

'Bye Bye Birdie'

Blackford Production Number Scheduled March 21 to 23

Blackford's annual play, this year the musical comedy "Bye Bye Birdie," will be presented on March 21 through 23. The curtain will open in the cafeteria at 8 p.m. Tickets to be sold by the cast, will cost one dollar for students with ASD cards, and for children; others will cost \$1.50. A preview of the play will be presented in an assembly on March 20.

Miss Carol Long, faculty advisor for the Drama Commission, feels much of the progress of "Bye Bye Birdie" should be credited to Bonnie Simms, the student director. She has worked hard behind the scenes without credit for her efforts.

Some of the lead characters include the following: Lora Lyn Santa Cruz, Kim; Ed Callahan, Conrad Birdie; Dennis Conroy, Albert; Sherie Yarchever, Rosie; Mike Milton, Mr. Macafee; Miki Tierney, Mrs. Macafee; John Souza, Hugo; and Phil Duncan, Ed Sullivan.

Miss Long's biggest problem with the play is still the lack of boys on the prop crew. Students who would volunteer for the prop crew would be much appreciated.

Science Tour At S.J.S.C.

Destructive testing machines, the computer center, and an electron microscope were some of the main features of a tour of San Jose State's Material Science Department in the engineering building attended by Blackford students, Gary Kirby and Ted Gentry. The tour began the annual material science conference attended by students of area high schools.

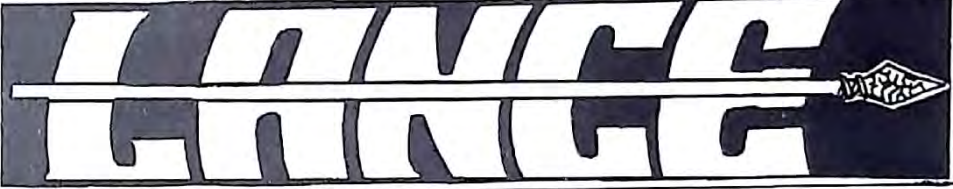
Purpose of the conference was to acquaint high school students with the career field of Material Science.

After dinner was served to all participants in the conference, several speakers told the students about science careers. A question and answer period was held after the speeches.

Buy "Bye Bye Birdie" tickets by March 21 22 or 23 - or it may be "curtains" for you!



This is some of the action you would miss if you don't see 'Bye Bye Birdie'. Pictured are Ed Callahan and John Souza (D & J Photo)



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Blackford Debate Teams Enter State Tournament

Not one but two Blackford debate teams journeyed to the State Qualifying Tournament March 9. The two-team qualifiers were John Carney, Jim Jacob, Chris Sorensen, and Pat Giuny.

Of the six rounds of the tournament, John and Jim went through all six while Chris and Pat passed through five. Carney and Jacob constituted one of the top six teams at the tournament on the 9th.

The two teams will attend one more tournament on March 30 where one aggregation will be chosen to go to

the State tournament. The second debate tournament will be held at San Jose City College.

Jim Jacob also recently won the Campbell Lions Club award. His final competition there was comprised of one student from Campbell and one from Westmont. The contest was held at the Villa Felice.

The topic chosen by the Lions Club for the speech contest was "Free Enterprise; Cornerstone of Democracy."

Jim will go on and compete with winners from other areas. A plaque was awarded him for his achievement.

Council Bills: A New Sign In Legislation

All candidates running for class office must put up a one dollar bond, which would be returned when all posters are taken down after elections, according to a new proposal by student council for the next election. The other proposal to help in the process of taking election signs down was to post results only after the posters were removed.

The proposals were brought up because of the number of signs still standing on campus after the last election.

Being put to a vote at the next possible council meeting also are the two amendments not passed last December. The amendments state that all members of organizations on campus that receive support from student body funds are required to purchase a student body card, and that all nominees running for class office must receive a majority of the votes cast by the members of their class in order to be elected.

B.H.S. Enters Ninth Annual Central Coast Math Contest

Doug Zody and John Rhodes are Blackford's representatives in the Ninth Annual Central Coast Mathematics Contest sponsored by the San Jose Mercury-News and the Joint Council on Science and Mathematics Education.

