

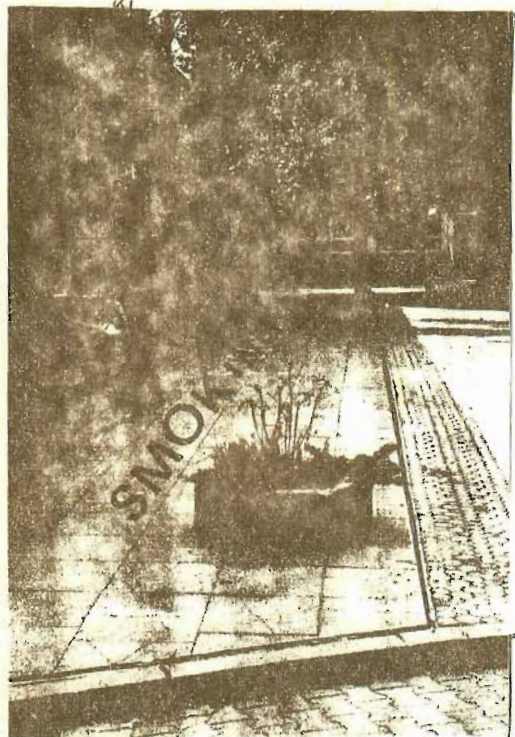
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New Smoking Policy

"One outdoor area has been designated as the 'Student Smoking Area' at BAHS. This area is located on the North side of the school cafeteria. Students must have a valid Smoking Permit in order to smoke in this area. Smoking in unauthorized areas as well as smoking without a valid smoking permit, will automatically result in a three day suspension. Students who smoke inside the building will receive a five day suspension for each offense." This is the New Smoking Policy as stated in the Parent Student Handbook, page eleven, paragraph six. This is a drastic change from last year and there are mixed emotions.

THERESA GRIFFIN--"I think the smoking policy is really unfair. The upperclassmen shouldn't have to have a card, the 7th and 8th graders should. The smoking policy is only causing more problems than it is worth. People go straight to the bathrooms or across the street which will cause more problems because of the complaints from other people. We would be better off having one smoking area and the people who don't approve of smoking can stay out. It's our choice if we smoke. Let us make our own decisions, we don't make yours."

LISA GLISSON, "I think it is ridiculous to have to have a card. Students will just go off campus and that will just cause more conflict. And we should have more room in the back to smoke."

RICHARD SHERIDAN, "I think that if one feels that they need to smoke they should have that right, but they shouldn't be forced to carry a 'Smokers Pass'. The idea of confining smokers to one area is necessary, for it serves to protect the non-smokers's rights."

JIM LeBLANC, "Change the policy back to the way it was. If not this then at least people with the age of 16 and up should be allowed to smoke anyway."

GABY KIPFER- "I think that the yellow line is ridiculous, I feel I should be able to smoke anywhere I want to."

TESTING

BY CHANDI PETERSON

Each year, all DoDDs students are required to take tests which indicate their academic standing according to national averages.

The first test which is called the "Comprehensive test of Basic Skills" (CTOBS) was taken by eighth graders, sophomores, and seniors.

The CTOBS program was given to seniors and sophomores on the 13th and 14th of September, during 1st, 2nd and 3rd periods.

Eighth graders took the CTOBS on the 17th and 18th, during the first three periods.

This achievement test consisted of the following subjects:

- 1) Vocabulary
- 2) Reading Comprehension
- 3) Spelling
- 4) Language Mechanics
- 5) Language Expression
- 6) Math Computation
- 7) Math Concepts and Application
- 8) Science
- 9) Reference Skills

The system Wide Testing Program (STP) was given to juniors, freshmen and 7th graders on the 25th of September.

The STP took only one day, and was given during the first three periods.

WELCOME BACK

The lazy days of summer are over and the time for hard work has come, for teachers and students alike. We, in the publications class, would like to welcome all new and returning students to a year filled with opportunities to become more involved in your school. Your newspaper, BEAR TALES, will let you in on all that's happening in the school and community. Be sure to read every issue and keep informed.



