

# Bearin' Down

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## MUN IS A SUCCESS

by Jeff Alexander

This year the BAHS Educational Trip Club went to the Hague in the Netherlands. There these students attended the Model United Nations for American students from all over Europe. Each year students go to the Hague to represent actual countries of the United Nations. This year the members of the educational trip club were able to represent the countries of Egypt and Guinea Bissau at the model UN.

The two combined delegations left Berlin on the 25th of January. They arrived at the Hague on the morning of the 26th. Upon arrival the students were taken to the school where they were to take part in the day's activities. These consisted

of lobbying resolutions in the school at the Hague. This was continued until all the participants were told their housing arrangements.

The following day everyone met in general assembly at the Kongresgebau. Here the opening speeches were given which lasted the entire day. Thursday was spent in Committee, where the students gathered to debate resolutions. Again as on Wednesday the following day was spent in general assembly. That was the point at which resolutions passed in committee were discussed by the MUN in its entirety. Saturday the last day and probably the most exciting day was spent in general assembly. Early in the day a world crisis was brought about. The countries in the MUN were then supposed to debate a peaceful end to the problem. The MUN ended Saturday night with a farewell dance for all the participants.

The educational Trip club would like to thank Mr. Bluem and Mrs. South for all their help in making the trip possible.

## Costs of running BAHS top all time high in '80

By Alicia Muller

Now that energy conservation has become such an important issue, the administration wishes to inform the community of the cost of running Berlin American High School.

The electricity bill per day is 1200DM, and per year it is 176,000DM. Heating costs for a day at BAHS amount to 2500DM. Per year, the cost is 222,000DM. Custodial costs amount to 2800DM per day, and 416,000DM per year. Keeping the grounds and minor repair work comes to 2000DM per day. This comes to a total of 240,000DM per year. Major construction costs 3600DM a day and 43,200DM per year. The total cost of running Berlin American High School comes to a total of 1,097,200DM for the year of 1980.

## Students went to Potsdam

by Jeff Alexander

Recently the Russian history class at Berlin American High School, had the opportunity to pay a visit to the military mission house in Potsdam, East Germany.

On the 3rd of January, the class, Jeff Alexander, Don Stovall, Mark Lewis, Kathy Sams, Karen Hahn, and Carrie Huml, with their teacher, Col. Don O. Stovall, crossed Freedom Bridge into East Germany. Once they crossed into the DDR, the class was taken to the Ciclilean Hof. The Ciclilean Hof is a famous structure built by Frederick the First of Prussia. This was the structure in which the famous Potsdam Agreement of World War II was signed by the Allied Powers.

Upon arriving the group was met by an English speaking tour guide, who proceeded to conduct the group on a tour of the Ciclilean Hof.

After the tour the class proceeded to visit the city of Potsdam.

The winners of the Ecology Poster Contest are:

- 1) Jeanne Dansereau
- 2) Robin McDonald
- 3) David Geurin

## Teens Adopt First Graders

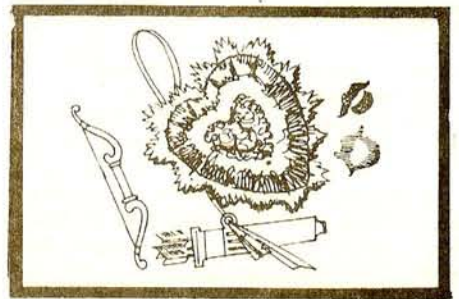
by Enaj Riab

Mrs. Bair's English classes have adopted two first grade classes at Bad Nauheim Elementary School in West Germany. This doesn't mean that these first graders need shoes, clothing, food, or housing. It does mean, though, that Mrs. Bair's classes will be providing them with assurances of their concern. Her classes will be writing stories for these children.

All of this came about as a result of a Bay Area Writing Project (BAWP) Workshop that Mrs. Bair attended recently in Weisbaden. It was there that Mrs. Bair talked to Mrs. Linda Lohse of Bad Nauheim Elementary. Mrs. Lohse mentioned some of the problems encountered when trying to teach writing to her first graders because of their natural inabilities.

Mrs. Lohse's class had a book read to them entitled Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak and from this experience each child had to create his or her own poster of a "wild thing" from torn paper and paper scrap, and mount it.

