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Seniors Prepare for Graduation ; Wed. Marks End

By Joyce Krieg

Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 will mark the last time the class of '68 will ever come to Blackford as students. On that day, Mr. Verdun Romer's presentation to each senior with a diploma will climax Blackford's eighth annual graduation ceremony.

Rich Taketa, class vice-president, will open the ceremony with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The welcome address will be given by Roger Stover, class president. Jim Jacob and Martha Griffin, two of the top students at Blackford, will give speeches.

Mr. Hal Sonntag, Blackford's new principal, will participate in the ceremony by presenting special awards and honors.

Junior girls will act as flower girls at graduation. This means they will hold arches of flowers for the graduates to walk under as they proceed to the stage.

The graduation ceremony will be held in the plaza, and guests are encouraged to arrive early.

The Parent Teacher Association will sponsor a reception after graduation in the cafeteria. Cookies and punch will be served.

The baccalaureate for the class of '68 was held Sunday at 2:30 in the plaza. The Reverend Mr. Neff will give the benediction and invocation.

Appropriate dress for graduates participating in baccalaureate was church attire, excluding hats.

CORRECTION

Contrary to information in the May 17 Lance, an "A" Period WILL be scheduled in Physical Education next year.

Blackford Honors Outstanding Students: Dedicates Annual to Esteemed Teacher

The "Most Athletic Student" awards were presented to Robyn Winegardner and Jeff Momsen at Blackford's annual Awards Assembly. The Awards Assembly was held in Blackford's plaza May 29. A highlight of the assembly was the dedication of Blackford's yearbook, the Saga, to Mrs. Esther Little.

Lifetime C.S.F. memberships, which were accompanied by a \$100 scholarship, were awarded to outstanding seniors. Many other scholarships from various sources were announced and presented to very happy recipients.

Service pins were given to those Blackford

students who have earned 100 service points during their years at Blackford. Nancy Moody, a sophomore, was the youngest recipient of a service pin this year.

Awards were given in the fields of science, language, math, athletics, drama, speech, and journalism. All awards in these fields went to outstanding performance in curricular and extra curricular activities.

Karlene Bush was awarded the Betty Crocker Homemaking Award. Earlier this year, Karlene took a test with other senior girls which tested her ability to create a good home.

The Parent Teachers Association (PTA) presented \$100 to Mr. Browning for better furniture for the teachers' lounge.

Business awards were presented by Mrs. Vivian O'Loary for outstanding business students. Some members of the AV (Audio Visual) crew were given an award and recognition for outstanding service to the school.

Many awards not mentioned were also presented at the assembly.

Party is Set at Frontier Village

What do seniors do after graduation, when they have finally become a "real member of society?" They go to Frontier Village amusement park for their after graduation fling from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Along with the graduating seniors from Leigh and Del Mar High, Blackford's class of '68 will be dancing all night to the music of The Chosen Few and The Black List.

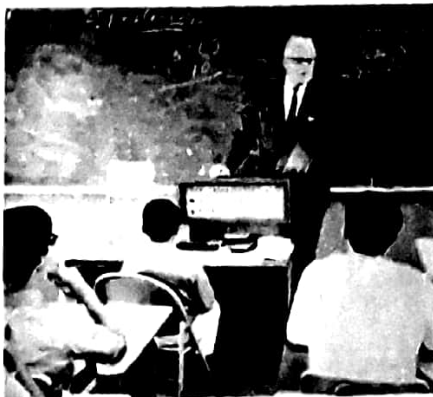
There also will be unlimited rides available on the sidwinder, ferris wheel, stampede, F.V. and S.P. Railroad, last frontier mine, merry go round, old 99 ride and antique autos.

Dinner, consisting of BBQ chicken, green salad, BBQ beans, hot rolls and ice cream will be available from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. For those who are still hungry, breakfast of scrambled eggs, cold cereal, sweet rolls, toast and jelly will be served from 3 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.

