under this program, the eighteen upperclassmen attended a Jazz concert, the Viennese Ice Show, and several Japanese movies. The Seniors carried on an old custom when they produced the annual Jr-Sr Play. With the help of Mrs. Mackatee the classes put on three performances of the Agatha Christie mystery, "Ten Little Indians". The money from the play will be used to give the class of '60 a party on the night of graduation.

With the help of Miss Murcott, class sponsor, the Seniors selected their officers. Carolyn Weyand was elected to the top slot, but resigned when she was voted Student Body President, and she was replaced by Kenn Doerkson. The Veep slot was filled by Gordon Rankin, while Carol Willoughby took the minutes and Connie Bullock held the checkbook.

Seniors held key offices in the activities of the school. Carolyn Weyand was the Student Council President; Beverly Jager held the office of President of Epistol Theta; Carol Willoughby presided as editor of the yearbook, *Erinnerungen*; Ken Knott acted as head official of the American Youth Activities; and Kathy Sipos was the Editor of the "Bear Facts".

The class was given a distinction of honor through the numerous prizes and honors won by the members of the 12th

grade. In March, the whole student body chose "Miss Berlin High" who was Senior Carol Willoughby. Kenn Doerkson and Tommy Giles represented the class at the Science Fair in Heidelberg. In February, Seniors; Carolyn Weyand, Nettie Scott, Beverly Jager, Kathy Sipos, Carol Willoughby, and Marilee Shaw represented the United States at the German Green Week Exposition where they acted as hostesses at the American Pavilion, called "Farm Life—USA". After tryouts at school, Marilee Shaw was chosen to announce a radio show on AFN which she called "Music With Marilee". Kathy Sipos wrote a column called "Teen Talk" for the Berlin Observer. The Ninettes, a singing group, had three members from the Senior class; Nettie Scott, Carol Willoughby and Annette Kotinek.

The upperclassmen were well represented on the Honor Roll. Carol Willoughby, Carolyn Weyand, Marilee Shaw, Kathy Sipos, Connie Bullock, Kenn Doerkson, and Noriko Sono all had grades above the 3.5 minimum.

Not only scholastically, but in the sports field as well the Seniors were out in front. Carol Willoughby was Co-capt of the Cubettes, John Corra, Gordon Rankin, Terrell Gandy, and Charles Ehrmann were Lettermen. Ed Newland and Tommy Giles were the managers of the athletic teams.

Class rings were ordered and the members of the class proudly wore them. Pins were designed by the students and made by a German firm.

The largest graduating class in the history of Berlin American High School had an international makeup. The four countries represented were Canada, Germany, Japan, and the United States.

# SPORTS

# Prophecy

# EDITORIAL BY KATHY SIPOS

The hard-hitting Berlin Cubs smashed their way to a 4-1 record in football to give BAHS its second USAREUR title in as many years. Football fans were thrilled by the tactics introduced by Cubs captain Sandy Salisbury. Lee Ewing, John Arnold, Buddy North and Sandy Salisbury made the All-USAREUR squad.

The Cubs opened the season with a 21-6 victory over Karlsruhe. The Knights were battered to a pulp and finally conceded defeat with the final gun shot.

The Homecoming was against Bremerhaven. Bremerhaven was mauled to say the least by a score 27-6.

Berlin squeezed by the next game with Bitburg. Hero, Sandy Salisbury, tackled a Baron player in the end zone for a needed 2 points. Berlin defeated Bitburg 15-14.

Karlsruhe attempted once more to beat the Cubs, but their task was fruitless. The Cubs outlasted Karlsruhe for a tremendous 24-12 victory. Berlin had capped the USAREUR crown.

Our graduating class has proven a great help for the Cubs. Next year we will miss Gordon Rankin, Terrell Gandy, and John Corris. We wish them the best of success in following football years.

Again it was another successful year for the Cubs in the rough game of football.

Coach Timmerman, affectionately called JET, guided the Cubs to a 5-7 record in basketball. Playing with stiff competition, the Cubs staunchly fought for the pride of BAHS.

One member of the team, Sandy Salisbury, earned an All-USAREUR patch in the Class A league. This was obtained by a 20 point average.

