

Prospective Prospect Pupils Eye Future Mascot, Colors

SIX Blackford students, representing the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes are members of an organizational committee for the future Prospect High.

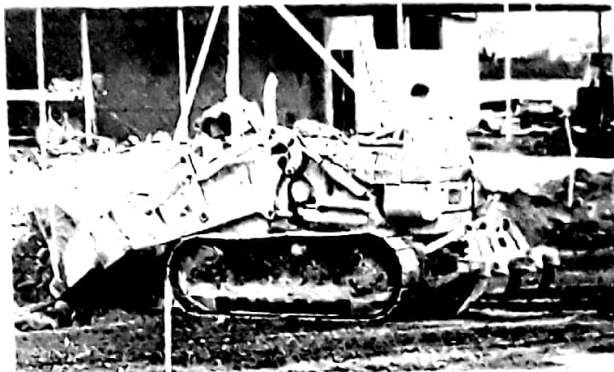
The organizational committee is made up of one member per 50 students per class. Schools involved are Castro Junior High, Rogers Junior High, and Campbell, Westmont and Blackford High Schools.

Students representing Blackford are Brad Davis, Ginny Morse, Jan Otto, Nina Neeley, Tom Sinclair, and Beth Stolle. Purpose of the committee is to write the Prospect Constitution for next year. To help write the document, the group is referring to constitutions from Blackford, Campbell, and Westmont.

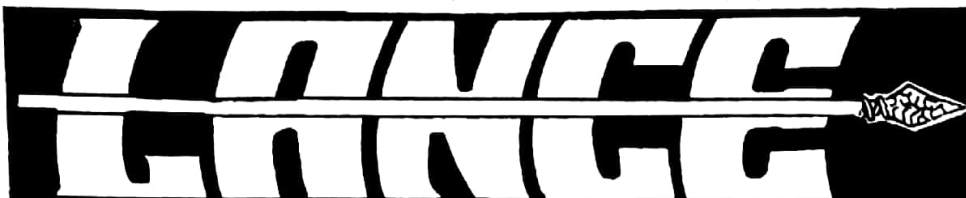
Subcommittees were formed and assigned special duties: selecting a mascot, school colors, designing ASB cards, formulating rules governing student officers, building school spirit, and establishing commissions. In some cases the subcommittees will make suggestions and let all Prospect students vote on them. Last week future students voted to have royal blue-

gold-and white as their colors and the panther as their mascot.

While Blackford has six members on the committee, Campbell has five, Westmont nine, Rogers five, and Castro three (although Castro named only one).



Building goes on, as the grounds of the new high school are being "dozed", but there won't be much "sleeping" after it opens.



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Five B.H.S. Students In NFL Semi-Finals

Five Blackford students made semi-finals in seven areas, at the NFL State Qualifying tournament on March 23. The tournament was held at San Jose City College.

Semi-finalists were Karen Shirle in Girls' Original Oratory; Jim Jacob in Boys' Extemporaneous and Unlimited Oratory; John Carney in Boys' Impromptu; Cris Sorenson in Girls' Humorous Interpretation; and Dennis Conroy in Boys' Humorous Interpretation and Dramatic Interpretation.

Dennis Conroy, who took first place in Humorous Interpretation and second place in Dramatic Interpretation, qualified to go on to the State Tournament to be held at Stanford University. Dennis will enter the tournament in Dramatic Interpretation with "Mad Man."

Blackford also won fifth place in Sweepstakes for which a plaque was awarded the team. Blackford was preceded by Bellarmine, Fremont, Los Gatos, and Homestead, which took first through fourth respectively in Sweepstakes.

The two debate teams made a good showing on March 30 at Foothill College, but neither qualified for the state tournament.

Lifetime CSF Members Don Gold Tassels

Twenty eight Seniors qualified for lifetime C.S.F. membership by being a member of C.S.F. five out of the last six semesters of high school. Along with memberships, students wear gold tassels at graduation, and the gold C.S.F. seal is placed on their diploma.

Students who have already qualified are: Nancy Andro, Brian Bullock, Mary Butler, Carol Cook, Dee Lynn Crews, June Fields, Tim Flood, Mike Francis, Lynn Giordano, Diane Gipson, Jan Grayson, Martha Griffin, Carl Hanson, Jim Jacob, Joyce Krieger, Barry Patrick, John Rhodes, Russ Rudden, Liz Schade, Bonnie Simmons, Marsha Sims, Teresa Sowa, Carolina Sturgeon, Rahnea Sunseri, Rich Taketa, Michaela Tierney, Carolyn Woytus, and Doug Zody.

