

Bearin' Down

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Berlin, West Germany

Are you coming to my house



by Marcella Jones

Tonight the DYA will try put the boo back into halloween. The admission price is 50¢ for children under 12 and 75¢ for children 12 and over. The dates the haunted house will be opened is October 29, 30, and 31.

The teens are putting the scare raid together with the help of Mrs. Moore, the teen coordinator.

Mrs. Moore would like to get the teens involved into something creative. The haunted house was on a volunteer bases.

There will be tourist guides directing traffic and showing the booths. The booths are made by the teens.

Enjoy the Classics

by David Melvin

For sixteen marks you can be entertained by the classical sounds of such greats as Bach, Brahms, and Beethoven.

The price includes transportation to four youth concerts offered by the Berlin Philharmonie. Military buses will be used to take students there. If no buses are available they will go by U-bahn.

If you are interested you should fill out a reservation form and give it to either Mr. Lindsey or Mrs. Cleveland no later than 14, October 1982.

The shows that will be seen by the students are below.

On 20, Nov. 1982 at 7:00 pm Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 in F Major will be conducted by Herbert von Karajan along with Symphony No. 5 in C Minor.

On 16 January 1983 at 4:00 p.m. Matthias Kuntzsch will be conducting Liszt's Concerto No. One for Piano and Orchestra and Schumann's Symphony No. 4 in D Minor.

Saturday, 12 March 1983 at 3:00pm the Berlin Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by Theodore Bloomfield as they perform Bach's Suite No. 1 in C Major, Haydn's Symphony, No. 104 in D Major, and finally Brahms' Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in B Major, Opus 83.

Saturday, 16 April 1983 at 4:00 pm young soloists will perform works by Vivaldi, Mozart, and Schubert.

It looks to be a great series of concerts.

THE P.T.S.A. MEETS AGAIN

by Didi Stowell

The Berlin American High School Parent Teacher and Student Association's meeting for November will be held at 1900 hours on 3 November in the B.A.H.S. cafeteria.

The meeting will begin by a brief discussion of business details. Following the discussion, a program entitled "Epidemic, why our Kids use Drugs," will be put on by the Berlin Counseling Center.

After the program represented by the Berlin Counseling Center, there will be a panel, and questions from the floor will be answered.

Please come and take part in this very interesting as well as informative production.

We would like to point out that the PTSA includes students, therefore, we encourage all students from Berlin American High School to attend.

Berlin Music Dept. Presents Concert

by Brian Davis

On October 26 the Music Department presented its annual Fall concert. The concert featured many vocal and instrumental ensembles.

The concert opened with a Brass Ensemble. This was followed by the Concert Band performing Carmina Burana, followed by a Flute Ensemble. Next the Crescendo Choir sang its four selections, one of which featured members of the Chorus on percussion.

The Girls' Ensemble then kept the audience entertained with its two selections. Following the Girls' Ensemble was a Percussion Ensemble, and then a Boys' Ensemble.

The Chorus then sang Lemon Tree, the Medley from the King and I, and ended with God Bless America.

The Concert Band ended the concert with Chuck Mangione's Children of Sanchez.

The music department would like to thank the Berlin community for making this Fall Concert a success.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

03 NOV - PTSA (7:00 P.M. IN CAFETERIA)

04 NOV - END OF 1ST MARKING PERIOD

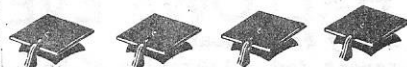
05 NOV - NO CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION -
TEACHER WORKDAY

08 NOV - 1ST DAY OF MARKING PERIOD

11 NOV - VETERANS DAYS (FEDERAL HOLIDAY)

Attention Seniors

Herff Jones will be here on November 1st and 2nd to take orders for Class Rings and Announcements. Each Announcement will cost 55 cents. Your Announcement packet order form and money should be turned in at this time. ALL SENIORS must pay 10\$ for their cap and gown.



Halloween Night's Activities Planned

by Kenda Hehn

Halloween night will come alive this Sunday evening, with hundreds of ghosts, goblins, and various other ghouls parading around the different housing areas in the tradition of Trick-or-Treating. The times allotted for this are between 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. There is also an age limit: no one over the age of twelve is permitted to take part in the festivities, unless escorting a younger brother or sister on the rounds.

Since Berlin recently went on daylight savings time, it was determined that 6:00 was not too early to start the Halloween tricks and treats.

Boys Ensemble Performs Well

by Tim Felker

Last week the boys choral ensemble performed for the first time at a German-American Womens Club luncheon. Their repertoire began with a bold rouser from the musical "The New Moon" called Stouthearted Men. The program moved on with a George Gershwin tune called I Got Plenty O' Nuttin. The honored audience was overwhelmed by a snappy rendition of Hello Dolly! as a finale.

