

## SAT AND ACT TESTS ARE BACK

by Ross Bennett

For all Juniors and Seniors who may wish to further his or her education after high school, by going to college, the SAT and ACT tests will be of great benefit to you.

The SAT, Scholastic Aptitude Test, or the ACT assessment, American College Testing Program, are a requirement for entrance in many colleges. The colleges use your score on the test you have taken and place you in a class that equals your scholastic ability.

Mr. Wieland recommends that one should take the SAT late in the Junior year, and then retake it in the Senior year. The reason for taking it as a Junior, is that it will give valuable practice, and thus, as a Senior, you can be better prepared for the SAT and ACT.

## BAHS OPENS DOORS

by Beate Zander

Just after the clock had struck 6:30, on the night of the 16 of September, Dr. Jack began to explain his standpoints to the parents that had gathered in the cafeteria. He kindly invited them to visit the classes of their youngsters, and become acquainted with their teachers. Mr. Camino, Debbie Stowell, Colonel Harris, and Mr. Stowell had a few words to say, and then the halls seemed full of bemused parents. The bell that bonged every fifteen minutes made the nightly hours seem like any normal day. Even the announcements were read before the "classes" were over.

Parents and teachers then met in the cafeteria, and over refreshments the new PTSA members were affirmed. The Open House came to a close at around 9:15.

## Drama Club Acts Up

by Elizabeth Waldrop

This years Drama Club shows great promise and interest. The members of this club are few, but each one has talent. The president, Robin McDonald, has been in the Drama Club since her Freshman year.

On the 22nd of September, the Drama Club went on a trip backstage of Theatre des Westerns, sponsored by the DYA. The trip turned out to be very successful and beneficial to the Drama Club.

Right now they are planning fund-raising activities. In Feb. will be their main performance which is to be held at the Music and Theater Center at Andrews.

In April or May there will be a Speech and Drama Festival held somewhere in Germany.

Mr. Pinschmidt is the Drama Club sponsor and also teaches Speech and Drama and other English classes. The meetings of the Drama Club are held in Mr. Pinschmidt's room 118, on the first floor.

Anyone interested in being in the club are welcome to attend the meetings.

For more information see your counselor.

The 1980-81 testing schedule is as follows:

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Oct. 18.....	ACT Assessment
Nov. 1....	SAT & Achievement Tests
Dec. 6....	SAT & Achievement Tests
Dec. 13.....	ACT Assessment
Jan. 24....	SAT & Achievement Tests
Feb. 14.....	ACT Assessment
Mar. 28.....	ACT Assessment
Apr. 4....	SAT (NO ACHIEVEMENT TESTS)
May 2....	SAT & Achievement Tests
June 6....	SAT & Achievement Tests

## SC Gets Going

by Kathy Sams

This year's Student Council of BAHS is off to a great start.

On the opening day of school, the board and class officers helped new students in locating their classes.

On Thursday, August 28, the Student Council hosted a Welcoming Assembly in the cafeteria where Dr. Jack welcomed all the new and returning students and faculty.

On September 12, in a very close election, Jeff Alexander was elected to fill the vacant spot of Vice President of the Executive Board.

On September 2, the Upper House met to discuss plans for the year, and on September 17, the general assembly met and set up dance dates.

## BAHS notes Hispanic week

by Cathy Jones

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Week, the Spanish class, sponsored by Miss Gyax, prepared a Mexican dinner for all faculty members of BAHS. The dinner began at 6:30 on September 24 in the school cafeteria. Approximately 70 faculty members and their guests attended the meal and were served tacos, enchiladas, and tortillas, among other foods. The dinner was very enjoyable.

Dr. Jack, the new principal of BAHS, also recognized Hispanic Heritage Week. He gave a speech to the school about the cultural heritage of Hispanics and their importance in society today. Hispanic Heritage Week made everyone more aware of the important contributions that Hispanics have made.