BHS Math Contestants Rate Honorable Mention Awards

Doug Zody and John Rhodes were among 94 mathematics students, representing 48 area high schools, in the annual Central Coast Mathematics Contest held March 23.

Although seniors from Leigh Awalt and Willow Glen were tops in the field, Blackford's representatives walked away with honorable mention, a ribbon, and a math book as prizes.

The test was written, administered, and scored by the Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Assn.

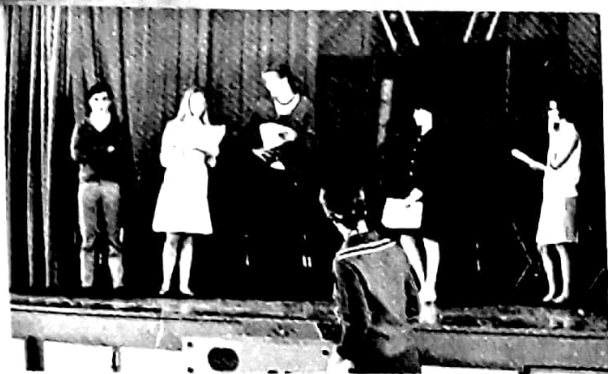
The contest, co-sponsored by the San Jose Mercury and News and the Joint Council on Science and Mathematics Education, is devised to give recognition and incentives to top area high school math students.

The test, as Doug Zody commented, was "difficult but challenging" and covered all the facets of mathematics. The hour-long non-completion type exam was taken at the IBM plant cafeteria in San Jose. The atmosphere was described as not being tense, yet under pressure.

Besides the saving bonds, ribbons, and book awards, names, photographs, and biographical sketches of all entrants have appeared in the Mercury-News during the past few weeks.

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Shakespeare's famed play, "Macbeth", will be presented by Blackford students for the Shakespearean Festival, April 29 to May 3 (BPC Photo)

Shakespearean Festival Kicks Off With 'Macbeth'

Blackford's first Shakespearean Festival, sponsored by Mrs. Marjory O'Brien, Mrs. Esther Little, Mr. Clark Jones, and Mr. Kermit Skromme, will be presented April 29 to May 3. The program is dedicated to the literary genius, Shakespeare, and will present some of his best known works.

The committee for the Shakespearean Festival plans to have events depicting the Shakespearean era each day during the week. Mr. Skromme with the help of Dr. Ray Allvin is trying to obtain a Shakespearean dance and

chorale group from San Jose City College as well as a professional harpischordist and mandolin player.

Shakespeare's "Macbeth," under the direction of Mrs. O'Brien, will be performed on May 2 and 3. Rehearsals for "Macbeth" are already underway now. The cast includes Phil Sheehy as Macbeth, Elaine Franklin as Lady Macbeth, Jerry Heath as Banquo, and Robin Gilligan as Hecate.

"Romeo and Juliet," a movie was not able to fit in the regular schedule and will be shown on April 16.

WAR PAINT

"The legalization of marijuana will ultimately discourage people from smoking marijuana!" Surprisingly, this statement was not made by a flower child, but by a reputable reporter for a large daily newspaper. His solution for the marijuana problem is so unique that the Lance would like to pass it along to its readers.

If marijuana were legalized, thousands of farmers would undoubtedly start raising marijuana plants. As everyone knows, America's farmers are becoming poorer every year. In trying to get rich quick, the farmer growing marijuana would over-produce and create a surplus. Prices for marijuana would fall, and the farmer would lose money.

At about this time, the federal government would probably intervene. As has been customary in the past, the government would buy up the surplus marijuana and sell it overseas. This would create a scarcity in this country and force prices up.

Next, the government would probably start paying farmers not to produce marijuana, to create a bigger scarcity and higher prices. It would also undoubtedly establish price supports (price for which a commodity must be sold) for marijuana. Soon the price of 'weed' would skyrocket above what it is today. The hippies would soon turn to other 'vices' for their kicks, rather than pay high prices for mari-



Excuses, Excuses;

'My Time is Your Time,' Late Students Complain

SPEED KILLS! This is one of the many, many excuses that the deans receive each day for "reasons" (?) for being tardy to class.

While interviewing Mrs. Mona Conn, Dean of Girls, on this subject, she unveiled many ordinary as well as ordinary excuses for the lateness of our students to class.