These "wild things" were sent to Mrs. Bair and now her students will create a story for each of these "wild things." When these stories have been completed they will be sent back to Mrs. Lohse along with the posters and it is hoped that the first graders will enjoy the creativity of Mrs. Bair's students and that Mrs. Bair's students will have added another dimension to their writing skills by writing for a slightly different audience from their usual adult audience.



## Graduation Ceremony is Held

by Cathy Jones

High School is usually completed over a four year period, but in certain cases, students are allowed to graduate early. Four seniors of Berlin American High School met all the requirements and received Dr. Jack's approval. These four, Jay Cole, Kathy Crawford, James Harman, and Dianna Lowe, graduated from BAHS on Jan. 27, 1981. The graduation ceremony was held in the school Learning Resource Center. Dr. Jack, Mr. Stowell, Mr. Chavies, some faculty members of BAHS, along with parents of those graduating attended the ceremony. The four were presented with their diplomas by Dr. Jack and were thereby recognized as high school graduates. Chaplain Andrews also recognized the graduates. On Sunday, 1Feb81 he gave recognition to them during the Protestant church service at the American Community Chapel.

## Pupils Chosen

by Peggy Vine

Students were chosen recently to go to the District Band and Chorus Festival to be held in Bonn the 19th through the 22nd of February.

The students in the Chorus are Debbie Stowell, Candy Edwards, Monica Park, Lynnie Tolbert, and Natalie Schneider as altos, and Curtis Adkins and Nancy Igou as tenors.

The bass singers are Vaughn Pruess, Joel Smith, Bobby Smith, and Vaughn Robinson. The sopranos are April Coffin, Susan Setzer, Laura Morgan, Karen Percifield, and Renee Gigon.

Representing BAHS Band will be Barbara Hunt and David Bryant on the clarinet, Kim Berg and Butch Reed on the trombone, Yhoshekia Loftin and Debbie Mitzel on the flute, and Ralph Smith on the trumpet.

Shawn Vorrath is going to play the French horn and Robert Bell the baritone saxophone. On the alto saxophone is Mark Young and John Cleary will be performing on the timpani.

Three schools besides Berlin will participate in the Music Festival. They are Osterholz, Bonn, and Hahn. The students will rehearse for two days and then perform on the 22nd of February.



# Features

## 'Express' Leaves Us Bewildered

compiled by "Cupid Express"

One may find it hard to believe, but it's true—it really did happen! I'm talking, of course, about what I saw as I attended (in my role as a newswoman, no doubt) a secretive Valentine's Day celebration of the BAHS teachers. I never thought it would turn out this way....

The dark, foggy streets outside were forgotten that one strange night as I, with tape-recorder and pad in hand, stumbled down the stairs of the Jazz-Keller and found myself under a shower of cardboard cupid's hearts, which had been shot by an over-enthusiastic cupid bearing the resemblance of Mr. Huffer.

## Games People Play

by Mike Bowman

Maybe you've heard the game of Dungeons and Dragons discussed around school. These people talk about monsters, magic and heroic deeds as if they did that every day after school. Well, they do, simulating their battles with magic and monsters. How does this work? Well, each player creates a character which will represent his actions in the game. The character has numerical scores for his attributes such as charisma, strength, dexterity. One person assumes the role of "Dungeon Master" and designs an area where the game will take place. During the game the "DM" determines the results of battles through the use of tables, dice, and lots of imagination -- D&D is usually a series of discussions and arguments. Rule books are still important though -- D&D requires several expensive hardbound books. So if you don't know what to do with your time and money, try blowing it on D&D.

## WORD HUNT

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| 2. Candies    | 10. Heart      |
| 3. Cards      | 11. Hug        |
| 4. Chocolates | 12. Kisses     |
| 5. Darling    | 13. Love       |
| 6. Date       | 14. Roses      |
| 7. February   | 15. Sweetheart |
| 8. Flowers    | 16. Valentine  |

Ducking this barrage of holiday props which had given me a rather breathtaking initiation to a crazy party, I was ushered into a brightly-decorated side room by a figure which looked a little like Miss Gygax. There in the chamber I then encountered Miss Risner and Mrs. Williams who were gently playing harps over two other figures who acted like they had been struck by cupid's arrows and seemed to be Mr. St. John and Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Moeller, whom I saw next, and who was playing—rather badly—a violin, showed me the way into a next room. Here materialized two heart-shaped bowls of punch and goodies, and Mr. Priebe running around Miss Rekucki, and Miss Snyers who were giggling uncontrollably among themselves.

