



S.C.U. Basketball Players, Dennis Awtrey and Ralph Ogden interviewed.

Former Brave Returns For Blackford Press

Dennis Awtrey and Ralph Ogden, former All-American high school competitors, both agreed on discipline and defense as the most important drills in preparing for college basketball. Playing basketball for Santa Clara University, Awtrey, former Blackford student returned with his teammate Ralph Ogden, for an interview with Lance reporters. Ogden, Awtrey's chief competition for high school records, is an alumnus of Lincoln High.

Santa Clara, having a Fresh record of 21 wins and one loss

last year, is rated as the varsity team to beat this year. The Broncos' competition this year includes traveling to Utah, Florida, and Southern California. Facing eastern college opponents, the Broncos will play in the first Cable Car Tournament in San Francisco.

Dennis and Ralph, both Sophomores, will be playing varsity ball for the first time. Ralph Ogden felt that he was not trained enough for college defense while Dennis claimed, "I played better defense in high school than in college!"

When Dennis was asked about the draft he replied, "I'm not eligible because I'm too tall." Ralph, being only 6'5 1/2", is still "sweating it out".

Pro ball is an unanswered question for both Santa Clara students. Dennis Awtrey and Ralph Ogden, listed as the players to watch in high school, named Rich Altmen of Loyola and Bud Ogden, Ralph's brother, of Santa Clara University, as the players to watch in their league.

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Blackford's Senior Play Cast Readies Final Details for Play

This is the first time in the history of Blackford High that the Senior Play will be a drama instead of a comedy. The Night of January 16th is a murder trial that will select from the audience 12 jurors in determining if Karen Andre, the defendant, is guilty or not guilty. The selected jurors will witness their verdict on stage and bring in their own verdict at the end of the last act.

Among the leading cast members, Robin Gilligan plays Karen Andree. Jerry Heath has the role of prosecuting attorney.

Others in the cast include John Suza, Judge Heath; Diana Leetham, Flint's secretary; Dennis Conroy, Stevens; Elaine Young, Stevens' secretary; April Daste, prison matron; Jim Mathias, bailiff; Jim Wilson, clerk of the court; Randy Mangum, Dr. Kirkland; Martha Griffin, Mrs. John Hutchins; Mark Marcotte, Homer Van Fleet; Bill Fritz, Elmer Sweeney; Bonnie Simmons, Nancy Lee Faulkner; Michelle Chateau, Magada Svenson; Phil Duncan, John Witfield; Connie Frye, Jane Changler, George Wallace, Jungquist; John Carney, Larry Regan; Sherrie Yarcheaver, Van Resselauer; Linda Faulkner, stenographer; Mike Beigh, policeman; and Steve Maurakis, court attendant.



Dennis Conroy, Connie Frye and Phil Duncan.

Top Magazine Salesmen Boost Junior Class Spirit

Having topped \$170 each, Cynthia Faunce and Dave Richardson are the official winners of the Junior Magazine sale. Since their totals were extremely close (within three dollars of each other's) they are both considered as being first place winners.

Both were chosen as the most outstanding salesmen of the district junior class who

altogether broke last year's record with \$9300 worth of magazines sold.

The two top salesmen will have their choice of such items as a tape recorder, portable radio, record player, and other similar articles. Their choice of prizes and when they will receive them will be announced at the pizza party to be held the Friday

B.H. Speakers Take Top Honors At Student Congress in Saratoga

Blackford speakers recently took top honors at a Student Congress held at Saratoga High School.

At the Student Congress, which is a mock Congress of the United States, the purpose of which is to give students experience in political debating, Jim Jacob, Blackford senior, was named the outstanding speaker of the Senate, the highest honor a Student Congress participant can receive. Other honors taken by Blackford students included superior speaker of the House, awarded to Pat Tierney, junior and fourth outstanding speaker of the House, awarded to John

Valaquez, senior.

Miss Lee Cunningham, faculty advisor to the Speech and Debate Commission, remarked that Blackford dominated the entire Congress. Out of the twenty participating schools, including schools famous for good speakers, such as Bellarmine College Prep., Fremont, and Cupertino, Blackford received the highest number of points.

"Blackford compared favorably with all the other schools," commented Miss Cunningham. "I'm very proud of how our kids performed at the Congress."

