



Homecoming Queen and her Court: l. to r. Vicki Hermsen, Roger Stover, Stacey Spaulding, John Souza, Jim Wilson, Teresa Aldrich.

# Stacey Crowned Queen At Thanksgiving Game

Stacey Spaulding was crowned as this year's Homecoming Queen by Bashful Brave (see 'Seniors Win Two Spirit Week Prizes', this page) Jim Olsen at the Thanksgiving Game half-time.

Stacey's court consisted of princesses Teresa Aldrich and Vicki Hermsen. John Souza, Jim Wilson, and Roger Stover escorted Stacey, Teresa, and Vicki, respectively, to the game.

Teresa Aldrich, Evon Begovich, Vicki Hermsen, Sheila Murphy, and Stacey Spaulding were nominated for queen on Monday of Spirit Week by members of the football team. The girls were introduced to the

student body at a noon-time rally Tuesday of Spirit Week. An election held on Wednesday of Spirit Week in which all male student body members participated, decided that Stacey would be queen and Teresa and Vicki would be princesses.

After the coronation at the Homecoming Game, Stacey, Vicki, and Teresa were driven around the football field in a 1922 Maxwell provided by the Key Club.

Both Stacey and Teresa have been active in promoting school spirit. Stacey was a song girl last year. Teresa was a flag girl as a sophomore and junior.

# Seniors Win ASB Card, Bashful Brave Prizes

The Spirit Dance Nov. 22 saw the class of '68 winning two Spirit Week contests, Associated Student Body (A.S.B.) card sales, and Bashful Brave.

One-hundred dollars was awarded to the senior class at the dance as a result of 88% of its members having purchased A.S.B. cards. The freshmen followed close on the heels of the seniors with 83.8%. The sophomores came in third with 78.3%, and the juniors trailed with 78%.

The A.S.B. card sale began at the beginning of the school year and ended on Wednesday of Spirit Week. The Membership Commission was in charge of the sale.

That senior Jim Olsen was elected as this year's Bashful Brave was also announced at

the Spirit Dance. Other Bashful Brave candidates were Mike Krebsbach, junior; John Little, sophomore; and Kelvin Bullock, freshman. During Spirit Week, students voted for their class's Bashful Brave nominee by paying one cent per vote to the Spirit Commission. All proceeds were donated to the American Field Service foreign exchange program.

Jim Olsen crowned the Homecoming Queen at the Thanksgiving game as a result of his being elected Bashful Brave.

# Soph. Reception Held on Nov. 28

The long-postponed Sophomore Reception was held Tuesday, November 28, in the cafeteria.

On hand to greet parents were Mr. Verdun P. Romer, principal, and Mrs. Vivian O'Leary and Mr. Richard Dockendorf, sophomore counsellors and coordinators of the program.

Mr. James Gillespie, District Director of Sophomore Science, spoke about changes in laws affecting driver education; and Dr. Stanley Ostrom, Assistant Director of Guidance and Testing for Santa Clara County, spoke on patterns for vocational exploration.

Entertainment was provided by Nancy Tutfill, who sang two selections, and Bill Cope, who performed on the piano.

Refreshments were served by the home economics department.

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# German, French Clubs Plan Future Activities

"O Tannenbaum" and "Stilge Nacht" are some of the Christmas carols the German Club is planning to sing on their tour of hospitals December 14.

For the past several years German Club members and advisor, Mr. Lawrence Kruppenbacher, have toured hospitals singing German carols. Last year, they were televised by KNTV news.

This year, the carolers plan to sing in the children's wards of O'Conner and Campbell Convalescent Hospitals. Usually they are asked to sing to other patients besides children, which they obligingly consent to do.

Afterwards, the carolers are planning a party at which a tree will be decorated in a typical German style. German food made by students will be served.

A jewelry sale will be sponsored by Blackford's French Club Wednesday. The sale will begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m. The prices will range from \$2.00 to \$7.00 said Mrs. Nancy Cook, French Club advisor.

A representative from the

company that makes the jewelry will be present to give demonstrations on how to wear the jewelry effectively. She will also take care of all sales of the jewelry. Refreshments will be served after the demonstrations. The public is invited to attend.