Concerning those who do not like to dance or happen to get sick on rides, other forms of entertainment will be available. They include continuous old time movies, games with many valuable prizes and the hunters' paradise shooting gallery.

Computer Class Tentatively Scheduled for Blackford's Math Dept. Next Year

A semester class for the study of the computer has been tentatively scheduled for Blackford's math department next year.



A computer expert briefs a math class on a practical application.

The class is necessary because, according to the math teachers, "the scope of computer application has become so vast that virtually every aspect of our daily lives is directly influenced by the computer. We must assume the responsibility for basic computer education and the realistic preparation of students to meet the rapidly changing environment of the computer age."

Prerequisites for the course will probably be Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Algebra II may be taken concurrently with the computer course.

The class will emphasize basic concepts, and will reinforce techniques currently taught in other math classes. Students will learn how to operate a computer, programming information processing, and data storing and manipulating.

The math department is currently shopping for a computer to be used in the class.

Students who wish more information on the class should see their math teacher or counselor.

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47's Cup Runneth Over With Talent and Chaos

Anyone who has had the misfortune of being in room 47 fifth period or even within hearing distance of the mayhem that usually goes on inside probably wonders, "How do they ever manage to get out a newspaper every two weeks?"

FUN AND GAMES

For those who have not dared to step inside "Cellblock 47", this year, the scene looks something like this:

When you walk in the door, a wild Superball may hit you in the face if you're not careful. The sports staff is usually huddled in a corner, not trying too hard to conceal the noise made by the baseball game on their transistor radio. "The Chief", Mr. Loewus, can be found wherever there is a willing listener to his puns. Be sure to ask to see Kathy Bush impersonate Beulah Schnerd, Roger Stover to show you how to really do the Monkey, and Bob "Mr. Soul"

Sorrells to do his Wolfman Jack impressions. The main editors are usually nowhere to be found.

ACHIEVEMENTS

In spite of the sometimes apparent lack of newspaper activity in room 47, our "journalists" -- and I use the term loosely--always have a packet full of stories, photos and headlines to send over to the printer every other Friday. And even more surprising, the Lance has never had such a successful year.

For the first time in the history of the Lance, the National Scholastic Press Association has awarded it a second place rating instead of a third for the first semester. In January we received a new printing press and more expensive paper. An editorial instigated the dress standards opinionaire. In spite of some disasters, we can say that 1968 was a very good year for the Lance.



Memories

By J. K.

Remember when? This is a question tossed around many class reunions. Well, when the class of 1968 has its reunion, here are a few tips on how you can remember who, when, etc.

People may call you sentimental; but surprisingly enough, if you've kept any programs from the games, plays, and extra-curricular activities, or souvenirs from the dances and from the dances and banquets, by now you should have quite a large box of memories. So . . . Press your corsages, gather your spirit ribbons and put them in a special box, drawer or better yet, a scrap book. You'll be startled at how the sight of your boyfriend's Freshman picture brings back some funny memories. Best of all: Keep all your issues of the Lance. They're PRICELESS!



Four Long Years Show Us Experiences

With graduation just around the corner, many seniors recall the highs (and lows) of their four years spent at Blackford.

When we were freshmen in the fall of '64, people still talked about "A Hard Day's Night" and listened to KEWB, Khrushchev was ousted, Johnson beat Goldwater in the election, there was a power failure in the East, and the Cards won the World Series. Here at Blackford, we studied World Civ. with Mr. Moon, Mrs. Townsend, and Mr. Dragon. We ate spaghetti and garlic bread every Wednesday while listening to Beach Boy records, Mrs. Gillette was girls' dean, Ken Piasecki was A.S.B. president, and we lost the homecoming game. In the spring of our fresh year, we helped produce "My Fair Lady," didn't show up on play day (nothing new!), and were shocked by Vicki Bennett's speech.