John Rhodes, who is president of the Math Club, has participated in many other mathematics contests. Recently John was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Doug Zody, a straight "A" student and life member of C.S.F., placed second in the Mad Hatter event in the National Merit competition.

The Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Association prepared the hour-long examination, which will include challenging topics plus the standard items of mathematics.

The contest's sponsors hope that the results of this contest will give "recognition to outstanding talents in mathematics" from the south bay area and also "stimulate the community's interest" in this important science.

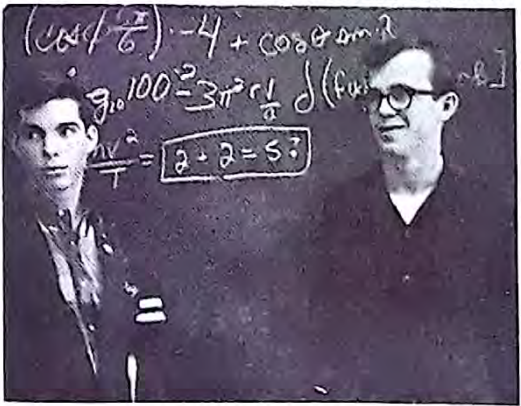
First prize will be a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond, second prize, a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond,

and third prize, a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition, book prizes and certificates will be given by the Joint Council.

The Mercury-News, who has publicized many of the contestants thus far, will also cover the contest extensively.

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Doug Zody and John Rhodes (above) are the Blackford entries to the Central Coast Mathematics contest. (Sitter Photo)

WAR PAINT

ISSUE: Should eighteen-year olds be given the right to vote?

Negative argument by Mr. Ron Bender

There is an old Hopi Indian proverb that states, "Young men for war--old men for council." It is this maxim that I am going to argue affirmatively.

Since the dawn of civilization, the burden of providing for the family has fallen on the young and able. Neo-Lithic and Folsom Man cultures show evidence of men in the prime of life being the warriors while decisions were in the domain of the "elders". This same pattern is evidenced in modern (as well as ancient) religious heirarchy. The young men are the priests (or warriors), and the elders or bishops set policy and promulgated doctrine.

"Young men" must realize that age-old tradition has given them the role of providing (or fighting), and that tradition has given "old men" the role of council.



Affirmative argument by Joyce Krieg

Throughout the years, adults have given eighteen-year-olds more rights and responsibilities than they have ever had in the past. Eighteen-year-olds can drive a car without being required to have taken driver education. They can marry without parental consent. Most get their first steady jobs at age eighteen, and must pay income tax. They are tried as adults in courts of law. They must assume the task of defending their country. Therefore, it seems only logical and just that eighteen-year-olds be given a voice in running the government.

Would young people take the responsibility of voting seriously? In Kentucky and Georgia, eighteen-year-olds can vote in state elections. According to *Quill and Scroll* magazine, "In 1964, while 62% of all 'qualified' Americans were going to the polls, 88% of the eighteen to twenty-one group were voting in Georgia and Kentucky. (Ex) Governor Sanders of Georgia has continually repeated his assertion that since 1941, when those under twenty-one in his state were first given the right to vote, the youthful electorate has demonstrated sound judgment and a knowledgeable attitude."

Certainly the youth in the above states are not exceptionally more mature than those of the rest of the nation. Therefore, I propose that all eighteen-year-olds be given voting rights.

Mike Francis Leads "Tijuana Brass Band"

For the first time at Blackford, the pep band that plays for our basketball games, decided to break away from the old tradition of playing marching tunes and formed a Tijuana Brass type group.

Under the direction of Mike Francis, a group of the following musicians was formed: Mike Francis, director; Mr. Ron Evans, saxophone, tuba, and baritone horn; Barry Laden, trombone; Mike Wood, Mark Donnell, and Steve Long, trumpets; Bob Scholl, tuba; and Louis Micel, drums.

The group had a difficult time getting organized because of conflicts with sports

and other musical activities. Each basketball game half-time, the band was featured with the song girls. "Most of the band members were loyal to the band and showed up at all the games," exclaimed Mike Francis enthusiastically. "Out of the whole season, only two games were missed by the band--one because of sports, and the final game of the season because the musicians were involved in a practice for "Bye Bye Birdie".