Chorus teacher Mrs. Cleveland unselfishly gives up her afternoons to direct the group in its musical endeavors. Vocal talents include bases Sam Anderson, Jon Fowler, and Eric Wahlquist; and the tenors are Kevin Doty, Larry Speer, and Tim Felker.

7-12 NOV - TRIP TO VIENNA (GERMAN DEPT)
- TRIP TO STRATFORD, ENGLAND
(ENGLISH DEPT)

19 NOV - 7TH-9TH GRADE DANCE (7-10PM IN CAFETERIA)

25-26 NOV - THANKSGIVING RECESS

AUTUMN

Features



THE ANCIENT TALE OF HALLOWS EVE

by Peter Boatner

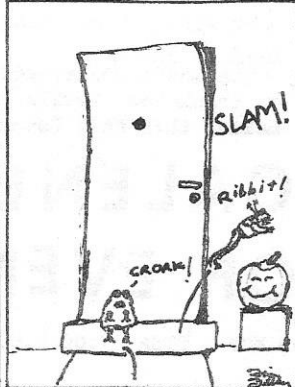
Our present day celebration of Halloween is a mixture of different customs from all the people that have taken part in them.

The first people to celebrate on October 31 were the Celts of Scotland and Ireland. They believed that the God of the Dead, Samhain, would come to earth on the eve of the Celtic New Year, November 1, and collect the spirits of all the years dead for the long trip to the Underworld. Celebrations included bright fires and loud noises to keep the living safe while the dead travelled to Hell.

After the Celts became Christians, November 1 became All Saints' Day, or All Hallows' Day. The night before, All Hallows' Eve, was a time to pray for the dead. From All Hallows' Eve comes the modern word Halloween.

The Scottish were in the habit of carving turnips in gruesome shapes with candles inside to scare off any ghosts. Immigrants brought this custom to America, where pumpkins were exchanged for turnips. This was the start of the American jack o' lantern.

The Irish believed that the "little people", or leprechauns, would come out on All Hallows' Eve and play tricks on the unwary. This led to the custom of trick or treats, when the sons of 19th century Irish immigrants would remember the Old World customs by playing tricks on non-Irish neighbors. This custom soon spread to everyone, and tricks were only played if treats weren't provided.



Oh, nothing Dear, just a couple of teen-age trick-or-treaters. (Ha! Ha! Ha!)

PUBLIC PROFANITY USAGE INCREASES

Contributing Writer

Erick Cohen

The implications of using public profanity are numerous and far-reaching. As obscene or suggestive words become more common, their usefulness is diminished. The increasing number of times profanity is encountered also illustrates the growing lack of education that is prevalent in today's society. Most tragically, ever-increasing foul word usage reflects the growing impoliteness towards other individuals.

Profanity has always been an outlet for inner anger and frustration therefore serving a somewhat useful purpose. The social stigma of using such words in public, however, helped keep anger in check by preventing a verbal abuse of the offending person or object. By such means, a social peace was established. But today, with public opinion shifted, profanity is common in personal confrontations and leads to mutual anger of both parties instead of its opposite purpose, the release of tension, therefore negating its usefulness.

Lack of education is also reflected in profanity. Obscene words make apparent that one's store of proper words relating to a particular situation has been exhausted. A person with even a small amount of schooling can adequately express himself without obscenities.

The worst sign of growing profanity is the increasing apathy toward other people's sensitivities. It is inexcusable for a person to totally ignore another person's senses with the use of expurgatives. Such unthoughtfulness is a warning sign that decadence has reached the point where a society will disintegrate. It is the final step to obliteration.

Increasing use of profanity is a grave warning of what is to come. Unless this disregard for other individuals stops, society will suffer permanently.

CORRECTION

"GOD'S FAVORITE"

by Neil Simon

Friday-Saturday-Sunday
Nov. 12-Nov. 13-Nov. 14
19:30 19:30 14:00

at ANDREWS THEATRE
admission FREE

Poll is Taken

by Andrea Dedman

On the 29th of September, students studying English at Solling-Oberschule, with the agreement of their teacher Frau Colson, evaluated, our school system.

On the 14th of October, some of the BAHS students studying German, under the supervision of Herr. Prigge, returned the invitation. During this time the BAHS German students, got to sit inside some of the classes, and learn all about the basic functions of a German High school. Here are some of the comments.

Pete Murphy-"It was different than this system, but the people and the classes were basically the same."
Sylvia Alexander-"I thought it was a dirty school, the people were rude, and they made us stand outside, and freeze."

