



Debi Brown: 'Dean for a Day'

Dean for Day: BHS Student Gov't. Day

Ten student council members portrayed their counterparts last Tuesday during Blackford's traditional Student Government Day.

As Mr. Romer, Duane Kubo found that the principal has more work than one can imagine. In the morning, Duane reviewed all the duties of the principal and also went to meetings with Mr. Romer.

Bob Kull, taking the place of vice-principal, Mr. Amitstead, held prep period meet-

ings with all the teachers and became aware of the many jobs of director of education.

Tim Flood and Debi Brown, playing "Dean for a Day," had the experience of giving out referrals and discovering what Mr. Glaze and Mrs. Conn have to cope with. Debi and Tim were quite busy just talking to the students who were in on referrals.

Other students that took part in Student Government Day were Carol Cook, director of activities; Carl Hanson, senior counselor; Bruce Glatzel, freshman counselor; June Fields, junior counselor; and Joel Redalie, librarian.

"The general purpose of Student Government Day," said Bob Kull, "is to show the students themselves what the Administrative Department does. This brings the faculty-student relationship closer."

After the administration treated the students to lunch at Smorgas International, they had a general meeting and discussed a few of the problems that the students were to face.

One matter that was discussed at the meeting was the timeless question of dress standards.

Max Rafferty PTA Speaker

Dr. Max Rafferty, State Superintendent of Schools, will be the featured speaker at this month's Parent Teacher Association meeting.

In a letter received by Mr. R. H. Nickell, PTA president, Dr. Rafferty accepted the invitation to speak.

Dear Mr. Nickell:

Thank you for your letter of January 11 concerning my appearance at Blackford High School on February 7, 1968.

The title of my speech will be "Education's Sore Spots."

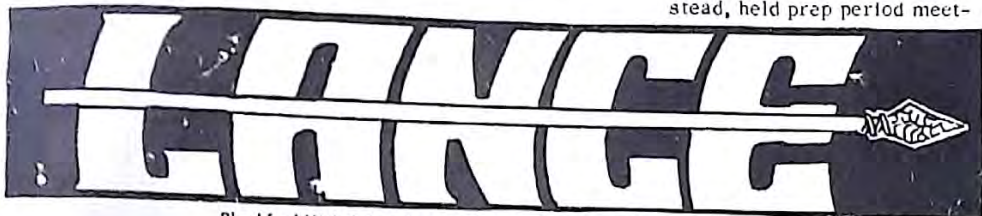
Cordially,
Max Rafferty

The program is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Blackford's gym has been set aside for this event, as a large crowd is expected. All business, old and new, will be put off until the March PTA meeting. A possible question and answer period will be held after the talk, depending on the speaker.

Dr. Rafferty, a controversial school leader in this state for many years, is expected to oppose Thomas Kuchel for the United States Senate this spring.

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Romer to Go To Prospect Next Fall

The Board of Trustees of Campbell Union High School District recently announced that Mr. Verdun P. Romer, principal at Blackford, will be the principal of Prospect High upon its completion. Filling Mr. Romer's position will be Mr. Harold Sonntag, director of education at Leigh High.

Mr. Romer stated that as far as he knows, no mascot has been chosen for Prospect as yet, contrary to rumors heard on campus. He explained that most likely a committee of future Prospect students will be selected to decide on the mascot, colors, and traditions. Students should begin now to think of ideas for the mascot, it was suggested.

Mr. Romer has been principal at Blackford since it opened in 1962.

Pops Concert Set for Feb. 9

"Hold my Mule" and "Jostle and Senorita Serenade" will be two of the songs that will be sung by the choir in this year's Pops Concert.

The annual event will be held on February 9, at 8 p.m. in Blackford High's cafeteria.

Under the direction of Mr. Ray Allvin, the orchestra will play excerpts from such Broadway musicals, as "The Music Man," and "Gigi." A special modern jazz arrangement of "Georgy Girl," composed by Mike Francis, Blackford senior, will also be played.

Mr. Ron Evans will direct the band in a selection of potpourri tunes.

All participants will be in semi-formal dress. Parents, students and friends are all invited to take a look at "the performance of the year."

