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Looking Backward

THE BEGINNING – The 1946-47 School Year



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Excerpts from the “Army Brat,” Vol. I

Dick Regnier, editor, Miss Claris Glick, sponsor

Extant Issues: Nos. 5 - 21

The first issue of the “Army Brat” was distributed among the Erlangen High School students on Jan. 22, 1947.

A weekly paper, missing only two editions in 23 weeks, the last issue appeared on July 2, 1947, seven days before

the first graduation. Each issue consisted of four mimeographed pages.

The Erlangen paper was the first successful European Theater high school paper. [so claimed the newspaper in its July 2, 1947 issue.— Ed.]

German Boys Visit (Issue 5)

A group of nine German students and their English teacher visited **Miss LeDuc’s** American history class February 17.

After discussing the weather in the U.S. and Deutschland, the students brought up political questions.

The German students told the class that the proaganda ministry under Goebbels enforced strict censorship during the war, but that such propoganda as New York’s being destroyed was told only to German troops.

The group compared Hitler Youth to our Boy Scouts.

Queen Crowned

Mary Margaret Ellis was crowned Queen of Erlangen High by General Watson at a formal dance in Nurnberg Friday, Feb. 13.

The coronation, which was witnessed by 37 Erlangen High students, was photographed by army photographers and photos will be sent to the participants’ home-town papers.

Willsie Elected Senior Pres.

Duane Willsie was elected president of the senior class Tuesday when all classes met for elections. **Don Phillips** will serve as vice-president and **Marion Kelsch**, secretary-treasurer.

In October of 1946, one of the first high schools for American dependents opened in a requisitioned German residence in Erlangen. The freshmen met in the dining room, the sophomores in the living room, and the juniors and seniors upstairs, according to freshman **Ed Thompson, '51**, a charter member of **Erlangen American High School**.

After Thanksgiving, the school was moved into the mineralogy building at Erlangen University.

Pupils Expelled (April Fool Issue)

Mr. Black (acting in the absence of Superintendent **Ashley**) announced today that **Craig MacDonald** and **Peggy Segur** have been expelled from school.

When asked for a statement, Mr. Black said, “We don’t need that type of scholar in school. Why, those two were ruining the reputation of our school.”

“**Bub**” **Kale**, **John Smith**, **Chuck Mays** and **Ann Enderton** are other likely expellees, according to the best sources.

So, students, let this be a lesson to you! If you fall into wayward paths like these, you too may be expelled. Watch out for those fateful “A’s” on your report card.

Lt. Ward Lectures (Issue 10, Apr. 18)

Lt. Ward, from the local medical group, gave lectures Wednesday morning on the subject of venereal disease.

Aided by charts and without using many scientific terms, the lieutenant presented a dramatic picture of the terrible consequences of syphllis. After the lectures, several students asked questions.

Students Tour on VJ Day

Ten boys from the German Youth acted as guides when students from the high school and seventh and eighth grades toured Frankonian Switzerland.

Important Events of 1946-47

- Sept. - 22 Nazi leaders found guilty of war crimes at Nuremberg.
- Oct. - Verdicts at Nuremberg War Trials. Nine of Nazi Germany's top leaders are hanged. Their crimes include the murder of at least 6 million European Jews. Founder of the Gestapo, Hermann Göring poisons himself hours before his scheduled execution.
- Dec. - UN General Assembly votes to establish headquarters in New York City.
- Dec. - Ho Chi Minh declares Vietnam independent, though French not willing to agree. Thus begins warfare in this country that lasts 30 years.
- Dr. Benjamin Spock publishes book on baby care.
- First general purpose electronic computer, ENIAC, unveiled – weighs 30 tons.
- Apr., 1947 - Jackie Robinson desegregates major league baseball, debuts with Brooklyn Dodgers.
- May - Truman Doctrine: President Truman requests aid for Greece and Turkey in their resistance to Communism.
- June - General George C. Marshall unveils Marshall Plan at Harvard University: “It is logical that the United States should do whatever it is able to do to assist in the return of normal economic health in the world.”