As I walked over to see what it was they found so funny, I saw Mr. Coffin roaming the room in little more than a diaper and T-shirt and carrying a bow and arrow. As he saw me he raised to aim, but I pressed against a loose panel and found myself in still another room, in the middle of which was a gigantic cardboard heart, much like a cake at a bachelor party. I hung around just long enough for the rest of the participating teachers to file into the room by more secret accesses to witness Mr. Leonard in long, red underwear breaking loose and breaking out of the festive heart yelling, "Happy Valentine's Day!!"

## Reporting from Dodds

By Alicia Muller

As the new year begins, schools all over Germany, as well as all over the world, are beginning new clubs, sports, and activities.

Five students from SHAPE American High School, in SHAPE Belgium, have received awards. They received the Certificate of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. These students scored in the top 5% of the more than one million students who took the PSAT/NMSQT.

The Lion's chapter of the Honor Society, held its first induction of the 1980-81 school year. Sixteen students were inducted into this chapter at Heidelberg American High School.

Also at Heidelberg H.S., some are arguing that Seniors with a grade of a B or above should be exempted from the exam in that class.

During the holiday season, the band at Hanau American High School performed concerts to get their community into the Christmas spirit.

A S.W.A.T. organization has been formed at the Forrest Sherman High School. The main purpose of the Senior Women Action Team is to promote spirit. S.W.A.T. will work with the cheerleaders and help with pep rallies, making posters, and other spirit raising activities.

## Announcing

-Feb 14- Valentine's Day

-Feb 14- ACT testing

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-Feb 16- Presidents' Day, Student-teacher holiday  
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-Feb 18- Recreational Reading

-Feb 20-  
Feb 22- District Music Festival

-Feb 22- George Washington's Birthday

-Feb 24- PTSA Meeting

-Feb 25- NJHS Meeting

## AC/DC Rocks On

By Jody Fullerton

Since the death of lead singer Bonn Scott, fans have anxiously awaited the release of AC/DC's latest album "AC/DC Back In Black." "Back In Black", released in 1980, proved that Scott's death was not the end, but an inspiration for the group.

Brian Johnson, AC/DC's new lead singer, has proven that he can handle his new position, giving new dimension to the group.

AC/DC, led by Brian Johnson on lead vocals, also includes members Angus Young on Guitar, Rhythm with Malcolm Young, Drummer Phil Rudd and Basist Cliff Williams. All of the songs on "Back In Black" were written by Young, Young and Johnson.

The album contains such hits as "You Shook Me All Night Long", "Hells Bells", "What Do You Do For Money Honey" and "Rock And Roll Ain't Noise Pollution", among other selections.

For information on AC/DC's fan club and Merchandising, send a self-addressed envelope to:

AC/DC Fan Club  
18 Watson Close  
Bury St. Edmunds  
Suffolk, England.

AC/DC listeners here at BAHS want it known that Bonn Scott is not forgotten. God Bless.

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# Features

## Cupid's Arrows Strike Berlin High

To: Cliff Jack  
From: Kaky  
Message: Aishite masu!

To: Tom Graham  
From: Mike Kuhlbars  
Message: Blow in my ear.

To: Sergio  
From: Madalin  
Message: To say "Hi" to you always.

To: Boom-Room  
From: Fifi  
Message: Memories, the things I'll never forget about you.

To: Cliff Jack  
From: "You know who"  
Message: You can kiss under a willow; you can kiss under a rose; but the best place to kiss is under the nose.

To: Mrs. Payne  
From: The big kitten  
Message: You fill my saucer with English knowledge.

To: Tom Graham  
From: Lynne Schenkelberger  
Message: Everybody's got a hungry heart! Love ya!

To: "Renata"  
From: "Your Rodent"  
Message: To a great ball player, but especially a great friend!

To: Jeanne D.  
From: A great admirer  
Message: On a scale from 1 to 10, you're an 11.

To: Matt  
From: Suzanne  
Message: "You can call me, call me anytime."