Only One in District

B.H.S. Music Instructor Receives PhD in Music

Mr. Ray Allvin, music instructor at Blackford, was recently awarded a PhD. in music and education by Stanford University. Only three or four degrees per year in this field are given by the university.

The use of computers in teaching music was the topic of the dissertation Mr. Allvin wrote to earn his PhD. He remarked his subject is "an entirely new area of research in music."

Mr. Allvin is the only teacher in the Campbell Union High School District who has earned a PhD. There are a handful of administrators in the district who also have doctor's degrees.

Blackford's choir, of which Mr. Allvin is the director, has consistently received superior ratings in competitions it has entered. Among the selections the choir is now practicing is one arranged by Mr. Allvin.



Mr. Allvin Conducts Orchestra

Speakers Nab Fourth In Lynbrook Tourney

Saturday, January 20, proved to be a victorious day for Blackford's Speech and Debate Commission when the results turned out to be a fourth place award at the meet held at Lynbrook High School.

Dennis Conroy and Jim Jacob managed to bring in the highest awards of the 34 students from Blackford who were competing. Dennis took two second place awards; one in humor for his "Peanut Butter Addict" interpretation and one for drama in "The

Diary of a Madman." A well done extemporaneous speech gave Jim Jacobs a fifth place award. Paul Wagner, another student from Blackford, also took a fifth place award with an impromptu speech.

There were 13 semi-finalists from Blackford. Other schools participating in the meet did very well, those of which included Fremont taking first place, Bellarmine taking second, and Homestead which came in third.



by Joyce Krieg

If a stranger happened to look at a list of our varsity sports men, commissioner, club presidents, student councilmen and class officers, he would probably come to the conclusion that Blackford consists of not more than 200 students. Many of the same students head up more than one organization, and the same people seem to be involved in nearly every organization on campus.

There are 2,000-plus students enrolled at Blackford. Why does this phenomenon exist?

SPIRIT NOT A REASON

Contrary to popular belief, that undefinable and much-overused factor known as school spirit is probably not a reason why more students don't involve themselves in school affairs. Instead, the few

students now active in running organizations have so much power that a newcomer would feel it a lost cause to oppose such a person in an election.

This situation poses an obvious problem. How can one who is a 'slave' to several clubs devote sufficient time to each activity?

'ANTI-HOTCHERRYISM'

The council does have a few regulations about how many student body offices one person can hold. However, this law does not effect clubs.

The senior class reacted to this situation when they elected a political newcomer in what one senior termed 'a rash of anti-hotcherryism'. This type of awareness is what is necessary to crack the problem. Maybe next semester more voters will think twice before choosing a student who is already involved in so many activities that he has no time for another activity.



FOR GOSH SAKES

TELL ME WHAT TO THINK!



Blackford 1968-Result Of Excellent Leadership

By Bob Stewart

It is difficult to criticize fairly and unbiassly the actions and achievements of a principal. Surely we have all, at one time or another, said things about Mr. Romer which we would not repeat in his presence. As students we have protested and argued against some of his decisions. This is to be expected in any administration.

Mr. Romer has been Blackford's principal since its opening in the fall of 1961. He has seen through the establishment of our first student body and the accreditation of Blackford High School by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. He has promoted an outstanding PTA

organization which has set records for membership unequalled in the district and county. Now in full blossom, Blackford has become a fine, well respected school.

The best interest of all students has been the prevailing factor in all decisions reached by Mr. Romer, and, looking back, we must agree that wisdom has been involved. For WE are the result. Certainly credit must be given to the entire administration and faculty. Yet, they acted under the leadership of our principal

To Mr. Romer we can be thankful. It would be proper if, throughout the remaining semester, we show through our actions our gratitude.

Coming Events to Consider

- Feb. 3- Alexander Graham Bell placed the first telephone call...the line was busy. 1880.
- Feb. 4- Birth of Samuel Colt, inventor of the horse bearing his name. 1870.
- Feb. 5- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow receives his poetic license. 1850
- Feb. 6- Hundreds lost during tour of Rockefeller Center. 1948
- Feb. 7- First Do-It-Yourself Operation Kit went on sale Called "Suture Self." 1959
- Feb. 8- Supreme Court ruled poison in coffee is "grounds for divorce."
- Feb. 9- Apes revolt in St. Louis Zoo. Start Guerrilla War. 1923
- Feb.10- Fashion experts predict return of "boss tweed."
- Feb. 11- First girdle manufacturer goes out of business for lack of support.
- Feb. 12- Giant frog found in center of downtown Minneapolis. Had to be "toad" away. (BORROWED FROM HALLMARK)

Cancer Country

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"It wasn't much like the television campfire scene," writes Mooney. "These men stood by their beds and carefully poured a thin pink liquid into small glass tubes...The fluid drained down out of the tubes through a thin, clear plastic hose which disappeared into one nostril.