### CORRECTION'S

We would like to apologize for several mistakes that were made in the last edition of BEARIN' DOWN. Dr. Huston Jack's name was misspelled. Also, he received his doctorate from the University of Southern California, not Trenton State as erroneously reported by this staff.

## BAHS GETS TEACHERS

by Mike Bowman

The new nurse, Nanciann von Jacobi, has lived in Chicago for 20 years and received her BS in Nursing from Loyola University there. She worked in Chicago for 3 months and in the army hospital here in Berlin for 1 1/2 months before coming to BAHS. This is the first time she has taught.

The new Learning Development teacher, Susan Geller, was raised in the Berkshires--the mountainous region of Massachusetts. She went to Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass., where she got a BS in Elementary Education and Special Education. She also did graduate studies in Urban Education at Simmons College in Boston. She taught 5 years in the Boston area and then 5 years in the Berkshires before moving to Berlin.

Patricia Beech, the new Cosmetology teacher grew up in San Angelo, Texas, where she now owns a beauty salon. She studied the science of Cosmetology at Jeans College of Beauty and has worked in California and in her home town. This is her first time teaching.

## HONOR SOCIETY PLANS SY 80/81

by Joan Chartier

Along with backing the senior class, Miss Rekucki is sponsor of the National Honor Society, a club she has been involved with for a number of years. In 1967, she organized the National Junior Honor Society here in Berlin. That same year she revived the National Honor Society and was the sponsor until 1974.

When asked of the goals for the coming year, she replied that they were to get the members to be of more service to the school and community and to better understand the word "leader." A tutoring service has already been set up and is scheduled to begin around October 1.

Comparing this year's group to ones she has worked with in the past five years Miss Rekucki stated that there is not the same spirit in leadership, participation, and service. She would like for the organization to again develop into an important force in the school; the members should hold the respect of the student body, faculty, and community.

In order to become eligible to enter this club, one must maintain at least a 3.2 grade average for four consecutive quarters.

Miss Rekucki commented, "I would like to see the students make a serious effort to achieve academically in order to be considered for membership to be selected is the greatest honor in high school."



# EDITOR SPEAKS OUT

By Tracy Turner

To the students of Berlin High: Defacing government property with graffiti or in any other way is not only distasteful, it's ugly. But defacing your own school is even worse. As a student you should respect the other students and it's faculty, and show them that you do by helping our school look presentable. I wouldn't like for students from another school to come to BHS and tell me how much it resembles a pig pen. I'd feel a lot better if they, instead, told me how clean and attractive it was.

There are certain ways to go about voicing your opinions and grievances. For example, the school newspaper. On the editorial page we have a letters to the editor column. Unfortunately, we've only received one letter so far. Although it didn't appear in the last

## HOMECOMING

### PLANNED

by Nancy Chartier

This year, the Homecoming dance will be held at the Checkpoint Club on October 18, 1980. The theme will be the 1920's, Come to the Cabaret. The dress code will be semi-formal, or the style of the 1920's. Students are encouraged to dress in the fashion of the Roaring 20's, but do not necessarily have to do so. Besides dancing, there will also be a buffet style dinner, which will include ham and roast beef. Admission will be \$8 per person, and entrance will be limited only to students, grades 9-12 and students from other schools with proof of identification.

## JOURNEY IN BERLIN

By Glenn Reilly

On the night of September 8, the rock and roll band Journey performed at the Neue Welt. The group, Steve Perry (lead vocals), Ross Valory (bass), Neal Schon (lead guitar), Gregg Rolie (keyboards), and Steve Smith (drums), played songs from the albums *Infinity*, *Evolution*, and their latest record *Departure*. They also played a song that has not yet been recorded.

Before Steve Perry joined Journey the group was essentially an instrumental band. As an instrumental band the group had three moderately successful albums. *Infinity*, their first album with Perry was the group's first platinum album. *Evolution* and their latest *Departure* have done equally well.

At this time Journey has recorded seven records, with plans to do a live album after their European tour.