Natalie Asp-"I didn't like the school at all, people were rude

and I was pushed around three times"

Mark Millen-"I thought it was a small school, and the facilities were below average. It was a good experience to see what a German school was like"

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HALLOWEEN

Outlook

It was an hour before the doors opened. The screaming children and their parents were already lined up outside the Berlin DYA. It was October 31st--Halloween night. The students working in the haunted house were getting their make-up touched up, while the tour-guides rehearsed their parts. Tonight was going to be the biggest crowd of the three nights. It always was. Each year it was the same scene. But this year was somehow different.

"Will everyone please take your places. The doors will open in 5 minutes," the DYA director's voice sounded throughout the building.

Theresa and Karen were getting in their places at the front, as they were tour guides. There would be seven rooms this year. First was the dining room, then the living room, operating room, torture chambers, coffin room, graveyard, and the ax-man's room.

Soon the doors were opened. The line at the paying table was already very long. As the first nine people payed and stood waiting for the last person, Theresa began her introductory speech. The last person to fall into line was a tall, rather strange-looking man. As he mixed in with the others, Theresa said in a cackling voice, "Good evening. Welcome to the Vontra Family Castle." She lead them through the dining room and on to the next. "Now this is the living room. Nice, isn't it? Notice the view from the window. It's very interesting this time of night," she snickered. As she pulled back the curtain, there were faint gasps from her group. There, hanging from a knoose, was a dummy swinging back and forth. In a few minutes she said, "And now, on to the next room," as she counted to make sure everyone was there--but there were only nine instead of ten. "He must have gone back," she thought, and continued with her speech. Then, it was on to the next room. "This is the operating room, and this is Doctor Lovebrain, the county's leading doctor. Looks as if we're just in time for surgery."

"Please, come closer," beckoned Dr. Lovebrain. "This is my patient. She hasn't been feeling very well lately. We'll have to operate immediately." The children watched, wide-eyed, as he pretended to turn on the electric carving knife and place it near the patient's neck. Cries of awe came from the disgusted children as he opened the folds of cloth, revealing raw meat.

There were three more rooms, then they were lead to where they could get refreshments. Theresa went back to her station and waited for her next group. Meanwhile, she stood talking to Karen, who was waiting for the rest of her group to pay and get in line with the others. "Hi, Karen. Is this your group?"

"Yeah, I gotta go as soon as those two finish paying," she replied, knodding towards a couple at the table.

"You know, I started out with ten people, but somehow I ended up with only nine. If you see a strange-looking man, lead him through, okay? He may have gotten lost."

"Sure, but there are lots of strange-looking men in this world. What does he LOOK like?"

"Well, he's got a really, really pale face. That's all I noticed."

"Okay. Listen, I've gotta go. I'll talk to you later."

"Sure. Bye. Good-luck!" she called as Karen led her group through the entrance doors.

"Now, on to the Vontra Family dining room," she cackled. After that, she lead them to the living room. Karen had not been working at the Haunted House until tonight, so she only knew what she was supposed to do, not want to expect in each of the rooms. She went on through her speech about the living room and flew open the curtains. "Oh, my God!" Karen shrieked. The children began to laugh.

"Don't be afraid. It's only a dummy!" a little boy stepped up to say.

"But it looks so REAL," she thought, and just to ease her

conscience, as the group moved around the living room, she moved towards it, but she stopped suddenly to notice its eye twitch. "This is crazy!" she thought. Then she heard a moan.

"What was that?" screeched a little girl, tugging at her mother's purse.

"It's just sound affects, honey," she replied.

"Yeah, it's just sound affects," Karen tried to reassure herself. "Now, if you'll a-l follow me, we'll get on with the next room." She led them through the dark and narrow passage-ways and into the ax-man's room. "This is Henrich, the town butcher."

"What's that thing in the corner?" inquired a little boy.

Karen looked towards where he pointed. "I--I don't know," she said, staring at the figure. It seemed to her to be a human body slumped over and covered with a cloth. "No, it

HALLOWEEN



Werewolves are howling,
Black cats are scowling,
Ghosts are aflight on this Halloween night.
Witches are shrieking,
Old houses creaking,
And little kids are all hiding in fright.
Now you can hear the ghosts wail,
While overhead the witches sail.
The sound that the cats make when they wine
Will race shivers down your spine.
You can hear the werewolves moan
And the ghosts all start to groan.
When you see the morning light appear,
You're safe again until next year.

by Elizabeth McLeod
grade 8



couldn't be. "But now, please follow me," she called, moving towards the operating room. "This is Dr. Lovebrain..." she went on with her speech. Everyone stood silently as he picked up a different knife this time than before. Holding it with both hands, he raised it slowly, slowly over his head, it's razor-sharp point glistening in the dim lights from above. And then, a blood-curdling scream was heard as the knife was thrust down and pierced the patient's neck. Karen jumped back. How had they made it look so real? Tears began to swell up in Karen's eyes as she stood gazing at the blurred figure of the grinning doctor. He looked somehow very pale in the lights, but her eyes were so watery that she could hardly see. She gathered her group and they were soon past the next two rooms.

