



ROCKJOCKS, TIE YOUR BOOTS!!

BERLIN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL CREATES FOR BUD

For the tenth year Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) will offer the Project Bold summer program for both high school students and teachers. Project Bold is a DODDS run outdoor education program held in Berchtesgarden, Germany. Program activities range from backpacking and simple mountaineering to rugged rock climbing and intensive kayaking. Any sophomore, junior, senior or teacher (returning to a DODDS school) interested in attending Project Bold should get applications from the main office. In addition to the applications, applicants must also submit a medical statement, principal's endorsement, and a check or money order for \$100.

MS. HAYNIE LEAVES FOR LAKENHEATH

by Lymie Tolbert

After five years as principal of Berlin American High School Ms. Gladys Haynie has accepted a position as principal at Lakenheath High School in England. She will be leaving for England in July.

As Ms. Haynie looks back over the years that she has been a part of Berlin, she feels comfortable in saying that Berlin is the best community that she could possibly be part of. She also feels that BAHS has excelled in providing a good Career Education Department including such courses as Computer, Typing, Electronics, and a new Cosmetology and Auto building which was completed this year.

Dr. Houston Jack will replace Ms. Haynie. Dr. Houston Jack is presently the principal at Ramstein Junior High School.

STUDENT COUNCIL HELPS OUT

by Robin McDonald

Because of the concern in student apathy, and excessive tardiness, the Student Council held a meeting for all concerned students.

In a newsletter, which was prepared at this meeting and presented to the administration the Student Council stated "that maintaining discipline is not their responsibility". However the students would give the administration their full support.

First, no student will be admitted to class without a tardy excuse. Second, administrators will be present in the halls during the class change. Third, any teacher admitting a student without a pass will discuss their reasons with an administrator.

by Julia Howell

Many students at Berlin American High School are not aware of the creative writing book published every year. The book is known as the BUD book published by London Central High School.

Mrs. Barbara Payne has had numerous achievements in the literary-art field. This enables her to lead the literary students of the Berlin American High School. So far each year the book had consisted of short stories and poems. This is the first year to include art. Normally, the book is sent to London Central High School. Next year due

to redistricting it will be published in Baumholder. There are no limitations on how many pieces a student can enter or the grade level. This year two-hundred entries were sent in. The deadline for the BUD book was Monday, 21 April. In last year's BUD book Berlin represented twenty-two pages. It is an honor to have a story or poem sent in for inclusion. The highest honor is to see one's creation in print. So if you're here next year plan on entering in the new literary book for our district, 1981!

The following students had their works published in the latest BUD book; M. Schuetze, T. Hassell, L. Rubacky, D. Mittelsteadt, T. Wugofski, S. Steger, E. Charlton, S. Charlton, S. Slifer, J. Smith, D. Paulson, J. Benning, and B. Fisher.

Jr. High Students plant Arbor Day Trees

by Ross Bennett

On Monday, April 21, an annual event took place. This was, of course, the planting of the Arbor Day trees. Mr. Long, who sponsored the project as he has for the past ten years, once again obtained trees for the planting. Each year two trees are planted. One is dedicated to a teacher, the other to a student who attends BAHS. This year the trees were planted in honor of the late Mr. Ferguson, and Howell Sasser.

Members of Mr. Long's fourth period class participated in the ceremony. These students were John Roerty, who was the moderator; the history of Arbor Day was given by Robin Gardner; Michelle Barsh showed where the trees have been planted on Arbor Day. Jeanne Linnane explained how the money was earned for the trees, and John Bell gave the dedication of the tree. The student sponsor of the project was Howell Sasser and the teacher sponsor was Mr. Long. These people should be thanked for helping beautify the exterior of our school.

CARTER CAPTURES ELECTION

by Joan Chartier

On April 17, Berlin American High held a mock presidential election in the library. From 8:30 until 4:30 students went into the library registered, and voted in make-shift voting booths.

The idea for the election was thought up by Mrs. Hassell, the school librarian, while she and Mr. Coffin were trying to think of ideas to stir interest in National Library Week.