"They had to eat this way because throat, mouth, tongue and esophagus had been cut away in surgery."

In an effort to save his voice Mooney was given radiation treatments. They were not successful and in a ten-hour operation, surgeons removed his larynx, pharynx, part of his esophagus and "a few other random bits and pieces." Eight later operations were required to reconstruct the front of his neck.

"We don't ride horses or helicopters or sports cars in Seven-East," writes Mooney. "We ride wheeled chairs to the operating room, and if we are lucky we ride them back."

"Several smokers I know," says Wilson, "read it and immediately threw their cigarettes away."

Bulletin

Students interested in entering essay contest for prize awards on Brotherhood and Motion Pictures should see their English teachers NOW for details.

Ex-Student Victim Of Bayshore

Ex-Blackford student Timothy Thomas Avilla was recently added to the statistical list of accidents and deaths occurring on the "Bloody" Bayshore.

He entered the Navy in 1967 and was returning to the USS Hancock at Hunter's Point. Tim served on the carrier for nine months in Viet Nam.

The fatality occurred near South San Francisco. His auto apparently stuck an abutment and a steel fence post was driven into the right side of his chest. He was given military rites at Hunter's Point Naval Station Memorial Chapel and graveside services at Oak Hill Memorial Park.

WAIT / COME BACK / THERE'S A PART OF MY FACE YOU HAVEN'T STEPPED ON YET!

This is a cartoon by Joyce Krieg. It is a political cartoon printed in the Blackford Lance. It is a cartoon about the Blackford Lance.



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SMOKE SIGNALS

Calling all cowpokes and cowgirls! Grab your sequined cowboy outfits and jewel-studded guitars and join Mr. D. Dunton's biology classes in the Official Buck Owens Fan Club! That's right, the entire biology department excluding turtle-neck sweaters has taken up membership in this renown society. In a few weeks, visitors of "Don's Place" (otherwise known as room 11) will be able to see an Official Buck Owens Glossy Photograph on the bulletin board next to Mr. Dunton's personally autographed picture of Charles "Our Founder" Darwin, PLUS an Official Buck Owens Fan Club membership card!

Alumnates: Yvonne Hewitt (67), Benson Kanemoto (66), and Diane Checht (65) are students at San Jose State...Howard Bolin (67) is in the Navy...Dennis Hoppin (67) is enrolled at Oregon State...Sue Sinclair (67) is married...Laura Klohe (67) is a West Valley education major...Marty Rice (67) is a West Valley art student.

BHS Skaters: 'Cool as Ice'

Two Blackford High School girls, Dixie and Ginger Snyder, placed first and third respectively in Central Pacific Ice Skating Competition recently at Squaw Valley.

Dixie and her partner, Barry Stroh, placed first while Ginger and her partner, Rich Walter, placed third in competition against skaters from 11 western states.

Later Barry and Dixie went on to competition, at Pacific Coast, Portland, Oregon, and placed third.

Both girls have skated for two years, and now belong to the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club. They are studying dance skating.

The girls have skated their way up to the Bronze category and are working for the silver category in national competition.



Is this a normal lunch in our cafeteris???

High School Students?

Students' Cafe Conduct Calls for Quick Change

by Anonymous

Hello! Bet you've never heard of a garbage can that can write, have you? Now you have. That's right, I am a garbage can.

I've lived in the cafeteria at Blackford High since the school was built in 1961. My home was so beautiful then! The tables were smooth, and the floors were shiny. Every lunch period I was filled to the brim. I was the most popular garbage can on campus!

The kids weren't angels. Sometimes a student would absent-mindedly work out a trig. problem on a table, or someone would accidentally spill a Coke. But such things were to be expected from normal kids.

