

## University Finances Available

Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships! Do you juniors and seniors realize how many different types of scholarships are offered by various organizations? There are at least 200 in California alone - not counting the individual school scholarships.

The basic requirements to be eligible for a scholarship are: an excellent academic record, college potential, leadership ability, and financial need. However, there are organizations which require something a little more restricted than the main types. You are eligible for certain of these, for example if your father served five years in Submarine Service or your mother belongs to the Eastern Star or if you are a lineal descendant of a worthy Confederate veteran with certified proof his company and regiment.

If you do not qualify under these few examples, don't give up hope. Your class counselor may have the right one for you!

## School Best, Say Services

"Stay in school until you graduate," emphasize the fighting services of America. Representatives from the five armed forces "landed" at Blackford recently to address Senior boys in a special assembly.

The services indicated that if an enlistee were to sign up, instead of being drafted, he would have a good chance of getting into his favorite branch of service. Programs for schooling are available in special areas like engineering, medical work, and officer training, they said.

## New System Aids Seniors

The Senior Counseling department has now devised a new set-up to help senior students prepare for college. Mr. Jules Langlow is the one who thought up the program and will be coming around to Blackford at the beginning of the week before going on to Westmont High toward the end of the week to present the scheduled program. Mr. Langlow recently finished this program at Pioneer High School.



Mr. Horvatich helps Jure Sala, Yugoslavian student with his program. (Lance photo)

## Jure, Yugoslav Student, Admires School-Quietly

Have you noticed a very quiet student sitting in your room? Well, you may be looking at Jure Sola from Yugoslavia.

Jure, a junior, arrived at Blackford only three weeks ago. Jure and his family moved to San Jose from Mostar, Yugoslavia, about five months ago.

"Life here isn't much different," said Jure while being interviewed. He said the students seem to accept him, and he has many friends.

Jure is very quiet in class, report many of his fellow classmates. Some students hardly seem to notice him at all! Jure's present schedule at Blackford consists of: mechanical drawing, Algebra I, P.E., public speaking, English II, U.S. History, in that order. Jure said school isn't much harder here at Blackford than it was in Yugoslavia. The only thing that bothers him is the language. Jure didn't take any courses in English while attending school in Mostar so the language is sometimes a barrier for his learning. He speaks very well though, for the short time he has been here in America.

Jure said he enjoys the climate here in San Jose very much. It is quite different than the snow he is use to in Yugoslavia.

## National Scholarship Test Merits Future Grads

Sixty-two Blackford juniors took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last Saturday in Room 21.

The purpose of the test, according to school counseling services, is to find juniors whose abilities are of exceptional merit and who would benefit from a college scholarship. Students who score exceptionally high on the test will be given a finalist rating. Others who receive high scores are given honorable mention certificates. Certificate winners will be given special consideration by college entrance committees.

The testing program is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, an independent, nonprofit organization established in 1955 by grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Results of the test, say authorities, should be released within three or four weeks.

Last year June Fields, Dan Andrews, John Rhodes, Michaela Turney, and Brian Bullcock were awarded finalist ratings.

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If this type of program succeeds now, in the future it might possibly be worked into the American and Comparative Government classes, say authorities.



Mr. Armitstead, Director of Education, makes final preparations before March departure. (Lance Photo)

## To Campbell

## Education Director Transfer Expected

Although it hasn't been announced officially, it is expected that Mr. Donald Armitstead, Director of Education, will be leaving Blackford prior to the end of the school year and have the same position at Campbell High School. Mr. Allman, Campbell High's Director of Education, at Blackford. These moves are part of the complex planning

schools with the opening of Prospect High School this fall. "I'm going to leave many good friends, with regrets," replied Mr. Armitstead when asked if he minded leaving Blackford. But he also added that he has many good friends at Campbell High, since he will make a similar move to taught there before coming to Blackford.



By Rick Lee

Destructive students at Blackford High? Well, what next? We've succeeded in insulting the faculty and student council while our school wallows around in the last place berth in clean campus competition.

Now, the same minority of students is thinking of ways to further our downhill trend in spirit and general self-respect. How much self-respect can a student have who destroys private property with degrading malicious intent? In case you still haven't caught on, I am referring to the recent removal of our telephone booth, a result of students' misuse. The telephone booth was a need for Blackford students. Apparently, private organizations such as the phone company will not put up with outright destruction by students. This destruction is not only looked down upon, but it is also against the law. When it comes to breaking the law by destroying private property, there is no way the administration can protect the guilty students.

Even more dangerous, and also against the law, are "cherry bombs". Any student caught lighting these bombs at lunch time must remember that he is subject to suspension and/or the punishment and disciplinary actions of the law.