All in all a good time was had by everyone who attended the concert.

issue, because of space problems, it was answered. Your's too will be. This is the way your voice will be heard, and chances are your problems will be solved in a much nicer manner than if someone were to read how you felt about them from a school wall somewhere.

The student council also has ways of making your opinions known.

Therefore, I suggest that you use these groups to voice your opinions, not the walls.

I have voiced my opinion, now's your chance to voice yours.

Thank you.

## UNDERCLASS SPONSORS ANNOUNCE YEAR'S PLANS

by Kenda Hehn

In a series of interviews, the class sponsors of the grades revealed some of the things planned by each grade for this school year.

Mr. Long, sponsor of both the seventh and eighth grades, specified the three dances scheduled to be held by the Junior High students. A Halloween dance is set for October 31, February 13 is set aside for their Valentines Day dance, and May 15 is the date for the dance to welcome the sixth graders from TAR. April 2 is the date for the eleventh annual Spelling Bee.

The ninth grade sponsor, Miss Gy-gax, said that so far the Freshman class is basically open for suggestions on the topic of activities for the class. She says she is very confident in the class officers and ideas on activities other than the October third dance they do have, scheduled, should be directed to these people: Liz Marston, Barb Hunt, or Kim Jackson. So far this is her second year with the class of 1984.

Mr. Wieland, as sponsor of the class of 1983 for at least the third year, stated that for all this time, he felt the Sophomores were members of the most spirited class in BHS. A fund-raising dance has been scheduled for later in the year (the exact date was not disclosed), and he is hoping to get a booth for the class at the TCA Open House next May.

The Junior Class sponsor, Miss Van Galder, made note of their Car Wash, which grossed over 242 dollars. They also are in charge of the concession stands at the football games and are getting a booth at the TCA Open House. The Junior-Senior Prom will also be hosted by this class. In her second year with the class, Miss Van Galder is very confident in the people she is sponsoring.

Tom Sawyer  
coming soon

## New Student

By Rene Verret

Kevin Michael Buckles is a junior at B.H.S.

He and his family recently made an in country move from Stuttgart.

Kevin has brown hair and brown eyes. He was born a Taurus on April 29, 1964.

When asked about the students and faculty enrolled and involved in our school, he responded "The students here are friendly, but so far I believe the Stuttgart atmosphere was better. He does think Berlin is a nice city.

Kevin plays basketball and soccer and is interested in representing our school in these two sports.

For extra curricular activities, he goes to the gym and takes life easy.

## V.P. Elected

By Tracy Turner

On September 12th, a re-election for student council vice-president was held in the student union. Because of the resignation of the former president, Thomas Grahm, Don Stovall, the formerly elected vice president, moved up to the presidential position.

All the candidates received warm welcomes. Von Johnson, and his campaign manager both gave powerful speeches. Cliff Jack brought out a lot of good points in his speech. Susan Setzer also gave a good speech.

Jeff Alexander combined speech, personality, and scholastic abilities, to win the close election.

## Yearbooks

Go on sale Monday, October 6th!  
First 100 will sell for \$12.50!  
Remainder will cost \$15.00!!!!

## BEARIN' DOWN STAFF

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# Outlook

## FUTURISTIC

## VIEWS

Because this is the beginning of the year, and most of us are looking ahead to what lies in store for us, we decided to dedicate this page to the future. Mrs. Payne's Creative Writing class has provided us with these aspects.

The future never arrives.  
It gets closer to today,  
Until tomorrow gets here.  
Then it's just another day away.  
by Norman Storer

On a road bound for nowhere,  
He watched the dying sun.  
Oblivious was he to his surroundings.  
He was intent upon his goal.  
Unaware of his perilous path.  
He strived to reach that sanctuary.  
The peace and tranquility called to him.  
A stone slips,  
He falls,  
Noise,  
Then quiet.  
He reached his goal.  
by Rita Hanson

The future holds the present in its palms  
The palms spread just a bit  
To let tomorrow's sun come through  
Then they close completely until darkness prevails  
Shutting out light  
Ending old dreams  
Beginning new ones  
After all, the world wasn't created in a day?  
by Robert Frozen