Mike added that he hopes to keep the band going and to have an even greater band for next year's basketball season.



Mike Francis and his 'Tijuana - Type Brass Band'



There's more than one way to get canned, Hugo! (B.P.C. Photo)

A Real 'Tweet'

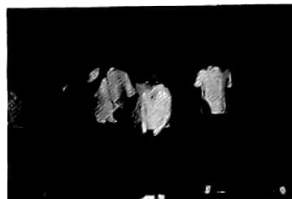
Broadway's 'Bye Bye Birdie' Pictorial Preview of Events



"I have a tingle in my head"



"Look into my eyes, darling."



"Are they staring at us?"



"Call that music?" (BPC Photos)

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SMOKE SIGNALS

News Shorts: Mr. Don Dunton is engaged to Joann Willoughby, who was a Blackford cheerleader in 1962...Dierdre Waarich has won a prize in the Anti-Defamation League essay contest...Sandy Dorsett has returned to Blackford after a two years absence... Bob Sorrells will appear on the Ed Sullivan show to do his famous impressions of Wolfman Jack???

Senior News: Well, gang, it looks like we're going to be stuck with those same funeral black--or were they dark blue --graduation robes that were used last year. It seems that the school owns the robes; the rental fee is used to clean the robes and to buy band uniforms for new schools. Too bad--and costly--at least we can't have robes in our school colors.

Alumnates: David Zody (66) is at the Memphis Electronics School...Doug Toombs (62) is working at Lockheed...Bill Chlechl (62) is a member of the band on the Joey Bishop Show.

Police Stop Checks Cars

Blackford was one of the 'lucky' 16 Santa Clara County schools to have their cars inspected by the San Jose Police Department. As students approached the parking lot gates to leave school Thursday, February 29, they were met by approximately 15 uniformed officers. They stopped each car and checked tail lights, head lights, brake lights, horn, turn signals, windshield wipers, car registration, and the individual driver's license.

According to several authorities at Blackford, before leaving, the policemen commented that, "Blackford has one of the most cooperative and congenial student bodies that we have come across in quite some time; they are to be congratulated".



Sophs. learn do's - dont's (BPC Photo)

Driver Ed. Dangerous?

Crusaders on Wheels Relate Wild Happenings

Most students have managed to get through the driver education course in their sophomore year and most have awaited impatiently for each of their nine experiences behind the wheel. Sophomores have had similar feelings and expectations upon approaching one of the shiny new Dodges in the parking lot. But not all students have experienced that hilarious or spine-tingling adventure riding with a classmate who has a concrete foot or poor eyes. Then, of course, there are the students who claim to be authorities on driving before they get behind the wheel. There are always enough stories and rumors to keep sophomores busy between classes.

Did anyone ever wonder what our driver education teachers talk about between classes? These "crusaders behind the wheel" probably have the most dangerous job at Blackford.

The stories teachers bring back range from a girl wiping out a subdivision sign to a teacher and a student battling over the accelerator and brake pedals. Mr. Fred Moon experienced the most hair-raising episode when the accelerator stuck and the car shot forward...full speed ahead!

Of course, there are other stories too. One day Mr. James Hunt couldn't find enough pads to lift a girl high enough to see through the windshield. Apparently the situation became a comedy

when they realized that she couldn't reach the pedals either! Some of the more emotional students have been calmed by Mr. Hunt. Folk songs are his specialty.

Learning to drive seems to be a trial and error process which teachers agree is mostly hampered by students getting worried about their mistakes.

Need E\$\$\$ay\$ For Reward\$ In Conte\$t

Money minded? Well, start writing: your interest in savings and investments may reap valuable rewards!

Fifty or more awards include stock certificates in American corporations, deposits in savings institutions, or life insurance policies.

Entries are to be compositions of 500 words or less on "The Roll of Savings in Our Economy; the Past, the Present, and Future." Judging will be based upon the depth of economic thought, clarity of ideas, and originality.

Actual stock, and certificates of merit, will be rewarded to those who do outstandingly well in the opinion of the judges. Awards will be presented at a special luncheon ceremony held during Invest in America week (April 28-May 4).