Some of the daily excuses received by your deans look something like this:

My ride couldn't get his car started; I missed my ride and had to walk; I had to stop at the cleaners; My locker got stuck, (original!); I woke up late; I have a paper route and had to change clothes; Common error; I fell asleep on the grass; I tried to wake my friend up! I went to sleep under bleachers while "participating" in P.E.; I went out to lunch; I was resting; I forgot today was Tuesday and went to language lab. I'm sorry!; Someone locked the stage door and I couldn't get into class; Time flies---I don't.

Even though these students couldn't put forth the effort to get to class on time, they must be complimented for their ingenious minds for making up these ridiculous excuses!

juana. Thus, the marijuana problem would be solved.

Martin Luther Strikes Again?

How's this for bringing history up to date?

Martin Luther, the 16th Century Augustinian Monk, had some strong complaints against the "Establishment" of his day. In 1517, Luther boldly proclaimed his criticisms on his town's community bulletin board (which in those days was often the door of a church).

Now, 451 years later, Mr. Dean Bowman's World Civilization class boldly proclaimed their complaints against the "Establishment" of today, as a class project.

The following is a list of these teenagers' theses:

1. The voting age should be lowered to 18.
2. Teachers should be subject to the same general school rules as students. (For example beards)
3. The curfew laws should be liberalized.
4. The school has too much authority with regards to student dress standards.
5. Students should be given a greater influence with regards to what goes on in the classroom.
6. Teachers often don't try to make learning both interesting and enjoyable.

Are We Cheering For the Braves or Just a Trophy?

By Bob Sorrells

"We are the Braves, and we can't be prouder.." is a typical example of one of the many cheers the Blackford student body has heard repetitively for six years. And this question arises: are we proud of our cheers? Anybody who sees the bleachers during a Blackford game would realize that the boys advocate a revision in cheers and yells.

An onlooker would notice that the cheering section is comprised mostly of girls who didn't mind the so-called cheers we are subjugated to. If some of the cheers were more like those found at boy's prep schools or the colleges near by, attitudes might change.

A standard reply is that some of the yells hurt Blackford's chances for the spirit trophy. Then this question can be asked: ARE WE CHEERING FOR THE BRAVES OR FOR A TROPHY?

If some male students would participate and go out for cheerleaders, perhaps some action could be taken. With a mixed cheering squad, both the boys and the girls will be able to identify with the cheerleaders and our spirit could improve.

So, with the help of some spirited students, let's hope that some cheers will be revised and all students will be able to enjoy rooting the Braves on to victory next year.

Bulletin Board 'Corners' Crowd of Spirited Braves

One of the most unusual bulletin boards ever created at Blackford is now on display in the school library. The bulletin board was created by Debbie Nissen, one of the Brave's cheerleaders, with assistance of Ginger Hawkins.

Blackford is in third place for the spirit trophy because of its unclean campus. It is for this reason Debbie chose this topic.

The garbage used on the bulletin board was donated by

Blackford's "cans anonymous" and the photos, courtesy of Blackford's photo commission. The student body card is an exact replica of the ones held by the ones held by many of Blackford's students.

Even though the bulletin board is in a corner, it attracts a large crowd. Debbie hopes everyone will take the hint and put forth an effort to clean Blackford's campus and put us in first place.



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Mr. Nelson and Armando Delgado study Armando's prize winning painting.

Wins Easel-ly

Delgado Picks Up \$50 In Local Area Contest

Painting since he was seven years old, Freshman Armando Delgado has shown his ability to paint in a recent art contest. Armando won a \$50 first prize award for his painting of the old Mission Church at University of Santa Clara, from the Native Daughters of the Golden West, the sponsors of the contest.

Armando's painting was judged tops out of approximately 50 paintings. Armando has also taken lessons at Paint Brush Gallery and at the present time Armando attends art classes at Montalvo, two nights a week. Some of his work is hung at Winchester Gallery.

In 1965, Mr. Delgado started entering his paintings in contests for money, and he has earned over \$200 since the beginning of this school year.

With hopes of becoming a commercial artist later in life, Armando stated that his family is responsible for inspiring him to paint.

Sketchings were Armando's first type of art work done. Sketching didn't agree with him and later went on to oils. Now using oils, the artist specializes in portraits and landscapes.

For an appointment Mr. Delgado may be reached by dialing 241-3409, or contacting him personally in the Arts and Crafts class, period four, room four.

Students Go Abroad On YFU's Program

Youth for Understanding is one of several organizations in the U.S. that provides for the exchange of students between the U.S. and foreign countries.

