

Bearin' Down

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is Commemorated at BAHS

By Jody Fullerton

Berlin American High School held a school assembly, January 15th in honor of the late Martin Luther King's birthday.

BAHS was greatly surprised to find that opera singer Charles Williams would perform as the special guest artist at the assembly. Williams joined the chorus in singing "Precious Lord Take My Hand."

The program was led by Master of Ceremonies Eric Edwards and Mistress of Ceremonies Trish Lindsey.

The BAHS Chorus, led by Mrs. Barbara Payne, sang "Day By Day", and other selections.

The Multi-Ethnic Studies Class presented radio plays in a studio entitled "The Job" and "Old Smith's Grocery."

The Interfaith Choir, led by Mrs. Dillard, sang "Soon I Will Be Done" among other songs.

Dr. Jack, BAHS Principal, concluded the program saying: "Martin Luther King, Jr. burst upon us like a comet, but he did not fade!"

Bonn to Host Festival

by Lynn Tolbert

This year the Chorus and Band District Festival will be held February 19-22 in Bonn. Berlin American High School's chorus director, Mrs. Payne has selected students from her chorus class to participate in the festival.

Miss Risner, BAHS's band director, will direct selections for the festival. The band students who are going to the festival were chosen after taped auditions.

Juniors plan Prom

by Joan Chartier

With the guidance of sponsor Miss Van Galder and president Michael Short, the Junior class is busy making plans for the 1980-1981 Junior-Senior Prom.

The dance is to be held at the Columbia House in Tempelhof. The Class of '82 decided by vote the theme of the dance would be "Freebird." The date for Prom is May 16.

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BAH to attend Green Week

by Cathy Jones

The International Green Week will be held this year from Jan. 23 to Feb. 1. Students and faculty members of Berlin American High School will be able to attend this event on Jan. 28. For those attending Green Week, buses will depart the school at 9:30 and return at 1:15 that afternoon. The price to attend is DM 2.00 per student instead of DM 4.00 because of a group discount rate.

At Green Week, there will be countries from every continent that will participate. Added to this event are many attractions, such as the international floral competition, the allotment gardeners' hall, a presentation on the capabilities of German horse breeders, food, and various shows for entertainment. Students and faculty members are welcome, so be sure to attend.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

win \$25.00 !!

by Nancy Chartier

Open to all students, grades 7-12 is the opportunity to display your interest in our environment. But hurry! The deadline for this contest sponsored by the Berlin J.H. Student Congress in January 30, 1981.

The rules include:

1. only one entry per student
2. length and width must not exceed 36 inches
3. all entries must be turned into Mr. Long, room A8, by January 30, 1981 before 3PM

Undertaking the task of judging the posters will be Ms. Snyers, Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. Benson.

Prizes include \$25.00 to the first place entry, \$15.00 to second, and \$10.00 to third.

At press time the number entries in the competition totaled 12. Students are encouraged to enter. If you're interested in expressing your feelings about our environment, do it in a poster.

Dr. Jack answers... Why all the fuss?

by Tracey Turner

January 15, marked the birthday of one of the worlds greatest men. That man was the late Reverend, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Many students may be curious to know why all of the fuss has been brought up about Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. Jack answered this question with the following: "Reverend Dr. Martin King was a man of my time. There's no question about how great a man he was. I personally believe had Martin Luther King Jr. remained alive, he would be in line for national office if indeed he were not already there. Why the fuss over his birthday? It goes back to not only what this great man accomplished in his life, but even more to what Martin Luther King believed in. Most of all, he believed in love. Not the kind of love we have for mother's, father's, and sweethearts- more respect for one another. For this reason, we should not let his memory die and we must remember also that Martin Luther King was not only a national figure, but an international figure. I would like the students of Berlin High School to be able to answer when people ask: Why all the fuss for his birthday?"



**RESERVATIONS
need not be made!
COME AND SEE
Plaza Suite**

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 1

Voicing Out

by Jeff Alexander

This year the Berlin American High School newspaper has decided to add a little something different. It was decided that we should have a poll. And in the interest of our students and faculty, a very touchy theme was chosen. "The male and female attraction." Readers of the newspaper were questioned on ten points. They were asked to judge the opposite sex, from one to ten on the various points, in order of importance.

Our results were astounding. We polled and combined our results from every grade level. Here is what we found for men's view, they were asked to grade females on the following: 1) Intelligence 2) Good looks 3) Humorous 4) Kind 5) Outgoing 6) Polite 7) Well groomed 8) Do they party 9) Older 10) Maturity. This is what we found on a scale of one to 10 of what males of Berlin American High School prefer.