The French Club hopes to hold the sale of the jewelry in the cafeteria.

French Club officers consist of Nancy Hale, president; Tiare McMillan, vice-president; Mike Milton, treasurer; and Dorothy Duder, secretary.

# Frosh Win Spirit Stick; Jrs. Deck Best Hall

The freshmen were awarded Blackford's spirit stick for winning the white shirt drive; the juniors won the corridor-decorating contest during Spirit Week.

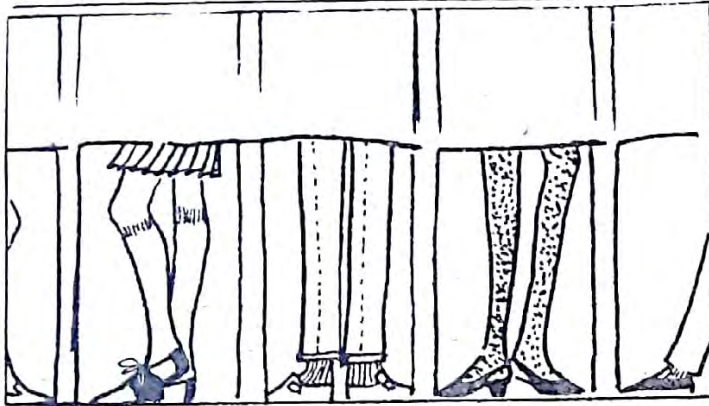
The white shirt drive was devised by the Spirit Commission to provide more white shirts for the white cheering section at football and basketball games. During each day of Spirit Week, white shirts were collected from members of all four classes. The class bringing

in the most white shirts was awarded the spirit stick for one day. The spirit stick is a branch of wood painted red on which are hanging several decorations symbolizing Blackford. The freshmen won the spirit stick on Monday and Wednesday of Spirit Week; juniors brought in the most shirts Tuesday. The freshmen accumulated the most white shirts in all so they will keep the spirit stick permanently.

The juniors won the corridor decorating contest Nov. 21. The class of '69 draped blue streamers from room 49 to the English wing. Included in the judging was how well each class cleaned up the decorations after school.



Nancy Goma'l, Trudy Hirschfeld, Debbie Nissen, and Sherrie Keresey sort out shirts turned in during Spirit Week.



Will it help to vote for what we want?

The Weird Herald Speaks:

What Is Inside The Minds Of "Weird" Music Makers?

Have you ever wondered what makes a musician a success? We interviewed two members of the "Weird Herald" to find out. Members of the group not mentioned in this story are; Chuck (Tottie) Bollinger and Pat McIntyre the Bass player and drummer.

Paul Ziegler, a full time musician and part time guitar teacher, explained that after three years of college, he believes a college education is important if you have a specific goal in mind, and in order to attain that goal you must devote all available time to it.

Bill Andrus, the rhythm guitar player, defines a Hippie as a



"a person who conforms to individualistic ideas." While Paul, the lead guitar player thinks "a Hippie does nothing."

Both musicians having long hair and believing that Hippies are not an asset to our society, I curiously asked them how they felt about the present Selective Service Board. Since 'they've both served in the Army, they replied they wouldn't do it again under the present circumstances, were they now eligible for the draft.

Paul's pet peeve is ignorant people, and Bill says his is people with no common sense.

Both Bill and Paul agreed that success, at least for musicians, is derived from self-satisfaction, and that you needn't be a hit with the world in order to be a successful musician.

Would you like to hear the "Weird Herald" play? Listen to KMPX, 106.9 on your FM radio.

Dear Fickle Friend:

Don't forget-She needs someone to care about her just like all humans do. If you don't care, do her a favor and tell her how you feel. When she realizes you're not the person for her she'll start looking for another. Then you can crawl back into your hole and watch the rest of the world pass above you.

Unfortunately, Dearest D.&J. shall be discontinued due to the lack of response from the lovers. We haven't received enough nor adequate material to keep the column going.



"You expected Joan Baez maybe?"



Would BHS Students Like An Opinion Poll?