Humanitarian Pearl S. Buck Lectures to Capacity Crowd

Nobel Prize winner, author and humanitarian Pearl S. Buck received a standing ovation as she entered the gymnasium of Foothill College, Friday night, October 27, to lecture before a capacity audience.

Miss Buck, who spent much of her life in China and has written many well known books about that country, announced that the purpose of her lecture tour was to raise money for the Pearl S. Buck Foundation for Amerasian Children. She discussed the problem these children face today. "The Amerasian child," she said, "is the child of an American father and an Asian mother who has been deserted by the father. They are unknown to many and were only first shown to me in 1960." Today there are more than 100,000 American men in Asia, in seven different countries, and 1 out of 10 of these will be father to an Amerasian child. It is to help these fatherless and

"stateless" children that Miss Buck has organized her foundation to which she donates the royalties from her many books.

After tracing the historical background of our present conflict in Vietnam, Miss Buck concluded on an optimistic note when she declared, "I am not a pacifist. It is impractical to be a pacifist in this era. But someday we will all be pacifists because we will all have learned that it is stupid to go to war."

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WAR PAINT

By Joyce Krieg

Between the 8:35 bell and the reading of the daily bulletin, a strange thing happens at Blackford. The students slowly stand, lounge against their desks and stare at a piece of red, white and blue cloth hanging in front of the room. While holding their right hand over the left side of their body, they mumble a few words that sound like, "I pledgelleejunce". No one seems to pay much attention to the words.

Saluting the flag is not mandatory in public schools. However, as pointed out by a local newspaper, written by Francis Bellamy in 1892, to fulfill the state Education Code's requirement of some "patriotic exercise" each morning. Although persons may omit any part of the pledge on religious grounds, all students are expected to stand as a courtesy to those saying the pledge.

Have you noticed how the cheerleaders beg the rooters to sing the school hymn, but make no effort to get kids to sing the national anthem? Patriotism seems to be passe' around here. The root of the problem may be traced to the pledge. If its purpose is to instill patriotism, can we be expected to be moved by something we have been mouthing parrot-like since kindergarten?

Several alternatives have been suggested for the "patriotic exercise," among them, a flag raising ceremony, or a significant quote from an American statesman printed in the daily bulletin. As our luke-warm attitude appears now, any alternative would probably be more successful than the pledge.



'I pledgelleejunce tuh duh flag...'

DELINQUENCY...

Is It Just For Kicks?

(Cont'd) by D & J

Does it seem to you that teenagers are more destructive today than ever before? As Mr. Kenneth Fare, Assistant Chief Probation Officer of the Juvenile Probation Department of San Jose, explains, "The older generation has forgotten what it was like in the old days."

RECORDS FROM 1906?

Mr. Fare let us examine the 1906 records of a juvenile institution. Believe it or not, although the kids looked different, the crimes committed weren't at all different from crimes committed today. Stealing hubcaps, setting fires, and disturbing the peace were common happenings even in 1906.

WHO OR WHAT TO BLAME?

Why? Only an expert can say for sure. Many authorities still believe it's simply a lack of constructive activities for teenagers. Why then do you constantly read about some politician or prominent citizen's offspring getting into trouble with the law? Do you think it's possible that the middle or higher-class of juveniles get into trouble for kicks?

WHEN THE REAL TROUBLE STARTS...

That's when the real trouble starts. Then you have stato-

ments like: "I did it because it was different." or, "I wanted a few kicks. I didn't really think anyone would be hurt." Even a juvenile should have some sort of reasoning.

IS IT JUST FOR KICKS?

If you ever think of doing something for kicks; look into the future. Is it legal? Is there a possibility of someone or something being injured? Is it worth getting caught?

"THE HALL"

We hope we've helped you think before you act. If you need some help or want advice, don't be afraid to ask a qualified person. Mr. Fare and many other people at juvenile hall are there to help you. It's not such a bad place for a sociable visit. It's the long-term stay that hurts.

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BHS Students: Are We Lazy, Or Just Hungry?

