

Homecoming Weekend — A Big Success



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Queen Juli Hodges Reigns Over Week's Festivities

"What a blast!", "The best one I've ever seen," and several other equally complimentary remarks have been applied to the Homecoming Weekend of '61. Our fine cheerleading squad and Student Council worked especially hard to make this Homecoming Weekend one to be remembered, and they were met with the equally fine support of the student body.

Reigning over the holiday was Queen Juli Hodges, a girl who is becoming quite experienced in the difficult task of presiding as royalty. It was a close contest all the way with the other candidates, nominated by the football team, Carol Cole, Kathy Rubens, Cheryl Davis, and Linda Lucas collecting a fair share of the votes.

Bonfire Rally

The first activity was a sock-hop held Friday at noon at the A.Y.A. building, followed that evening by a bonfire rally. There were a few panicky moments when it appeared that the fire wouldn't start; but start it did, and an audible sigh of relief rose with the flames. Winners of the whisper campaign received their nails that evening from Mr. Elliot and Mrs. Sanders. The lucky winners were Deedee Thrower, Phylis Reed, John Peterson, Bonnie White, Jackie Vetter, Sharon Baker, Mary Tuggle, Cheryl Davis, and Cherie Gonyon. Performing at the rally was baton twirler Betty Nicholson who did a wonderful job. The evening ended with a snakedance through the housing area which ended at the Snack Bar where we were met with admirable patience and restraint by the staff.

Queen is Crowned

Saturday got off to a fine start with the first snowfall of the year. Naturally, snow had little effect on our Barons who brave Bitburg's phenomenal weather everyday, but it did seem to influence Nuernburg's team who beat us only 7-0. Halftime activities included the usual stellar show by the flag and baton twirlers and the first performance of the drill team, as well as the crowning of the Homecoming Queen by Col. Morris. Special guests were the alumni from the classes of '59, '60, and '61.

The weekend was brought to a fitting close by the Homecoming Dance, sponsored this year by the Student Council. Music was furnished by John Peterson and his father, MSgt. Peterson. Anne Roberts acted as mistress of ceremonies. The auditorium was well disguised and looked only a distant cousin to the auditorium which we all know so well. The Student Council did a terrific job on decorations. Guests for the evening's proceedings were the Bitburg and Nuernburg football teams, the alumni, and the parents of Student Council members who served as chaperons. During halftime the queen was recrowned. At 11:00 PM the Homecoming Ball and Homecoming Weekend of 1961 were brought to a close, leaving us all with many happy memories.

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Newly Elected Officers Take Over Sen. Business

The votes have been counted and the Senior Class has chosen. It is Sherry Priest for president, Everett Womack for vice-president, Maradee Mead for secretary, and Carol Cole for treasurer.

Sherry Sue Priest comes to us from Shenandoah, Iowa on January 5, 1944. This year Sherry's activities include the presidency of the Senior Class, Girls' Glee Club, Chorus, Music Club, Tumbling Club and GAA. She likes all sports and does not have anyone favorite as many people do. Sherry's plans for the future do not include marriage and college right away. Since she is taking voice lessons now, Sherry naturally wants to continue in that field; but she also wants to attend some nursing, secretarial, or cosmetology school.

Sherry's "assistant", otherwise known as vice-president, is Everett Hoyt Womack, Jr. who was born on October 8, 1944 in Cedartown, Georgia. Everett's favorite sports include hunting, fishing, and swimming. As well as being the vice-president of the Senior Class, Everett is also in the National Honor Society. After high school Everett plans on going to college, then getting a job in the field of engineering.

Maradee Mead is now the secretary of the Senior Class. She was born on November 18, 1944 in Rennslaer, Indiana. As hobbies Maradee enjoys reading while her favorite sport is swimming. Maradee's present activities include the vice-presidency of the Drama Club, GAA and being a base cheerleader. As for a career, Maradee

Rooters Go With Football Team To Baumholder

It was a bright and sunny morning when we left for Baumholder to attend the Bitburg-Baumholder game.

We had not been on the bus two minutes when we started our round of songs. By the time we got to Baumholder, we were pretty sung out. After browsing through the P.X. and having lunch at the Snack Bar, we were raring to go.

The first half was pretty exciting. They were leading when in the last fourteen seconds of the game, we made our first touchdown. You would have thought we had won the game from everyone jumping up and down screaming and yelling.