Two-hundred twenty-two votes were cast, the large majority by junior

CAREER ED. POST FILLED

By Steve Slifer

The Berlin American High School has recently acquired a new faculty member, Miss Linda Konczak.

Miss Konczak is the new 9th grade Career Education teacher, periods one through three. The remaining periods, four through six, Miss Konczak is available, on a drop-in basis, for career counseling.

Miss Konczak, of Globe, Arizona, has a Masters degree in Art and Ecology. She has also studied psychology at Arizona State University, and has worked in a half-way-house for alcoholism and drug addiction; she has worked in a clinic treating in individual and group therapy.

Some of her interests include traveling, which she has done quite extensively, volleyball, mountain climbing, and cross country. She has taught for six years, in Temple City, California, and Globe and Phoenix, Arizona.

high students. Mr. Coffin feels that although this was a somewhat disappointing turnout, it is probably the same percentage of eligible voters that will turn up at the polls for the actual election in November of this year.

The following are the results of the election: President Carter came in first by quite a large margin. He was followed by Edward Kennedy in second and Ronald Reagan in third. John Anderson showed a poor fourth with George Bush following close behind.

Features

Fact or Fantasy?

by Carla Sutcliffe

This year the Publications Class decided that it's about time this school saw another literary magazine. Somehow, the Publications Class last year couldn't manage one. Two years ago, Flight, a superb magazine of excellent talent, organization and perfection, was created. This year, over four hundred poems and pieces of literary work have been submitted, and at this moment, are being carefully considered.

The magazine will consist of approximately fifty pages, and it's decided title is "Fact or Fantasy?". The magazine is expected to be issued, free of charge, in the third week of May, along with the year-book.

POLICE PLAY DURING EASTER VACATION

On Sunday the 6th of April, Berlin was in a fury over the first rock festival of the year.

It was held in the Deutschland Halle, the groups were; Bel Ami, the Flamin' Groovies, the Cramps, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, Rockpile, and the Police.

The festival started a little after 3:00 on Easter Sunday. Bel Ami was the warm-up band for the Flamin' Groovies. After the first two bands were through a British punk rock group named the Cramps, played for about an hour. Then came a new wave band called Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels. As the night progressed the music got better. Rockpile was the second to the last group to play. The headlining act was the Police, they played hits like, Roxanne, Sittin on the Moon, etc. They came out for several encore's and if you look in the record stores you might be able to buy a live Police album.

WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN
Design a poster/slogan on the alternatives to drugs and alcohol and win \$50. Contact the "Poster Lady" at 3631/3632.
WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN

senior wills wanted

by Karen Reilly

Attention All Seniors!!! It is a tradition at Berlin American High School that wills are read at Prom. The wills can be turned in no later than the 21st of May. In order to have your will read you must meet this deadline.

To write your will in the proper manner, please use the following guideline:

"I _____ being of sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath the following:

To, _____

These wills will be read before, so if you want your will to be read try and keep it decent. All wills should be turned into Karen Reilly, Roni Kosevich, or Margot Horton.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Why is it that at this school Student Council never does anything for the STUDENTS. At most other schools the Student Council does many things to try and liven up a student's day at school. The only thing you ever hear about Student Council is, "There will be a Student Council meeting during 2nd period today please release these students". Meanwhile their getting Varsity Letters and showing the students nothing, and students that play Junior Varsity sports are doing something for the students, and entertaining them and getting nothing but a JV letter and NO letter jacket! That's just not fair, Buddy.

BAHS Student

Dear BAHS Student,

First, we must assume that you are not a member of the Student Council. You are obviously of the opinion that the main purpose of the Student Council is to provide entertainment, diversion, and other things to make the students' lives more bearable. We agree that this is a part of our duties, and we do provide such activities. Dances, spirit week, activities day (to be held May 23), and other activities are good examples of this.

But we also have a responsibility to the students who have come to school to learn. We must also concentrate on maintaining a good learning environment for these students. It is for this reason that our recent recommendations to the faculty were made, and the new tardy policy came out of this.

Varsity letter jackets are available only to students with a varsity athletic letter. Their purpose is to provide an elite symbol of only varsity athletes. When Student Council letters are awarded (they have not been for the past three years) they have the same status as a Varsity band letter, and the recipient is not able to order a letter jacket.