Class officers elected by Tim Murphy

Class elections for grades 9 - 12 for the school year 84-85 were held on Sept. 13. The new leaders of the school are;

Freshmen

Sec./Tres.-Kogie Johnson
V.Pres.-Andrew McAllister
Pres.-Bennie Hunter

Sophomores

Sec./Tres.-Jolyn Unruh
V.Pres.-Tres McGibony
Pres.-Mike (Smurf) James

Juniors

Sec./Tres.-Bonnie Eschrich
V.Pres.-Paul Murphy
Pres.-Jim Long

Seniors

Sec./Tres.-Sally Shoup
V.Pres.-Jenni Hewitt

BREAK:

To Be Or Not To Be

By Caroline Kelly

As it has come to most everyone's attention, the short break which separated second from third period has been dropped from this year's schedule. This change has brought on strong cries of protest from some teachers and many students who had no choice in the decision.

First of all I ask, "Why didn't the administration let the students have any voice in this matter?" The answer is simple: the administration knew that the overwhelming choice of the students would be to keep the fifteen minute break. Then I ask, "is this fair?" Is it fair to rip away the much-needed fifteen minute break without even so much as asking for the opinion of the students? Since we, the students, make up the majority of the school, shouldn't our opinion matter at all? We make up the school yet no one seems to consider what we think when making big decisions. Is this school a democracy?

It is not as though we are asking for something outrageous. Just a tiny, fifteen minute break. We need it.

I, for one, find it difficult to face logarithms and mathematical processes right after I have condemned Iraq for their invasion of Iran. Five hurried minutes is just not enough time to relax my mind. With no break from constant note-taking, thinking, and memorizing, the mind can become dangerously confused.

Mr. Hildenbrand himself once said to me, "After you exert yourself physically for a period of time, you are tired and need time to rest and relax." After mental exertion, you need to rest too. Mental exhaustion exists as certainly as does physical exhaustion. The time is needed to readjust our brains after two intense hours of study.

School is an institution meant to help the student in every possible way. Classes and schedules are planned in the best interest of the student. Every detail of the school day is planned with the well being of the student in mind, but in this case, the student has been overlooked. The administration cancelled the break without even asking the opinion of the students. It is obvious from the reaction of the students that they feel a wrong has been committed.

ATTENTION:

The Bear Tales will contain a 'letter to the editor' section beginning with the next issue. All students are invited to contribute their opinions and their comments or news. Letters must be submitted by Monday of the third week of the month, and letters must be signed. Please deposit letters in the red box located in the Main Office.

Have you seen this girl? She has been missing since the Labor Day week-end. If so, please contact Mr. and Mrs. Royden.



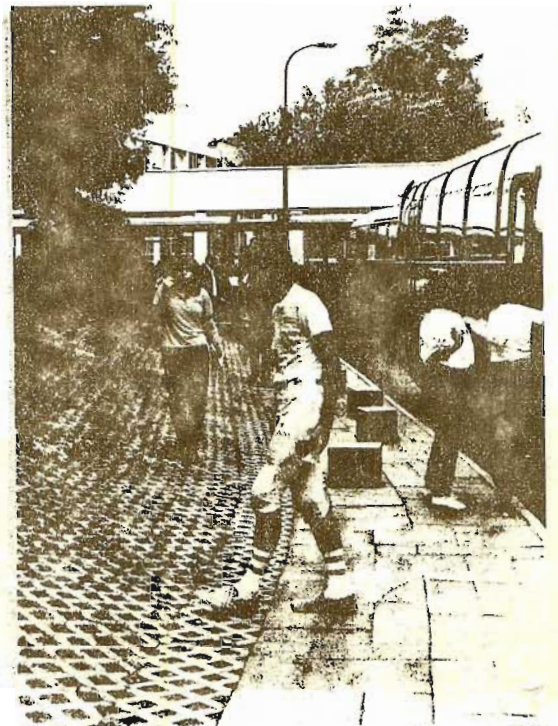
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Football Practice

Kicks off

by Charlie Cleveland

Are you a football fan? If so, the Berlin American High School is the place for you to be. On September 22, the 1984 Football Team opened its season by doing battle with the invaders from Nuremberg.

Under the guidance of Head Coach Merryll Bryner, the team is presently preparing for its confrontation. According to Coach Bryner, this year's team is small, but quick. The road to victory says Bryner will be paved by an unconventional, pass oriented offense. The key to passing will be a strong offensive line, plus the strong arm of returning Varsity quarterback Steve O'Hearne. The defensive team, anchored by returning Letterman Danny Franklin, Lonnie Spikes and Leroy Lopez, will also be tough.