By Lynette Koehn

Four, three, two, one... they're off and running. Where? Place-Blackford High, time-- 11:30 and 12:30, event - lunch. Whoever accused high school students of being lazy would retract it if they observed our students favorite passtime! Eating! Bells sound and doors fly open as do gates at a horse race. Their goal is clearly recognized; a strong desire just to be in the lunch lines. This desire is called HUNGER. In satisfying their need they are rude, inconsiderate, selfish, pushy, and possess animal instincts. The lunch workers are thankful that counters are between them and the students.



"Ah come on, let me in. I thought you were my friend!"



Our first letter received was from a rather disillusioned Freshman Funky Freshman, as the letter was signed, seems to feel that being short is the end of the world. We don't doubt that for you it seems that way, but let us try to show you some assets of being short and maybe your ideas will change. Short people are known for being ambitious. Possibly because they're short they feel as though they must excel in a particular field. Without being short, that person may never have had the ambition to prove himself so mighty.

So maybe you are shorter than average. You don't want to look like everyone else do you? You'd be surprised how people look upon a person who tries to make the most of what he's got. Show a little spirit. You're no worse off than an overweight, underweight, or terribly tall person. No one's perfect and beauty is only skin deep. If that doesn't satisfy you, think of great personalities who are shorter than average, like, George Gobel, Red Burtons, Dottie Stevens and Beulah Schnerd. Then pray you grow taller!

In regard to Frugless Fat: Don't fret! So you can't dance because of your weight problem and you don't enjoy watching everyone dancing to a song while you're rolling to the rhythm! Go to the doctor! He can prescribe an adequate diet.

SMOKE SIGNALS

BY KATE ASHGURY

"From the parking lot" department: the following "goodies" were seen recently in cars in the BHS parking lot: AYT982-playboy bunny sticker (her, heb), wire, newspaper MNP471-jacket, front license plate, kwazy boid.

CAH000-shrunken head (ugh!) jacket, snake.

JO2999-rope (planning to hang someone in effigy?), road map.

BRE739-rope (a conspiracy?) bubble gum wrappers.

Alumnotes: Karen Targantos (66) is West Valley's homecoming queen...Candy Anderson (67) is a WVC princess...Dave Eastman (67) is in the Navy's Memphis Electronics School... Karen Snyder (67) is a student at West Valley.

Seen on campus: Suzy Seller falling apart while being "escorted" to room 13 by Tom Flesner and Bill Marusch... Jim Mata (In Soph. Science) "'Tunnel vision' is when you can't see tunnels!"

Ask: Herb Robins on what nau-gahyde is made of...Mrs. Lozano about her red Du Pont dress... Bob Kull to explain what ever happened to Bobbie Hols...Don night way to want his name in the Lance.



Spirit Week leaders: cheerleaders, songgirls, lettergirls

Spirit Week to Introduce Thanksgiving Day Game

"We've got spirit and Spirit Week is designed to prove it!" claims Pat Fenton, Spirit Commissioner.

Starting off Spirit Week with a bang will be a band rally in the morning. The Blackford band will march through the Braves reservation and officially start Spirit Week. At lunch, everyone will be able to cast his vote for the Bashful Brave. But the most important event of the day will be the individual class white-shirt drive. Boxes will be placed in each administration class to deposit the white shirts. The class having the most white shirts will receive spirit points and the spirit stick for their class. There will be a special notice sixth period as to which class wins.

Tuesday of Spirit Week will be Slave Day. The girls will be the slaves to all the boys. They will be requested to carry their books to class, buy their lunch and do anything (within reason) that the boys asks.

We are inviting the male faculty to join us on this day by allowing a female student to carry his brief case, papers, grade book (?!) and other necessary items to his class. Under no circumstances will there be any exposed yards. If you are late, it will be marked UNEXCUSED!

With the introduction of Slave Day Blackford students will be permitted to take out their frustrations on the not-so-lucky (who knows) slaves.

Color day will be Wednesday. Each class will wear its class color: freshmen-green; sophomores-yellow; juniors-blue; and seniors-red.

After school there will be a Soul Rally, and that night a spirit dance will be held.

Participants in all these activities are asked to show spirit and come to the Homecoming game, 11 a.m. Thursday, and YELL.

The coming of Spirit week brings to light the new Spirit Trophy rules, which completely revamped the West Valley League spirit competition. Details of the important decision by the West Valley Joint Student Council will appear in the next issue of the Lance.