- 1) Good looking
- 2) Mature
- 3) Kind
- 4) Humorous
- 5) Well groomed
- 6) Intelligent
- 7) Outgoing
- 8) Polite
- 9) Parties
- 10) Older

The females of Berlin American High were asked to grade the guys on these same 10 points. They were also asked to grade guys on a scale of one to ten. Here are the results of our polling.

- 1) Intelligent
- 2) Humorous
- 3) Kind
- 4) Good looking
- 5) Polite
- 6) Well groomed
- 7) Outgoing
- 8) Mature
- 9) Older
- 10) Parties

announcing ...

- Jan 23- Student holiday
- Jan 27- PTSA meeting
- Jan 27 M.U.N.
- Jan 28- School trip to Green Week
- Jan 28- Recreational reading
- Jan 30
- Feb 1- Plaza Suite (Andrews 7:00)
- Jan 31
- Feb 7- Junior High ski week
- Feb 4- Recreational reading
- Feb 7-
- Feb 15- Senior High ski week
- Feb 11- Recreational reading



BAH Opens Books

by Elizabeth Waldrop

Faculty and students of BAHS take 30 minutes every week for constant reading. This program has been designed to get students interested in reading. The following information gives different opinions and views about this reading program.

Marlena Winston- grade 7- I think it's great, but it should be longer.

Brian Wacter- grade 7- I think it's great.

Chandi Peterson- grade 7- I think it's a fun thing to do but it must be held for 3 hours instead of just one.

Birgit Zander- grade 8- I thought it was ok, because I finally found the time to read.

Judith Toves- grade 8- I think the reading program helps to improve my comprehensions.

Lauree Barsh- grade 10- The idea of reading is good, but should be done only in the English classes.

Mark Bans- grade 10- Personally I think it is a good idea, it gives us a break from the normal routine of class and gives those who do not have the time, an opportunity to do so.

Larry Wilkinson- grade 10- I think it's a total waste of time. It's almost as exciting as watching flowers grow.

Larry Beebe- grade 11- I think the idea of reading is great, it gives people the chance to do things they couldn't do otherwise.

Evelin Cruz- grade 11- I think the idea of reading is great, it helps improve our vocabulary and reading ability, which this school really needs.

Ron Watt- grade 11- Recreational reading is a good time to relax and kick back with a good book.

Scott Cheatham- grade 12- XXX censored XXX.

Kelley Brymer- grade 12- A good idea, because it gave most of the kids an "excuse" to read.

Jay Cole- grade 12- I think it's a good idea.



Humanity Wins Once Again

Lynne Schenkelberger, a senior at BAHS, accidentally left her purse on the top of her locker in the first floor hall. She was in a rush to get to class as all students are since the tardy rule is strictly enforced. A few moments later, Denise Gilbert, a junior, noticed the purse and took it to the main office without opening it. "It was the first thing that occurred to me", she said later. At the office the purse was opened so that the owner could be identified and Lynne was called back from class to claim her lost property.

What is so unusual about this is the fact that the handbag contained a "large sum of money" and so Denise was also called out of class and publicly thanked by the principal. Dr. Jack and others for her forthright honesty and good action.

There are still a lot of good people around.

DODDS NEWS

By Alicia Muller

All over Germany, and Europe many exciting things are happening in the American high schools. Some of these are:

Twenty-seven band and chorus members were chosen to represent Vicenza U.S. at the fourth annual Italo American Music Festival held in Naples November 19 to 23.

The first National Junior Honor Society Induction was held at Osterholz American H.S. on December 9. All the inductees had a 3.3 grade average and attended Osterholz H.S. last year. There were twenty-five new inductees.

Students at Edgren American H.S. have an opportunity to explore Japan through the Discover Japan Club. Fund raising events are being planned to help pay for scheduled trips.

Munich has formed a new Stereo Club. In this club tapes and albums are exchanged, concerts are discussed, and plans are made to go to future concerts.