The J.V. Team, led by Darrin Jennings; and Ken Magee promises to be a contender also. With the addition of several new players to the BAHs system, the team will undoubtedly improve as the year continues and the new comers mature into football players.

One final ingredient needed for victory is Fan Support. Without your encouragement, the team will have a hard time defeating rivals such as Nuremberg and Osterholz. Whether winning or losing the season is definitely going to be exciting!!

Volleyball

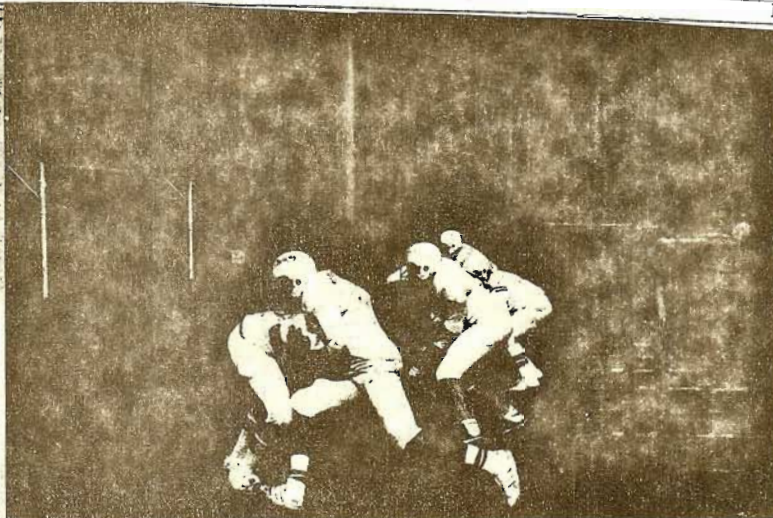
By Caroline Kelley

Some of you have already met her. For those of you who haven't, let us introduce you. Her name is Penny Hacker and she's Berlin American High School's new girl's volleyball coach! When not in the gym working with her team, this tall and very athletic woman teaches Cosmetology.

Mrs. Hacker, who played volleyball herself in high school, is eager for her girls to win and wants everyone to come out and cheer them on. Their first game is on the 3th of October when Bitburg and Osterholz come down. Come out and see the girls in action!

The varsity team members are: Jenni Hewitt, Malissa Murray, Corky LeBeau, Denise Shoemaker, Glissette Wittner, Linda Bailey, Donnie Griggs, Ellen Fritz, Tammy Davidson, Rose Lopez, and manager Diane Foshage.

The Junior Varsity players are: Carla Gibbs, Charlotte Gibbs, Lisa Morozinski, Michelle Doty, Linelle



SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL-1984

22 SEP NUERNBERG
29 SEP AT HANAU
06 OCT ZWEIBRUECKEN
13 OCT AT BAUMHOLDER
20 OCT AT BITBURG
27 OCT PATCH
03 NOV OSTERHOLZ

VOLLEYBALL-1984

22 SEP AT FRANKFURT INTERNATIONAL
29 OCT AT FRANKFURT
06 OCT AT HANAU
13 OCT BITBURG/OSTERHOLZ
20 OCT AT BAUMHOLDER
27 OCT ZWEIBRUECKEN/FRK INTL
03 NOV AT NUERNBERG

CROSS COUNTRY-1984

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GOLF - 1984

SEPT. 22 AT WURZBURG
SEPT. 29 AT RAMSTEIN
OCT. 06 AT STUTTGART
OCT. 11-12 ALL GERMANY TOURNEY
AT MUNICH

CROSS COUNTRY

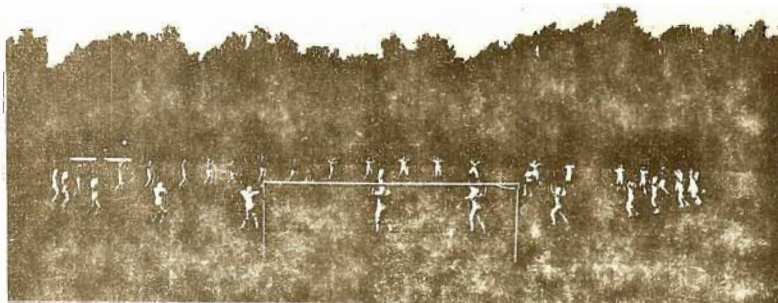
by Charlie Cleveland

The 1984 cross country team is off and running. After beginning their grueling practices on Aug. 27, they are now prepared for their first meet. They will be traveling to Frankfurt, to run against the international school on September 22. Reliable sources say its going to be a challenging meet for all involved.