If you, or anyone else, feel that the Student Council should be run differently, we strongly encourage you to run for Student Council office for next school year. It's awfully easy to just sit back and complain, isn't it "Buddy"!

Your Student Council

BAND PRESENTS CONCERT

By Bryan Reiff

The advanced band of Berlin American High School recently presented a multi-cultural concert in the Student Union, adding to their repertoire such tunes as a Russian melody entitled "Wild Walk", a Latin-American "Calypso", and a unique Chinese number entitled "Canto".

The latter was unusual in the fact that the rhythm was "clapped out" by the members of various sections at different intervals, accompanied by the strong, deep beat of the drum section.

After a short pause during which Miss Risner, the director, introduced the "principal chairs" of the band sections, the concert continued with a selection from the movie "A Star is Born", followed by a lively piece called "Original Dixieland Concerto".

The last selection played by the band was "Stars and Stripes Forever", during which the audience rudely arose and began to walk out, even though the bell had not rung.

The band did a praiseworthy job, and they are to be congratulated

for their patience with the audience, who talked constantly, which made it difficult for the more mature members of the audience to enjoy the program.

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Horizons

SPRING OR WINTER? IT IS A VIRTUE

"Spring is here!", that's what we said,
We thought the weather was nice and clear.
The birds all sang with grace and joy,
And kids all played with their summer toys.
One day was sunshine, the next day was rain,
And to all the soccer players, that seemed to be a pain.
The next day was sleet, the next was snow,
Whether it's winter or spring, I just don't know.
One day you can swim, one day you can ski,
The next day you can sit and shout with glee.
Who knows what to wear, what to do, what to say?
Who knows where to go, how to talk, what to play?
One day you wear shorts, the next day a coat,
The next day you're tanning out on a boat.
There's a wedding planned for a nice spring day,
But somehow the day turned out the other way.
Is it winter or spring in this month of April,
Is it time for skiing or time for swimming?
Winter is nice, it's very sweet,
I like how the snow can fall so neat.
I enjoy the spring and the winter too,
In both you have so much to do.
There's skiing, skating, and snow in winter,
There's dancing, swimming, and tanning in spring.
But I only have one question to ask,
Is it spring or winter now?

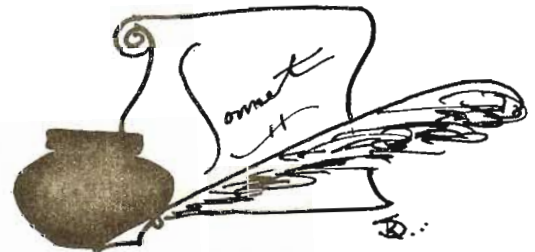
Toni Hassell

It comes from practice and learning,
It comes with understanding too,
It is something we would all like to have
But its one of the most difficult things to do.

Waiting in lines when you're pressed for time,
Sometimes you feel like screaming.
But its patience that keeps
You from stomping your feet,
And it keeps you from losing all reason.

In the life we live, and the things we give,
Its hard to be honest.
But with honesty you know
You're good side will show,
And you'll be trusted with your actions.

Cathy Jones



A SENIOR

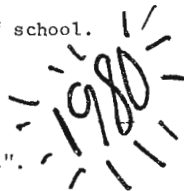
Cletis Smith

I am a senior at BANS,
and to me there is no doubt that seniors are best.

We've survived through twelve rough years of school.
Now no one has the right to call us fools.

It's nice to meet many different friends,
and most of them I hope to see again.

At the end of the year we say our "good-byes".
Then start at Colleges and say our "hi's".



MY PURPLE PEN

My purple pen ran out today
And with the ink my heart faded away.
It was very dear and I loved it dry
And when it was empty I began to cry.
I didn't want to throw it away
I wanted to keep it until the final day.
I think of all the letters that I had to write
And my purple ink stood out so bright.
As the ink went dry so did my heart
For I knew that my pen and I would part.
My friends will write back to me and ask;
"To find a purple pen, is that a hard task?"
The ink went quick because I used it too much
I couldn't resist its ballpoint touch.
Maybe someday I'll find another
But in my heart I prefer no other.