By Joyce Krieg

One of the greatest problems in large schools is communication between the students and the administration. For this reason Blackford's administration has looked to its Student Council to relay wishes of the students to them. Blackford's Council members are dedicated to this task, and in no way are we trying to criticize their work. However, the council is often wrapped up in the red tape of activity requests, constitutional amendments, and dozens of other chores that it simply doesn't have the time to hear and evaluate the opinions of each of the 2,000 students.

A solution to this problem might be to have elections at which time students could vote on such issues as, "Do you have any suggestions concerning dress standards?" or "Can the grading system be improved?" The elections could be run on a referendum system; that is, if enough students request that an issue be put on the ballot, then it will be included. Of course students must realize that such an election result would be just a poll of opinions and not binding on the administration in any way.

Would such elections improve student-administration relations? Yes, say the schools who've tried them; they make excellent sounding boards and fine "two-way streets." Election referenda, moreover, would be effective means of quenching noisy minorities such as those wishing to wear Levi's to dances. Elections would undoubtedly help the Student Council and administration shape its policy.

A Quick Look At A Snappy Quacker

Can you imagine anyone coming to school when they don't have to? Well, last week Blackford was honored with the presence of Mr. Darrell D. Duck. Mr. Duck surveyed the school and took a liking to the pool, where upon testing the water temperature, decided to spend the day. Mr. Duck was people shy but when it came to taking his picture he was very cooperative. When interviewed by a Lance reporter and asked his impression of Blackford he replied, "I like to watch the girls swim, but my that swim coach has a loud voice! I may never leave." (And he almost didn't).



Duck ducks out

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# Pres. Praises Constitution

By Duane Kubo

Student cooperation and a clean campus provide reason for more and better privileges. The early 2:45 bell on game days has been the result of students' cooperation in clean campus and school spirit.

This first semester the student council is very satisfied with the accomplishments which have been achieved. We are pleased to have a constitution which has proven to be flexible. This semester has been the "maiden voyage" of our new constitution, the product of months of hard work. I sincerely recommend the passage of both proposed amendments to insure majority rule or "rule by popular consent". All members of the student body should become familiar with these proposed amendments and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting.

At this time the Council is trying to schedule council meetings with representatives for fifth or sixth period. The end result will be better attendance at meetings and a more informed student body.



Debbie Brown and Rick Lee at WVJC meeting.

## Del Mar Withdraws! Spirit League Revamping Caps WVJC Discussion

The total revamping of the West Valley Spirit League was a major result of the last West Valley Joint Student Council meeting held at Campbell High Nov. 8, 1967. The newly approved spirit league rules topped off months of discussion and proposals by the nine participating high schools in our league.

Several heated discussions resulted throughout the meetings as compromise grew near.

The newly approved spirit trophy rules offer a more competitive basis for the spirit trophy that will be awarded once a year. Football spirit, basketball spirit, clean campus, and percentage of student body cards sold will each be weighted one fourth of the trophy. Each of the four divisions will be rated nine to one, nine being the best and one being the worst. The school with the highest combined points wins the Spirit Trophy. The present spirit scores will be converted to the new win-loss-tie system.

Spirit at games will be rated three for a win, two for a tie, and one for a loss. Spirit will be judged on the basis of enthusiasm, organization and sportsmanship.

Clean campus will be judged with a (5-1) grading scale with the emphasis being on the total impression of the campus being graded. Clean campus will be

judged October, November, January, February, March, and April.

In student body card competition the percentage sold at each school will be tabulated as of October 31.

After the final discussion the new rules were passed by the WVJC with Westmont, Camden, and Del Mar voting "no." Del Mar immediately withdrew from the West Valley Spirit League competition and it is believed that Camden and Westmont will follow the same course.



**CORRECTION:** According to the State Education Code, our daily routine of saluting the flag is mandatory in public schools.

Seniors: "The car wash made over \$70. for the PTA membership contest!" announced prexy Jim Jacob...The Senior Ball is going to be a dinner dance at Los Altos Hills Country Club. Reactions to this news are mostly favorable, although a few girls complain that it is not romantic. Some kids are heard moaning, "I don't like the food they're going to serve!" Rumors that these few plan to bring Chicken Delight to the Ball have not been confirmed. By the way, the Big Day will be March 9.