According to head coach Robert Moeller, this year's team is shaping up to be one of the finest in BAHs history. With the leadership of lettermen Paul Boinay and Patrice Cashwell, as well as the addition of new comer Carl Marvin; the team is ready to take on arch rivals such as FIS, Bitburg and Osterholz.

The team practices everyday after school for about an hour and a half. The men fly through a four mile course and the women, equally as fast, run a 2.5 mile course. Any interested runners should contact Coach Moeller.

In the words of the 20 year coaching veteran "Hard work combined with enough patience to take races one week at a time, will bring about a prosperous and successful season." With the attitude shown by the coaches and players, this team will be successful come victory or defeat.



With free balloons and lemonade, the "All American hotdog and Indian hamburgers, and alot of information to let you know what's happening in your community, the community fair was a great success.



Community Fair

BY LAURA JACOBY

For those of us who like to stay up late on Friday nights, sleep in to Saturday afternoon, and not come out until Saturday night, there was a community fair at the PX parking lot, Saturday, September 8th.

Many clubs, associations, and organizations were there (enough to fill up two rows of the PX parking lot and part of the YA parking lot) each glad to give information on what they're all about and solicit memberships.

Here's an idea of what kind of clubs, ect..., were there, and what they had to say about themselves:

Club Beyond- There are two clubs, one for jr. high, and one for senior high. The meetings are informal, and include discussions, crazy games, and sometimes trips.

Berlin Road Runners- On 13 October the R.R.'s are sponsoring a 10k run for runners and a 3k walk for walkers. In December they will sponsor a 24 hour marathon to hopefully raise \$1000 for the Santa Claus Drive. In the spring there will be another 24 hour marathon to hopefully raise another \$1000 for a scholarship for a senior at BAHS.

The RR's would like to have more highschool age members.

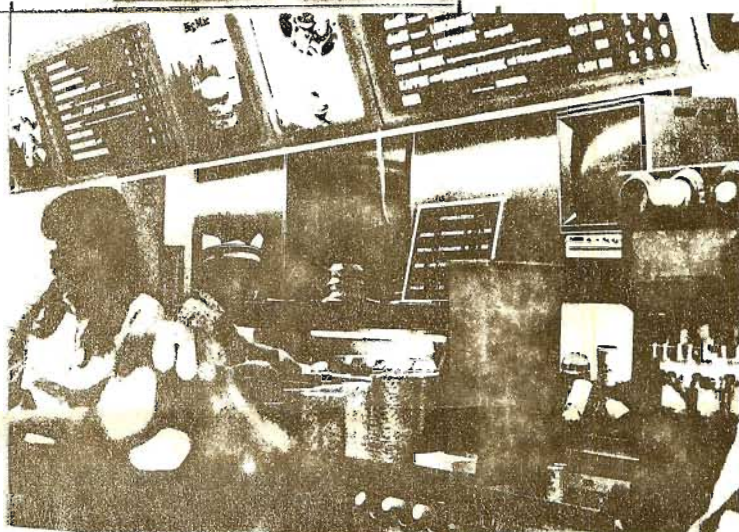
BAHS PTSA- they were mostly soliciting memberships, especially student memberships and teachers too.

TOPS- this is an organization that gives the incentive to "take Off Pounds Sensibly". All weight loss is done by will power. One group meets at TAR, another in Duppel.

Atari Club- The Atari is a powerful computer and is easy to use. You don't have to be experienced to join just interested.

Red Cross- The Red Cross needs youth volunteers to work at the hospital, child care center, of the library.

They offer CPR, 1st Aid, Basic 1st Aid (for those under 13), baby-sitting and swimming classes.



Mc Donalds' staff work busily to serve the many German and American customers they get each day.

