

BEARIN' DOWN

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Actors Show Talent At Drama Fest 1983

by Laurie Barsh

On March 21, 22, and 23 the Drama Club, under the direction of Mrs. Patty Beech, attended the annual Drama Festival held this year at Zweibrücken American High School.

Ten students attended the festival and performed in a number of activities. The students were: Mike Beech, Connie Beech, Laurie Barsh, Timothy Beech, Dave Crawley, responsible for stage construction, Patty Duffy, Renee Gigon, in charge of make-up and costumes, Rod Kennard, David Melvin, and Larry Speer.

The many different types of activities that were performed during the course of the three day festival were pantomime, duet acting, solo acting, improv, reader's theater, and the one-act plays.

The only award Berlin received was awarded to Larry Speer for giving an outstanding performance in a one-act play. Larry was one out of three performers who received this award.

When asked to comment on the trip, Mrs. Beech remarked, "I personally think we had the best one-act play there, but the judges opted for the spontaneity of adlib acting. I felt, however, we all gained from this experience."

In the near future, the media center will be receiving a video tape of all the one-act plays that were performed at the festival.

Due to the fact that the majority of the Drama Club is seniors, Mrs. Beech is encouraging anyone who is interested in any or all of the phases of the stage, to join the Drama Club next year.



Melting Pot Statue Needs Repairs

by Marcella Jones

The Clister chairman, Lee Iacocca is sponsoring a fund raiser to help with repairs of the Statue of Liberty.

He, all U.S. schools, and DODDS schools are participating to help. Their goal is, in a four year period, they will raise three million dollars.

BAHS will be participating also. The Student Council has looked into the matter. They intend to have fund raisers, but they haven't quite decided on how they are going to go about it.

They will keep meeting until they come up with something that they can accomplish their part in the fund raiser.

THANK YOU

Chris Fowler for
fixing our paper
cutter!

LOVE,
the Publications
Class

Membership of NHS to be Expanded April 21

by Cyndie Duckett

BAHS's Outpost of Freedom Chapter of the National Honor Society will be holding its first induction for this school year on April 21, at 2:00 in the cafeteria.

For the induction there will be a speaker for each quality that must be met by the candidate: Character (Larry Speer), Service (David Bryant), Leadership (Cyndie Duckett), and Scholarship (Pete Boatner). There will be a guest speaker, to be introduced by one other member of the National Honor Society.

To be a candidate for the National Honor Society, a student must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.2 for four consecutive quarters before induction, and once inducted, must maintain at least a 3.0 average. The names of students in grades 10-12 who meet all these requirements are put before a panel of teachers for voting and final selection.

Exchange Yourself

by Sean Toner

On the 24th of March, the German American Women's Club came to BAHS to observe an American school in action. The visitors were impressed with the wide variety of courses and the fact that American students were permitted to choose their own classes. Positive comments were also made about the low noise level in halls and classrooms, which allows teachers to leave their doors open.

Twenty students from the German three class interviewed the women on a number of topics and were complimented on their mastery of the language.

Currently, the club is working on an exchange program in which German and American students will trade places for three days. Only seven students have shown interest. Any student interested should get in touch with Herr Prigge for more details.

JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES SPARK SCHOOL SPIRIT

by Sam Anderson

The thirteenth annual 7th and 8th grade spelling bee was held at BAHS, on March 15, 1983.

The contest opened with the "Presentation of the colors" given by Denise Worlds, Crystal Flack, and Robert Ahrens. Henry Brabham led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the welcome was given by Camille Raymond, the rules were issued by Kris Doty and Kevin Vernon presided over the contest.

The 20 contestants participating were: Tom Carey, Marnie Nelson, Lien Buddenhagen, Angela Grossl, Darla Tabor, Ronny Patton, Steve Broderick, Marc Wennessee, Kevin Turner, Clifford Dearing, Mike Draper, Erin Allan, Carol Clauson, Traci Kennard, Shara Merle, Tanya Walden, Carol McAllister, Jeff Hoss, Carla Carson, and last year's winner: Missy Johnson.

After rounds of spelling words, Carol Clauson, Lien Buddenhagen, Kevin Turner, and Carol McAllister qualified for the top four. Turner, Clauson, and Buddenhagen, finished 4th, 3rd, and 2nd respectively, and Carol McAllister spelled her way in to first place.

Arbor day marked the anniversary of Mr. Long's tree planting. The

annual tree planting took place in the Japanese gardens, outside of the hallway leading to the gym.

Last year the "little pine tree" was dedicated to Dawn Abel and Ms. Risner (currently Mrs. Rucker of Frankfurt H.S.). This year's recipients of the honors are Jeff Hoss, an eighth grade student, and Mr. Benson, a faculty member. The dedicatees are selected by Mr. Long's junior high students.