Schades of ribbons: The Spirit Commission would like to give thanks to Elizabeth Schade for designing the football spirit ribbons!

Alumnates: Catby Titus (67) was a Homecoming Princess at Evangel College at Springfield, Missouri...Brian Worrell (67) is a student at the University of Oregon. He has won several swimming awards...Sue Balthich (67) is working in the personnel office at Lockheed...Barbie Hanson (65) is a junior phys. ed. major at SJS.

## Senior Play Tagged Tops

Judging from the enthusiastic response of the audience, "The Night of January 16" was the most successful senior play in Blackford's history.

Although "January 16" was essentially dramatic, it did have humorous aspects. Some unforgettable moments were Sherry Yarchever's ad-lib flirtations with the juror, John Souza's portrayal of the gawky policeman, and the reserved sign sticking to Martha Griffin's coat.

What made "January 16" so fascinating was the audience participation. The jurors were audience members; the witnesses were planted in the audience. Incidentally, Karen Andre was found innocent Thursday night; guilty Friday night.

The seniors have set another precedent by presenting a drama instead of a comedy.

## At 49er Football Game:

### Song Girls Snatch Third

Blackford's song girls performing before thousands of people at a 49er's football game walked away with third place honors and a beautiful trophy. The girls were judged on poise, neatness, uniformity, and originality. Entrants from many other area high schools posed stiff competition.

Our dancing squaws worked constantly last summer preparing their routines for the 1967-68 school year. At the song girls camp, also held during the

summer, the girls were introduced to many new movements and exchanged ideas with the other competing girls. At these daily meets the girls won ribbons in several areas of competition.

The Braves' song girls, dressed in red and white with gold musical notes, are Mary Andro, Karlyne Bush, Tally Jones, Becky Nickel, Juuy Santo, and Carolyn Woytus, head.

## Interact Club Sends Books To War Zone

With more than 600 books already accumulated, Blackford's Interact Club is hoping for increased book donations in their current book drive. The books will be packaged and sent to our servicemen in Viet Nam.

Interact Club, a service organization, was organized last year under the sponsorship of the West Side San Jose Rotary Club. This year's officers are President, Dale Yoshihara; Vice President, Russ Rudden; Secretary, Carl Hanson, and Treasurer, Mike Flood.

Some of the club's service and money making projects include: helping the Cystic Fibrosis Fund by donating money; painting the garbage cans on Blackford's campus; and painting the football bleachers along with Key Club. Interact Club held a candy sale this year and earned approximately \$100. Senior Howard Brauner was top salesman in the candy sales.

The club plans an annual car wash which will be coming up in the near future. The Northern California Interact Convention to be held March 16, at Saratoga, is the club's most important coming event of 1968.



Interact Club members checking books to be shipped

# BRAVES FINALE: 34-14 ROMP

Undisputed second place in West Valley League football was Blackford's reward for defeating Saratoga at the Thanksgiving Homecoming game.

The 34-14 final score was not indicative of the closeness of the affair. Early in the fourth quarter the Falcons had moved to within one touchdown and were again in possession of the football when Greg Ojeda and Mike Lombardo each intercepted Saratoga passes and ran them back for scores. Moving 48 and 65 yards respectively, they insured a league second place for Blackford.

Spearing the Braves' offensive attack were a perfectly executed Tim Flood to Skip Adams pass, with Adams immediately laterally to Duane Kubo who ran it 50 yards for a score; and a 10 yard scrambling fake field goal run by Adams.

Defensive players, led by Jeff Momsen, Bob Rose, and Mike Lombardo, continually harassed the Falcon offense, dropping the Saratoga quarterback nine times for losses totaling 66 yards. Three Saratoga passes were picked off, including the two run back for touchdowns.

The traditional series is now tied at three games apiece.



Unidentified Brave Recovers Falcon Fumble.