Berlin won their first two games. Baumholder fell to the Cubs by scores of 40-37; and Bitburg 45-24.

The Cubs were set back by Bremerhaven. The rival team fought right to the last buzzer but Bremerhaven had the edge 42-37.

The next encounter was against mighty Frankfurt. Berlin had no chance whatsoever, but undaunted, they played their hardest until the Eagles flew away by a score of 83-47.

The six Cubettes contributed much to the spirit of the team. Thank-you Jill Faulkner, Carol Willoughby, Judy Klies, Carol Knott, Jill Vaughn and Judy Deason.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Berlin High has reorganized its chapter of the National Honor Society under the direction of Mr. Horner. The installation ceremony was held on May 13th at the Outpost Theater and at that time nine members were inducted: Carolyn Weyand, Carol Willoughby, Noriko Sono, Phyllis Park, Sarah Scott, David Janzen, Wallis Smith, Marilyn Horn, and Ella Sue Bone. Marilee Shaw, transfer member from Stuttgart, and Lee Hodges, transfer member from Karlsruhe, helped with the ceremony along with the installation team from Frankfurt under the direction of Mr. Bryan Gray.

The time is 1975. The place is California. After my recent defeat in the presidential election—imagine just because I am a woman—I have had nothing to do but read. Recently while thumbing through some magazines I stumbled upon traces of former classmates of mine.

One curious article was on the commotion raised when photographer Ed Newland broke his contract with "Playboy Magazine."

One old friend I shall have to locate is John Corris, now a Wall Street magnate who has just made his third million. Also I have heard rumors that future plans have been laid. Miss Connie Bullock, his very personal, personal secretary seems to be involved in these plans.

Ken Doerkson, an old science enthusiast, has just been chosen co-pilot on the first unmanned flight to the moon.

Noriko Sono now holds a very important post as representative to the United Nations.

Southern Texas farmers are complaining through Ken Knott to the government about the severe drought.

While reading the gossip column which is incidentally written by Nettie Scott, successor to Hedda Hopper, I found where Tommy Giles, international playboy, has just bought the Follies Bergere because he has fallen in love with the star, Annette Kotinek.

A curiosity item I might have missed had it not been for a familiar name, Terrill Gandy. Terrill it seems now is a truant officer, who has drawn some attention because as a boy, he missed more school than he attended.

In "Time Magazine" I read the latest review by my favorite critic, Kathy Sips; this week she wrote a review on a book entitled *My Twenty Years as a Pfc.* by Gordon Rankin.

Bev Jager, Olympic champion has now settled down to become educational advisor on girl's athletics of the Berlin Bored of Education.

The late Albert Schweitzer's work is being carried on successfully by former Jr. Red Cross President, Carol Willoughby who is now working hand in hand with that brilliant woman psychologist Virginia Ing.

It looks as if some of us couldn't leave the old army way of life: Pat Johnson, her infatuation for General's quarters veiling her better senses is now housemaid to the present Commander of Berlin. Marilee Shaw, who apparently found her calling is now a WAC Sergeant.

Enough of this, I must start mapping out my next campaign for President. Campaign buttons, let me see ... I like Weyand ... No, maybe ... Go, Weyand ... I give up. I think I will go back into teaching!

*Gordon Rankin*

"GOD LOOKS US OVER NOT ONLY FOR RIBBONS, DECORATIONS, AND METALS, BUT FOR SCARS."

What is a scar? If is the mark of a race we did not win or a prize that slipped away. Each scar makes us a better person—one who is able to take defeat in stride.

Remember, when you think that you have hit the bottom that there is no where to go but up. No matter how rough the road may be don't ever be a quitter. This is Life's most important lesson: Take defeat with a smile and walk away with your head held high. These are scars; a wound that has healed—not a fatal blow. Feel sorry not for the loser, but for the one who has yet to taste defeat, for they have no scar tissue with which to protect themselves and an injury to them is taken to the heart—a vulnerable spot.

To be a winner you must be a do'er for "faint heart never won fair maiden"—or a contest either for that matter. Never say die—fight until the last bell sounds.

Look to the future and you will find that the horizon looks brighter, for there is an end to every streak of bad luck—if you stick it out long enough.