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Outlooks

ENTER: A NEW YEAR

Dec. 31, 1980
 New Year's Eve; a party.
 Teens, sitting quietly, telling jokes.
 More teens enter, louder music.
 "Cool" dancers, swishing and swaying to the latest melodies.
 They crunched potato chips and willingly let bubbly champagne flow down their throats.
 More teens enter, some with half-filled bottles, already accing giddy.
 A brilliant white light flashed off and on, continuously; giving people and faces, shadows of robots.
 Everyone was rowdy, having a good time; some more so, than others.
 I stood outside, alone, yet not lonely.
 The wind howled, my hair whipped, the rain poured upon my face, leaving a refreshing glow.
 Inside, the party was nearing its climax.
 Candlelight flickered, lights danced with people, and all was good.
 For some reason, I couldn't join.
 My mind was miles away.
 I recalled 1980, the good and bad, the ups and downs.
 Buildings were silhouetted against the midnight sky.
 The countdown began.
 Everyone shouted. Everyone cheered.
 The old year passed away, the new one was born.
 I watched the fireworks, soaring into the skies, illuminating the heavens.
 It was as if star dust had been scattered, or a fairy had dropped some blazing glitter...
 I watched, trying to take it all in at once.
 Hugs, kisses and shouts filled the air.
 Bombs went off beside me.
 Tears from heaven, forced the crowd in.
 I heard them open bottles, I heard the joyous cries.
 Yet, I waited, without knowing why.
 Soaked, I drew myself into the room.
 Broken crystal, fallen food, blood, booze, screams, curses, crying; mass chaos, everywhere.
 Clean-up. Some left, more exited and a few really helped.
 There were three of us left when the hostess buried her head and cried.
 Jan. 1, 1981

YOU

by Jeanne Dansereau

I look into your eyes
 My heart melts,
 My troubles leave
 Time stands still,
 And it's only you and me.
 by Colene



THE WEARY HOUSEWIFE

At daylight, when my room is filled with light
 I rise and sadly greet the morning sun.
 I have so much to do before it's night
 I've promised everything to everyone!

By eight, I've fed the kids and sent them out.
 I make my plans and drain my coffee mug.
 I have to wash the dog and now I doubt
 That I'll have time to clean the bedroom rug.

At three, I have to take Jan to ballet.
 Then shop for dinner (children must be fed).
 That meal at six, because there's PTA
 From which I'll stagger home and go to bed.

I face the time ahead with sinking heart:
 My day's too long before it even starts!

by Anne Meriwold

MY BROTHER

I care for him so much.
 He acts as if I don't exist.
 Only to say Hi and may I borrow five dollars.
 He only comes to me when he wants
 Something, or he is in trouble.
 I just want to say, I might not
 Be here one day,
 So you had better make the best of today
 Because tomorrow I might be astray.

Name Withheld

BORN TO...

Born, being out into the world. Childhood, learning the correct behavior patterns. School, beginning of new things (objects) around us. Scouts, working to earn badges. Ballet, dancing in step, grace and melody. High school, moving towards goals, and grades. Games, practicing, cheering, and winning. Exams, studying, cramming, and remembering. Parties, dancing, music, full of sheer delight. Graduation, honoring the past, the feeling of accomplishment. College, majoring, and minoring, choosing a career area. Your job, thrilling, frustrating, long tiring hours. Dating, finding the perfect partner, trusting, and enjoying. Marriage, loving one another, the diamond, glittering on her finger. Kids, growing up, with lots of caring, and plenty of history 'bout "when I was little...". Senior citizen spending many hours with family and children. Time, running much too fast. The value of every, precious moment. Life, slipping by, all too fast, only to turn over, start again, and build anew.....

by Melissa Dansereau

SPOKEN TO

The star was speaking to me,
 Bit it was so far away,
 I couldn't hear its works.
 I strained and walked towards it.
 As I got closer,
 My heart, body, and soul were filled
 with joy.

The star was my friend,
 The voice of the most perfect being
 Telling,
 "You are on this earth for some reason."

I now know I'm not just a worthless
 taker of space
 I know not why I'm here,
 But someday I'll be told,
 I am a part of history,
 Without me things would be totally different,
 I am myself!
 When no individual needs me,
 I know I'm needed by the world.
 I think I'll spread the news,
 I've found myself!

by Rene Verret



A LANGUID REALITY

A child from no generation,
 With no place in society,
 No place in time,
 No place in our lives.
 Destined to roam forever
 In the hellish limbo of an American way
 Cast down from his lower class pedestal
 To a sub-culture no other dwells in.
 Cast down, never to rise again.

The Berlin American High School Basketball team will play Wuerzberg this weekend to begin their home game schedule. The team members themselves were asked how they felt they would do against the Wuerzberg team. Richard Cichy stated that he felt we should win the game decisively. Rick also said "I feel the key to the game will be our teamwork." Ron Watt says that "we should put a terrible one on them, and with togetherness we will put a terrible one on every team." Russ Walton feels "we have the talent to beat anyone in the league." "A team to be reckoned with" is how Kevin

by Cliff Jack

Buckles describes the Varsity team this year. Brian Frazier also says "We will take them as they come, and put them down." The team is not the only people who think the team will be good. The team's sponsor Ogden Lazenby has this to say about the team; "I feel this is an experienced and talented team which if it executes correctly has the capability to be very competitive during the season."

On January 16th and 17th, the Berlin Bears travelled to Patch Barracks to compete in their first non-conference game of the season. Details in the next issue of Bearin' Down.