To: Bobby the Bellhop  
From: Wally the Waiter  
Message: Haven't I seen you before?

To: Out going  
From: Shyness  
Message: Great things happen when unique people get together.

To: Benny  
From: The sister of the former #11  
Message: You've got an avid basketball fan in me- Good luck!!

To: Mr. Sullivan  
From: Your ex-straight man  
Message: Am I still Captain of the Bean-Bag Team?

To: Mrs. South  
From: ?!?  
Message: If today you ring our doorbell, I will open our door with a smile.

To: Kathy Balthasar  
From: A secret admirer  
Message: I'm in love with you.

To: Mrs. Payne  
From: A person "frozen in time"  
Message: Another 4th period class that's just as laid-back.

To: Grace Soltys  
From: A real close friend (I hope)  
Message: Love is a four-letter word!

To: Karen Percifield  
From: The WILD BUNCH  
Message: 1... 2... 3... We love you, Karen!

To: Peggy Vine  
From: A friend  
Message: Maybe we could go bowling; I'll even let you win!

To: The Publications' Class  
From: Mama Bair  
Message: I yell a lot! I demand even more! But... I love you all the best!

To: An open heart  
From: A lovesick heart  
Message: My no. is 813-2997. Call me anytime after 4:00 PM. We'll have a celebration.

To: Mark Young  
From: M.R.H.  
Message: Meet me at Lovers' Ski Slope on Valentine's Day!

"I LOVE YOU" ALL OVER THE WORLD

I LOVE YOU  
ICH LIEBE DICH  
TE AMO  
JE T'AIME  
SAYA CINTA PADAMU  
WAANKU JACALAHAY



To: Mr. Pinschmidt  
From: His baby, Plaza Suite  
Message: Thanks, Dad!

To: Mimsie  
From: Mom and Dad  
Message: Good luck to you and the short, skinny kid.

To: Roy Hubley  
From: Norma (your wife, remember?)  
Message: It doesn't maen we're not happy, does it!

To: Jesse Kiplinger  
From: Larry Tate (Muriel's husband)  
Message: Does this mean I get free tickets to your next show?

To: Sam Nash  
From: Your loving wife Karen  
Message: I've gone to a dirty movie be back at 10:00

To: Eric Engbretson  
From: P.L.D.  
Message: Will you "Zero In" on my heart?

To: Dad  
From: Melisse  
Message: Get well!! Happy Valentine's Day!!

To: Andrew Lynch  
From: P.L.D.  
Message: How much do you charge on Valentine's Day, American Gigelo?

To: Linda  
From: Mark  
Message: "Out of sight doesn't always mean out of mind." I'm sorry. Love ya.

To: Mrs. Payne  
From: Bernard  
Message: Roses are red, violets are grey. I'm giving you this Valentine message, so how 'bout an A?

To: Becky and Regina  
From: Me  
Message: I wish you a double-magnum and a safe place to drink it.  
To: Tommy Hardison  
From: Roseanne-Roseanna Danna  
Message: Roses are red, violets are blue; I think you're sweet, but crazy, too.

To: Mr. Sullivan  
From: 4th period American Lit class  
Message: We love your class!!

To: Nick M.  
From: Someone that likes ya (a lot)  
Message: Look in my direction, 'cause I'm comin' your way. Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Mom and Dad  
From: Cheryl D.  
Message: I love you in big ways: I love you in small ways: I love you this minute: and I'll love you always.

To: Melisse  
From: Your beloved sister  
Message: Now's your chance....

To: Sasha Wood  
From: Farida Shahab  
Message: Someone said that knowledge is power. Hope I'll get to know you better.

To: Andrew Lynch  
From: H.R.  
Message: Reserve the court for a midnight game of raquetball, Mr. Cowboy.

To: Benny  
From: The crazy Sophomore in the purple swimsuit  
Message: The tide is high, but I'm holdin' on .... Happy Valentine's Day!!



# Outlook

## IN LOVE

"I'm in love"  
So I told my mother.  
"We're gonna get married  
Come this summer."

"I'm in love"  
So I told my mother.  
"We're gonna get married  
Come this summer."

Then my mother said,  
"Does he really care?"  
Whether in need or not  
Will he always be there?"

I said, "I think so,  
He's been there before,  
But he there forever  
I'm not very sure."

