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Playday Committee Picks Previous Year Activities

Jane Maki, a student council member, and the four class presidents are now in the process of organizing the traditional Playday. Jane is chairman of the committee.

Playday this year will be the same as previous years with a few exceptions. The total student body will be allowed to wear sport clothes as long as they are neat and clean. With Playday beginning after second lunch, everybody will be able to participate in some activity.

The first hour of activities include swimming relays (one relay will be changing clothes and swimming to the far end of the pool, then changing clothes again, volleyball, baseball, and dancing.

The second hour of Playday will be held out in the foot-

ball field, at which time the King and Queen will be announced. Some of the activities there will be tug-of-war, egg toss, Key Club-Interact pushcart race, powder puff football, and a new race which is to pile contestants on a cart pulled by 10 boys.

Class competition will determine the winner, and clean campus will be counted in the score.



Mr. Fred Moon, Jane Maki, and Roger Stover work diligently toward playday preparation. (Sitter Photo)

Attendees of Roman Banquet Await Fashion Show, Dinner

Blackford's third annual Roman Banquet will be held tonight in the cafeteria. The Roman Banquet, which is sponsored by the Latin Club, will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at eight o'clock. After a chicken dinner is served, a fashion show featuring the latest in mini-togas, micro-togas, maxi-togas, midi-togas, and --would you believe--a dirndl-toga will be included in the evening's entertainment. Highlighting the festivities will be the presentation of "All the News that Fits", a satirical play written by Blackford

nophomore Elwood Sturtevant. Although the play is set in ancient Rome, it satirizes today's television news broadcasters. The traditional slave auction, at which time guests may bid for the "ownership" of members of the Latin Club, will climax the Roman Banquet. All money earned will go into the Latin Club treasury.

Tickets for the Roman Banquet can be purchased from Latin Club members at \$1.75 per person. All reservations must be made in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door.

National Honor Bestowed On BHS Senior

Senior Doug Zody was invited by the American Academy of Achievement to attend the Banquet of the Golden Plate Weekend in Dallas, June 13-16.

The Academy annually honors 50 men and women for excelling in their fields of endeavor. Three hundred outstanding high school students from throughout the nation are also invited to meet with these national leaders. Zody was selected for honors received in a national science talent search. He has recruited a local sponsor to pay for his golden scroll award, air fare to and from Dallas, and for all activities while in Dallas.

Zody, a first place trophy winner in the Santa Clara County Science Fair, also recently was accepted to Harvey Mudd College.

C.S.F. Plans Frisco Trip

A day out of school sponsored by the school? Yes, it's CSF trip time again.

Approximately 370 members of the California Scholarship Federation and Honor Society along with several faculty members will make the all-day San Francisco excursion Wednesday, May 1. Upon arriving in San Francisco, the students will be on their own until they attend three possible choices of movies, "Gone with the Wind," "Hamlet," or "Six Pence." Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, and downtown are usually the most popular areas for leisure time.

Winners will be the first team to track down each problem, correct it, and present the judges with a smooth-driving auto.

'Blue Ash' Featured

To be computerized or not to be computerized is the question Blackford students have been deciding upon. A computer dance will be held April 19 from 9-11 p.m., featuring the "Blue Ash" (who were known as the "4th Street Exit").

Two weeks ahead of time students paid 55¢ for a questionnaire which was sent to Boston to be computerized.

The dance will be divided into three parts and the last hour you'll be presented with your numbers, then find your match. Even if you've chosen not to be computerized you may attend but a fee of a dollar will be charged if you haven't a student body card. School dress is appropriate.

BHS Auto Lab Students Prepare for '68 Contest

Plymouth engineers have ordered their suppliers to deliberately "sabotage" 13,600 engine parts.

These defective units are part of the plan to confound students -- including a team from Blackford -- entering the Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest this year, according to Mr. Lowell Like.

Two students will be picked through interclass competition by Mr. Like, the auto shop instructor, to represent Blackford at the regional Trouble Shooting Contest to be held next month.