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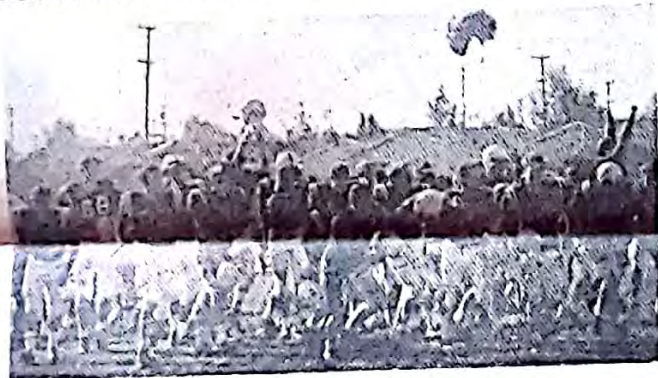
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### League Finals Climax Girls' Sports Season

Girls' Sports swimming and tennis seasons were climaxed by the league finals, Tuesday, November 21. The swimming trials were held Saturday, November 18, at Camden High School. Thirty-one girls had qualifying times for the Tuesday finals. Highlighting the trials was senior Joan Menard, swimming in the C 25 Breast, broke the district record for that event. Her time was 19.7 and the record was 19.8, held by junior Chris Robinson, also from Blackford. At the finals Tuesday, Blackford received a third place in the C division. Those bringing home ribbons were Joan Menard, Kathy Ryan, Doris Getsla, and Jan Otto. Saratoga now prevails as the 1967-68

swimming champs. The tennis finals, meanwhile, were held at Leigh High School. Four teams participated in the trials Saturday, with one team qualifying for the Tuesday finals. The team consisting of Robin Winegardner and Nancy Hale, battled through tough competition Saturday, only to meet with defeat Tuesday when they were matched with Camden and Del Mar. Now that the first sports of the year are over, the girls are practicing for this quarter's sports, basketball and hockey. AGA advisors, Miss Adrienne Ellis and Mrs. Lee Squier, are looking forward to a strong season with keen competition throughout the district.



Falcon-scalping Braves return to reservation.

### Successful F-S, Varsity Turf Seasons Terminate

#### Lance Staff Review

Capping a disappointing yet highly valuable season experience-wise, Blackford's frosh-sophs finally put everything together in a 20 to seven season finale victory over Saratoga. Led by Coach Bill Dempsey, the injury-ridden team ended the season with a 2-7 record. Among outstanding Brave players all season was Marco Demonjla.

Ending the season on a high note against Saratoga, the Braves varsity again proved

they have the finest defense in the valley. Three interceptions for the day gave Blackford defenders an amazing 28 for the season.

Averaging less than eight points per game, Blackford opponents have scored a total of only six points against the Braves in first period action. Blackford held Mitty, Del Mar, Westmont, Leigh, and Camden scoreless.

After the tough loss to Campbell, Buc Coach Mike Jones related, "That was the hardest hitting game since I've been here, and they were the best team we've faced all year."

Much praise is also due to the Blackford offense. Led by the steady work-horsing efforts of fullback Mike Sharp and the highly underrated quarterbacking of Tim Flood, the Braves offensive machine was second only to Campbell.

With experienced sophomores coming up to fill the gaps, next year's team promises to be exciting. A LANCE Salute goes to those seniors who served Blackford so well this, their last prep football season.

### Pre-season Practice Promises Varsity League Title Attempt

By Jim Olsen

Blackford's Varsity Basketball squad is aiming toward an undefeated season this year. In conditioning for pre-season activities, the team appears to have great depth. The Braves consist of seven returning varsity men and six championship frosh-soph players, who are all capable of playing first string varsity ball.

League standings will be tight this year, in a race between four teams. Blackford's toughest opponents will be Camden, Campbell, and Branham. Each of these teams include individual stars capable of making Brave victories difficult.

Pre-season varsity action will officially begin Tuesday, December 5, at Los Altos. December 8 will be the first home game, featuring Blackford against Carlmont at 7.



Coach Angius and Mike Ucell prepare for BB premiere.



W.V.A.L. 67 FOOTBALL STANDINGS	
Campbell	8-0
BLACKFORD	6-2
Del Mar	5-3
Saratoga	5-3
Branham	4-4
Camden	4-4
Los Gatos	3-5
Leigh	1-7
Westmont	0-8