The purpose in sending American students overseas for the summer is to introduce them to life in a selected family where they may be a part of a foreign family and community life. While some feel a bit strange at first, they soon come to feel very much members of the family, and this relationship is mutually gratifying. In this way, students may develop a greater appreciation of the cultural background and historic contributions which these several countries share.

YFU works with sponsoring organizations such as service clubs, business and professional groups, PTA's etc. These sponsors help in the selection of students who wish to go abroad, and may help raise funds for exchange students going either way.

The YFU exchange program has five phases at present: International foreign students coming to America, American students going abroad, the 13th Year abroad, YFU Chorale, and the Mexican exchange.

Students interested in more information should contact Martha Griffin or Rick Lee, Blackford's YFU representatives. Martha lived in Helsinki, Finland, and visited Leningrad, USSR, during the summer. Rick Lee attended school while living in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Both students would be glad to assist

Braves' Laurie Brady Steals Miss Teen Saratoga Contest

One of the contestants in the Miss Teen Pacific Coast beauty pageant is Miss Teen Saratoga, Laurie Brady.



Above, lovely Laurie Brady will appear at the Teen Fair April 5-14.

Laurie is a junior at Blackford and is one of the 25 semi-finalists out of 150 girls who were auditioned.

Laurie was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. and is 16 years old.

Miss Brady was the sophomore class vice-president and also the vice-president of the Pep Club. Laurie's activities this year include student council representative, letter girl, and secretary of the Ski Club.

The contestants were chosen for poise, appearance, their school activities, personality, and grade point average.

The winner of the Miss Teen Pacific Coast will go to Hollywood for the Miss Teen USA contest. The Pacific Coast pageant is being held this year at the Teen Fair April 5-14.

any students interested in living abroad this coming summer.

BH Seniors Dress Up For Class Picture Day

"Why are they all dressed up?"

For all those wondering who those sophisticated, good-looking people were on campus Wednesday of last week--they were the seniors of Blackford in all their splendor. It was their perfect chance to "show off" and demonstrate how they are going to look in the world of business and industry.

The attire for the traditional Senior Dress-up Day was hats,

high heels, suits, and ties. The day was highlighted by a picture taken of the entire senior class. Several humorists, however, dressed like characters from the Mafia or Bonnie and Clyde.

Needless to say, lower classmen and teachers were very impressed. By the end of the day the scene had changed somewhat; the girls' feet hurt and the boys had taken off their jackets and ties.

SMOKE SIGNALS

Did you know that: Jim Sitter won \$10 on the KLOK Sound of Power contest...those Indians were painted on the wall of the gym before the student body was given a chance to vote for a mascot in 1963...Blackford is one of the few schools in the nation that has a free newspaper... Mr. Bender was chosen as San Jose's Big Brother of the Year for 1963...Mrs. Graham received a CO2 vest for her birthday?

Alumnotes: Mike Hopkin (66) was wounded at the Battle of Khe Sanh and received the Purple Heart...Gary Park (66) is studying Japanese and Russian philosophy at SJS...Judy Bellinger (66) is studying nursing at City College...Tim Shalk (64) is a corpsman at the Oakland Navy Hospital...Paula Baird (67) is planning to get married in May...Jackie Croner (66) will travel to Hawaii in August.

The Lance thought for the issue: "I never let my schooling interfere with my education!" courtesy Mark Twain.



Pretty Debi Brown poses with some dressed hams (BPC photo)

BRAVES VS VIKES!

Lynbrook Will Face Braves Tomorrow

Blackford's varsity baseball team managed to skid past the Los Gatos Wildcats last Tuesday by the score of 2-1, putting them in a tie for second place in the WVAL with the Camden Cougars.

By far the most impressive game of the season so far was in a preseason game against Piedmont Hills, as they smashed their way to a 14-1 victory.

On April 6, the Braves play Lynbrook in the first round of the tenth annual Lions Club

Baseball Tournament at Spartan Stadium.

A record number of 45 teams is entered in the competition which will be held April 6-10, according to John Mason, tournament director. The tourney, which started with 11 teams in 1959, now is ranked as the largest high school baseball tournament in the state.

Teams come from all over the Bay Area, from as far away as Carmel, San Lorenzo Valley and Hollister.

Thirty-six schools competed in last year's tourney, which was won by Camden High School. No team ever has won the title twice.

First round games will be played April 6 on 12 different diamonds. The finals will be played on the night of April 10 at the San Jose Municipal Stadium.