McAllister

Buzzes



To

Victory

Features

TEEN SEX AND DRUGS TEST

ARE YOU A NERD OR ALREADY THERE ?

by Elizabeth Waldrop and Deb Kottke

As teenagers, in modern society, we experience more than people in the "good ole days." The following questionnaire appeared in an Ann Landers column. This is the 1981 version of the "Know Thyself Questionnaire" otherwise known as "The Teen Drug and Sex Test." It was written by two students from New Trier High School in Chicago.

We on Publications felt that this test would be significant for the Senior high students. It would also be a self-understanding test being that many of the questions would apply in some way.

Some of the questions were revised due to vagueness, but the meanings have not changed.

We want to stress that this should not be taken wrongly or as an urge to go out and "experience" more so you're not rated as a nerd or a fruitcake. Have a good time!

Score the number indicated for each "Yes" answer.

1. Ever gone out with a member of the opposite sex? 2
2. Ever been kissed? 3
3. Ever been French-kissed? 4
4. Ever been kissed while in a reclining position? 5
5. Ever gotten or given a hickey? 5 points
6. Ever been kissed against your will? 2
7. Ever parked for more than an hour? 5
8. Ever taken off most of your clothes while parking? 7
9. Ever said, "I love you"? 4
10. Ever said, "I love you" to more than one person in the same week? 5
11. Ever gone totally steady? 2
12. Ever cheat on your steady? 5
13. Ever pick up a girl or go with a guy you didn't know? 6
14. Ever made a member of the

opposite sex cry? 4

15. Do you smoke regular cigarettes? 3

16. Do you smoke pot? 6

17. Do you drink alcohol or beer? now and then? 7

18. Do you drink alcohol or beer every day? 9

19. Have you ever passed out from drinking? 9

20. Have you ever tried any drugs besides pot? 11

21. Have you ever slipped "something" into someone's drink? 12

22. Have you ever taken pills to get high? 11

23. Have you ever taken pills to get off a high or go to sleep? 11

24. Have you ever had sex without using a contraceptive? 10

25. Have you (or your partner) ever worried about being pregnant? 10 points

26. After the scare did you go back to having sex without protection? 11

27. Have you (your girl) ever had an abortion? 12

28. Have you (your girl) had more than one abortion? 13

29. Even though you are straight, would you go kinky just to see what it's like? 13

30. Ever stolen money to buy drugs? 13

SCORE

under 10 - a nerd

11 to 15 - pure as ivory soap and maybe a fruitcake

16 to 20 - passionate but sensible

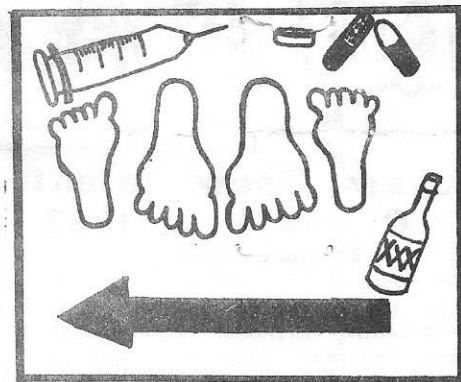
21 to 39 - normal and decent

40 to 75 - indecent

76 to 85 - headed for serious trouble

86 to 104 - already there

Anything over 104 - hopeless and condemned



EDITOR SPEAKS OUT ON GRADES

by Cheryl Dearing

John Doe gets straight A's. John gets his test back today. The one he's sure he did so well on. Which means he'll be proud. And his parents will be proud. Which means he'll be happy. John was just in 2nd hour. He got his biology test back. The one he did so well on. John got a 90. Which means he got an A. Which means he is proud. And his parents will be proud. Which means he is happy.

Then John gets this test back. John sees his score. His score is good. He got a 93. Which means he got an A.

But John suddenly remembers that this is history class. The grading scale is different. Which means John must have a 94 for an A. Which means John DIDN'T get an A. Instead he got a B. Which means John is not proud. Which means his parents will not be proud. Which means John is not happy. He feels cheated. . . .

And John is not alone. Many students here at Berlin American High School feel the same way. Why can't the rules for grading systems be changed? You could have a 90 in one class and get an A-, but on the other hand, you could have a 95 in a different class and have a B+. Why can't the teachers and administrators get together and decide on one set grading scale for all classes?

If you're going for valedictorian of your class, they look at your grade-point average. Well, suppose someone new comes to your school from one where all you need is a 90 to get an A. They could have a .0 average from 90's, while you have a 3.0 from 95's.