I can't remember when I first realized that I wasn't being filled up with as much trash as I used to be. Kids began deliberately carving names in the tables. The floor looked dingy. Teachers were being called in to break up "food wars".

Oh, some students tried to help. The student council ran gimmicky contests in which rewards were given for keeping the cafeteria clean. Imagine giving a reward for something every kid learns in grade school!

I don't have to tell you that

their little campaigns didn't work. The cafeteria is going to stay messy until every student wants it to be clean, with no thought of reward.

It sure gets boring looking at all of this junk all day.

Study of Fruit Wax Wins Zody Award

"The Qualitative and Quantitative Study of Cuticle Wax on Citrus Fruits," written by Doug Zody, a senior at Blackford High, during his seven weeks of study at Riverside College last summer, was recently awarded a Certificate of Honors by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation.

Competing against 4000 high school seniors in the United States, Doug was one of 300 students awarded for their outstanding ability and interest in science. Doug's excellent science rating will now appear in a book distributed to colleges in the nation, an honor and an accomplishment which will help Doug gain admission to college.

Doug's winning project was the result of much research on the characteristics of the covering wax on citrus fruits.

Cancellation Sparks New Sr. Ball Site

Plans for this year's senior ball were sharply jolted last week when Los Altos Hills Country Club cancelled the Braves' reservation.

The arrangements were made quite some time ago by former senior president Jim Jacob to have a dinner dance there March 9. As of this writing, the only apparent reason given for the cancellation was that the Country Club's board of directors changed its policy so that the facilities would be open to the public Friday and Saturday nights. Five other Senior balls including those of Pioneer High and Lynbrook High, were also cancelled without warning.

Senior class officers have placed a tentative reservation at La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos March 2. However, it will not be a dinner dance. Bids will sell for about five dollars. In spite of the change of plans, the senior class officers are confident that this year's ball will be a success.



Doug Zody, Westinghouse winner, with his study of Citrus fruit wax

Y-Teens, Key Club Hear Former Military Advisor

Lieutenant Colonel John E. McMahon recently visited Blackford's Y-Teens and Key Club to tell of his experiences in the Far East. As the political and legislative advisor to the Military Governor in Korea, Mr. McMahon played an important role in leading the first free elections in Korea.

Mr. McMahon claimed that his importance was recognized by the enemy, his name being placed consistently high on assassins' lists. He escaped all attempts made on his life.

One of his more interesting endeavors was the capture of the famed Tokyo Rose, a notorious Japanese propagandist. Towards the conclusion of the war, he took her into custody and escorted her to the Washington authorities.

Mr. McMahon is now retired from the military and acts as a political advisor to professors from universities across the nation.



Jim Jacob (l) and a Kiwanian question Mr. McMahon (c).

Blackford Shot Down By Bucs, Del Mar

The high-flying Blackford Braves were shot down twice last week in their efforts to maintain their league-leading record. The Braves fell victims to the fast-break of a strong Del Mar team, and the torrid shooting and strong rebounding of a hot Campbell team.

The first loss to Del Mar was not too much of a shock, since both teams had five to

zero records. Even though most Blackford supporters were confident of victory, they agreed that the game would be close and hard fought. The latter of the two predictions came to pass, as the Braves staged a four-quarter rally, after falling behind by 12 points in the third quarter. The Brave efforts were in vain, however; at the final buzzer they still trailed by 4 points.

The Campbell game, however, sent sports predictors to the showers, as even Campbell supporters didn't think their Bucs could defeat the powerful Braves. But it just wasn't Blackford's night; many shots rolled off, and on rebound opportunities the ball just bounced the wrong way. Even the Braves' usually sharp free-throw shooting fell short of a supposed "lid" over the basket. The game saw a hard fought first half, with Campbell pulling ahead by six at intermission. In the second half, the Bucs added three more to make it a nine point lead, until Blackford closed the gap to one point. Campbell then rallied, and ended the game victors in a 53-38 rout.

The evening was not a total loss, however, as the Braves frosh-soph basketball got on the winning track with a 52-49 victory over Campbell.

Braves AGA Ties Camden In Hockey League Finals

Blackford's A.G.A. hockey team drove to victory last Saturday as they tied for first place with Camden in league finals. That's the day the rains came as well as the wins.