Chemistry Supplies Arrive

Additional chemistry equipment, mostly German, has recently been received from the headquarters of the Dependents School System in Heidelberg.

The stuents have begun their own experiments in 4th period laboratory class. The experiments are performed first on Tuesday by **Herr Bahr**, the German laboratory technician, and are repeated on Thursday by the students themselves.

Auf Wiedersehen

By Alice Enderton

How many of you students in school have ever thought about how it feels to leave it? On your last week in school, everything looks different.

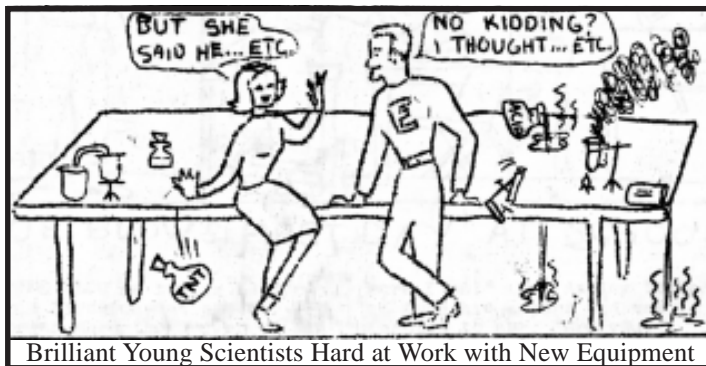
Suddenly the people in the halls change from "those stupid kids" to wonderful friends that you hate to leave. Your room in the dorm isn't plain any longer; even the old iron stove reminds you of that night you all made cocoa together. The classes suddenly improve; instead of griping about your homework, you find yourself thinking about how when you're back home, you can say, "Now, in the school I went to, they used to"

This school is certainly very different from the ones back home. We are in strange surroundings and among strange people. To some, it may seem like a bother, because they can't just walk into a dime store and buy what they want. Nevertheless, when you think about it, aren't there a lot of your friends back home that would pay ten dollars just to take that walk from the school to the Kaiserhof? We have all the advantages of millionaires who "go abroad."

Still, this school is, in many ways, just an American high school. We have our council, ball games, a school paper, dances, and lots of the little things that mean so much.

In order to appreciate a school, you have to leave it. I know that I will always remember this school and my friends here.

Aufwiedersehen.



Now, "Seconds" (Issue 13, May 9)

An important change in student life took place this week when students stopped eating at the Kaiserhof mess, which closed, and began eating at the Glider transient mess.

One advantage to the new mess is the always popular institution of "seconds," of which everyone is availing himself and even, sometimes, "thirds."

Less crowded conditions prevail since one section is distinctly reserved for "school children." The cafeteria style service, in which food is distributed by civilian employees, speeds up the procedure of eating. Music is also provided at lunch.

Students Talk to University Group

(Issue 14, May 16)

Betty Donnelly, Marilyn Telfer, Bob Donnelly and **Chuck Mays** appeared before 50 German university student May 12 with short speeches concerning American schools in general, their social activities, sports and student government.

After the speeches, there was an open discussion in which the German students asked questions concerning American education, and our students responded.

The students did not know what questions were going to be asked; and, therefore, had no chance for preparation. The highlight of the evening came when a German student who had once lived in the United States asked a question concerning race riots. **Chuck Mays** offered to answer it, and did so with a very startling and excellent speech.

Chuck started out with facts con-

cerning the civil war and slave labor and worked around until he brought in all countries. He stated that the riots were caused by people that weren't willing to listen to the government and had taken the law into their own hands.

"The country is not proud of these riots," he said, "as they are a blot on our record.

However, as everyone knows, in every country there are some people who will not follow the laws and standards of the nation."

The American students were asked to return for further discussions.

Assemblies

The new Assembly Committee is planning several entertaining and informative programs. The first one was a quiz show featuring **Craig MacDonald, Betty Donnelly, Joe Long, Mary Jane Kruger, Marilyn Derryberry,** and **Stanley Rackin.**

A quintet composed of **Craig McDonald, Bob Humphreys, Neal Fleemin, Don Phillips,** and **Tom Sebring** highlighted the following weeks' assembly. Tom also led the students in community singing, and a band composed of four German boys played popular numbers.