Work to the limit of your abilities, for anything worth doing at all is worth doing well. Don't lose heart, for every loser can be a winner if they wait long enough and try hard enough.

Winner take a lesson from the losers, for they have found out: "IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY—TRY AGAIN."

## Erinnerungen

The 1960 YEARBOOK, ERINNERUNGEN, arrived and was distributed early in June. The 10th edition of the annual with a central theme of "GATES" was made possible through the combined efforts of teacher sponsors, Miss Pietsch and Mr. Bunch, and student editors, Carol Willoughby, Carolyn Weyand, Marilee Shaw, and Pat Johnson.



## BEAR FACTS

THE EDITOR: I would like to thank all the people who have worked on the staff and as reporters to make the Bear Facts possible during the 1959-60 school year, with special appreciation to Miss Murcott, our sponsor.

### BEAR FACTS

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Dear Friends,

I am addressing you formally for what will probably be the last time this year. I will disregard any sighs of relief. Seriously, however, I look over Student Council activities this past year with a great deal of satisfaction.

Perhaps in the rest of this letter I should use "we" rather than I for truly our Student Council this year has functioned as a "we".

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the representatives from the seventh to twelfth grades, who have done such an outstanding job.

Though Student Council was not completely organized until November, projects were in full swing weeks before the Christmas holidays. In order to assure good representation for each homeroom the Student Council members voted unanimously to adopt a three-point service system under penalty of resignation. With this system it is necessary for each representative to take on minimum of three (3) responsibilities other than those delegated to the council as a whole. The entire Student Council fulfilled their quota by the end of first semester and voted to continue the system.

Several Christmas projects were undertaken in order to raise school spirit, as well as bolster our treasury. A Christmas Carnival was held for both the Junior and Senior High, in the gym. Each class contributed something to the carnival and a two-hour talent show was included. We felt it was generally a success and hope it can be continued in years to come.

Besides attempting to establish a few worthwhile traditions of our own, we continued the practice of having a Christmas Orphans' Party. Christmas greetings were sent to the student body and gifts to the faculty. A tree was decorated and set up in our hall.

With the beginning of the spring semester, it was noticed that a house-cleaning was in order and so we set up the Cafeteria-Improvement Committees. Though little could be done about our crowded conditions, steps were taken to alleviate the situation. Representatives were assigned to check tables to help clean-up our cafeteria. Cokes and candy were sold during lunch. A disc-jockey period was also set up with "Operation French Fry" went into effect. A Food Improvement Group was organized and suggestions were made to Sgt. Lauderdale.

The Student Council held several preliminary meetings with the council of one of our German counterparts, the Goethe Gymnasium. Though a welcoming Committee had been organized and a visitors' day set up twice a month, we felt this allowed only for limited contact. As a result of these joint meetings an exchange program in sorts was set up and many of our boys had a chance to meet German students on the football field and later soccer.

We were invited to join the Student Parliament of Berlin, which is made up of representatives from all German Councils and its meetings are broadcast monthly on the radio.

In climax to our German-American Program, a German-American Student Exchange Week was held, ending with a dance and banquet. We felt this was one of the most worthwhile projects we could have undertaken.

To promote school spirit, you surely remember our Student Council Week and the Junior-Senior Girls' and the Biggest vs. the Best basketball games will not soon be forgotten. A Color Day was held for our home game.

In April the entire Council attended the Frankfurt Convention. Though we came back in to Berlin feeling we had truly commanded the respect of our contemporary councils, we found that to this respect was added responsibility as the convention unanimously asked us to organize a European Branch of the N.A.S.C.

Book Covers were designed and ordered along with your school pins. At the time of this writing plans are underway for an all-day school picnic, a wonderful "Unforgettable" prom at the Hilton in the Ambassador Room and later on the Roof Garden, as well as a Faculty-Parent Tea at Harnack House and a Student teach Day.

During these last weeks we worked closely with the PTA to solve the school bus problem, and return were invited to join the PTA Executive Council for next year.

As a final block in our firm foundation we have drawn up a very stable and specific constitution from which it will be possible to develop a better and more effective student representative organization.