Breaking the law is serious, and even more serious when it begins on the high school level. Before making hasty decisions in the future concerning this so-called "fun," think first. Do you really want to break the law? If so, be ready to "rock with the punch" and suffer the consequences.

## Senior Ball 'Bounces' With Formal Dress

"Formal dress is formal dress," stated Senior Counselor Mrs. Couch, when asked to give information about the dress for the Senior Ball, which is to be held March 2.

Is this the green light, a trust in the mature thoughts and judgement of today's youth? The Ball committee hopes students are not at a loss when it comes to doing something on their own. There is bound to be, in any event, an array of different and interesting gowns on the girls, and because it's spring and 1968, the guys will also be

colorful and "in the latest fashion."

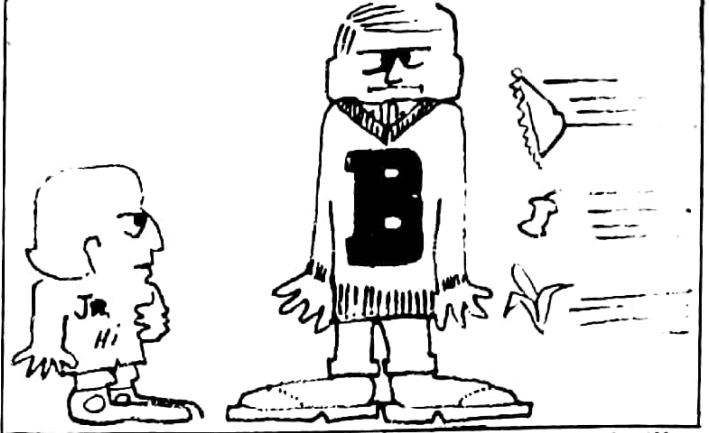
So, all you sleezy and slinky pre-adults.....come in your sheer gold lamé gowns. All you handsome lady killers.... come bravely adorned in your cute ruffled rib-ticklers! and see how much fun you have and how comfortable you feel!

## Senior Ball Theme: "Elysium Ecstasy"

By Bobbie Ware

Attention all Seniors! Tomorrow night is the night many of you have anxiously been awaiting, the night of the Senior Ball. The theme for this year's ball is "Elysium Ecstasy," which translated means Greek Paradise. It will be held at La Rinconada Country Club and the time is 9 to 12. No one will be admitted after 10.

Even though the ball ends at midnight, the evening is far from over. There will be an after-ball held at the school gym from 1 to 5 a.m. If you



Uh, "I never dreamed High School would be like this!"  
**Future Freshmen**

## 'Diaper Day!'

by Joyce Krieg

"It's Diaper Day!" With these words Mr. Leland Glendon, of the social studies department, humorously summed up a few students' reactions to the recent visitations on Blackford's campus by eighth-graders of the area. Students from Cypress School toured Blackford last Tuesday. Eighth-graders from Rogers and Castro Junior High viewed the campus during the week of Feb. 16.

### ELEVATOR PASSES?

Although next year's freshmen didn't wear rompers and carry rattles, they weren't exactly inconspicuous either. Such remarks as "Boy I can't wait to buy my lunch at the snack bar!", "You mean some kids get to drive cars to school", "What's a reterral?"

and "Where can I get an elevator pass?" made their naive knowledge of high school obvious to all observers.

### MEMORABLE EVENTS

However, the above questions were commonplace, according to the seniors who guided the eighth-graders on their tour of "Seagull Haven". Carol Cook recalls how one girl in her group rushed up to a freshman boy between classes and began to demonstrate her affections for him in a slightly more than reserved manner. A few students in June Fields' group still think that Jerry Heath is the Creative Writing instructor after seeing him pinning letters on the bulletin board in room 45.

At any rate, upperclassmen should again have a field day cutting down the 'punkie freshmen' next fall.



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## 'English Swings'

It takes a lot of interest to build up English. Aware of many novel English classes at Blackford, two Lance reporters got themselves invited to Mr. Kermit Skromme's sixth period literature class to observe. Something they noticed was that Mr. Skromme was truly interested in what he was teaching and that he tends to hold the class' interest in the written works he likes.

Some of you may notice Mr. Skromme, "cooly clad" leaving the parking lot after school in his V.W. bus. The sunglasses are worn to protect his eyes from a previous injury, not because he belongs to the "in-crowd."

The department offers a traditional liberal education and maintains interest meanwhile by using records, guest speakers -- and concerned teachers. The English curriculum ranges anywhere from regular English to journalism to public speaking.



## Four Seniors Receive Top Bank Award

Sixteen Blackford seniors recently were announced as 1968 Bank of America Achievement winners.