CALENDAR of events

OCTOBER

YA

- 01 Pre-teen Square Dancing Part I 3:30-4:30, Teen 5:00-6:00
- 03 Teen October B-day 4:00
- 05 Pre-teen bowling, Teen Score Keeping Clinic (Basketball)
- 09 Pre-teen October B-day 4-5:00
- 10 Teen Jazz Class
- 13 Hobo dance & games 8-11:00
- 17 Teen Jazzercise 6-7:00
- 20 Halloween Party 6-9:30
- 26 Haunted House 6-10:00
- 27 Haunted House 6-10:00

SCHOOL

- 26 Bombfire
- 27 Homecoming & Dance

CLUB BEYOND

19-21 JUNIOR HIGH CASTLE CAMP a weekend of fun and meeting new friends from Frankfurt Jr. Hi. Club. At Burg Lichtenberg (near Kaiserslautern)

31 HALLOWEEN!! Senior High Club: "The awesome Halloween costume Party!" Come in costume be creative-prizes!

JFK

by Richard Sheridan

J.F.K. is revving up for a year full of blockbuster activities. For instance, the varsity basketball team, which almost captured the Berlin City Championship last year, is already practicing in anticipation of a tough season and perhaps even a game with Berlin American. The 1984-1985 drama season will be both diverse and entertaining. Ideas for production include: Three Penny Opera, a full length play, various one acts, and a student written musical. To see a different side of Berlin's schools, go by J.F.K.. You just might find something that interests you.

"RONALD"

By Laurie Chapman

Balloons, hats and hamburgers mark the opening day of the first Drive-Through McDonalds in Berlin on August 31. With balloons and hats for the kids, it opened in style, but the Grand Opening won't be held until the 27th of September.

The new McDonalds is on Clay Alle (Where Kentucky Fried Chicken used to be located), just down the road from the Outpost movie theater and The Child Care Center.

The hours of operation are:
Monday - Thursday 10am - 2am
Friday & Saturday 10am - 5am
Sunday & Holidays 10am - 2am

Inside there is seating room for up to 85 people, and even more tables and benches outside.

I talked with the manager, Hienz Stiefert, and he was very impressed with the opening. Most of the customers were Americans, but he expects to see quite a few Germans also.

He also said that he thinks that McDonalds is becoming as popular with the Germans, as it is with the Americans in the United States.

When asked how he felt about the restaurant being in the American housing area, Stiefert said "I hope that it will make the Americans feel more at home while they are in Berlin."

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ALL ABOUT CLUB

by Lisa Weaver

Kim Brinson the new leader of Club Beyond and I got together and talked about the coming year in Club. Kim is very excited and looking forward to it.

When asked why she chose to work in this particular field her response was, "High school can be the funnest time in your life; yet it is also the most difficult." It is her desire to become friends with each and every student at BAHS and that the students know that the Club Beyond staff care about them and want them to be part of the program. Kim feels it's important that we (the students) have a place to go where we can be together with our friends. We talk about issues that a teen-ager goes through on a day-to-day bases. That's why in Club Beyond we discuss, as a group, a different topic each week. Such as: dating, family, and loneliness- just to name a few.

As a christian, Kim wants to share with other people what God has done in her life in a non-threatening way, and Club Beyond gives her that opportunity.

A lot of new comers to Berlin may not know exactly what Club Beyond is. Well, It's an out-reach to both the Jr. & Sr. High Students. That's right! Club Beyond is inviting 7th & 8th graders to meet every Monday after school, from 3:30 to 4:30. And for those of you who attended Club Beyond last year, the Sr. high will meet every Wednesday. It will officially open on the 26th of September with the Burger Bash. It promises to be exciting.

Club Beyond is not a religious group, in that we do a lot of wierd and crazy things. It does not require any fees of any sort or any membership! You just come and enjoy yourself. It's a non-denominationla group. Anyone is welcome you don't have to be religious!!!! It's not forced.

Each month we try and meet in a different student's house. Just to make everyone feel at home.

At each meeting you can expect: great games, skits, discussions, and a wrap up of the evening! Anyone who has attended any kind of club knows there is always a key philosophy. Club Beyond is no exception. "In Club Beyond it is encouraged to have a balanced life. This means that each person would grow physically, mentally, socially & spiritually. In Club, we are not afraid to talk about God. Because we feel it is often the most neglected."

New teachers
join staff.

Pictured from
left to right:
Penny Hacker,
Sandra Riggins,
Larry Allaman,
and Norma Morton.
Not Pictured:
Cheryl Friedland
Background
information
in story.