Then she said, "Be careful,  
Don't make a mistake.  
It's a lifetime decision  
Your about to make."

All of a sudden  
I knew deep inside  
I wasn't in love  
So I started to cry.

I said thanks mom  
As I held her tight.  
She said I just want  
You to do what is right.

I sure am glad  
God gave me my mother  
Cause if he didn't  
I'd have made a mistake this summer.

by Rose M. Hanson

## I am an empty cup...

I am an empty cup waiting to be filled.....

.....with knowledge, so that I may be intelligent  
and able to learn thoroughly.

.....with experience, so that I may learn from my  
mistakes.

.....with vitality, so that I can live each day to  
it's fullest.

.....with adventure, so that my life will have a  
dash of excitement.

.....with justice, so that I may have wisdom to know  
what is right.

.....with humor, so that I may laugh at my faults  
and keep a wit about me.

.....with friendship, so that I will be a true  
friend to each and every one I make.

.....with courage, so that I am brave when facing  
problems and conflicts.

.....with endurance, so that I will have the ability  
and stamina to go on when things are rough.

.....with challenges challenges, so that I will seek  
new goals and try to fulfill them.

.....with hope, so that I can always look to the  
future, however depressing the present may be.

.....with peace, so that I might get along with and  
accept others, who differ from myself.

.....with opportunities, so that I will strive to  
achieve in the many things that will pass my way.

.....with kindness, so that I shall be understand-  
ing and helpful to those who ask for my assistance.

.....with confidence, so that I shall have the de-  
sire to succeed and the will to become.

.....with love hoping that the brim will overflow  
and fill other empty, waiting cups and thus encir-  
cle and engulf all those within its reach.

I am an empty cup waiting to be filled.

by Jeanne Dansereau



## Dawn

In the distance,  
I see the sun climbing.  
Out of the darkness,  
The light is escaping.  
A new day is beginning.  
Yesterday is but a dream,  
And tomorrow's still another day away.

NAME WITHHELD

## Once...

Once I was a child,  
Young and full of joy.  
Now I'm grown and older,  
I like a special boy.

He's homest and very smart.  
I like him very much.  
Something makes me like him.  
I think it's his special touch.

I wish I were a child again,  
Young and full of joy.  
Though between the years of growing,  
I've married that special boy.

We had so much fun together.  
It really is a shame,  
That he had to die so suddenly  
And leave me with his name.

When we were children before,  
We never had to part,  
But then he died so suddenly.  
He took with him my heart.

by Kathy and Susie Sams



I have a picture of someone I love,  
But does she love me?  
They say a picture says a thousand words.  
But it is hard,  
When both of us,  
Only say a dozen words to each other all day.

Frozen in time on a glossy 8" by 10",  
Words that can't be spoken.  
But what could have been said?  
Nobody will ever know.

The colors form the person.  
Free and at peace with themselves.  
But push the shutter release,  
And their prisoners for life.

by Glenn Reilly

## INNOCENT TORMENTOR

It pulled at my thoughts  
Like a child being born.  
I tried returning its strength  
Only to receive scorn.

It laughed at my words  
And dared to be cruel,  
As though it was the creator  
And I only a tool.

I fiercely tried  
To show it my ability.  
But it once again proved  
I was merely a utility

I tried to destroy it.  
A challenge has been met.  
I'm not strong enough to conquer  
A blank sheet of paper--yet.

by Diana Pederson



# Outlook

## Shadows

Shadows follow me.  
The sun is in my face.  
The whole world lies before me,  
And there's nothing behind my back.  
And the shadows, they follow me.  
I'm walking toward sunsets,  
And leaving the darkness.  
I'm walking towards a well lit escape.  
And the shadows, they follow me,  
Not letting me forget where I came from.

NAME WITHHELD

## He Died

Did you hear him cry?  
Did you hear him cry?  
Do you care if he dies  
Or will you watch him fall?

Did you know his wife?  
Did you know his child?  
Did you give it a thought  
Or does it drive you wild?

Was he happy  
Or was he sad?  
Now that he's dead  
Does it make you glad?

He fought for his child.  
He fought for his wife.  
He fought for his country.  
He fought for his life.