Watt, Ron	6'4"	33
Cichy, Richard	6'3"	30
Walton, Russell	5'10"	14
Buckles, Kevin	6'1 1/2"	35
Frazier, Bryan	5'7"	12
Jack, Cliff	6'2"	32
Kintish, Sergio	5'10"	10
Batchelder, James	6'2 1/2"	13
Brown, Benny	5'10"	11
Mankel, Michael	6'1"	42
Fischler, Markus	6'3"	31
Makynen, Howard	6'4 1/2"	22
Dover, David	6'1 1/2"	21
Fullerton, Mike	6'0"	44
Washington, Loren	5'11"	20

Donelson, Richard Manager
 Faculty Sponsor: Ogden Lazenby
 Coach: James Cobb
 Asst. Coach: Pat McCormack



Sports

Berlin Girls Basketball Welcomes in 1981 season

by Tracey Turner

"On January 14, the Berlin Varsity Women's Team scrimmaged the Berlin Brigade Army women's team at 6:30 at the B.B. Gym. Even though the bears were defeated by a distant Margin, "... the girls put up a pretty good fight in the last two quarters...", commented a spectator.

"On Friday, January 16th, and Saturday, January 17th, the Bears travelled to Stuttgart, to play Patch High School in their first non-conference game of the season. The starters for the varsity games, on those dates were: Tracey "Renata" Turner, guard-forward, Liz Waldrop Forward-guard, Barbara "Beeker" Hunt center, Nancy Chartier-guard. Shawn Vorrath and Trisha Lindsey alternat-

ed in as forwards.

Coach Rowlands commented on the team and the hopes of the season: "I feel that our team is very inexperienced, as a whole. We've come a long way since we've started practicing in December. Our greatest disadvantage is the lack of height. But we hope to make up for it with speed. I feel we can successfully compete any team we come up with, particularly the ones in our own division. I would appreciate the support of Berlin High School students, especially at our home games. With the help of Coach Gruber, I'm sure we'll have successful season."

WOMEN'S

Team Roster

Name	Height	Maroon #
Allen, Kim	5'7"	10
Begby, Michelle	5'8"	22
Chartier, Nancy	5'4"	25
Cruz, Evelin	5'2"	15
Hunt, Barbara	5'11"	32
Kohn, Karen	5'1"	24
Kronfield, Denise	5'6"	12
Lastra, Kerry	5'3"	50
Lindsey, Trisha	5'6 1/2"	11
Turner, Tracey	5'7"	21
Vorrath, Shawn	5'10"	23
Waldrop, Elizabeth	5'6 1/2"	41
Waldrop, Sandy	5'3 1/2"	34

Sponsored by: Mrs. Rowlands
 Coached by: Capt. Gruber
 Managed by: Kathy Sams, Judy Gamino

today

This Friday night beginning at 5:00, the Berlin Bears will be hosting the Wuerzburg Wolves. Come on out and shout for the Bears!

Wrestlers Pin New Season

by Von Johnson

Of all the sports in this school, wrestling is the most induring and strenuous sport. It requires quick thinking and speed, Berlin Bears wrestling has what it takes.

Air with some wrestlers. Tom stated that, "This year young team with a few veterans. Mike Short went on to say this year will be a good experience for us because we will be wrestling alot of Class A schools."

Drill Team In Action

by Tracey Turner

Once again this year Berlin American High School will have a winter sports drill team. The team's sponsor is one of the newer faculty members at our school, Mrs. Queen Williams.

When asked about the drill team, Gloria Gilbert, the team's captain, replied: "The main purpose and dedication of the Berlin American High School drill team will be to boost the spirit of the school. It's a group of young ladies performing different dances during half-time at the home basketball games as entertainment to the fans of the Berlin Bears."

Auditions for the drill team, for young ladies in grades 7-12, are still open. See Gloria Gilbert or Mrs. Williams for more information.

Swimmin' News

On Sunday the 11th of January, the Berlin Bear-a-cudas swim team once again held tight to their flawless record of nine wins and no losses by defeating the Patch Piranhas by a score of 283-182.

Both the 13-14 and 15-18 age group relay teams destroyed Patch's relay teams in the Freestyle and Medley relay events. One of the most unbelievable swimmers this year has been Jerry Rettie. Although he has only been swimming competitively for five months, he now holds the league record in the 100-meter Breaststroke. Susan Sams broke the pool record in the 100-meter Butterfly. Other outstanding swimmers were: Veronique Alderson, Dido Stowell, who stroked for 3 wins each. Jim Finley, Jerry Rettie, and Norman Storer swam for 2 wins each.