Our sophomore year will be remembered by some as the year every girl wore white boots and hoop earrings. Despite the spirit of our cheerleaders, lead by Mike Hoppin, we lost the homecoming game. Our basketball game was tops, as was Dennis Awtry-and-Coach Daugherty. We will never forget beating the seniors in play day spirit, the day Ross MacGowan 'subbed', and, of course, sophomore science.

Our junior year doesn't seem like so long ago. The pizza party at Shakey's, the Communist assembly, the hippies, the Baja Brass, the rained out play day, room 49, and the Prune

game are still fresh in our minds. Our junior year was climaxed when Blackfordians finally defied the 'rulers' with our own genuine sit-in.

The events of our senior year--the Ball, spirit week, seeing the alumni at the homecoming game, a new principal, winning the play day competition, and sneak day--still seem like part of our present. Yet in a few days they too will become memories of the past.

To the Class of '68

"Ave atque vale." Congratulations to you for your very fine achievements in the past and my most sincere best wishes for your future.

I feel privileged to have been your counselor for the past two years. I only hope that I have in some small measure, contributed to your growth and well-being.

In my mind 1968 is a great class - perceptive, original, imaginative, and cooperative. Above all, you have been fun to work with.

I suppose each "farewell" should include some words of wisdom. I would like to urge you, each and everyone, to establish ideals, examine each one carefully for flaws, revise if necessary, and live your life with honor. (here speaks a former teacher of English.)

And I shall look forward eagerly to the first reunion of the class of 1968.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret A. Couch



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New A.S.B. President Jane Maki

YFU Students Bid Blackford Fond Adieu

One of my most experience-filled years is now going on its last months. I don't like the thought that I have to leave you kids without knowing if I am ever going to see you again. You have given me so much friendliness and happiness.

I've got so americanized that I think I will have difficulties in getting adjusted to the Danish way of life. You Braves have given me such a valuable year and I really don't know how to thank you with words. Thank you and good-bye . . . by. Hanne Boel Nielsen

This is the time for school to get out and for me to go home. It is very sad for me to leave, since you have been so nice to me. I just want to thank everybody so much for everything: your friendship, your help. It was such a wonderful experience for me. Get involved in these foreign exchange programs. It's fun. Thanks a lot and Adios . . . by Marcia L. Cruz

Conroy and Gilligan Best Actor, Actress

After presenting Dennis Conroy with his award as Best Drama Student, Miss Long again presented him with the Best Dramatic Actor award for his role in the Senior play, "The Night of January 16th." Robin Gilligan won the award for Best Dramatic Actress for her role in "The Night of January 16th." Best Comedy Actor went to new student councilman, Mike Milton, for his "famous" role as Mr. MacAfee in "Bye Bye Birdie" while Sherry Yarcheaver

won Best Comedy Actress for her role as Rosie in "Bye Bye Birdie."

Michelle Chateau stole the honors for Best Supporting Actress in "The Night of January 16th." Best Supporting Actor went to John Souza for his role as Hugo in Bye Bye Birdie."

Other awards were received by Bonnie Simmons for her work as Best Student Director; John Carney for Best Crew Member and Nancy Wright as Best Dancer.

Full Support of Student Body Necessary for Year's Goals

"I, alone, will be able to accomplish nothing without the full support of the entire student body," remarked Jane Maki, newly elected ASB President, when asked what her plans were for the '68-69 agenda.

Although Jane refuses to make promises, "because they sound phony," she is determined to solve Blackford's clean campus situation. As a start to keeping Blackford's campus clean, it might be possible for teachers to judge the campus Monday through Thursday. If the teachers then felt the campus passed their inspection, it would mean a half-hour shorter day on Friday.

"I hope, bearing this in mind, that with the co-operation and general pride of the Student Body, that next year Blackford will excell in spirit as it has in the past and also in clean campus."