Fall Brings Changes

by Susie Beem and Leigh Love

The 84-85 school year at BAHS has brought about many changes, some of them being in the teaching staff.

Due to the leaving of Miss Gyax, Miss Dunkle, Miss Rekucki, and Mrs. Beech, the administration was called on to find their replacements. Additional staff members were also hired.

Sandra Riggins has been a high school teacher in the DoDDs system for six years. Three of those years were spent in Bad Kreuznach, West Germany, two in Korea, and the beginning of the sixth here in Berlin. Before entering the DoDDs system, she taught for two years in New Jersey. Mrs Riggins teaches seventh and ninth grade English and Social Studies.

Larry Allaman, who teaches 7th and 8th grade math, has been with the DoDDs system for 20 years. He has taught in such places as Mannheim, West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, and England. Before getting involved with DoDDs, he taught in South Dakota and New York.

Cheryl Friedland is brand new to Europe and to the DoDDs system. Before arriving in Berlin she taught for six months at the University of Illinois. She teaches Spanish I, II, and III for 7th-12th graders.

Betty Snyder is also new to the DoDDs system. She teaches 2 classes of LV&C, along with being the new school nurse. She's been a school nurse for 20 years, 13 of those years being spent teaching at the College School of Nurses in San Diego, California.

Norma Morton has been a teacher for 11 years, this being her first year with DoDDs. Before joining with DoDDs, Mrs Morton taught in Florida. She teaches 7-12th grade English.

Penny Hacker is the new cosmet-

was teaching at an adult vocational college in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lula Arrington teaches Algebra I to 8th-11th graders. Although she's been teaching for 14 years, this is her first year with DoDDs. She came here from Ft. Benning, Georgia, where she spent 2 years teaching.

Students Speak

by Matt Austin, Malissa Murray,
Jim LeBlanc and Debbie McAuley

The Investigative reporting staff of Bear's Tales recently conducted a random poll throughout grades 9-12. Their answers to our questions gave us an insight of the interests and opinions on matters concerning the student body.

We found that 92% of the students polled would be willing to begin school 10 minutes earlier, which would enable us to have a break.

An overwhelming majority would like to see Ronald Reagan win the 1984 Presidential Election.

The poll revealed that smokers preferred last years smoking policy. Amusingly enough, 69% of the people polled couldn't care less.

The overall favorite teacher was Mr. Bluem. "Hey, it's popularity city, man!"

History proved to be the favorite class. English followed, in second.