Veterans of E.H.S.

(Issue 15, May 23)

In the newspaper room the other day we were discussing veterans, pioneers, and anything that had to do with the good old days.

Very few people in this school were here October 14, the day school began. For those who weren't, I'll dedicate this article, so they will know what the pioneers of EHS went through.

First, we did not have our present school building. Our school then was the second and third floors of what is now the Erlangen Elementary school.

Second, our mess hall was on the first floor of the building. We ran a little competition with the grade school children, so it was decided we would eat at 12:15 instead of 12:00. We also had seconds for a couple weeks but that was

soon cut out unless you knew a waitress, which several people did.

Third, we had the old 40th Bomb Wing Gym for sports. Nearly every afternoon the boys would go there and box or stay home in their own back yard and play football.

Ten people in this school today can call themselves veterans. They were here on the first day of school and are still here. They are **Roselyn Fisher, Jean Fisher, Craig MacDonald, Eddie Thompson, Chuck Mays, Bruce Kaltenbach, Duane Willsie, Dudley Jones, Dick Regnier** and **Stanley Rackin**.

Others of the original 37 students have gone to other ET schools and a few have returned to the States.

-- **Stanley Rackin**

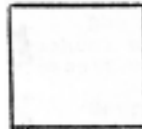
Misconduct of Girl Students At American Red Cross Club

During the commanding general's recent inspection of the Nurnberg Red Cross Club, he observed the misconduct of girl students with GI's at the club, which resulted in depriving all other students of the facilities of the club.

FEATURES



COLOR PHOTOS



Polar bear sitting on an ice-berg



Colored man shoveling coal on a dark night

Last Friday night wasn't the loneliest night of the week for some kids. A rugged time was had by **Russ [Faulkner]** and **Susie [Walsh]**, the couple of the week. Let's hope it lasts.

Instead of a proverbial triangle, we seem to have a quadrilateral. **Dick Hilton, Cookie [Gerry Cook], Tom Sebring** and **Marion Telfer** seem to make the four 90 degree angles. What does this all add up to? A perimeter?

Erlangen Menu

- Grapefruit -- **Don Phillips** (Just a little squirt)
- Baked ham -- **Stan Rackin** (Do I have to say why?)
- Turkey -- **Marion Priest** (Always strutting)
- Potatoes -- **Dick Hilton** (Mushy)

- Corn -- **Leo Kelsch** (Right off the cob)
- String beans -- **Sally Kelly** (Long and stringy)
- Carrots -- **Cookie Cook** (So good on the eyes)
- Coffee -- **Tom Sebring** (Sooo strong)
- Bon bons -- **June Gard** (Good, good, good)

Odds 'n' Ends

Judge: "Give the court your name, occupation, and state the charge against you."

Defendant: "My name is Sparks, I am an electrician, and I am charged with battery."

Judge: "Officer, place this man in a dry cell."

Sports

Erlangen Defeats 34th Squadron

Erlangen defeated the 34th Squadron 35 to 34 Mon. night. **Pudge Willsie** with 12 points and **Sherrill Fetzer** with 11 points were high point men.

Team Leaves for Frankfurt

Erlangen's first game in the Frankfurt tournament will be against the winner of the Munich-Heidelberg game.

This tournament will wind up basketball in the ET high schools.

The boys making the trip were **Bob Donnelly, Bob Hudson, Sherrill Fetzer, Dick Hilton, Eddie Thompson, Russ Faulkner, Duane Willsie, Tom Sebring, Dudley Jones,** and **Dick Regnier**, manager

Erlangen Wins Impressive Victory

The "mighty mites" of EHS breezed through to a 10-2 victory over Heidel-

berg High in a seven inning baseball game in late May.

The EHS team consists of **Dick Regnier** (catcher), **Red Hudson** (pitcher), **Sherrill Fetzer** (1st base), **Bob Donnelly** (2nd base), **Tom Sebring** (3rd base), **Pudge Willsie** (shortstop), **Leo Kelsch** (left field), **Dud Jones** (center field), **Don Phillips** (right field). **John Smith** is the team manager.