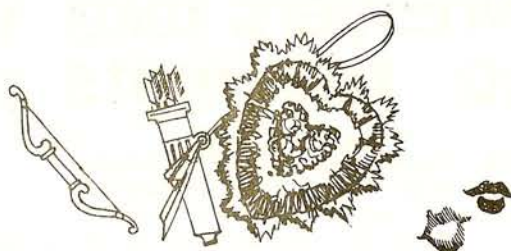
But it didn't work.  
It did him in.  
He wasn't strong  
enough to win!

By Mary Hanson

## DEJECTED

The star was speaking to me,  
Yet I could barely hear it.  
It was calling to me,  
Beckoning me to come forth.  
I tried.  
But something was holding me back.  
The star was reassuring me.  
Summoning me forward,  
As if to collect a great remuneration.  
A war was raging within me.  
I wanted to step forward,  
Yet my legs would not respond.  
Finally, I mustered the strength,  
Stepped forward--

To find nothing. by Rachel Muller



## PAINFUL PAST

Memories haunt me.  
'Old flashbacks they taunt me,  
Time and time again.

Friends come back for me.  
Their voices I hear clearly,  
Reminding me of another time  
That I'd prefer to erase.

Sometimes I give up  
And the memories they catch up.  
This is when I feel the pain.

I must learn to think future,  
Or be condemned by my past.  
I can't keep reliving yesterdays,  
While my precious todays are wasting away.

by Norman Storer

## SWEET MEMORIES

Sweet are the memories  
Of how it used to be.  
No worries at all  
Our lives were so free.  
Lost are the times  
That we once shared.  
But locked in our minds  
Are the memories.

by Monica Park

A friend in need is a friend that will listen to you when you need someone to listen. He or she may give you good advice or just BS and then change the subject.

A good friend will also remember you in 10 years when you call him up and tell him you're in town and you need a place to stay.

A good friend will help you out in both good and bad times, be there when they're needed instead of telling you to go to hell. They'll also back you up when your in a jam.

My best friend left Berlin last year and he was everything that I listed above. I hope he is the same when I visit him next year.

I'll tell you, there aren't many friends like that left in the world.

NAME WITHHELD

And then I ask the question: How many men must die before we can really have a true and peaceful society? How long will it take? If we can catch the spirit, and the true meaning of this experience, I believe that this nation can be transformed into a society of love, of justice, peace, and brotherhood where all men can really be brothers.

--Coretta Scott King

# OBSERVE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## wrestlers take to the mats

by Nancy Chartier

On January 17, the Berlin Wrestling Team traveled to Osterholz. Varsity wrestlers who were victorious included John Leal in the 98 lb. weight class pinning his opponent in 45 seconds. Tom Graham pinned his man in 5:45 in the 132 lb. weight class. In the 145 lb. weight class, Mike Short dominated his match with an easy 12-0 decision. Dan Short, who normally wrestles 155, wrestled in the 185 lb. weight class and gained the fastest pin of the meet in 28 seconds. Unfortunately the team was defeated by a very close score of 33-29.

January 24 the wrestling team was once again on the road. This time in Baumholder, not only taking on the Bucs, but also the Ansbach Cougars. Once again John Leal was victorious as he defeated his opponent from Baumholder in 1:51. Mike Short pinned his man from Ansbach in 2:32, and Dan Short won his match with a 9-5 decision over his Ansbach opponent. This time the scores were not so close as Berlin lost to both Baumholder and Ansbach by scores of 6-60 and 21-42 respectively.

Berlin held its first home meet on January 31, hosting three very tough schools, Hanau, Stuttgart, and Kaiserslautern. Stuttgart handed over two forfeits, one being to Larry Speer in the 105 lb. weight class and the other to Jim Triplett in the heavyweight class. Other successful wrestlers included Mike Short as he defeated his man from Hanau by a decision of 13-7, and Dan Short, who pinned his K-Town opponent in 5:17 and also won a 9-5 decision over his rival from Hanau. Tom Graham was the big winner as he tied in his first match against K-Town with a score of 5-5, pinning his Hanau opponent in 3:41, and with an easy decision of 10-1 over his man from Stuttgart. Once again Berlin was unsuccessful as they were defeated by Stuttgart (23-48), Hanau (12-54), and Kaiserslautern (8-62).