The team consisted of Gail Obsnuik, Carol Moffatt, Dee Lynn Crews, Theresa Sowa, Nancy Butler, Kathy Sprague, Marsha Sims, Carolina Sturgeon, Dianne Kirkpatrick, Elisa Jensen, and led by captain Cathy Evangelo. With teamwork and drive they beat Del Mar and Campbell and tied with Westmont and Branham.

Meantime, rain prevented basketball teams from playing off any ties. In the A Division, Los Gatos and Campbell tied for first, and Blackford and five other schools tied for second on Del Mar's courts. The B's tied for third with Camden.

A new semester started this week and A.G.A. started their new sports, volleyball (competitive) and soccer (non-competitive). As an aid to volleyball players, Blackford will host a volleyball clinic for the nine schools in the league. In charge of the clinic will be 1965 A.G.A. commissioner, Barbie Hanson.



Peggy Smith passes to Kim Kershner in last week's AGA hockey meet. BPC Photo



Rich Taketa sinks two for Blackford; Jim Olsen looks on. BPC Photo

Track Work Begins; More Men Needed

The Blackford track team is hoping for a successful season this coming spring. They are boosted by returning lettermen Dan Andrews, Steve Neff, and Tom Fritz, just to mention a few. Coach Johnson says that they are fairing strong in distant running with people like Neff and Fritz. In the field events, he is expecting a lot from a new transfer from Campbell, Jim Wilhelm. The coach pointed out that they are lacking hurdlers and sprinters. He said that Blackford will be a sleeper this year and expected to surprise a few people.

The coaching staff is comprised of Mr. Johnson (runners) Mr. Pesut (shot, discus), and Mr. Martinsen (jumpers)

Even though track is underway, 20-30 more men are needed, especially sprinters.

Publicity Appreciated

By Mike Rock

The sports staff appreciates the latest coverage of the Braves' basketball team by the city papers even though we received it after losing to Del Mar. At least we know they're thinking about us.

Blackford's own Soph. Science teacher, Mr. Ed Martensen, competed at the Track and Field events at the Oakland Colliseum Friday, January 26. However, the results were not known at press time.

Meanwhile, the Block "B" is planning a visit from the famous Harlem Clowns basketball team. Blackford's own faculty team will play the tricksters, March 6.

Also, at this time, the Sports Staff would like to thank the Braves' coaches for all their co-operation in giving the reporters all the information that was needed for complete coverage.

World Champion Water Skier Student at B.H.S.

The World's Champion Water Skier in the junior division is Blackford Sophomore Jim Whittman. The title was awarded to him in 1967 after finishing his race far ahead of his nearest opponent.

Jim Whittman is also the Pacific Coast Champion and has had that title for the last three years.

He has been skiing since he was eight years old and now stays in shape by skiing behind his father's 427 cu.in. Chevy engine at Clearlake, California.

The six foot, 165 pound sophomore uses only one ski

which weighs approximately 50 pounds. Owner of a roomfull of trophies, the 15 year old champ has traveled up to speeds of 110 m.p.h.

In 1964, Jim appeared on the T.V. show, Wide World of Sports when he was competing at Lake Tahoe.

After playing J.V. Football, Jim would like to go into pro football or perhaps make a living as a pilot for a commercial airlines.

During school, Jim lives here in San Jose; however, when summer comes, he lives at Clearlake, California.

Unlike many water skiers, Jim does not get the same enjoyment out of snow skiing and when things get dull, Jim Whittman can always ski barefooted to add a little spice to the very exciting but dangerous sport.

Dons, Bucs Pin Braves

Blackford's Matmen were dealt two losses last week as the Del Mar Dons beat the Braves 25-20 and the Campbell team won 25-21. Both of the meet's results could have been reversed had Blackford won just one more match instead of losing it in both meets.

In the Campbell meet Friday, the deciding factor came when Blackford's Mike Rock was pinned in the second round. Rock's seriously bad move was probably the losing factor.

In the same meet freshman Mark Hankins pinned his man in 17 seconds in the first round. Other outstanding wrestlers of the day were Joe Grassadonia, Doug Phelps, Chuck Wiggins, Bob Rose, and Mike Lombardo.

The Del Mar meet was almost identical to the Campbell meet.