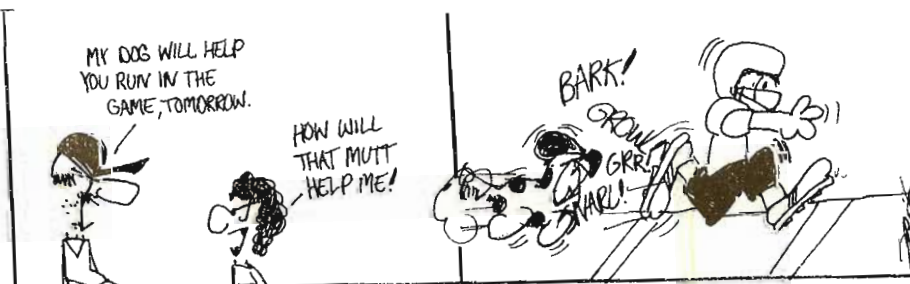
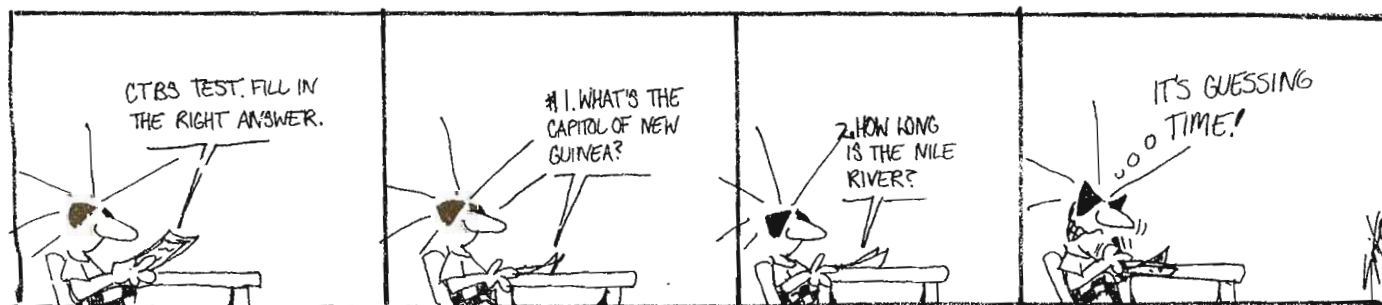
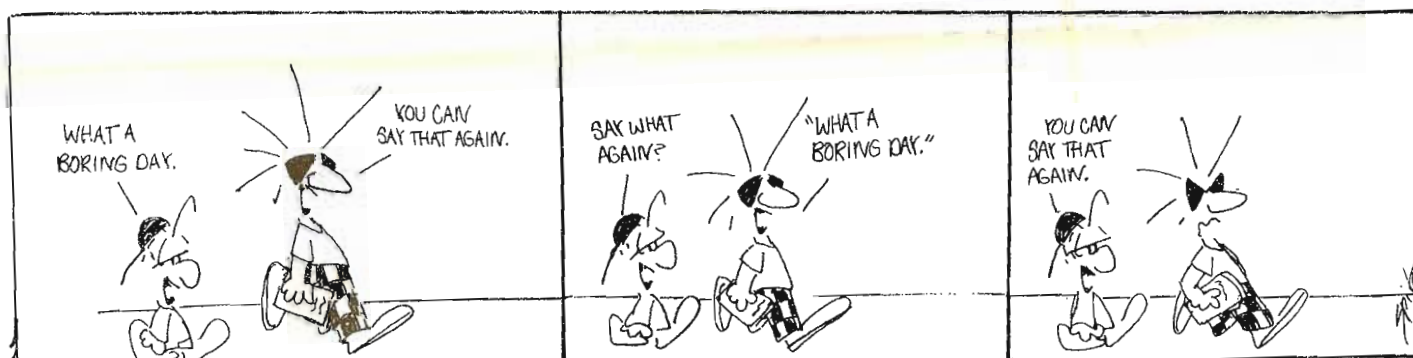
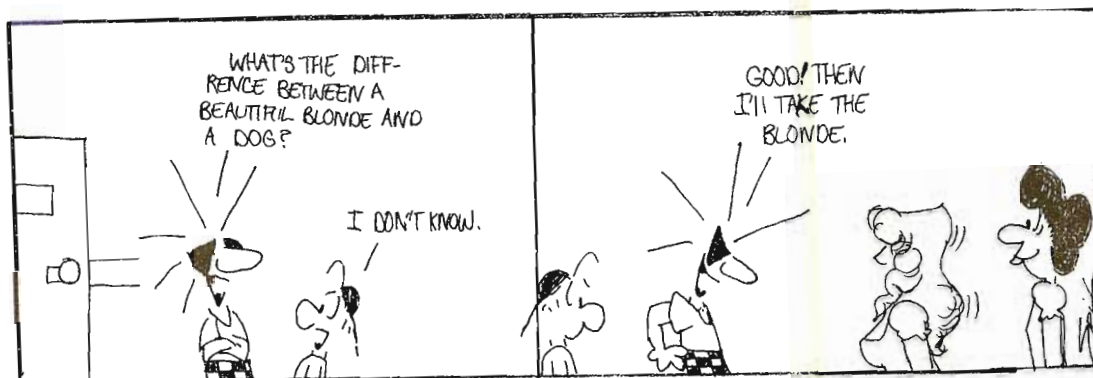
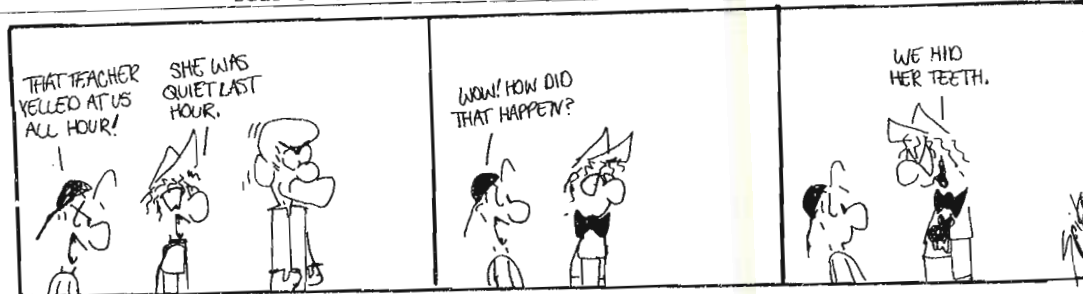
When asked what they would change if they could, students answered