All entries must be typewritten (double spaced) or neatly handwritten in ink on one side of standard sized paper and received through the school no later than April 4.

Brave's Band Boasts Champion Sax Man

Mike Francis, a Blackford senior, has proven himself to be one of Santa Clara County's fine musicians. Mike, who started playing the sax when he was 12, has been the recipient of many awards and honors. Besides being a member of the Santa Clara Honor Band for four years, Mike was the only Blackford junior to ever win the John Phillip Souza Award. In statewide competition, he has been named first sax player for two consecutive years. Last summer, Mike was asked to play in the Stan Kenton Band.

Mike's future plans include majoring in music at USC and eventually breaking into Hollywood as a studio musician. Inspired by Dr. Raynold Allvin, Mike also has hopes of being a composer.



Above is Mike Francis, winner of last year's John Phillip Souza award. (BPC Photo)



Davis Boy's Choir performing in Blackford's gym. (BPC Photo)

Davis High's All-Boy Choir Performs in Blackford's Gym

Friday, March 1, got off to an unusual beginning at Blackford when the Davis High School Boys Choir sang for Blackford's assembly. A few of the songs they did were "The Brotherhood of Man," "Jericho," "Never Make an Ugly Woman Your Wife," and "Standing on the Corner." The choir was accompanied by pianist Randy Bare and conductor-supervisor of the group, Mr. Robert Wing.

In a few of the numbers the boys did some simple dance steps in a line and received an ovation from the overwhelmed students.

The Davis High School Boys' Choir arrived in San Jose the night before their performance and stayed in the homes of some Blackford students and faculty.

They publicly expressed their appreciation for their hosts' unending hospitality by thanking them at the assembly before their first number.

Divotmen Dedicated To Title Attempt

Blackford is blessed this year with a powerful golf team. Returning from last year's squad are five lettermen. Currently leading the team is freshman, Brad Taylor. Playing the team's home course, Santa Teresa since he was 8, Brad boasts as low as a 3 handicap.

Doug Perasso, currently experimenting with a new stroke that is expected to provide more distance, will undoubtedly provide that needed one-two punch. Rick Wright, after missing much early season practice due to Varsity Basketball commitments, has returned to last year's form.

Ben Lewis, son of a local Braves Finish Second; Season Tagged Success

Outside of the fact that the Braves did not take the league championship, it is generally agreed that Blackford's basketball season was a success. Among the many achievements of the Braves over the season were: (1) They had the lowest defensive average, in the Santa Clara county, holding their opponents to under 43 points per game, (2) They were the only team in the WVAL to beat pre-season favorite Branham twice, (3) They knocked off every team in the league at least once, (4) They surprised sportswriters in the area as they finished in a tie for second, instead of sixth, like they were "supposed to", (5) Despite the fact that they had one of the shortest teams in the league, they still managed to control the boards, and (6) Although they didn't have any of the top ten scorers in the league, their balanced attack kept up with other teams with two or three hot-shot scorers.

As for next year things look pretty good for Brave basketball fans. The Juniors on the team went undefeated last year as a frosh-soph team, and will be facing much of the same competition next year as they did when they were sophomores.

golf course professional, has shown that he can score as well as the best of them. John Velazquez, as consistent as they come, is expected to be that necessary ace-in-the-hole for the Braves. Rounding out the top 6 is Rich Richardson who drives the ball farther than anyone else on the team.

After loosing an early tough match to a strong Camden squad by one point, the Blackford golf team has dedicated itself to the task of going the rest of the season undefeated insuring a league title.



BRAD Taylor (left) and Ben Lewis display determination in league preparation. (BPC Photo)

Records Fall in First Blackford Track Loss

Blackford's track team traveled to Westmont last week for their first league encounter and were defeated in all divisions. Chosen as league pre-season favorites, the Warriors were expected to

defeated the Braves, and they did, putting on a superior showing.

A major problem faced by Blackford's "B" team is a shortage of runners. Coach Johnson, head, was forced to

leave many events without representatives.

Even under loosing conditions many individual marks were bettered. The first mark to be broken was by senior Russ Ruden as he ran his career best half-mile, taking first place with a 2:05 pace.