The future is a question  
Waiting to be answered.  
The future is a giant box  
Waiting to be opened.  
The future is a mountain  
Waiting to be climbed.  
The future is a lost token  
Waiting for the find.  
by Helen Davis



Future is an unpredictable tornado.  
It may destroy hundreds of towns  
Or stay perfectly silent and calm.  
For years and years.  
by Grace Soltys

### The Passengers

The future is an airplane.  
It flies, a roaring jet in the night,  
Always there for the future but never for the present.  
As every year passes the plane becomes more technical-  
More complex.  
It surges onward  
Giving the passengers no time  
To grasp any real images.  
What happens when the pilot finds  
He doesn't want to fly any further?  
Can he stop in flight?  
Or must he continue?  
Will the passengers jump when they're bored stiff  
And sick of eating artificial food?  
Maybe a group of pilots will take control of the plane  
And rule the passengers their own way.  
Who really understands?  
I understand only one concept--  
I am on the plane with the rest of you.  
by D.A.N.

The future will be a testing of man's past  
The future holds the death  
Of my life--  
The birth of another.  
by Mark Lewis

How many tomorrows  
make a future?  
How many trees  
make a forest?  
How many raindrops  
make a puddle?  
How many graves  
make a graveyard?  
How many days  
make a lifetime?  
How many todays  
will we ponder these questions?  
by Martha Andrews

I can't wait until the future.  
Then the sun will come out-  
In six-packs!  
by Don Groover

Time jumps ahead,  
Turning "tomorrows" into "yesterdays"  
And changing "I will do's"  
Into "I didn't's"  
Oh, for the time  
When I can catch up!  
by Suzanne Wood

### Tracks To The Future

Sitting still, without making a sound, without movement, in the dark room was she. The chamber was cluttered with big, looming furniture of ages gone by, and she, as young as she was, sat there for days on end. She was guarding a life, a life of an aged one which was at its end. It was in this night that the breath almost seemed to expire from that shriveled body. It just lay there, seeing nothing, hearing nothing. But she heard as she waited, many sounds. She heard sounds of end and going. And she also heard sounds of going and beginning. She peered through the dust covered window panes, and in the night saw the lighted train tracks. Many times had she gathered coal from them to heat the chamber in which she sat, but never had she seen another reason for them. It was now though, that she saw the trains with different eyes. The lighted compartments with their busy passengers were passing by, and she knew that she, too would go and sit in one, and roll to her future, her life, and her beginning.

by Beate Zander

If you've ever looked ahead,  
Then you'll find that you can't see;  
Farther than tomorrow  
Or closer than farthest fantasy.  
by Raymond Stocker

What bird is it that can fly  
So high up in the sky  
To be able to see  
The days to be.  
by Betty Rendez

If you have any poems or short stories you'd like to see printed, then bring them to Mrs. Bair in room 103.





## CC Moves On

By Jeff Alexander

The Berlin American High School, Cross Country team sparked off the season by traveling to Frankfurt September 13. They were scheduled to compete with two other schools; Frankfurt and K-town. Upon arriving the team was shown both the mens and womens courses. Later four races were held including the mens and womens Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. The first race held was the womens Varsity race, in which the top Berlin finisher was Carrie Huml.

Next came the mens Varsity race with Don Stovall being the top Berlin finisher. The JV races were the last to be held in which Berlin fared well. Coach Moeller was impressed with the team which gained the respect of the other larger schools which they competed against.

Arriving at Karlsruhe, the team walked the CC course. The runners, given time to rest after walking the course began their respective races. The first race held was the womens Varsity in which Carrie Huml again sparked for Berlin, she was followed by Tracy Feldman, Connie Bryniger and Debbie Stowell.

The mens Varsity race was next with Berlin doing well. Don Stovall was Berlin's first Varsity finisher taking 9th place overall. He was followed by Tony Nelson (10th place), Jeff Alexander (13th place), Mark Lewis (16th place) and Jeff McCright (21). A total of 37 runners competed in this race. The Berlin mens Varsity team took 3rd place.