Speech Class Barely Misses Reagan Recall

An effort to recall Governor Reagan has failed to pass Congress by one vote? This third period class resolution and others have been debated by Miss Lee Cunningham's third and sixth period speech classes recently. The two classes are independent of each other in that they draft and discuss their own resolutions for debate.

Using the parliamentary procedures of Congress in Washington, one session drew the attendance of Mr. Armistead. Mr. Romer's presence is expected at a later date. Among resolutions discussed were giving the death penalty to anyone caught distributing illegal drugs and ending the war in Vietnam through the immediate total bombing of North Vietnam.

According to Miss Cunningham, the purpose of this "congress" is, "to teach parliamentary procedure, initiate open debate, and encourage the speaking ability of students. Each student has to do enough research to uphold his contentions." All issues are based on international, national, and state events, and any resolution may be drawn up.

Latinists Plan Banquet, Auction

A full calendar of events is being planned by members of Blackford's Latin Club, beginning with an ice-skating party, November 21.

In the planning stages are the Latin Club banquet, in which participants bid for slaves, a spring beach party, and a dance. All students, even those not taking Latin courses currently, are invited to join Latin Club.

Heads of Latin Club this year are officers Robin Gilligan and Roxanne Judge, who are president and vice-president, respectively. Mrs. Louise Chew is the faculty advisor. Be listening to the daily bulletin for news about the next Latin Club meeting and for any further news about activities.

Bullock Returns to USA Favoring Blackford to Sidney

Recently returning to Blackford after a disappointing month's stay in Sidney, Australia, is senior Brian Bullock. Brian planned to remain in Australia permanently, but once there he found conditions intolerable.

"School in Sidney is not as friendly as it is here," Brian claimed. He went on to explain that he attended a 40 year old school of 1000 males, all required to wear gray suits and ties. Sidney High had no central heating, poor school facilities, and almost no safety features. All classes were noisy. Teachers as well as students cut classes frequently. Teachers were not required to lecture, but only to give assignments.

Asked by the Lance Staff why Australia is considered a land of opportunity, Brian explained that since a sparse population exists, jobs of all kinds are available. However, white unemployment is not common, almost all people have poor incomes. His basic impression of Sidney was that of a "dirty city," with every building having a red roof.

Upon returning to Blackford, Brian was happily surprised to learn that in his absence it was announced that he was a National Merit Semi-finalist. Born in England, Brian plans to become an American citizen when he turns 18. Thus he will be eligible for a National Merit Finalist rating.

Final Nod Due April

AFS Finalists Announced

Mike Milton and Patty Pittman, Blackford High juniors, were recently notified of their finalist standings in the American Field Service Program of Americans Abroad.

The American Field Service is a private, non-profit educational organization. It is the purpose of the program to increase understanding and friendship among the peoples of the world. The Americans Abroad Program has offered

American teenagers the opportunity to live with families in a foreign land since 1947.

Mike and Patty, both showing congeniality and the ability to adapt quickly to different situations, have shown their real interest in participating since being chosen as finalists last week. The word of their rating was delivered by Mr. Rommer directly from New York. The final notification of foreign homes will arrive in April.



Patty Pittman, Mike Milton - recent AFS finalists

For Cross Country
Results, See Below

★ BLACKFORD ★ SPORTS

Braves at Buc's
Field Today 3:00



Jeff Momsen (82) and Mike Lombardo (84) open hole for Blackford.

D's Win Seventh Straight Take Over First Position

Blackford's D's, winning seven straight league games, are now all alone in the number one position. The D's annihilated second place Saratoga by the score of 48-32. This is an all time high scoring effort by any of Blackford's past D teams.

Meeting with some resistance in their following game against the Leigh Longhorns, the Braves, after trailing through

three quarters, barely squeaked by Leigh with a 29-25 victory.

During the entire season the team has displayed outstanding abilities, both offensively and defensively. The high scorers are Dana Anderson, averaging 10 points per game, Lee Ellingson with nine, and Ed Pinon with seven. Their best defensive effort was churned out in a tight pre-season game against Bellarmine.

The slowly improving C team is looking forward to a win in their final encounter against Campbell. Fighting back from far behind in their last two games, the C's were frustratingly defeated in both games by five points and two points.