So far this year the JV wrestlers have not had much luck as only Von Johnson and Ritchie Arnold are the only two to win a match. Johnson pinned his Osterholz opponent in 5:56, and Arnold pinned his man from Baumholder in 5:14.

## SCHI HEIL!

by Kathy Balthasar

The Senior High Ski Trip will be departing for the beautiful slopes of Mellau on the 7th of February. The sponsors of this year's trip are, Mrs. Mercer and our Supervising Counselor, Mr. Payne.

The 39 participants will be staying at a Youth Hostel in Lindau until February 14 and will return to Berlin on the morning of the 15th.

## Women Bears Prepare for Regular Conference Game

by Tracey Turner

In the past 3 weeks the Berlin She-Bears have been preparing for their conference games. On January 16th and 17th the She-Bears traveled to Patch Stuttgart to compete in their first non-conference games of the 1981 B-ball season. Things started out quite well in the first game then late in the first half, the Panthers pulled ahead of the Bears for an unreachable victory. Tracey Turner topped Berlin with 18 pts. Nancy Chartier lead the Bears the following morning with 14 pts, Turner followed close with 13. The JV team split with the Panthers for that weekend.

January 23rd and 24th marked the date of the first non-conference home game. The Berlin girls competed against the Wuerzburg Wolves. The girls lost both games, the sec-

ond only by one basket. Tracey Turner, again, topped Berlin with 20 and 10 consecutively. The J.V. team lost two very close games, 14-12 and 15-12.

The following weekend the Bears played their 3rd and final non-conference game. Their competition was one of the leagues top teams, the Zweibruecken Trojans. Again the She-Bears dropped both games by marginal scores. Turner put up 18 and 10 pts in the 2 games. The JV team put up a tough fight to the bitter end on both occasions. Evelyn Cruz and Sandra Waldrop shined in the games. The JV Bears lost both games by one point with the same scores of 26-27.

The first conference game will be against the Karlsruhe Knights, and the She-Bears plan to come out Victorious!!!

## BERLIN BEARS CHEER

The cheerleading squad started into the Berlin winter season with new cheers

The cheerleading squad started into the Berlin winter season with new cheers and many new faces. They are now cheering at Bears' basketball games, both at home and away.

Helped by their sponsors, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Lewis, the girls

add life and excitement to the games, by leading Bears' fans in clapping and cheering. They definitely add enthusiasm to Berlin sports.



## BOYS B-BALL UNDEFEATED

by Clifford Jack

The B-ball team is now undefeated in 6 games. The Bears have beaten Patch, Wuerzburg and Zweibruecken on their way to the perfect record.

In the first game of the season the Bears started a little slow and found themselves down by 9 points at the half. After intermission the Bears outscored the Panthers 20 to 10 in the third quarter, and held on to their lead to win 60-55. On Saturday the guys won the game 74 to 68, but had to outscore Patch 22-13 in the Final quarter to do it.

Ron Watt sparked the Bears on both nights hitting 26 on Friday and 24 on Saturday. Cliff Jack helped out with 16 and 14 and Kevin Buckles. Richard Cichy played an outstanding game defensively as well as helping out on offense. Brian Frazier hit 4 clutch free-throws at the end of the game.

Berlin rolled over the Wuerzburg Wolves in the home debut, winning 74-57 Friday and walking over the Wolves 70-36.

Cliff Jack led the Bears in scoring both nights hitting 28 on Friday and came back to pace Satur-

day's win with 26. Kevin Buckles and Richard Cichy helped Friday's cause with 19 pts. and 14 pts. respectively. Saturday, Ron Watt had 16 and Cichy again hit 14 pts. Russ Walton had 4 key steals at the end of the game.

Last weekend the Bears posted two close victories over the Zweibruecken Trojans. On Friday night Berlin defeated the Zwei team 64-57, in that game Berlin was leading by a point and widened that margin in the third quarter. Ron Watt paced the winners on Friday with 21 pts. and 18 rebounds, Cliff Jack with 18 and Kevin Buckles with 12.

In the second game the score was tied at the half 23-23, until the Bears pulled away in the second half once again. This time Jack paced the winners with 26 and 12 rebounds. Kevin Buckles had 11 pts. and dished out 6 assists and Ron Watt had 17 rebounds. Richard Cichy, although he had a cold, played two excellent games and James Batchelder stood out on defense.