No More Games

The Dependents Schools Service Headquarters at Heidelberg has advised that there will be no interscholastic baseball or softball games during the remainder of the school year.

Students in all high schools have been absent so much that many are in danger of not graduating or receiving credit in their school work.

TROPHIES OF THE YEAR
1946 - 47

Basketball Scores

Munich	44	EHS	14
Munich	8	EHS	9
Frankfurt	33	EHS	17
<i>Frankfurt Tournament</i>			
Heidelberg	33	EHS	29
Berlin	24	EHS	23

FIDDLESTICKS-

MARBLEES

TIDDLY-WINKS

BASE-BALL

FOOTBALL

Erlangen Tigers Sports Hall of Fame

Rogers Pleased with School

(Issue 15, May 23)

Mr. Richard R. Meyering, supervisor of secondary education in the dependents schools, said yesterday that Dr. Virgil Rogers was very much pleased with the school, the students, the school spirit and the student council when he visited here several weeks ago.

Dr. Rogers has left for the United States to see the head of the North Central Association to do his very best to get the schools in the ET accredited. [The five high schools in the European Theater (Erlangen, Berlin, Heidelberg, Munich, and Frankfurt) received notice of accreditation in June, 1947.—Ed.]

Mr. Alfred Beerbaum, supervisor of German in the ET schools was in Erlangen earlier in the week. He said that EHS was the smallest school with the smallest German classes, but that we had most capable German teachers and students.

Hayride Success

Even though there was much changing of plans and much debate before the hayride-weiner roast, those who went pronounced it a success.

The fashion set by the girls of plaid shirts and jeans was taken up by the boys, so the bystanders had a hard time figuring out who was who. The truck (alias miniature football field with a fence around it) took the place of an old hay wagon. The committee tried to fool everyone by using sawdust, but these EHS students are too smart. The first remark was, "It Ain't Hay."

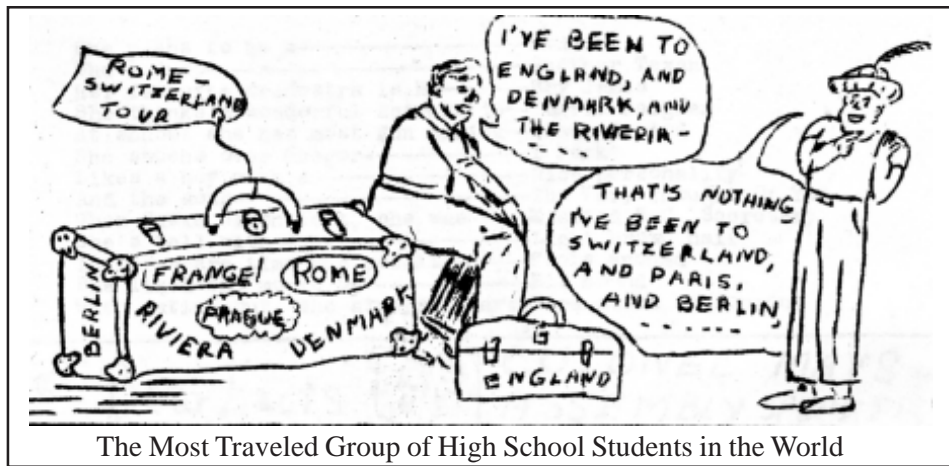
We'd like to express our thanks to Mr. Kinsey for being such a swell chap-eron. -- **Betty Donnelly.**

Boys' (nut-house) Dorm

Everyone should visit this Erlangen Nut House, as **Mr. Kinsey** calls it. The night he was there, the lights went out, doors slammed, people were singing, Joe was giving a sermon, a chandelier was ripped out of the ceiling, and on top of this, the phone was ringing.

Mr. Kinsey answered, "Erlangen Nut House, Napoleon speaking."

We got to bed around eleven(?) that night.



The Most Traveled Group of High School Students in the World

Tours Are Frequent Student Activity

Many students of Erlangen are going on tours, returning from tours, or planning tours in the month of May.