During this past school year, the student council has been working on an amendment concerning the amendment procedure in the constitution. This, according to Jane, won't be forgotten. With co-operative participation on the part of the Student Council and Representatives, Jane feels that this amendment will be passed and make the constitution easier to amend and more workable.

In correspondence with the dress standard questionnaire students took a couple weeks ago, the school has set up a dress standards committee composed of parents and students of the school. This committee includes: Mrs. Leslie Nelson, Mrs. Richard Ellingson, Mr. George Wiggins, and Mr. Jack Schroeder. Students include Chrts-Wright, Gary Ahrens, Carol McRoberts, and Mike Bourgeau.

Much was accomplished in the committee's first meeting as they discussed boys' and girls' wear. The opinion of the committee was that T-shirts, jerseys, blue jeans, and boots were acceptable. Pant dresses and culottes, the committee agreed, were acceptable as long as they had the general appearance of a skirt.

Much of the problem involved with dress standards before was the interpretation of the district code. This has been recognized by the committee and they have discussed it in their first meeting.

Blackford is not the only school with a dress standard committee. This is a district wide project. Each school committee will adopt its own dress standards and submit them to the district. The district will then form a district-wide dress code. There is also another possibility in the dress code. It might just be possible for each school to have its own dress code.

The committee's second meeting was held June 4, but results of this meeting were not ready for publication.

Worthless Day: Many Absences Prove the Point

By Lynette Koehn

"Play Day" or "Let's - All - Cut - Day", which was it, Friday, May 24? Students are constantly clamoring for traditions and extra activities, yet look what happened on Blackford's traditional Play Day. With an absence list of 477 students it is evident they don't want activities of this nature. Once again, it's a shame a minority of students ruin something for the majority.

Those who were present probably participated in the last Blackford Play Day, although this is not official. The months of planning and all the efforts by Mr. Moon, the faculty, and the student council were just mocked. Most students like to be thought of as responsible, mature people --- those cutting seem far from it.

Previously, graduates held Play Day as one of those "remember when" days that they could sit back and think of all the fun they had. In a few years, at the present rate, days like this will be non-existent. If you, the students attending Blackford and Prospect, want to prevent this, the time to start working at it is now!!

Thank You

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Miss Long, Miss Cunningham, and Mr. Moon were given Special Awards for their outstanding service to the commissions.

Dennis Conroy was announced as the Best Drama Student at the first Awards Banquet held at Lou's Village on May 24. The banquet was sponsored by the speech and drama commissions to honor Blackford's outstanding speakers and actors.

The Outstanding Speaker award was presented by Miss Lee Cunningham to Jim Jacob for "bringing home the most trophies and devoting the most time to his efforts." Other nominees for this award were to John Carney, Dennis Conroy, and Sherry Yarcheaver.

Other speech awards were given to Jim Jacob, Best Prepared Speaker; Patricia Tierney and Randy Mangum; Best Unprepared Speakers; John Carney, Best Debator; and Dennis Conroy, Best Interpretive Speaker.



Dennis Conroy; Best Drama Student

Braves Batmen Win in Clutch; Besiege Title

"The main reason for success, was our ability to come through in the clutch," claimed Coach Clifford. Blackford's Fresh-Soph baseball team again came through with the league championship. With a 14-2 league record, the Braves led their closest opponent, Los Gatos High, by a mere half game. The overall seasonal record was tallied as 19-3.

The final encounter, against Camden High, was led by sophomore pitcher Steve Hinkley. In ending his season, he hurled a no-hitter and earned the honor of runner-up for the WVAL Most Valuable Player Award.

All-League Honors were also awarded to six other of the fresh-soph Braves; John Grassadonia, all league right field, Jeff Borgeld, left field, John Yoshihara, first base; Mark Ratkovich, third base; Randy Duarte, utility; and Gary Mugnano, all-league second base.

Misquoted Coach Corrects Errors of BHS Lancemen

By Coach Reynolds

In the last issue of the LANCE there was an article about me regarding my coaching baseball at Blackford next year. I would like to clarify certain points in regards to the article.