## VOLLEYBALL SEASON BEGINS

by Kathy Balthasar

On the weekend of September 13, the Berlin Bears' Volleyball team traveled to Frankfurt to compete against two Class A teams, the Frankfurt Eagles and the K-town Raiders.

The Varsity Bears first match was against the Eagles. Berlin took the first two games, 15-3, 15-11, only to be defeated in the following three games, 15-9, 15-11, 15-11. After a mere 10 minutes of rest, the Bears went up against the K-town Raiders. The Bears took one game out of the four they played with the score of 15-10.

Mrs. Mercer feels the Varsity team played and worked extremely well together. Sandy Waldrop's serving and setting ability lead the Bears to their victories.

The J.V. team did extremely well, taking the first 2 games and match against the Raiders by the scores of 15-10, 15-7. The Eagles were a little more competition for the Bears taking the first two games to defeat the Bears 15-4, 15-10.

Ms. VanGelder feels the J.V. team played well together but they still have room for improvement. Susan Setzer sparkled on the team with her all round playing ability.

## BEARS LOSE SQUEAKER TO BLACKHAWKS BY ONE

By Robert Colangelo

The Bears opened up their 1980 season with a tight fought battle with the Osterholz Blackhaws. Even though the Bears lost, it was only a one point difference (7-6). The Bears did much better than expected. The Blackhaws came into the game with a USAEUR record of 13 straight wins. The Bears won the opening toss and chose to receive the kick. It was mishandled and the Blackhaws recovered it. It was a up and down the field battle until the second quarter when Pete Jordan of the Blackhaws dived over the goal line from the Bear's one yard line. Leslie Buford kicked the PAT that turned out to be the winning point.

The Bears also scored in the second quarter on Brian Frazier's long kickoff return of 90 yards. The PAT kick attempt by Mike Kuhlbars was wide. Both teams fought off 4 quarters of hard fought football and it showed what great shape both of these teams were in. This was a good experience game for both teams

because it was a non-conference game and they both will clash in the last conference game on Nov 1. Top performers from Berlin included Brian Frazier, Bob Colangelo, Tommy Hardison, and Tom Graham.

Blackhaws 7, Bears 6

Osterholz.....0 7 0 0-7  
Berlin.....0 6 0 0-6

Ost- Jordan 1 run (Buford kick)  
Ber- Frazier 90 kickoff return (kick-failed)

## JV Fights Tough!

By Von Johnson

On the morning of September 20, 1980, the mighty Berlin Bears clashed with the J. V. Osterholz Blackhaws. It proved to be a tough defensive battle with the Bears' defensive team being led by their captain, Eddie Jackson, holding the Blackhaws to a scoreless game. The one seeming breakthrough in the game came with Tyler Frazier's 70 yard touchdown run. It, however, was called back by a penalty and the Bears were never able to duplicate a scoring effort for the remainder of the game. The game ended in a scoreless tie.

## BAHS TRIO STAR ON GERMAN 6

by Cliff Jack

Berlin High doesn't have a Hockey team but that doesn't stop John Cleary, Joel McCarter, or Tim McCarter from playing the sport they love. Joel, Tim, and J.C. all play hockey for a German hockey team called the Berliner Schullts-hoffer Club. They were able to join the team because of the help they received from Frau Schneider, a German Teacher at B.A.H.S.

They practice with their team every Wednesday and Friday night from six o'clock to eight o'clock. The practices are held in the Wedding hockey Stadium in the French sector of Berlin.

Each of the guys play different positions on the team. Tim plays left wing, J.C. plays goalie, and Joel plays right wing. All these positions are key factors in the success of the team and take many hours of practice to do well.

This is not the first team that the three have played on. J.C. played hockey at his hometown in Boston, Mass. While the McCarter brothers played their hockey at Fort Meade, Maryland.

If there is anyone who would like to play on the team they may contact any of the guys or Frau Schneider.