

## Mr. Armitstead Tours Europe

Plans are most definite now, that Mr. Donald Armitstead, Blackford's Director of Education, will be the Coordinator of the Southern European Civilization Program this summer.

The program includes visiting the area known as the Grand Tour-London, Paris, Rome, Florence, Venice, Geneva, and Athens.

Approximately 130 high school students, along with 16 chaperones, will depart from New York City in mid-June and begin their six-week travel and study tour. As they visit each city, they will be instructed by local teachers of the history, customs and civilizations of that area. This will take up most of the morning hours. In the afternoon the students are given a chance to travel and visit places they wish. The students will be divided into groups of eight, giving them a chance to see more of the cities.

There are many other European travel-study programs for high school students, such as the Northern European one.



Max Rafferty speaks at Blackford P.T.A. (B.P.C. Photo)

## Small Group Attends Max Rafferty Speech

Before a disappointingly small audience of approximately 250, Dr. Max Rafferty, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke to the Blackford High School PTA on "Education's Sore Spots" last week.

Dr. Rafferty outlined five "Points of Conflict" which he feels must be solved if parent-teacher relations are to be improved.

He stated that there is a credibility gap in that students sometime give only half the story to their parents and parents don't want to hear the teacher's side.

Calling his second "ulcer" The Morality Gap, he ripped into teachers who defend law-breakers, calling them "Pied Pipers of Destruction."

Superintendent Rafferty then commented on the "Frill Gap", which he claims is not true literature.

In an interview after his speech, Dr. Rafferty was asked what he thought about the way President Summerskill handled the recent riots at San Francisco State College. He said he would have fired Summerskill if San Francisco Police Chief, Thomas Cahill hadn't told him not to call in the police, thereby preventing a larger riot.

## Blackford Places Fourth In S.J.S. Math Contest

Blackford High School again topped all of the Campbell Union High Schools in the San Jose State Field Day Math Contest held two weeks ago.

Out of the 35 high schools in the area, Blackford math students came in fourth place. Other schools beating Blackford were Palo Alto, Gunn, and Fremont coming in first, second, and third, respectively.

The contest included several events; Mad Hatter, Leap Frog, Discovery Quest, and Chalk Talk.

Coming in second place in the sophomore Mad Hatter were Vince Haughey, Mark

Donnell, and Rich Wright.

Taking sixth place in the algebra Mad Hatter were Jim Haughey, Danny Mars and Ben Lewis.

Howard Landman, Doug Zody, and Russ Rudden came in second place in the open Mad Hatter which is for seniors.

Carl Hanson placed ninth in the contest which is considered the toughest event, the Discovery Quest.

Blackford's Chalk Talker, John Rhodes, also placed by coming in fifth. Representing Blackford in the Leap Frog were Tim Flood and Rick Wright.



John Rhodes in the midst of his prize-winning math problem. (B.P.C. Photo)

## AFS Pupil Comes Back

Gene Gilluly, Blackford's American Field Service student abroad, returned home last week after a year in Costa Rica.

Gene was a member of the Mr. Fernando Johanning family, a father, mother, 13-year-old sister, 14-year-old brother, and an 18-year-old brother who was visiting in America most of the year. Gilluly, who took three years of German at Blackford, naturally had a little trouble speaking to his Costa Rican family. For the first few months he used sign language as a "means of communication," he said.

The schools in Costa Rica are taught European style. Gene's program consisted of 14 classes but they only met two or three times a week. While attending school in Costa Rica, Gene gained membership in the C.S.F.

Gene starts school at Blackford March 13. According to Mrs. Margaret Couch, Senior counselor, he's in better scholastic standing for future college than most students here. Before graduation he has to take the U.S. History final and the first semester of Government.

## 'Birdie' Play, About Draft, In Rehearsal

"Bye Bye Birdie," which was chosen because of its contemporary theme (the draft), has gone into its beginning rehearsals.

A person casually walking into rehearsal might be shocked to find 40 bodies on the stage floor with Ed Callahan standing in the middle. On the other hand you might find everyone learning how to scream!

The play is to be done in the costumes of the Elvis Presley era. The cast is in the process of reviving the twist, roll down socks, and saddle shoes.