When you're applying for a college they look at your semester grades. Even if you have straight B's, when in fact they should be A's, they're not going to know what kind of marks you got--just the letter-grade. And how can you get into a topnotch college with straight B's?

Many people feel this is unfair and claim they are being cheated. Why can't this situation be changed? Are the students afraid to speak out for what they feel is right? Are they afraid of voicing their opinions? Will the teachers listen to the students' comments? Or are they afraid to hear them?

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Wolf Visits Berlin !

by David Melvin

Everyone it seems wants to visit Berlin and it was to the advantage of the Berlin American High School student body that Congressman Frank Wolf, Republican from the 10th Congressional District of Arlington, Virginia made it one of his stops on his recent tour of Germany.

Congressman Wolf spoke to a group of students in the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, March 29th. He spoke briefly about dedication to goals and setting those goals high. In the course of his speech he mentioned his political campaigns and his desire to serve the nation.

The congressman then allowed a period of questions and answers. Some of the topics covered by the students and faculty were the deployment of nuclear warheads in Europe, a plan which has Wolf's support, the Cuban involvement in El Salvador, the USFL, Tip O'Neill, and the United States' commitment to the United Nations.

Outlook

Spring Brings New Light to Berlin

Silence

Silence
An empty space in time
A warp in reality
Sound is suspended indefinitely

Lulled are the shadows
In an echoless world
Beyond the threshold of hearing
Reflections of life
Are cast into lucid stillness

Time is absorbed into darkness
Total blackness surrounding,
Engulfing every inkling of life

In the dead of night
A baby's breath is stifled
Into hysterical mutism

An old woman's lips part
As if to speak
But all sound is quickly surrounded
And swallowed
By an unexplainable wave
Of Silence

Sound is fiercely banging on
The barriers of Silence

A constant struggle to
Escape.

Cheryl Dearing

untitled

I hate to say good-bye old friend
Maybe I'll just say so long
another time
Or maybe I won't worry
you don't care
Will you remember me
Maybe not old friend
Then maybe so
To tell the truth
I don't know
How can it be
We shared so much
We won't forget
but can't place a name
Time passes on
it'll happen again
I'll see you for sure
maybe I'll forget your
name
I'll remember the face
maybe the place
Old friend it don't seem right
I've gotta say good night for now
no - so long - just so long old friend

by Rose Hanson
Grade 11

Rainbow

A rainbow came out,
Announcing the end of the cleansing rain,
And the world began to awaken
To a new day, a new feeling, a new understanding:
The violet in itself told the story of the
Cool wetness, refreshing life of plant and animal alike:
The blue, distinctive of the temporary chill
Felt by all as the droplets covered everything;
The green, proclaiming the rebirth
Of the leaves and grasses in the life-sustaining liquid;
The yellow, from the overseeing ball of fire,
The sun itself opening and causing other openings;
The orange, signifying the heat felt,
The warmth needed to create and maintain life;
The red, as the tired sun retires for the day,
But leaving the everlasting promise of a new day to come;
And in the morning, even before the first violet
Peeks through to break the dawn with its splendor,
A bird calls out, waking everyone anew,
He being the world's own special pot of gold.

Kenda Hehn
Grade 12

Portfolio

Click!

And a sad tear is captured forever on film--
A moment of pain for the subject may soon be forgotten,
But it will be maintained on paper as a thing
Of simple beauty. That's another I'll add.

Click!

And the happiness of the new bride will be forever remembered--
She cuts her wedding cake and enhances the delicate
Of the tiers and fancy icing and intricate flowers
And decoration. A must to be kept.

Click!

And a basketball star is frozen permanently
In a layup, showing the thrill of victory on his
Shining face and in his sparkling eyes, as the fingers
Reach ever onward toward the goal. A favorite.

Click!

And a pink and white bouquet of roses and carnations
Is softly illuminated by candles and reflections of silver,
The scene enhanced with special filters for the
Ultimate effect. I remember the occasion.

Click!

And children playing make-believe and hide-and-seek
In the tall, green and brown grasses expresses
A mood all its own, and the rolling hills in the background
Contrast it serenely. An old home.

Click!

And softly, softly, the light struggles in through the
Single window to illuminate the watchful,
Tiger-striped kittens as they sit comfortably
In the thick straw. Old friends.

Click!

And these and many more magic memories will be
Forever recorded, forever displayed, forever loved.