There will be two students to a team from each participating school in this area. And when the judges say "GO!" each team will be given a new Plymouth to put in running condition.

Under the hood of each Plymouth will be several good reasons why the car won't start or run properly when started. Part of the trouble will be that Plymouth engineers have installed some of those 13,600 sabotaged parts in each car! They might include shorted spark plugs, plugged fuel lines, wrong-size carburetor jets -- only Plymouth's engineers know, and they're not telling.



Mr. Lowell Like looks over the new equipment donated to the auto lab. (B.P.C. Photo)

WAR PAINT

by Joyce Krieg

Do Blackford students really want a student council? After analyzing the history of this year's student government, the Lance can only conclude that the answer to the preceding question is NO.

COMMUNICATIONS GAP

Although this year's council has brought about some monumental changes to Blackford; namely, after-school rallies, shorter classes to allow students to attend games and the dress standards poll, most students seem unaware of the hard work that went into planning the new privileges. Students who worked at the polls at the last election report that many voters had no idea who the candidates were or even what office the candidates were running for! Clearly, a lack of communication exists.

SOLUTIONS

The Lance recommends the following to remedy the "communications gap":

(1) Having a council meeting at an assembly, allowing all students to actually see student government in action, (2) Giving the underclassmen more representation in the council, (3) Having more during-school meetings include representatives, (4) Circulating copies of council meeting minutes earlier.

If measures such as the above do not improve interest in student government we can only conclude that Blackford does not want a student council.

Carey R. Kloes Carries Clothes

A late slip submitted to Mr. Jones:

I was walking my sweetie to her 6th period class, girls sports. I mentioned that her sweat shirt was still in her locker. She nodded and stated, "I really think I should have it." I agreed. Then I said, "Do you want me to get it or would you rather I not?" She said "No, I'd rather go with you, but I don't want you to be late!" I said, "I won't be late." Knowing that another late slip might be in the offing, I took the chance. It was a foolish move, but it might be the last time I see her sparkling eyes. Can you blame me? Nay! I went forth, dragging her behind me as I rapidly danced across the luncheon area and scuttled toward the locker, located near the biology and physics class, but closer to the biology and physics class, but closer to the garbage can, with nervous fingers, she turned the dial on the locker. First to the right, then to the left, and finally to the last number. It wouldn't budge! (Continued in next issue.)



A scene from one of last year's CUHSD plays. Why shouldn't you participate in something constructive this summer? Be active and Go To Summer School For Fun!

SCHOOL IN JULY?

By Jacqueline Keywood

"Don't be idle this summer - even the seniors who are about to go out and conquer the world." Or the other CUHSD students who don't want to be called "square" for going to summer school when they don't have to!

As the saying goes, "CUHSD ain't what she used to be." (Everything has to progress once in a while.) For the first time in the United States, a high school district will offer a summer program, individually tailored in which various music, drama and art courses will be conducted.

Maybe you are graduating this spring. Why not take advantage of some free music or drama lessons? It's possibly the last opportunity you'll have to get such an education at no cost.

The music department will be headed by Blackford's own Dr. Ray Allvin, so we can be sure that this field will be well taken care of.

As for art - what can be said that hasn't been repeated hundreds of times? Art was mankind's first means of communication and may be his last. If you're interested in creating, there's nothing like it.

It seems to me that the public has finally realized that it's not the academic subjects alone that make a well-rounded person.

We have to let our hair down once in a while. Why not be creative? A couple of hours each day during seven weeks of the summer won't hurt anyone. It might even be enjoyable.

What more could you ask for? But just in case; for further and detailed information, see page 3.

dear editors:

Snack Bar Line Creates Problem

We have been prompted to write this letter because we have both had experiences such as the following: (1) Waiting in the snack bar lines in one spot for 10 minutes, the line not moving and getting larger in front of us. (2) Servers and customers allowing people (sometimes even strangers) to cut in line, slowing up service.