## Speech and Debate Snatch Top Four Congress Awards

Blackford's speech and debate squad left the Student Congress, February 3, with the top four awards. Jim Jacob and Randy Mangum were elected Chairmen.

Jim Jacob was elected chairman of the Senate. Randy Mangum was elected chairman in the House of Representatives. To be elected chairman the candidate must know the rules of parliamentary procedure well. The chairman is elected by majority vote.

Awards were also given for

the 'Best Speaker of the House' Pat Tierny, Jim Barrer, John Carney, and Paul Wagner received the top four awards respectively, as best speakers.

Miss Lee Cunningham felt a good showing was made by all twenty participants at the Congress.

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By Joyce Krieg

The snack bar is probably the institution at Blackford that the student body would want least to give up. It also receives some of the hottest criticism ever given to such an establishment. "The prices are too high," "not enough variety," and "the service is too darn slow," are just a few of the milder critical remarks heard about the snack bar.

LACK OF PERSONNEL

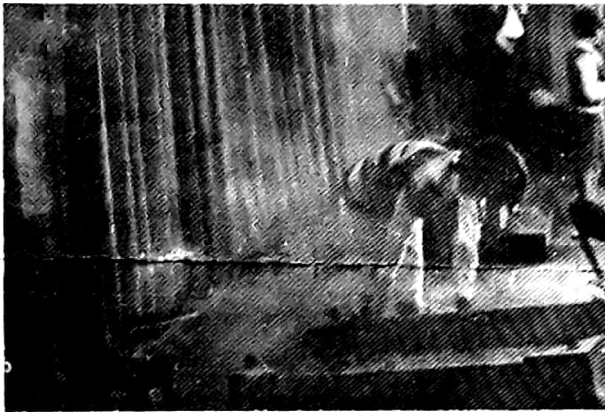
The snack bar is operated by members of C.S.F. and Honor Society. Profits from the snack bar are used to finance the C.S.F. trip. In answer to questions as to why the window nearest the machines is not operated, thus relieving the load of other windows, Miss Marilyn Poncey, faculty advisor to the snack bar, stated that there are not enough workers to staff another window.

BETTER QUALITY

The price caused students to agitate vigorously last year for the privilege of buying lunch off campus. Miss Poncey said that the prices are high because the quality of the food is better than that of other restaurants.

According to Miss Poncey, the snack bar workers are quick and efficient. She remarked that the service could be speedier if the students would order for themselves only and not give "cuts". This would probably speed up service more than anything else.

Of course, you can always bring a lunch box.



# Play Proves Guys Haven't Any Spirit

Miss Long needs men! Or we should say she needs any ready, willing and able males! The fact is, that at "Bye, Bye Birdie" tryouts there were approximately twice as many girls as boys. Where is your spirit? Are all you guys going to let the girls prove that they have more pride in school activities? If you don't feel you're the actor type, or not exactly another Paul Newman, don't be discouraged. There are still several walk-on parts in which you may have a line or two, and none that would call for an award-winning performance.

Alas, for the Brave who feels he could no more act on stage than wear a miniskirt in public, there is always

he-man work to be done.

Presently, all the girls available and a handful of guys are taking over as stage hands. Think about it, fellas! Don't you feel kind of bad seeing your girlfriend move heavy stage props around just because you're too darn lazy? WE NEED GUYS: Help!

## Bulletin

Prizes for essays on "The Merchant Marine--Key to Defense and Trade" are offered local students. If interested, see your English teacher for further information.



### An Editor Answers...

# A Letter of Complaint

Dear Editor,  
Mark up another point for the ASB of Blackford. Blackford's general spirit and attitude, as evidenced by the failures of dress standards and clean campus, received another boost in the last assembly.

The assembly, for the purpose of installing the new student council, came off with the same failure as almost every general assembly the last two years. If our past conduct persists, we'll be in for some hard times from the administration. We must show them that we can handle privileges received. With arousing applause from a small minority of students, the assembly must have shown the purpose of some students--I doubt that it was an object of pride for most.