The academic areas in which Achievement Awards are presented are defined as Specific and General Fields. Students receiving recognition in general fields who are plaque winners are: Carolyn Woytus, liberal arts; Liz Schade, fine arts; Nancy Hale, vocational arts; and Doug Zody, mathematics and science.

Students receiving recognition in specific fields receiving certificates are: Chris Hentzell, business; Jim Salazar, art; Gary Kerby, vocational art; Theresa Sowa, home economics; Martha Griffin, English; Carl Hansen, math; June Fields, language; Rick Lee, social science; Rahnea Sunseri, science; Mike Francis, music; Dennis Conroy, drama; and Robert Bast, agriculture.

One of the major aims of the Achievement program is to recognize as many outstanding students as possible each year.



Four top winners! (BPC photo.)

## Students Voice Opinions

### Dress Standards Topic Of Student Council Poll

Skirts down to the ankle... to the knee...four inches above the knee! It's up to you! Each student of Blackford High will get to voice his opinion on dress standards on a questionnaire that will be coming up soon.

The student council has already formed a committee for drawing up a student dress poll questionnaire. Bob Kull was appointed council representative to the committee, which will work with Mrs. Mary Chilcott and eight other representatives.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to determine what the students feel are acceptable dress standards. The questionnaire will be specific and students will choose from a variety of answers. They are only suggestions that will be considered by the council. It is an opportunity for everyone concerned to compare present standards with the way they would be if it were strictly left up to the students.

After the questionnaire is approved by the council it will be given by the representatives through the administrative classes. The student council will compile and analyze the data obtained and will make suggestions concerning students' opinions toward dress standards.

Also underway in the student council is Play Day, set for May 24, and committees are now forming to set up the activities for the special day.

The student council meets

regularly every Wednesday, and it meets every other Wednesday with representatives. The meeting with representatives alternate; one week they meet during 11th period; the next meeting with representatives would be scheduled after school.

If representatives or alternates do not attend the after school meeting, they will NOT be represented at the meetings, warned Student Council officials.

## SMOKE SIGNALS

Senior Kent Anderson recently proved to the world that he'll do just about anything for money. During second lunch he was seen dancing on the stage (until Mr. Glaze intervened) with a junior girl identified only as 'Pam'. The reason? A \$2.50 bet put up by a group of senior boys, among whom were elite Lance editors Rick Lee and Bob Stewart.

Stop complaining! Remember you got this newspaper for free!

Alumnotes: Steve Lee (66) will go to Vietnam with the Marines in April...John Morgan (66) is on leave from duty in Vietnam...Brian Kimura (67) and Lonny England (65) are students at San Jose State... Alan Jubert (66) will enter the Navy this month...Yvonne

Hewitt (67) is married to Jerry Novak (67)...Roseann Yeaton (66) is engaged...Diana Quandt (67) is married...Candle Yergin (66) is a student at DeAnza

I've run out of people to insult so I'll leave you with the Lance staff motto: "Take a Locust to lunch!"

## Art Classes Learn About Silk Screen

Blackford's art classes initiated a "first" in the school sense its 1963 opening with the students being taught the art of silk screening by art teacher Mrs. Judy Lozano. Silk screening, for those not knowing, is a form of printing an indefinite number of copies of what ever is desired using a special ink and a stencil placed on a screen. Decorative covers for Blackford's school plays, concerts, and other functions are examples of silk screening.

This art originated in China and its technical name is serigraphy. Silkscreening became popular in the United States in the 1930's and at that time was recognized as a form of art. Previously, it was used in the advertising realm.

## New Classes, New Quarter As Final Semester Begins

A new semester brings the end to many first semester courses and makes available the same courses for students to take for the first time.

Many new classes have been created to accommodate the many students wanting to take a one semester course. Classes that are available are: modern history, personal typing, art, business law, music

appreciation, and economics. Each of these classes are elective classes and offer five units of credit for the semester of work.

When asked why Blackford has semester courses, Director of Education, Mr. Don Armitstead, stated the curriculum taught in these courses can be taught in eighteen weeks.

## BHS Students Take Three Day Ski Trip

Fun, frolic, and excitement was the topic of a recent ski trip sponsored by Blackford's Ski Club. The weekend trip was opened to the entire Blackford student body. Students boarded a bus at Blackford Friday, February 16, and set their destination for Heavenly Valley, one of the country's most popular ski resorts.

Chaperones for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, Mr. Lowell Like, Miss Carol Kunde, and Mrs. Claudia Alexander.