5th Quarter

By Matt Shaw

Well gang, don't feel down and out just because you lost one game and were finally scored upon, it's not the end, just pretty close.

I am talking about Blackford's last two games; first against Los Gatos in which we went away the victor and loser at the same time. For the first time this season, the Braves were scored upon not once but twice in that game. However, because of a penalty, one of the touchdowns was refused. Even with these scorings, the Braves defense, which is in my opinion and many others, number one, proved to be the biggest factor for winning in the game.

But being scored upon wasn't bad enough, we had to be defeated by a first year team in the last 53 seconds of the game. This is adding insult to injury --but that's no reason to jump overboard--we still have a chance.



Duarte shoots for a free one.

Bruins Squeak Past Blackford Braves Meet Explosive Bucs

Blackford's varsity, unscored upon until the Los Gatos game, was upset by the very impressive Branham Bruins 21-20 on November 3 on the latter's field. The game developed into a high scoring affair as both offensive teams moved the ball for scores. First score for the Braves was a quarterback keeper by Tim Flood. Also scoring for Blackford was Mike Sharp on a one-yard gallop to paydirt, and the final tally came on a run from halfback Jim Whiteside to put the Braves out in front 20-14. Then, with about one minute remaining in the last quarter which was played in semi-darkness, disaster struck the once unbeaten Braves. The Braves kicked off; Branham's Larry Peluso received the pigskin, and faked a double-reverse; then scampered up the far sideline for an 83 yard touchdown - a nightmare that the Braves will never forget. The extra point was good, and there it was--21-20, Branham.

Blackford rebounded from its upset loss to Branham last week to register its fifth shut-out of the season Friday, November 10 with a 21-0 victory over visiting Leigh. Mike Sharp, second leading scorer in the West Valley League, scored first for the Braves on a five-yard run. The second score came on another five yard jaunt; Sharp added the extra point, leaving the score 14-0, Blackford. The Braves defenders intercepted three passes to run their total to 24 on the season. Clyde Baker ran 73 yards for a touchdown with one of the thefts. This Friday, Blackford will tangle in the biggest game of the season, as they meet the very explosive Campbell team. Campbell has last year's W.V.A.L. most valuable player with Chuck Hawthorne, who scored seven touchdowns for the Bucs win over Branham. The Braves must win the game to tie for the league title with Campbell since the Bucs have not lost a game this year.

Cross Country Finals Finished in WVAL

The Blackford Cross-Country team ran away with four medals and four ribbons at the WVAL Finals, November 9. In the first race of the day, Junior Varsity's Ken Dike stormed to first place with a time of 11:58. In the same race, Jack Mantell, Jim Morgan and Howard Brauner also ribboned. The League gives ribbons to the top ten Junior Varsity runners. The top Freshmen, Sophomores, and Varsity runners receive medals. Two Freshmen were awarded medals of fourth and tenth place. The medalists were Hagin and Malaun. Hagin, Malaun and Pinza have been running hard races all year, as all three placed thirteenth or better. Larry Andrews and Denny Yoder paced an extremely fast race for a second and fourth place, respectively. Both of these Sophomores are rated among the ten fastest in the school.

No one on the varsity team medaled; however, the team itself made a high scoring with a third-over-all place in the West Valley League. The Varsity finished third out of eight schools in its class. Steve Neff, captain of the team, finished with a frustrating thirteenth, with Russ Rudden, Mark Oba, Tom Fritz, Dan Andrews and Mike Rock not far behind.

Coach Martensen remarked that he was extremely happy with the teams this year and satisfied with the good hard work which was demonstrated.

Regionals were held at Vasona Park, yesterday, but at this writing the results are not as yet known. The fastest seven runners from Blackford were represented at the Regionals, along with schools from all over the valley.

Leigh, Bruins Trample F-S

With only four minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Leigh Longhorns threw a pass to break a 0-0 tie and finally defeated the Brave's Frosh-Soph 14-0. After their first touchdown, Leigh kicked off and the Braves took the ball on their own 30-yard line. On the next play, Leigh intercepted a Blackford pass and ran it in for a touchdown, making the final score 14-0, in favor of Leigh.

In the previous game, Branham's Bruins defeated the Braves 38-0. This gave the pa-pusses a record of one win, and six losses, with Campbell and Saratoga left to play in the season.