Jim Jacob

The conduct of Blackford students at our assemblies points to the fact that some high school students are basically too immature for the responsibilities and demands of high school life. It is hoped that each student who "performed" at our last assembly will now be taking strides toward growing up. It is unfortunate that we have these students and it is also unfortunate that the administration and council must waste their time "correcting" their "performance."  
...Editor

## ASB Cabinet Begins Work

The newly elected spring cabinet of the Student Council has just completed the election of the student manager and commissioners.

Assisting Student Body President, Tim Flood, and Vice-President, Bob Kull, will be Bruce Glatzel as secretary and Mike Flood as treasurer. June Fields will be the new student manager and Lynne Giordano will act as her assistant.

The council also chose commissioners for the second semester. They are: Art-Barbara Brill, Awards -Gerry Heldinger, Boys Athletics -Greg Ojeda, Drama -Bonnie Simmons, Finance- Carla Kleos, Girls Athletics -Gail Obsnick, Literary Affairs- Phil Sheehey, Membership- Liz Schade, Music - Russell Rudden, Photo -Mike Bays, Sales -Dennis Moore, School Affairs - Elissa Newman, Speech and Debate -Jim Jacob, Spirit -Patt Fenton, and Utilities - Bob Ullman.

### Students Say,

## Happiness Is:

As an illustration of the creativity shown by many of Blackford's students, here are some excerpts taken from Mr. Bowman's and Mr. Jones' English classes.

Why do people never love their neighbor?

Perhaps they are afraid their neighbor will love them back!

Once I had a toy,  
It filled me with joy,  
He took it away,  
and I killed him,

Happiness is being free! No one to bother me when I want to be left alone.

Happiness to me is a fire on a cold winter's night, or a deserted beach...Happiness is driving a convertible in the rain.

## LANCE STAFF

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It's no rumor, Believe it or not, it is the truth! "People," a well-known local group, will perform at Blackford High School tomorrow night.

The "Sock-Hop", a non-school function sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association (thus the long haired band) will be held from nine to midnight in the big gym, with the doors opening at 8:15.

This will be the third time in two years that Blackford will have a band perform which is off-campus type. The "Stained Glass" played their version of songs the first two times in a worthy cause which attracted a "full house" when sponsored by the Blackford Chiefs.

Tickets have been sold during the week by Interact and will also be available at the door. Admission is a dollar, opened to all.

No standards dress will be required for this dance, but students or (non-students) are requested to use their own good judgment.

The People will start their performance promptly at nine and will include in their musical arrangements their present hit recording, "I Love You."

All shoes will be checked in at the Girls' Locker Room.

Proceeds from the dance will go mostly toward the Scholarship Funds headed by the P.T.A.

The P.T.A. pointed out the work of senior Jim Salazar for an outstanding job on publicity posters.



Vickie Cargill gives Penny Lake tips on bowling.

## Two Awards Given

# BHS Students Honored By S.J. Exchange Club

Two Blackford students, Vickie Cargill and Dan Hendrix, were awarded the "Girl of the Month" and "Boy of the Month" titles respectively from the San Jose Exchange Club. This award is given once a month to students who have done a remarkable job at overcoming an adverse situation.

Senior Dan Hendrix was injured during a basketball game in P.E. where his front teeth were broken and he was literally knocked out, landing flat on his back. The dentist bills were fantastically high and were only partly paid by the

school insurance. To help his parents pay the remainder, Dan has endeavored to find a job.

Vickie Cargill, Junior, was stricken with polio when she was 2 1/2 years. Since then she has been confined to transport herself in a wheelchair. But, because of her never-ending cheerfulness and self-determination, Vickie was awarded the "Girl of the Month" award. When asked if being in a wheelchair has presented much of a problem, she replies, "Yes, it's kind of hard to get along with the other students because of the completely different attitudes they have. This kind of handicap would hinder anybody in almost any situation."