Before I conclude this summary of the year's activities, I would like to thank the most important person in our work this year; namely, YOU. Yes, it was YOU, the student body and faculty that made all this possible. Your wonderful support, loyalty and cooperation was the backbone of every activity we undertook. Moreover, it was the reason for every activity we undertook.

Well, enough said, I always was rather long-winded and I am afraid this was no exception. But bear with me as you have through the year and I'll soon bring it to a close. In deference to the male half, or should I say "third" of our school I will refrain from extreme sentiment. I can only leave you with my sincere and deepest personal thanks for a memorable year with a great group of kids and every good wish for a brighter and better future.

Borrowing from our excellent neighbors, I will say rather than "good-bye", a terribly final word—Auf Wiedersehen.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Weyand  
Student Council President  
1959-60

The Curtain goes up, the lights dim and the show is on! Two performances of Agatha Christie's mystery for the benefit of the Junior and Senior classes netted \$200.

Mrs. Mackatee and Carolyn Weyand directed the 3-act drama, "Ten Little Indians."

The set, of an old house on Indian Island off the coast of Devon, England, was designed by Jerry Emery and built by Sandy Salisbury.

The very effective lighting was done by Horst Urban and the sound effects were engineered by Ed Newland.

The job of finding such properties as a pistol and blanks fell to Nancy Schott, Beverly Buchan and the make-up committee transformed the high school juniors and seniors into old men and spinsters. Kathy Sipos handled the publicity, posters, tickets and programs.

The thriller had the audiences of 300 spellbound. Ten people are invited to a party on Indian Island and find out that the host and hostess are fictitious. A storm keeps them from the mainland and they must watch helplessly as they see the rhyme of the ten little Indians come true.

Pat Johnson and Mike Cleveland play convincing roles as the cook and butler for the party. The hero, Gordon Rankin, a young adventurer, and heroine, Connie Bullock, the secretary hired for the party are both Seniors. Don Beddie acts well in the part of a young wipersnapper. The two older people Buddy North, a general, and Marilee Shaw, a Bible-quoting spinster, add a lot to the atmosphere. Lee Ewing is convincing as the tea-totaling Doctor Armstrong. John Corris is the hand shaking Detective Blore. Jon Trivers is the show stealing Judge who planned the whole pattern of murders. Kenn Doerkson has the bit part of the boat man, who brings them to Indian Island.

Thanks go to the members of the classes who sold tickets, to the chairmen, the actors, Mrs. Mackatee, Carolyn Weyand, Jerry Emery, Horst Urban and Mr. Blunt.

### Prom at Hilton

The theme is "Unforgettable" and the Jr-Sr Prom of 1960 held in the Berlin Hilton will also be unforgettable. Members of the high school and their guests are invited to the gala affair held in the blue-green mosaic, Ambassador Room of the Hilton. A dinner, dance and a breakfast are on the agenda for Friday, the third of June. Music is being provided by a high school band from Wiesbaden. The Student council is sponsoring the graduation dance. Tickets are available from all Student Council representatives for \$4.00 for high school couples and \$6.00 for couples where one member is a guest.

Mr. Cook

Where do you go from here? This question looms bigger in our thoughts as graduation time nears. Most of you have definite plans for the near future. College, marriage, a career.

We all have mixed emotions towards graduation. We are happy, but also sad. It is a natural feeling to react in this way. You should always be proud of your accomplishments, but it is also very important for us to be able to experience sadness for our friends as we go our separate ways in life.

You have reached the first great milestone of your lives. You are on the threshold of greater or lesser things. The skeptics would have us believe that you aren't capable of the challenge of our modern times. But those of us who have watched you develop have no doubts whatsoever about your capabilities. We have seen the

proof of your thoughts and actions. Regardless of what you do you must be prepared to give the future everything that you are capable of giving. If you are able to do this then you will make your contribution to life and you will find much happiness and success. If you cannot do this then you cannot expect the good things of life to come your way.

Remember the experience of Berlin. If you stand by your principles and if they're right, then you have nothing to fear.

I hope that we, the teachers, have helped you to light the lamp of knowledge and that you will keep it burning brightly throughout life. It is now up to you.

With you go our hopes and faith in the future. You can do whatever you wish with it, but we know you will carry on the great heritage which has been handed to you.