Kenda Hehn
Grade 12

Sports

BERLIN TEAMS BEGIN SPRING SPORTS

Bears Turn Out Knight's Lights

By Tim Felker

On Saturday, March 26th, the Varsity Men's soccer team took on the Karlsruhe Knights at the BAHS football field. Berlin had an outstanding day as five players scored on the Knights. The Bears made it look easy as Keith Muhart beat the Karlsruhe defense for a goal just two minutes into the game. Shortly thereafter, Tom Moore drilled another one home to give the Knights a taste of what was to follow. Excellent offensive work and a truly tenacious defense allowed Berlin to dominate the game on Karlsruhe's half of the field. Late in the first half, Steve McDonald put the move on and snuck behind the Karlsruhe

defenders for a score on a fancy Tom Moore pass. Berlin had a solid 3 point lead at half-time.

The second half was almost as perfect as the first was for Berlin. Andy Yoon took control of the game when he scored on a long crossing shot which caught the goalie out of position. Keith Muhart kicked a corner kick and Lee Tournavaca headed it and then booted it past the goalie for a score.

The excellent defensive work of Tom Britton, Pete Murphy, and Dave Dover was a key to the game's lopsidedness. Dover stopped 7 shots as the Bears defeated the Knight's 5-1.

Run For Your Life!

by David Bryant

Track season is here again! This year the track team is small and inexperienced with only 6 returnees on the team. But this seems to be a tradition at BAHS. Last year the team defeated several teams that had 80 or more people! The men's team placed 3rd in AA with 100 people!

With Loren Washington (last year's fastest 400m runner in Europe), John Wilburn (previous AHS 400m record holder), Debbie Amarel, Markus Fischler, Marcus Sweeney, and David Bryant returning, the team has a competitive foundation.

Newcomers Robert Martin (European Cross Country), Chris Young (who ran in the Berlin Marathon), and Chris Hall are expected to help the team to its first victories.

The other members of the team are Laura Chapman, Michelle Doty, Wendy Felker, Kurt and Kevin Jenkins, Henry Judkins, Langdon, Carol and Scott Mangual, Eric Salas, Kevin and Kristine Schutz, Tim Thompson, and Mgr. Kevin Linda Hamann.

Bears Beat Knights In First Home Meet

by David Melvin

Tomorrow Berlin will face Patch in tennis. This will be the second meet of the season for Berlin. The first was during March, 26 against Karlsruhe.

Berlin defeated Karlsruhe with an astounding score of 18-0. Berlin players won all of their 12 singles and 6 doubles. Number one seed for Berlin's men's team, Delano Adams won his singles match with a score of 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Robin Murphy, num-

ber one women's seed won her match with a score of 6-1, 6-0. Other winning singles were Tom Neitzert, Andy Blackwell, Tony Boring, Danny Franklin, David Melvin, Marcia Spohn, Natasha Urban, Sally Shoup, Pat Foshage, and Tammy Davidson.

Doubles teams: Blackwell-Neitzert, Adams-Boring, Franklin-Melvin, Murphy-Spohn, Sylvia Alexander-Foshage, and Urban-Shoup were all victorious.

Girl's Soccer Team is Successful

by Andrea Dedman

For the first time in BAHS history, a girl's soccer team has been formed.

The girl's soccer coach is Mr. Babineau. Mr. Babineau gets some coaching assistance from David Guerin. David, a former BAHS soccer player himself, has given the girls some valuable tips on improving their skills.

Now with no further ado, let the BAHS Che-Bears be introduced. Here is the Varsity Team: Lee Muhart (goalie), Peggy VanGorder, Makalena Young, Caroline Kelly, Malissa

Murry, Trisha Platz, Debbie McAuley, Jenny Milton, and Lisa Rovden.

The alternates are Rachael Hennessee, Allison Wahlquist, and Nancy Taggart.

Here is the JV team: Ashley Butler, (goalie), Andrea Dedman, Stephanie Fuss, Tammy Stoenner, Allison Chavies, Lisa Jacoby, and Angie Arnold.

On March 26, the girls had their season opener against Karlsruhe. The game ended in a tie, 1-1. The goal was made by Rachael Hennessee.

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BOYS SOCCER AND TENNIS SCHEDULE

March 26.....*	Karlsruhe
April 16.....*	Patch
April 23.....*	at Osterholz
April 30.....	Zweibruecken
May 7.....	at Bitburg
May 14.....	BYE
May 21.....	at Baumholder
May 28.....	Osterholz

GIRLS SOCCER SCHEDULE

26 March.....	Karlsruhe
16 April.....	Wiesbaden
23 April.....	BYE
30 April.....	Nurnburg
7 May.....	at Stuttgart
14 May.....	Wurzberg
21 May.....	Patch
28 May.....	at Baumholder

TRACK SCHEDULE

16 April.....	at Frankfurt
23 April.....	Baumholder & Mannheim
30 April.....	at Osterholz
7 May.....	at Hanau
14 May.....	Wiesbaden & Patch
21 May.....	at Baumholder
27 May.....	at Frankfurt