Sophomore Bill Meng, participating in the varsity division, proved his worth as he jumped 42 feet, clinching first place by more than three feet in the triple jump. In another field event, senior Jim Wilhelm secured a first in the varsity broadjump as he leaped 21'3". In the pole vault, Ken Yocum continued his record-breaking style as he easily cleared 12'6", surpassing all Westmont competitors.

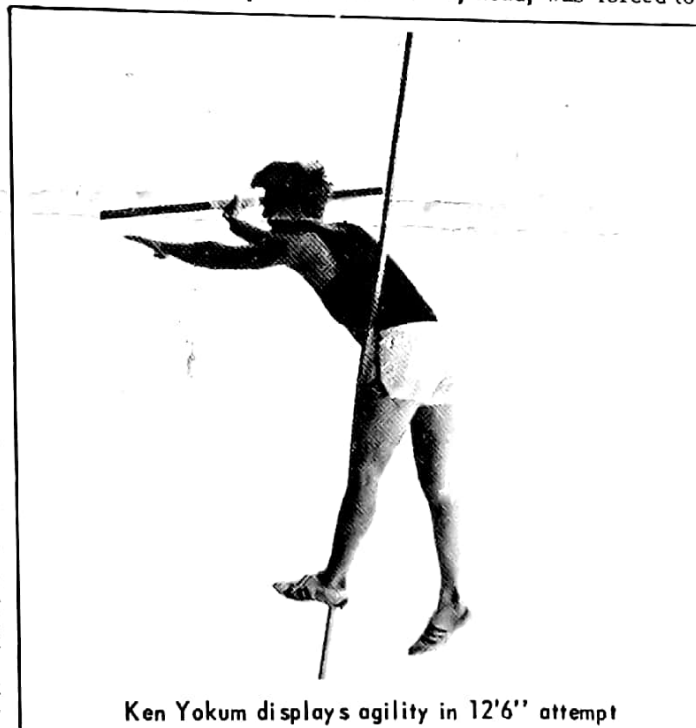
Breaking Tom Bradley's record of 12 seconds flat was Tom Perin with a hurdle time of 11.01 seconds.

Coach Johnson hopes to do much better in future competition, as he feels Blackford could be one of the stronger powers in the league.

Clowns Crush Faulty Faculty

by Bob Sorrells

Blackford's faculty tangled with the fabulous "Harlem Clowns" March 6th in the Braves gym, with the final score 78-41 in favor of the Clowns. Participating in the event for the faculty were such greats as, Bill Dempsey, Gilroy Gus, Barney McGuire, the Chicago Kid, Mike Brkljacich, and many other great stars. It was truly funny to see the clowns pull their amazing antics, including great dribbling of Ray Showboat Clay. Leading the faculty in scoring were Dave Johnson and Mike Brkljacich with 10 points each. Coach Brkljacich was guarded by McDelvy, the big man for the Clowns, but still managed to score with his fantastic hook shots. Because of the turnout, the Clowns are expected back next year to oppose the aged faculty.



Ken Yocum displays agility in 12'6" attempt

AGA Potluck Initiation Rescheduled March 20

The traditional AGA initiation potluck supper has been rescheduled for 5:30 p.m., March 20, in the cafeteria. Specially invited persons are the newly accepted members of the organization. Each member is asked to bring silverware, plate, and napkin. Food sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the girls' locker room.

Also coming up is the annual Girl's Sports candy sales. Each girl is expected to sell at least five boxes of chocolate almonds at one dollar per box. The proceeds received from this sale will be used

to award scholarships to senior girls who will major or minor in physical education in college.

Added to AGA activities this quarter is a new sport, soccer. It will join volleyball in the curriculum being offered to the girls every year. Blackford and Campbell are the only schools in the CUHS District that are competing in soccer at present. Four games were originally scheduled, one already cancelled. Volleyball competition continues each week against all the schools in the district.

FINAL

Del Mar	13-3
BLACKFORD	12-4
Camden	12-4
Branham	12-4
Campbell	8-8
Saratoga	6-10
Lelgh	3-13
Los Gatos	3-13
Westmont	3-13