Russell Faulkner and **Dick Hilton** returned from France and England last Monday. Visiting Paris were **June Gard** and **Pat Evans**. **Nona Reed** has just returned from a three week tour of practically all of Europe.

The two most popular tours frequented by our students are the tours to Czechoslovakia and Switzerland.

Prima Prom Results

Approximately 40 people attended the junior-senior prom June 27 at the German Youth Center.

A reception line composed of the teachers and student body officers greeted students as they arrived.

Bob Humphreys' band (consisting of 16 German men) pleased the students by playing popular numbers as well as old favorites, such as "Stardust."

Rhine Tour

All of the seniors in the ET went on a short boat tour of the Rhine June 21.

About 100 pupils left Wiesbaden at 11 a.m. on the steamer Mainz. Sailing down the river past the Watch on the Rhine, they returned to Wiesbaden, arriving at 4 p.m. Lunch was served on the boat and an orchestra was provided for dancing.

Schools represented were Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Munich, Berlin, and Erlangen.

Those present from Erlangen were **Don Phillips**, **Chuck Mays**, **John Smith**, **Pudge Willsie**, **Dick Hilton** and **Mary Jane Kruger**. Mrs. Ashley accompanied the Erlangen group as chap-eron.

The First Commencement

Chuck Mays, student body president, will give a short farewell speech at the senior commencement exercises to be held in Munich July 9.

Candidates for graduation from Erlangen include **Chuck Mays**, **Duane Willsie**, **Marion Kelsch**, **Mary Jane Kruger**, **Max Schneider**, **Don Phillips**, **John Smith**, and **Dick Hilton**.

Some members of the senior class have had difficulties in getting records from previous schools and will not graduate.

Plans for Next Year

Next year's high school will be held at the Nürnberg-Fürth community school at 19 Tannenstrasse, the site of the present elementary school.

The high school will use the rooms not now used by the elementary school, plus two laboratories. A gym will be available, and authorities are requisitioning a park across the street to make a field for competitive sports. The two dormitories are located about two blocks from school and contain 15 and 24 rooms.

Mess facilities will be in the school, where three meals a day will be available to dormitory students and teachers.

Excerpt from the Army Brat, July 2, 1947

The first issue of the "Army Brat" was distributed among Erlangen high school students on January 22, 1947. Since then the "Army Brat" has been weekly, as it has missed only two editions in twenty-three weeks. The Erlangen high school paper is the first successful ET high school paper. This is due partially to the inspirations the "Army Brat" staff has received through moral support of its many readers.

A vote of thanks is hereby extended to the following members . . . of the staff who have given so freely of their energy and time in making this paper a success.

Members: Miss Claris Glick, sponsor; Stanley Rackin, front page editor; Betty Donnelly, feature page editor; Alfred Schuette, artist; J.L. Green, artist; Neal Fleemin, typist; and Bub Kale, reporter.

The purpose of the "Army Brat" has been to foster a closer tie between the students of Erlangen high school and to help organize and aid not only all the sport and recreational activities of the student body but to plan a social program which would create and develop a real 'college spirit' among the students who had come from all sections of the U.S.

While we haven't achieved all that we planned and hoped for, it is believed that the staff members of this paper have admirably succeeded in fulfilling their mission.

The splendid turnout for our athletic games and dances during the past year of 1946-47 reflected the efforts of this paper to accomplish its mission.

This paper has played a major role in cementing ties of friendship and good sportsmanship that will endure throughout the lives of many of the students and has furnished them with experiences which will always remain the source of fond reminiscences in the future.

To organize and publish a newspaper from its very inception is no small task, particularly when you realize that those who performed this task must likewise maintain their scholastic standing and fulfill their study assignments as other students not so engaged.

We, members of the staff of the "Army Brat," turn over to the students who follow in our paths a most important school activity with our best wishes for the continued success of this publication and the belief that you will, by the same energy and loyalty to the school, cause it to play a role of far greater significance in the student life.

In closing, this paper wishes to extend to each student of the Erlangen high school its best wishes for continued success and happiness in the life that lies before you.

Auf Wiedersehen,

(May we all meet again)

Dick Regnier, editor-in-chief