The Braves lodged at the Heavenly Affair Youth Hostel in sleeping bad fashion Friday

and Saturday nights. Skiers had the opportunity for additional entertainment Saturday night in the form of either a movie or a near-by dance. Those too "beat" to join, stayed at the lodge and played cards, told stories, and popped pop corn.

Undesireable weather here threatened their plans but fine snow was awaiting them in Heavenly Valley. Reportedly, the best skiing conditions were on Sunday. The effects of the trip were heard Monday with such comments as "Boy, my muscles are so sore I can hardly walk!"



Blackford skiers enjoying their weekend Heavenly Valley ski trip

# 'CLOWNS' VS MEN'S FACULTY

## March Six Hilarity Set

Basketball's Harlem Clowns will take on the Fabulous, Frolicing Faculty of Blackford High School Wednesday, March 6. Willie Malone, 6'3", was named the small college All American in 1964 and has become one of the clowns' finest performers. Ray (Showboat) Clay 5'9", will stage an amazing dribbling and keep-away exhibition, and is the key man in the comedy routines.

Also in the lineup will be scoring ace Odel Agnew, master of the long set shot. Eural (Big Mac) McKelvy, at 6'7" is the playing-manager of the clowns.

For the Blackford Braves, one probable starter will be Gene Angius (the twinkle-toed rebound specialist) otherwise known as Gilroy Gus. In the meantime (Hunky) Mike Brkljacich will be poppin in jumpers from half court as the crowd will yell "B-R-K-L, Brkl, Brkl."

Bill Dempsey, the slick ball handler from Oil City, Pennsylvania, will show his talents against Harlem's Ray Clay. Dave Johnson, the only curve ball thrower in basketball and George Pesut (the Chicago Kid) are expected to contribute to the scoring. However we can not predict what team they will score for.

(Dumb-Dumb) Ed Martensen might even get on the score board if he can stay out of the air long enough! Jim (Musclebound) Hunt should see a lot of action, at least from the bench, while lady's man Don Duntun smiles his way up the court for a basket or two.



EVERYBODY gets in on the act! The Clowns, left, prepare for Blackford's coaching staff, represented here by Messrs. Dempsey and Angius. (BPC Photo.)

## Blackford Tennis Team Termed 'The Spoilers'

Terming Blackford as "the spoiler" for the 1968 tennis season, Coach James Hunt predicts that Blackford students can count on a very respectable record this year. Leading the team will be seniors Carl Hansen, Doug Zody, Brian Bullock, John Rhodes, Rod Wight, and Cary Kloes. Gary Ahrens, a junior and tabbed the "player to watch," will provide the remaining backbone of the team along with sophomores Bruce Baunich, Dave Turnoy, and Rick Wright.

The Braves finished the 1967 season with a comfortable third place berth. This year Coach Hunt is confident

that his team is "capable of pocketing the laurels." The Braves coach labeled Campbell as the team to beat in the WVAl, though the player to beat is Steve Zest of Westmont. Campbell boasts a rough team which has worked together combining experience for three years. Coach Hunt will be aiming the 1968 team at playing the finest game possible. Claiming a well-balanced team, he pointed out that a win-loss record is not as important as playing tennis the right way. "If we can play the game the right way we'll win our fair share of matches," he concluded.

## Momsen Hot As Blackford Bounces Dons

Blackford evened its score with Del Mar last Wednesday as they streaked past the Dons 53-51. The Braves, who lost to the Dons earlier this season, are now in a deadlock for second place with Camden and Branham, one game behind Del Mar. Blackford's only chance for a share of the WVAl crown is for Del Mar to lose one of its two remaining games to either Los Gatos or Saratoga, resulting in a four-way tie for first place.

High scorer for the game was Jeff Momsen with 22 points, including a 10' jumper to knot the score at 51-51, and a lay-up in the last seconds to give Blackford the 53-51 victory.

## Braves City League Basketball Champions

Blackford will have at least one championship basketball team this year, regardless of how the varsity and frosh-soph teams fare. The 'Braves' composed of non-varsity Blackford students, recently won the San Jose City League championship, sponsored by San Jose Recreation Dept.

Leading the Braves in scoring were center Jerry Heath and forward Jeff Woods, Varsity rejects. Other members include: Cary Kloes, Kevin Markee, Jim Sitter, Kent Williams, Bob Stewart, Dave Hilton, John Markee, John Valezquez, Bob Nolan, and Bob Sorrells, who organized the team.

The Braves' only losses came to Lincoln and the Bellarmine JV's.



Blackford's only Champs? (J.S. photo)



Del Mar	11-3
Branham	11-4
Camden	11-4
BLACKFORD	10-4
Campbell	8-6
Saratoga	6-8
Leigh	3-11
Los Gatos	2-12
Westmont	2-12