First, I did not say if we did not take first place I would quit coaching. Second, Blackford did take a league championship, in 1962.

This year's team had three goals: (1) to have a winning season (15-13), (2) Be in the upper division of our league (4th), (3) Have other schools respect our baseball program. I feel we accomplished our goals and I am looking forward to coaching next year's team.

In concluding, I will continue to coach baseball at Blackford as long as the administration and athletes want my services. I would like to thank the LANCE staff for expressing their concern about my future at Blackford.

AGA Sums Up



Sue Rock and Beth Allen "attempt" to play ball.



Although Joe Henard swings and misses in victory over Piedmont Hills this season proved successful for the Braves who finished in 4th place.

S.J.R. and P.A.L. Offer Summer Softball

The Police Athletic League, in conjunction with San Jose Recreation, will sponsor a softball league this summer for those high school students who are interested in continuing their sports activities over the summer. The "Braves", a Blackford team that ended the PAL Basketball season in first place, have already entered a softball team. They will compete with other such teams from all over the Santa Clara County.

The games will be played under the lights at Hoover Jr. High School, and will start towards the end of June. Friday, June 7, is the deadline for applications for the league.

The Braves with the addition of two members of the varsity basketball team, Jim Olsen and Rich Taketa, pose a threat to the other teams in the league.

AGA Finals

Blackford's B baseball AGA team captured second place in the league finals softball tournament. Led by Sue Rock, Paula Hatt, and Beth Allen, they fought back after losing the first game, and won the last five, insuring second place ribbons.

When the tourney ended, Miss Ellis treated all to ice creams.

"All the games in both divisions were played well," claimed Miss Ellis. They were close games, usually one hit deciding the final outcome. "All of the girls did a fine job."

'Amazons' Win At Fresh Party

Mr. Mathiasen's "Amorous Amazons" remained undefeated giving Mr. Evans' "Femme Fatales" an 18-0 jolt in the Freshman Party baseball finals. Linda Anderson's grand slam gave the "Amazons" an early lead which was added to by the slugging of Beth Allen, Jill Sheport, Pam Anderson, Kathy Bays, Angel Prince, Diane MacKerricher, and Luann Alexa who all went three for three through Evans' best. Shirley Lopes, Debbie Perez, Laurie Hutton, and Cindy French were fatal for the "Fatales."

The "Blue Ash" rocked for 350 of Blackford's best dancers who voted Phil McLennon and Keith Lanfri "bug-a-lu" champions. Class President Kathy Grajivia, King Randy Durate, and Queen Carol Tomasini directed the successful event.

W.V.L. Competition Braves Second, Only 16 1/3 Points, Behind Del Mar

Blackford's athletic teams finished second in the league for overall West Valley league competition, it was recently announced. The Braves finished behind champion Del Mar by 16 1/3 points.

Judging is based on a point system. For example, for every first place, 15 points are awarded, for every second place, 12 points is awarded and so on. All official teams are counted, including Varsity, Junior Varsity and Fresh-Soph divisions.

Coach Bill Dempsey commented that one major reason Blackford finished so highly was because of three league championships the Braves obtained. Blackford also finished in the upper divisions in all sports except for three categories.

This year's winner will receive the Bill Perry award, a perpetual trophy awarded to the winning school in the league each year.

Los Gatos ended in third place, 11 1/3 points behind Blackford and ten points ahead of fourth place Campbell.

The complete standings for the trophy are as follows:

Del Mar, 160 2/3 points; Blackford, 144 1/3 points; Los Gatos, 133; Campbell, 123; Saratoga, 115 1/2; Camden, 110 1/3; Westmont, 92 2/3; Branham, 70, and Leigh, 68 1/2 points.

Blackford has never had possession of the of the Perry Trophy. However, this is the closest the Braves ever came.

The Bill Perry Trophy is traditionally symbolic of athletic excellence.

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