# SMOKE SIGNALS

**Definitions:** Coiffure: the modern arrangement that permits one to make a Madame Pompadour out of a Yul Brynner.

**Security:** Being 30 units ahead going into the last semester.

**Loneliness:** Spending Saturday night with Lawrence Welk.

**Rust:** Metal illness

**Panic:** forgetting to bring a jar on the day you have to take home your preserved frog from biology.

**Student union:** Teenage marriage.

**Exam:** brain drain.

**Grief:** "I'm so sorry he's gone...when do they read the will?"

**Embarrassment:** wearing a swim suit furnished by the Girl's P.E. department.

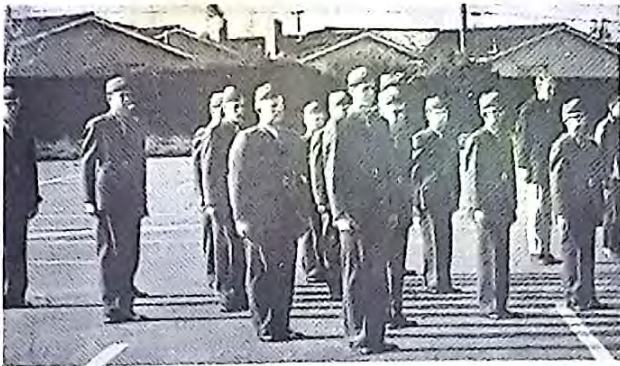
**Dubious choice:** creamed spinach in the cafeteria the day after the grass is cut.

.....courtesy of Mrs. Bonsor's creative writing class.

**Heard on campus:** Jerry Heath telling Mrs. Bonsor that he didn't have his homework because he left it on the subway.

**Alumnates:** Susan Stewart (63) is a teacher in Tacoma, Washington...Ron Lee (63) is in the Navy in Southeast Asia

"I've run out of ideas and my typewriter has fallen asleep so I'll leave you with these words: "Incompetence is its own reward."



J.R.O.T.C. Displaying new uniforms.

## ROTC Uniforms Arriving; Still Lacking Ties, Belts

One of the most often repetitive questions on campus today is "When are you guys going to wear your uniforms?"

The story behind this is that the R.O.T.C. students are receiving their uniforms piece by piece. As of right now, each student has: A jacket, pants, shirt, rain coat, and hat. All that is lacking for a complete uniform is the tie and belt. This year, comparing to last years California's Cadet Corps, all uniforms are tailor fitted.

Platoon leaders chosen for Blackford's unit this year are: Jim Sitter, first platoon; John

Carney for, second platoon.

A week's work usually consists of: Monday, a lecture on any one of a million things; Tuesday, continuation of the lecture that was started on Monday; Wednesday, physical fitness is stressed; Thursday, the lecture continues from Monday; Friday, a test may result.

On Wednesday, the most interesting day of the week, thought of by most of the students, usually starts off with two laps around the track to get warmed up. This is usually followed by a few callisthenics to finish up the period.

## Chess Team Places 2d In Area Chess League

You've probably heard of chess, but have you heard of a chess club at Blackford? In a small corner on the back wall of room 9 are the results of the Blackford chess team's games.

Ending their league season, the Braves placed second in the Western division of the Bay Area Chess League. Although their league is throughout the Bay Area, they plan to play schools in our district. There are twenty mem-

bers and their advisor, Mr. Bone.

Practice is a strain, not physically, but mentally. Playing other teammates and hearing lectures from advanced players helps strengthen the players. The toughest competition comes from playing Mitch Warr, Jim Haughy, and Vince Haughy. They are president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer respectively.



Chessmen and their constant battle field.



## 52-50 Sizzler!

# BH Bruising Shows Bruins Whose Best

Blackford's Varsity basketball team rebounded from its mid-season skid to win three games in a row over Leigh, Branham, and Westmont. The win over Branham was particularly gratifying for the Braves because Branham was the pre-season favorite to take the league championship.

The Braves had beaten Branham earlier in the season but this game was being played at Branham, and on a Tuesday afternoon. Blackford players, although confident of victory, admitted neither of these two factors would help them any, as they tend to play better at home Friday night games. However, Blackford's success in slowing down the torrid Bruin fast-break, com-

bined with the a good defensive job by Rick Wright on Gary Radnich, Branham's leading scorer, gave the Braves the edge in a 52-50 sizzler.