The last of the seven rooms was outside in the cold wet darkness. It was the graveyard. Karen led her group through and let them mingle around. Suddenly, she felt a cold and clammy on her neck. She screamed and turned around quickly to see what it was.

It was Henrich. That man. Dr. Lovebrain. No--the ax-man. Who WAS it? He grinned evilly, and turned and walked slowly away. Karen quickly gathered her group and headed back to the refreshment room.

She went back to her station, tears in her eyes, and asked Theresa if she would mind if she went home.

"No, I don't mind at all," she replied. "Is something wrong? What happened in there?"

"No, no. Nothing's wrong. I'm just a little shaken up by all this."

"All what?" Theresa wanted to know.

"I don't know, I guess I don't feel too well. Are you sure you don't mind?"

"No, no. You go right ahead, I can handle things here."

"Thanks, Theresa. I'll see you in school Monday then. Bye."

"Sure. Bye," she said, as Karen left the building.

Karen lived two blocks from the DYA, but her parents were out, so they couldn't come pick her up, and she had planned on walking home with Theresa. But two blocks wasn't all that far. Besides, she wanted to get hom as soon as possible and try to forget about everything that happened. She crossed the highway, and turned off onto a narrow sidewalk. Then she stopped suddenly. There, standing no less than five yards from her, was Henrich. She turned quickly and kept a steady faster pace as she turned onto another side-walk. She looked back only for an instant to see if she had lost him. She hadn't. He was still behind her and getting nearer. Karen picked up a slow run. She had only half a block left to go. She turned again, her hair whipping her face, and saw that he was still following her, only he was running too.

Karen pushed her legs as fast as they would go. Her building was only a short distance away. She ran as hard and as fast as her legs would carry her. Now, she was at the stairwell door. She pulled the handle. It wouldn't move. "Oh, God!" she gasped. She turned. He was still coming, and at a fast pace. She fumbled through her pockets and grabbed the key. Cramming it in the lock, it opened with a jerk.

He was almost to the building now. He had a knife in his hand. Was it? Yes, it was the same knife she had seen in the operating room. Karen fled up the stairs, screaming. When on

the second floor, she reached for the door handle to her apartment. It was locked! She could hear him coming up the stairs. She didn't have time to stop and look for her keys now. He was one flight away from her. What could she do? In a frenzy of panic, she fled to the third floor. She tried the doors but they were locked. She ran, screaming, up to the fourth and final floor. These doors were locked too. Where had everyone gone? Didn't anyone hear her screaming?

He was coming. Only one flight of stairs to go. She pounded and pounded on the doors. She could see the knife gleaming in the darkness. She pounded, pounded. Only three more steps.

Two.
One.

Cheryl Dearing
Grade 10

Sports

Athlete Of The Issue

by Laurie Barsh

Athletes of the issue are chosen for their outstanding feat accomplished during their last sports competition.

Nominees for the Cross Country team are Robert Martin and Denise Kornfield.

During the Bitburg - Berlin meet held on the 16th Robert took second place with a time of 23:23. Denise came in 24th for the girls with a time of 16:32.

From the JV squad of the Volley-

BERLIN V-BALL IS DEFEATED

by Elizabeth Waldrop

The Berlin Bears volleyball team played at home on Oct. 11th, in which they played Osterholz and Baumholder.

The morning started off with Berlin junior varsity playing Osterholz. The Blackhawks fell to an early defeat against the She-Bears 15-11 and 15-9. Kathy Kennard, Malissa Murray and Candi Haines put out special efforts in the games. The varsity team put out their utmost efforts but defeat seemed to be the only thing the girls could handle. The scores were 10-15, 15-12, 15-8 and 15-13.

Baumholder sparked the junior varsity bears in the first game but the match went to the She-Bears. Once again Malissa Murray and Kathy Kennard played fairly well. Baumholder beat Berlin three consecutive games 15-8, 15-13 and 15-12.

On Oct. 18th the Bears went to Bitburg. The varsity began the games against Bitburg losing after a long struggle the games ended 15-12, 11-15, 15-8 and 15-10. The JV team won 15-6 and 15-10.