To alleviate this problem we believe the school should install: (1) Turnstiles on the entry and exit sections of the lines; and (2) longer steel bars to keep the lines straighter, more orderly, and separate.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Myers, Michael Poe

We agree that you have a legitimate complaint, but your solution is too costly to be attempted. The only way the lines will ever move faster is for Blackford's "children" to grow up and stop giving (or taking) cuts. The Editors.

P.S. If you have any criticisms and/or praises you would like aired, please bring them to room 47.

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Art, Music, Drama Program Is Planned for This Summer

"A completely unique program offering cross-cultural experiences," according to Dr. Montesano, deputy superintendent, is being offered this summer by Campbell Union High School District.

Blackford students will be able to enroll in special classes in music, art, and drama held at Campbell High this summer. Students can elect to receive units of credit if they wish.

The theater arts courses have been offered to students for the past two summers. Mr. John Hall, head of the program, plans for the courses to emphasize participation and production rather than traditional classroom learning. In past years, "The King and I" and "Brigadoon" have been presented by the theater arts students. Oral interpretation, characterization, make-up and costuming are included in the course of study. All students interested in drama are invited to participate.

Courses ranging from beginning piano to stage band, from chamber music to country and western, are being offered in the music division of the Summer Humanities Workshop. Dr. Ray Allvin, department head, plans a conservatory style of teaching, where private lessons are given. Students with no previous music experience may participate and take more than one music course. The orchestra will perform at the musical given by the theater arts group.

Students who have taken at least one year of art and have the recommendation of their art teacher may enroll in the summer art program. According to Mr. Ross Dennison, head of the art department, the program will "focus drawing and painting problems around five styles of art: Egyptian, Greek and Roman, Italian Renaissance, Impressionism and Contemporary." An art exhibit will be pre-



THE KING AND I, produced last summer by Campbell district students, is typical of the shows planned for--and by--you this summer.

Cheerleading Breaks Old College Boredom

Although college life means lots of hard work and studying, there ARE numerous extra-curricular activities available for both fun and excitement, and one of the most popular is cheerleading and songleading. Behind the sports scenes are those girls who play such active roles in rocketing their teams on to exceptional spirit.

The chance to become a part of that spirit--to do so by active participation--has become enlivened as West Valley College this week announced a unique "workshop" for future college students interested in leading either cheers or songs (The Lance assumes this workshop will be open to both male and female applicants; most colleges are eager for cheerleaders of either sex to appear at tryout times in the fall.)

At West Valley, an organi-

zation called Pepsters will be holding a special organizational meeting this afternoon at 3:30 in room K-9. Requirements necessary to become a Pepster will be explained at the meeting.

Interested students can then attend the follow-up clinic to be held from April 23 to 26 and April 30 to May 3 in the WVC student center from 3:30 to 5 p.m. If interested, here is your chance to find out everything involved in becoming a Pepster at West Valley.

SMOKE SIGNALS

Alumnates: Greg Newgard (67) received a bronze star for bravery in Vietnam...Mina Cattoor (65) is married... Barbara Patterson (65) is a junior psychology major at SJS.

When the sophomore class thinks it can put something over on the Mighty Seniors it has another thing coming. As many upperclassmen already know, the Little People had a flea market sale several weeks ago to raise money for a Secret Project. Because we Seniors are superior to sophomores in intelligence (among other qualities) we have discovered what their Secret Project is.

Sorry, Wee Folk, but we feel it is our journalistic duty to expose you to our reading public. After capturing one of the Little People trying to sabotage a Lance typewriter one day, the Elite Senior Reporters questioned him about the Secret Project. Although the Little One tried to fool the Mighty Seniors by saying the Project was a field trip to Alviso, he finally admitted that the Sophomore Secret Project is (continued on page 5)



TOGAS are the latest thing--if you are among the Romans. Some of the Blackford delegation modeled these fashions at the recent San Marino convention.

Quo Vadis...

12 Latin Students Travel To Southern Convention

By Bill Somers and Roxanne Judge

Twelve BHS Latin students sponsored by Mrs. Louise Chew, went to the annual Junior Classical League Convention in San Marino, California, March 22. The delegates made the eight hour trip via Greyhound Bus Lines with delegates from Overfelt and Homestead High Schools.