Later in the week, Blackford held on to its slim chance at a league championship by defeating the Westmont Warriors 68-54. High point man for the Braves was senior Rick Wright with 20 points. Following Rick was guard Jim Olsen with his personal season's high of 16 points. Blackford's record is 8-3, tied with Branham for second place behind Del Mar.



Braves rejoice after defeating Bruins (B.P.C. Photo)

## Lombardo Grabs First At WV Wrestling Finals

Four Blackford wrestlers will help represent West Valley in the Central Coast Section Tournament. Last Saturday this was determined at the West Valley Wrestling Finals at Los Gatos High. In order to qualify to go on to the CCS, a wrestler had to finish with a first or second place at these finals.

Chuck Golden, Ray Ruiz, Mike Lombardo, and John Bloomfield are the four qualifiers for the Braves. Lombardo was the only Blackfordite to capture a first place medal at Los Gatos. The other men picked up second place seatings out of nine schools.

Also at Los Gatos, Blackford had four consolation finishers. Joe Grassadonia finished with a fourth place medal as Rex Moseley, Chuck Wiggins and Bob Rose captured third place honors.

After the final round of competition, Blackford was in third place.



Blackford wrestlers ready for WV Finals (B.P.C. Photo)

## High Scoring Tips Fr.-Soph Into Victory

Streaking to a 67-62 win over the Westmont Warriors, Blackford's Frosh-Soph basketball team extended their win streak to five in a row last Friday evening. High point man for the Braves was Carl White with 18 points, followed closely by Larry Ellingson with 17, and Bruce Batnich and Pat O'Leary with 12 each.

The Braves have one six of their last seven and have brought their season record to 6-5. One reason for the current streak might be the ballanced scoring attack of the Braves. They have constantly had two to three men in double figures, with any of the starting five capable of scoring 15 to 20, points on a given night. The Braves have also been getting strong rebounding from center Bud Curtis, Pat O'Leary, and Bruce Batnich.

Blackford has a bye tonight and will play Del Mar at their court next Tuesday, at 5:00 P.M. With any luck the Braves could finish the season with 10 or 11 wins, a very respectable record for a season's work.

## 'Clowns' To Play Faculty

By Mike Rock

Braves as well as Bruins are still talking about the Blackford-Branham basketball game last week and probably will for a long time.

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For a truly enjoyable evening visit the Blackford gym March 6, at 8:00 p.m. The famous Harlem Clowns basketball team will play the not so famous, but capable, Blackford faculty. Adults donations are \$1.50, while students with Student Body cards pay \$1.00.

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Blackford's Block "B" is sponsoring a contest for the best design of a Block "B" patch. The winning prize is \$5.00; anyone is eligible. School colors should be used and the size should be appropriate with the lettermen sweater. Designs can be submitted to Mrs. Lozano in Room 3.

## Lettermen Bolster Varsity Baseball Odds

Blackford's Varsity baseball team is looking forward to a



SB practice in proaress

very successful season this spring. "Convincing the players that they are going to have a winning year is our main objective," said Coach Reynolds. He pointed out that they must set their goals individually as well as a team.

Greg Ojeda, who has proven to be one of the best short stops in the league, also will be pitching. Duane Kubo, after a year of ankle injury, will be at second base. Tom Abraham will be handling the catching duties. An experienced outfield includes Henry Honda, Tony Riley, and Mike Ucci, all returning lettermen.

Up from the Frosh-Soph are

Dale Yoshihara, Mark Mingo, and Dave Hilton. Those expected to help the pitching staff are Juniors Bruce Edgerton, Don Knoll, and Doug Cannon.

The Braves will open their season March 5 against Piedmont Hills. Coach Reynolds predicts that the Camden Cougars will be the team to beat because of their outstanding pitching staff which includes Rich Troedson.

Although not much is known at this time about the title chances of this year's Frosh-Soph, a team effort is promised. Leadership is in the capable hands of Coach Clifford.



Del Mar	9-1
BLACKFORD	8-3
Branham	8-3
Camden	7-4
Campbell	5-5
Saratoga	5-5
Los Gatos	2-9
Westmont	2-9
Leigh	2-9