Karin D. Turner

LET ME GO

Susanne Duncan

You were once my friend, gentle and kind,
But this has faded away and now lingers behind.
We continuously fight to dominate one another,
You have your masculine image to cover.
Where are the soft words you once spoke?
Please don't say it was all a joke.
It's too late to search for the friendship we hide,
It's been buried so deep, I'm afraid it has died.
You only hold me now for the sake of your ego,
Show one last bit of kindness and let me go!

SECURITY

Valerie Jackson

As the baby grew up the little stuffed teddy bear was hugged and cried on and it would be propped up against the bars of the crib.
Later on in time when she was angry, she would hurl the bear to the floor in rage, but then she would pick it up and again place it lovingly on the bed.

Then when the girl was going through school, she would tell it all her problems and it seemed to soothe the girl to have somebody who "listened" to her.

When she went away, the bear was packed carefully in a box where it remained forgotten for many long, musty years.

Now she is an old woman and the bear is now propped up on the dresser.

He has only one eye left now and his fur is gone in places and part of his ear had been chewed off long ago by the dog,

but the old woman still loves it anyway.

The Lesson

Ronald B. Watt Jr.

The clouds settled in on a warm muggy day.
If I remember it right, it was sometime in May,
I had just finished playing marbles with a friend,
I took all his marbles, so we'll never play again.
I strutted into the house, like I won the Super Bowl,
And there I saw my friend sniffing like he had a cold.
He said, "We were playing as two good friends playing a game,
But playing sporty and being friends are not the same."
I learned a very important lesson, on that very day,
"Playing friendly is the only way,
For if you play for your own gain,
You'll lose alot a friends that way."

BEARIN DOWN ON SPORTS

TRACK TEAM LOSES

On April 19, the B.A.H.S. track team travelled to Hanau to compete in a quadrangular meet.

The girl's team placed fourth, getting 15 points in the meet. The team had one first place finish, and four second place finishes.

Trisha Lindsey, sophomore, won first place honors in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.9. She also placed in the high jump, winning second, with a jump of 4'7".

Christy Schleifer, freshman, won second in the 800-meter race. She also placed second in the 1500 meters.

The other female runner to place was Tena Steiner. Steiner picked up second in the 400-meter race.

The Berlin boy's team placed fourth in the meet getting a meager seven points for the entire meet.

Orlando Rivera, junior, took second place honors in the 3000 meters, with a time of 10.40.

Bobby Krasnican, placed third in the 110 high hurdles.

Brian Frazier, sophomore, placed third in the long jump, with a jump of 18'7", fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 54.4, and seventh in the high jump with a jump of 5'3".

This weekend, the track team will travel to Frankfurt International Highschool to compete in a triangular meet. Next week, the track team will host Baumholder here in Berlin. The meet will take place at Andrews Barracks.

BEAR - A - CUDAS UP DATE

Congratulations to the following Bear-a-cuda swimmers for qualifying for the European Forces Swim League (EFSL) Championship meet to be held at the University of Heidelberg's pool on the 3rd of May: Ages 11-12- Katherine Keough, Cherie Sherrell, and Melinda Mosler; Ages 13-14- Didi Stowell, Cindy Slifer, Susan Sams, Matt Mosler, Jim Finley, Chris Chapman, and Brian Joos; Ages 15 to 18- Veronique Alderson, Skip Sherrell, Mitch Mosler, Ted Wugofski, Mark Nelson, and Jim Nelson. Katherine, Veronique, and Skip are European record holders for their respective age groups.

To qualify for the Championship meet, the swimmer must be ranked in the top ten per event (Freestyle, Backstroke, etc.) of all swimmers in the league for their age group. The EFSL consists of teams from Augsburg, Berlin, Hahn, Heidelberg, Lehr, Mannheim, Patch and Shape and the competitive season runs from September to May.

Best of luck to all of our swimmers and we will publish another article after the Championship to announce the results.