At half-time our flag twirlers and baton twirlers performed, and if I do say so myself, they were very good. Before this we witnessed the crowning of their homecoming queen. There were a few more cheers and the game started once again. The second half was just as exciting as the first. Although we lost, we were feeling good; and on the whole we had a wonderful time.

hopes to become a beautician, then settle down to marriage.

We finally come to Carol Cole who is the Senior Class treasurer. Carol was born on June 10, 1944, which is the week of the Normandy invasion, and comes from Arizona and Connecticut. Carol's present activities are being on the Student Council, the Editor-in-chief of the yearbook, being in the National Honor Society, and working with the High School Red Cross. In addition to that, Carol helps Miss Bolick take care of the school's records and treasury. The hobbies of Carol are sewing and reading. Right now, Carol is trying to be accepted by Antioch College in Ohio in which she will study languages and mathematics. Carol might even go into social work since she has an interest in this direction.

Mad Scientist and Southern Belle Join BHS Staff

Miss Nora Clardy comes to Bitburg from Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where she was born and lived until she finished high school. For her freshman year in college she attended George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee; she then transferred to the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. There she majored in English and minored in mathematics receiving an AB degree.

After leaving Kentucky, Miss Clardy taught in Jackson, Michigan until she accepted a position with the USAFE schools. She taught during the 1960-61 school year at Karamursel, Turkey.

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After the summer in the U.S., she returned to Bitburg to teach mathematics and geography. In addition to her teaching Miss Clardy is sponsor of the "Baron Scroll" and the yearbook. Her hobbies run along a quiet, relaxing line. She enjoys knitting, sewing, reading, and music. Her opinion of Bitburg High School will be reserved to a future date when she has found time to form one!

Mr. Pauly

One of the newest teachers to BHS, but not new to traveling, is Mr. Ralph Pauly. This is his first year in Germany, although he has previously taught in Japan, Hawaii and England. His home is Albany, New York.

Mr. Pauly has attended numerous colleges including New York State University, Whitman, Wooster and the University of New Hampshire. He holds a BA degree and a masters.

Skiing, skin diving, hiking, and photography are high on his list of hobbies and special interests. He also sponsors the Drama Club.

Biology, a hard subject for most people, is quite interesting under Mr. Pauly. All who have him think he is one of our best teachers.



THE WINNERS . . . Queen Juli Hodges with escort Steve Schwiff ascends for the first dance at the Homecoming Ball following her coronation.

Student Council News

The Senior High Student Council has been active since it began. One of the first things on the agenda that was discussed was the problem of the club charters. It was decided that each club must have their charter in by November 15 to be read and approved. Last year's charters may be used again this year. Also decided was the ruling that each club must have the Student Council's permission before it performs any function.

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decided the place to put posters. They are to go on the windows, doors and woodwork, but not the walls. If any poster are found on the walls, they will be taken down!

The Student Council has decided that this year there will be two homecomings. One in the football season, which has now passed, and one in the basketball season.

Junior High

The Junior High Student Council at Bitburg for 1961-62, in order to please the Jr. High Student Body, has requested special dates of the year strictly for Jr. High use. If the Jr. High does not need one of these dates it in turn can be traded with the Senior High.

From the Junior High Student Council, the president, Jim Cavanaugh, has been elected to be the representative to the Senior High Student Council.

Students Go To German Schools

The Bitburg Elementary School has initiated a new cooperative program with the Bitburg German Schools. It involves an exchange program between the German and American fifth grades.

Miss Viivi Soolepp from Spangdahlem is teaching a selected group of fifth grades from the Dependent School who spend a part of two days per week in the German School. During this time, Miss Soolepp teaches a group of German fifth graders.

The American children seem interested in this program and express a desire to learn German. Michael McKinnon expresses the opinion of many of his class mates: "This is a special room because this is a once in a lifetime experience."

GAA Invites New Members

The Girls Athletic Association meets every Monday after school unless otherwise notified by Mrs. Sanders. Since bad weather has prevented the conclusion of the softball tournament, the tournament will be resumed in spring. Members of the G.A.A. are reminded that not only their gymnasium activities count for their achievement points, but also outside participation in athletic activities such as bowling, skating, and tennis help to mount up points for the activity awards at the conclusion of the school year. New members are always welcome to join the regulars in participating in the various activities. Since the points are recorded by the P. E. teacher, Mrs. Sanders, be prompt in turning in your verification slips.