## COMMENCEMENT

"A time for joy—a time for tears. A time we'll treasure through the years. We'll remember always—Graduation Day."

The 13th annual commencement of the Berlin American High School will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 7:30 in the Outpost Theater. The guest speaker will be the Honorable E. Allan Lightner. Miss Carol Willoughby, Valetorian, and Miss Carolyn Weyand, Salutatorian, will address the audience. Mr. David Cook, High School Principal, will introduce the graduates to General Johnson who will present the diplomas.

Vocal numbers will be furnished by the Ninettes and instrumental numbers by the 298th Army Band.

The graduates will wear blue caps and gowns. The members of the graduating class of 1960 are:

Carolyn Weyand  
Kenneth Doerksen  
Carol Willoughby  
Kathleen Sipes  
Gordon Rankin  
Nettie Scott  
Terrell Gandy  
Virginia Ing  
Thomas Giles  
Kenneth Knott  
Beverly Jager  
Patricia Johnson  
Marilee Shaw  
Edward Newland  
Constance Bullock  
Noriko Sono  
John Corris  
Annette Kotinek

### Graduation Afternoon

A thoughtful breeze cooled the warm June air,  
Playfully tousled my just-combed hair.  
He followed me to the door of the school;  
Then he and the sun resumed their due.  
I paused for a breath at the top of the stairs  
and found myself trapped in Sentiment's snares.  
The sight of old trophies in dust-covered places  
recalled thrilling innings and quarters and races.  
King Silence ruled as I strolled through the halls  
which once had resounded with boisterous oads.  
Nostalgia had taken a tenacious hold;  
For a moment I felt I was getting quite old.  
But then without warning my vision was blurred;  
I blushed and to myself muttered, "Absurd!"  
It must have been something in my eye,  
For we all know that seniors don't cry.

By Lee Ewing

**SPECIAL THANKS GO TO . . .**  
**Major Buchan, the staff of the Berlin Observer, and Mr. Cook.**

We acknowledge the fact that all of the members of the Senior Class of '60 are sound of mind and body; therefore this statement will be omitted from the individual wills and testaments of the class. These wills will supersede any and all previous ones that may have been made.

- Connie Bullock, do bequeath my post on the "Bear Facts" to any journalistic-minded Junior who will continue to meet the deadline for the "Biggest and the Best".
- John Corris, do bequeath my dislike for leftover Schaum to you know who and my aversion to play practice to anyone who can afford to miss it.
- Kenn Doerksen, do bequeath my camel saddle to Mr. Blunt.
- Terrell Gandy, do bequeath my unusual chemistry book (I hope) to one of the ignorant Juniors who takes chemistry next year.
- Tommy Giles, do bequeath all of my meager scientific knowledge to Mr. Timmerman for his lab experiments.
- Virginia Ing, do bequeath to Nancy Schott my singing ability and some of the luck I've had with Bruce to her and Jeff.
- Beverly Jager, do bequeath my "Green Week" cowgirl hat, complete with its official blue ribbon, to any bowlegged Junior.
- Pat Johnson, do bequeath to Lee Ewing the drink used in the Jr-Sr Play to revive me.
- Ken Knott, do bequeath my job as lab assistant to Sandy Salisbury or some other very "responsible" Junior.
- Annette Kotinek, do bequeath my peroxide to any Junior girl who thinks she needs it.
- Ed Newland, do bequeath to Mr. Rosenfield all of my humble knowledge of photography.
- Gordon Rankin, do bequeath to Harris Joaquin North my tennis shoes as symbolic of the true beatnik spirit.
- Nettie Scott, do bequeath my love of hill-billy music to those poor Yankee city-folks in the Junior class who don't appreciate the simple lives us Reds live.
- Kathy Sipes, do leave . . . at last I bequeath the "Bear Facts" to the most literary underclassman.
- Noriko Sono, do bequeath my knowledge of Japanese, French, German, English and Latin to any Junior who might come in need of it.
- Carolyn Weyand do bequeath the parliamentary procedure I never used to the next Student Council President.
- Carol Willoughby, do bequeath my 4.0 average and any other dimly desirable qualities to some Junior who feels a need for them.