DYA Senior Baseball Begins

by Cletis Smith

After three years of no Senior League Men's Baseball team, we finally have one. Due to lack of participation in the past years, there were no Men's Senior League team to compete. Now with the enthusiasm, and the people to play, there is a Men's Senior League team to represent Berlin.

This year's team is made up of both experienced, and inexperienced players. Some of the more promising players are: Cletis Smith, Andre Harley, Scott Chapman, Troy Mason Mike Leyva, Jim Batchelder, Gene Casey, Trevor Johnson, and James Triplett. Some of the other players on the team that will come along as the season progressed are: John Tatum, Tommy Hardison, Scott Hoefler, David Fox, Keith Blake, David Paulson and Doug Wallis.

This year's Senior League team will compete against; Frankfurt, Giessen, Bremehaven, Fulda, Hanau, Mainz, Butzbach, and many more other teams both here and away, same as the girls. The Men and Women team first game of the season is in Frankfurt, against Frankfurt, which will be a doubleheader on May 3rd. Both teams should do fairly well in the competition this year.

BAHS SOCCER KICKS OFF!

Joanne Biron

The BAHS soccer teams started off their new season at Baumholder, exhibiting extraordinary talents and a promising future in their conference. Varsity started off the match.

The team's defense had obvious power in keeping the Bucs out of "Bear Territory", with their equally strong offense which kept up a mid-field domination throughout the game. The Bear's offense was unable to score, although persistence was not missing as they attempted nearly 20 shots on Baumholder's goal. The Bucs managed to slip one shot past Berlin early in the game and another before the close of the match. The final score was in Baumholder's favor, 2-0.

The J.V. team came back with superior scoring power and a defense that prevented one shot from passing through Berlin's goal. After the first half of the game, the Bear's had an outstanding 6-0 lead over the Bucs, and continued in the second half with two more goals. Those who scored were Tim Paladino, with two, and Steve Slifer, Mike Phillips, Brent Norum, Gus Wieden, Tony Balbuze, and Steve Hoefler each with one goal a piece. The final score handed the J.V. Bears an 8-0 victory.

Sr. League Sets Play

Joyce N Warren

There will finally be a girls Senior League Softball team! For the past four years, Berlin has been unrepresented in the girls Senior League Division.

The girls will play double headers, along with the Senior League boys, who will travel with them. The schedule, being set up now, will have Berlin facing Frankfurt, Mainz, Rhein-Mein, Munich, and other teams in West Germany. The Bears first game will be against Frankfurt. They will leave Berlin the night of May 3, play May 4, and return to Berlin the morning of May 5.

The team, coached by Jim Durdine, will have many experienced, and inexperienced players. The girls to watch out for will be Chatty Casey, Tracy Groover, Tracey Turner, and one of BAHS's best all-around athletes, Kathy Balthasar. Casey, Turner, Groover, and Balthasar are expected to show off in both hitting and fielding.

Other members of the team are Teri Beck, Kathy Lengal, Melanie Hassell, Karin Turner, Karen Shunk, Arlene Shellman, Toni Guidry, Evelin Cruz, Madalin Cruz, and pitchers Tina Yancey, and Joanne Fearcy. Good Luck against Frankfurt.

TENNIS BEARS WIN MEET

By Tracey Turner

On the weekend of the 19th, the Berlin High tennis team travelled to Baumholder to compete against the Baumholder Bucs.

There was a time problem with only one court available for all 18 players. Because of this time schedule no doubles were played.

The mens team gave their all, winning all six of their singles matches. The members of the mens team are as follows: Richard Clarke, Irvin Hicks, Mark Lewis, John Marston, and Peter Stein.

The women, however, only won one of their games. Joan Chartier saved the day with her win. Had it not been for her win, the Bears would have tied instead of won the meet.

The final team scores were, Berlin seven, Baumholder five.

"The team is strong as a whole", Miss Barlow said. "The girls are steadily improving and the boys are getting stronger and stronger. They are a good group to work with. We've had no major problems so far this year. We have a good chance during finals. This weekend we should do well against the Trojans."

On the 26th, the tennis team will host the Zweibruecken Trojans in their first home meet of the season.