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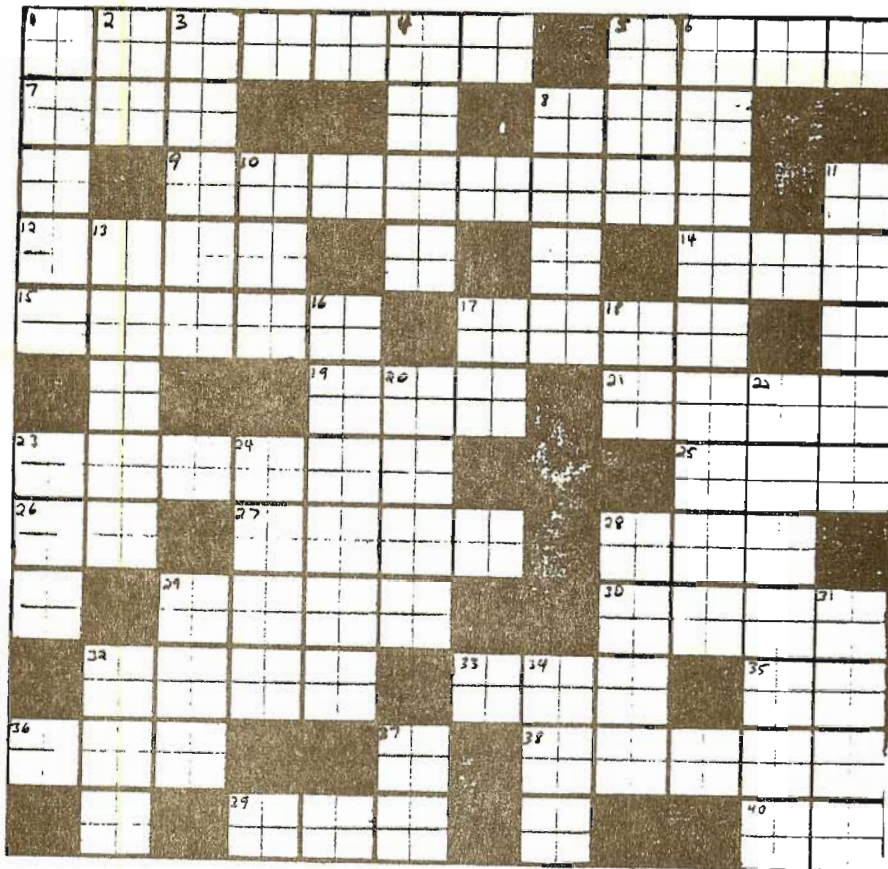
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By Jim LeBlanc

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ACROSS

1. First class
5. — Parson's Project
7. Much — About Nothing
8. United Services Organisation (abbr.)
9. Not crooked
12. Start — (start over)
14. Explosive AC/DC song
15. Georgetown basketball team
17. Pile of wood used to burn a dead body
19. Meadow
21. Another name for Ireland
23. Boston's baseball team
25. Frozen H₂O
26. — easy as pie
27. A milky white gem
28. Victory sign
29. — christy (skiing term)
30. Capital of Norway
32. God of Love
33. Tater —
35. Meet me — 3 o'clock
36. "The Greatest"
38. Past tense of "to mean"
39. Female pig
40. — your homework

DOWN

1. Abraham's wife (biblical)
2. The — Sullivan Show
3. Inquisitive
4. What we do each Wed. in sixth period
5. Burnt remains
6. You could win \$40 mil. in one
8. Not pretty
10. An airline company
11. Rock
13. Girl's favorite classwork
16. Skier's Hills
17. Dad
18. It follows "do" and precedes "mi"
20. Semesterly happening
22. Island country in the north Atlantic
23. Rodent
24. Dodger's pitcher Mario
28. What adults will do on Nov. 4
29. — Lanka
31. — Von Bismark
32. Deer's Cousin
34. Grandmother, in Berlin
37. Expression of pain