The convention itself convened on Friday, followed that night by a dance, featuring a popular Southern California band and strobe lights. Saturday morning the group held a costume contest (there were 1400 delegates, all in togas) followed by the first general assembly, in which the constitution was discussed and candidates for office gave their speeches.

After the first assembly, the delegates then attended the

workshops and contests of their choice. At about five o'clock, after the second assembly all delegates attended a banquet in the gym. No utensils were used, and there was nothing to sit on but mats on the floor.

The BHS students left San Marino at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, stopping for lunch in Bakersfield and arriving home at about 6 p.m. There may be some delegates going to the National JCL, in Michigan, in August, where every state will be represented.

Friday, April 4, the third and fourth year Latin students, along with some of their parents, and Mrs. Chew and Mr. Romer went to Meng's in Palo Alto for dinner, and then to a theater.

New Officers Visit Asilomar For Convention

Newly elected officers of the Blackford High Key Club have been announced as: president, Elwood Sturtevant; vice president, Jim Haughey; treasurer, Gary Mignano; secretary, Greg Taketa.

Elections were close in all divisions with Rich Wright, Paul Stewart, and Darrell Sheidler missing victory by only a couple votes. Also big in the Key Club was the annual convention at Asilomar, at Carmel. Most of the new officers attended the recent two day confab. Some of the highlighting points were the installment of the new District Governors.

Also at Asilomar, Elwood Sturtevant and Greg Cuzner displayed talents in mugging and modeling respectively. According to Mr. Dunton and Rick Lee, the trip was very worthwhile.

Braves Capture Tourney Consolation

After losing a first round game to Lynbrook, the Blackford baseball varsity won four straight games to claim the Lions Club Baseball Tournament consolation championship. A record number of 45 teams was entered in the competition which was held April 6 through 10.

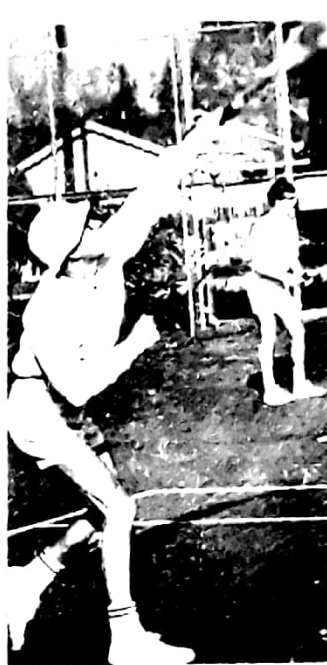
Facing Lincoln in their second game, the Braves were down 1-0 going into the seventh when they tied it, putting the game into extra innings. Finally, in the tenth inning Blackford scored two runs to win 3-1. Greg Ojeda was credited with the win after he and Don Noel combined to hold

Lincoln to just two hits.

The Braves next faced Cupertino, coming from behind to win 3-2. Against Mountain View they took an early lead and held on for a 4-1 victory. Pitching in the Consolation finals for the Braves against Peterson High was Rich Miller. He went all the way in a six hitter as Blackford won 5-2.

Consistent pitching has got to be the reason for the success of the Braves in the Lions Tourney. Yet all pitchers need support. Paced by Tony Riley, Mark Mengo, and Bill Knight, Blackford hitters provided the needed runs.

Joining Blackford from the WVAL were Leigh, Los Gatos, and Camden, taking second, third and fourth places respectively, as Homestead won it all.



Carl Hanson lets loose. (BPC Photo)

Flawless Frosh-Soph Acquire A Team Attack

The Blackford frosh-soph, with the season well on its way, have not yet tasted defeat. With a 6-0 league record and 8-0 overall, the Braves have not as yet pulled away from Camden, who, besides Blackford, is rated as the team to beat in the WVAL race.