The last match the varsity lost again this time to Baumholder. The scores were 15-9, 15-11 and 15-6. JV team won with 15-10 and 15-11.

Berlin nets Dolphins

by Cyndie Duckett

The Berlin Bear-a-cuda Swim Team ventured to Munich, Germany, where they defeated the Dolphins with a score of 264-150. The meet was held October 17; on that day many team records were broken by the Bear-a-cudas.

The Munich Swim Team has improved over last year and gave the Bear-a-cudas more competition, but Berlin swam through with flying colors.

Anne Zimmerman took first in two of her events. Cathy Speer took first in one of her events.

Swimmers who took second place in their events were Shelby Crawford, Cyndie Duckett and J.J. Jones. Lisa Millen, Laura Jacoby, Bryan Duckett and JJ Jones all took third places.

Other swimmers who didn't place in their events but still did well were Tammy Stoeber, Sonja McKnight, Jennifer Hewitt and Steve Nezuich.

October 31, Berlin will travel to Kaiserslautern, where they will swim against the Kingfish.

ball team is Malissa Murray. She is very consistent in serving and has great sportsmanship. Rose Lopez, from the Varsity Squad, always hustles and gives 100% of her effort to the team.

Shelby Crawford is the nominee from the Swim team. He took two 2nd places and a 3rd during the October 17th meet held in Munich.

The Athletes of the Issue are (drum roll please) Rose Lopez and Robert Martin. Our congratulations to both of the athletes for their contributions to the school.



**GOOD
LUCK
BEARS**

Berlin's Coaches Speak Out for Teams

by Rod Kennard

As the fall season draws to an end it seems appropriate to get some insight from the various coaches of our schools team's.

Mr. Moeller, the Cross Country team's coach was quoted as saying, "This years team is the best we have has since 1977." Special recognition goes to David Bryant, Robert Martin and Marcus Sweeney for consistently placing in the top ten. The cross countries record is ten wins and 4 losses. They are presently ranked second in European double A competition.

Mrs. Williams, the volleyball coach, had this to say. "I have really enjoyed working with the young ladies this season. It has been a rewarding experience for me." Under Mrs. Williams guidance the varsity team's record is 3 and 7. The J.V.'s record is now 9 and 1. The J.V is presently champions of their division.

Mr. Morgan, coach of the golf team had this to say. "I am happy with the progress made by Tony Boring and Michelle Barsh as their scores constantly lowered during the season. I am also pleased with other team members progress and hope for more participants next year." Under Mr. Morgan's leadership John Fowler, Tony Boring and Michelle Barsh finished 1st, 4th and 2nd respectfully in one tournament.

There are no comments available from the football coaches due to the away game last weekend.

OUR APOLOGIES AND CONGRATS

to Michelle Barsh, who finished
second in the

European Women's Golf Invitational
and was left

out of the October article.

Bears Win and Lose to Barons

by Sean Toner

On Saturday, Oct. 16, the Berlin Cross Country team competed in Bitburg against the Bitburg Barons and the Bamberg Barons. Berlin placed second in the meet.

In Bitburg's 3.9 mile course, David Bryant crossed the finish line first with a time of 23:13. Robert Martin, another Berliner, followed closely to take second at 23:23. Coming in fifth was Marcus Sweeney at 24:07. David Melvin was in at 25:57 to take fourteenth. Eric Salahub secured the Bears' second place by coming in nineteenth with a time of 26:38.

Bamberg took first place with 85 points. Berlin had a total of 31 and Bitburg came in last with 28.

Due to the lack of participants, the women's team was ineligible to place. Chrysta Gipson and Denise Kornfield were the female runners for Berlin.

BARONS slip by BEARS

by Mark Millen

On the 9th of October the Berlin varsity team met their first conference defeat against the Bitburg Barons, 14-18.

The Bears scored first with a run by George "Prince" Moffett, but the PAT failed. The Barons scored once in the first half. Near the close of the half, Berlin's powerhouse Tyrone Worlds drove in a TD and he ran the two point conversion to end the half 14-6. Berlin did not fare as well in the 2nd half with a muddy field and offensive turnovers. The opposition scored twice and made the score 14-18. Berlin almost came back with a final surge near the end of the game. Darrin Morris stood out in the defensive secondary and Frank Richartz was named the Stars and Stripes Player of the Week for his performance at linebacker.

The JV team lost as well in the poor conditions with Ron Moffett making a TD with a short run. The defense picked off many passes, but the offense was unsuccessful in the air. The final score was 22-7.

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