The tournament is under the sponsorship of the Lions Clubs of Santa Clara County. The massive organizational problems involved are handled by Mason, Walt Sanders of the Lions, and Jerry Brosnan of Overfelt High School.

Yocum, Neff Pace Varsity Track Wins

Last week the Blackford track teams overtook both Camden and Los Gatos High Schools. The varsity surpassed evenly-matched Camden by a mere nine points for its first league victory. Two school records were set by the Blackford varsity participants. The first was by senior Steve Neff, as he ran the two mile in 10 minutes and three seconds. He broke the past record by over 25 seconds. A second record was broken in the varsity pole vault when junior Ken Yocum cleared 13'1". This mark places Ken Yocum at the top of all competitors in Santa Clara County. Tomorrow, a selected few from the varsity will compete in the annual Foothill Relays.

Tennis Team Action Terms 3-1 Record

March 19 marked the opening of league play for the Blackford tennis team. Playing on Westmont's courts, the Braves turned in a 5-2 victory. Especially impressive was Carl Hanson, defeating Steve Test 6-3, 6-2. The Braves then went on to demolish the Leigh Longhorns 7-0 on the Braves' own courts. After a disappointing loss to Los Gatos, the Braves came back with a 5-2 victory over the Branham Bruins. Consistent showings this year so far have come from Carl Hanson, Gary Ahrens, Vick Ames, Doug Zody, and Brian Bullock. The number one doubles team has a new look with Rod Wright joining John Rhodes.



Greg Ojeda slashes single.

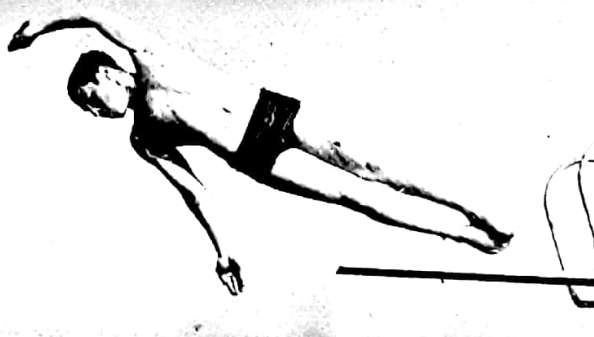
BHS Swimmers Upset Camden, Face Del Mar

Blackford's swim team swept its third consecutive swim meet last Tuesday, beating Los Gatos in all three divisions. The B's and C's won easily with scores of 62-22 and 37-22, respectively. The varsity meet was not decided until the final event, the 400 yard free style relay, which the Braves won, giving them a 52-43 victory.

Starring for the Braves were Paul Zenah and Bill Fraboni, each with three firsts. Bob Kull had two firsts and a third, and Bruce Struzan had a first and a second. The win gave the Braves a 3-0 league record in all divisions with five league meets, the Del Mar Relays, and the league finals left.

In an earlier meet, Blackford upset last year's league champions, Camden, by the score of 48-47. The Braves were predicted by the local newspapers to finish fifth. But like all the other Blackford teams this year, they have managed to surpass their expectations and be strong contenders for the league championship.

This afternoon at 3:30, Blackford will be swimming against Del Mar in the Dons' pool. The Dons are one of the teams competing for league championship, and a close score is expected.



Junior Rick Winer, #1 B squad diver, practices a twist. (BPC Photo)

Do-or-Die Match Awaits BHS Golf Team

Fresh from an 18 1/2 to 5 1/2 frolic over Leigh, Blackford's golf team is now anxiously awaiting an important match with Saratoga, following Easter Vacation, which should decide any title chances the Braves still have.

Although defeating Campbell 18 to 6 and Leigh 18 1/2 to 5 1/2, the team received a crushing blow from Los Gatos in a 17 1/2 to 6 1/2 defeat. The match was played at La Rinconada, the Wildcat's home course. Blackford's unfamiliarity with the private course gave Los Gatos a definite edge.

Excellent league individual scores have been coming in

for Blackford. Freshman Brad Taylor heads the list with a 75, that over Los Gatos' O'Neil, considered to be one of the county's best. Brad's score is followed by Doug Perasso's 77 and Rick Wright's 82.

On the golf team this year is the nephew of a world famous golfer. Professional ethics dictates that we honor his request to be anonymous.

Untimely illness has caused reserve players such as Skip Adams to be repeatedly called on for steady play. After a late start due to prior commitments, Jeff Momson has come on strong and is expected to help down the stretch.



Santa Teresa offers BHS golfers challenge