The secret behind the frosh-soph's perfect record has been an all around offensive and defensive effort. Jeff Borgeld,

Rich Kerig, and John Little are all boasting batting averages of between 400 and 550. Borgeld has hit two grand slams. Pitcher Steve Hinkley has a 3-0 record and Mike Bennett is 2-0. In compiling his 3-0 record Hinkley has given up no earned runs.

Blackford's best competition has come from Del Mar who put up quite a battle before being downed 4 to 2.

Heading up the frosh-soph is Coach Clifford. He and the varsity coach, Ron Reynolds, have gone all out this year in training. All pitchers are disciplined if caught not squeezing rubber balls, which develop their pitching hands, between classes.

It is felt that Blackford has a remarkably good defense. Many fine plays have come from second basemen Gary Mignano and Mark Ratkovich.

The way it looks, Blackford may have another championship on its hands.

Netmen Tie Bucs; Playoff Decides Race

Sporting a 5-1 WVAL record Blackford's netmen have an excellent chance of winning the league's crown.

In recent matches the Braves routed Del Mar 5-2, a game highlighted by Cary Kloes's sizzling smashes. This match was followed by a tie with Campbell, labeled this year's team to beat by Coach Hunt. It was the toughest match in the first half of the WVAL race and was finally called because of darkness. The play-off match may decide the WVAL's champions. In the latest tennis action, the Braves overpowered Branham for a 5-2 victory and their fifth win.

Spectators have seen outstanding singles performances by Gary Ahrens, Dick Ames, and Brian Bullock, the latter having never lost a match this year. In doubles Coach Hunt named Rod Wight, John Rhodes, Cary Kloes, and Larry Hale as top players.

With the team's great spirit, desire, and improvement last week, Coach Hunt sees a 1968 championship within reach for Blackford's netmen.

Dons Drown Brave Fish

Blackford's varsity swimming team all but finished their chances for league championship as they lost to first place Del Mar, 66 1/2 to 28 1/2. Blackford is now in a three-way tie for second place with Camden and Saratoga, two games behind the 6-0 Dons. The Braves were tabbed to finish in the Second Division, but great efforts by Paul Zeannah, Brent Youngblood, Dan Hendrix, and Mike Krebsbach have kept the Braves in the running.

Blackford's "B" swim team, led by Skip Griffin, Dave Gilavitch, Kevin Bullock and Rick Colletto, are in first place with a record of 6-0.



Don Noel winds up.

Exclusive Interview

All Officials Are Partial, Ex-Blackford Coach Says

"We had everything to gain and nothing to lose," said Carroll Williams, as he commented on Santa Clara's feelings before going up against the UCLA Bruins in the NCAA Regional Finals in New Mexico.

Mr. Williams, freshman basketball coach at the University of Santa Clara, was interviewed by the Lance Staff recently. He coached and taught at Blackford six years ago, before going to Santa Clara. While at Blackford he coached Dennis Awrey, Blackford High School All-American basketball player. He was instrumental in persuading Dennis to play for the Broncos, where in his sophomore year Dennis was a standout center, making the All-Northern California College team.

"All officials are affected by the crowd," Mr. Williams said. He further explained that no matter how fairly officials try to call a game, the crowd will cause them to favor the home team. Asked what college scouts look for in a high school basketball player, he replied that first of all size

is necessary. Following size are aggressiveness, determination, and intelligence.

The Santa Clara Broncos are looking forward to another successful basketball season next fall, in the hopes of revenging this year's loss to mighty UCLA. Coach Williams urges prospective college students to consider Santa Clara.

Brad Taylor Among Tournament Leaders

Two local golf tournaments were held over Easter Vacation, and in each, freshman Brad Taylor placed among the leaders. In the Los Altos Hills Easter Classic, Brad won the distance driving competition with a 245 yarder. For 18 holes he came in second with a 76.

Held later in the week was the West Valley College Invitational. Individually Brad tied for sixth, while as a team Blackford finished tenth among area high schools. Missing was senior sensation Doug Perasso who was south of the border.



Brad Taylor features a deadly putter. (BPC Photo)