



## Bond Election A Success

"It was a real community effort on the part of the people of the district and they are to be congratulated for providing adequate facilities for the students," reported Mr. L. J. Hill, Superintendent of the CUHSD, after the passage of the recent bond election. "We are already investigating sites for future high schools."

Ten years ago, the CUHSD had 1084 students and one high school. This year it has six high schools with a total enrollment of 10,600 students. At the present population growth rate, a seventh high school will be needed in 1967 and an eighth by 1970.

The passing of the election was a 79.8% margin in favor of a \$10 million bond program.

Mr. Russell, Assistant Superintendent, had this to say about the election. "We are extremely happy for the support of the electors of the district

in this bond election. We had a 25% voter turnout which is very good for a local issue and an overwhelming 5-1 majority vote. We wish it was possible to thank each parent personally for their support."

## Braves Go Gitchie Gummie

Blackford's traditional first dance of the year, the "Welcome Dance" will be held tonight in the cafeteria from 8:30 to 11:30. Dress for the occasion will be school clothes.

The theme of the dance will be "Welcome to the Halls of Gitchie Gummie," centered around Blackford's mascot. Orange, brown, and yellow will serve as the color decor.

Refreshments will be sold in the cafeteria.



Courtesy BPC

Metin Cbuhaluh, Blackford's foreign exchange student from Turkey.

## A.F.S. Student Turkish Delight

Metin Cbuhaluh, Blackford's 17-year-old foreign exchange student described the home and social life of his home city Balikesir, Turkey to show Blackford students the difference in customs.

Metin is staying in the Merklingshouse home.

In Balikesir, Metin lives with his mother and 24 year old brother, Cetin.

Metin would like to study in Turkey to become a lawyer and director of films.

Although his school is co-educational, with 2,000 students, it is six stories high and looks like a medieval castle. Turkish students don't change classrooms, instead the teachers come into the classroom.

Metin's schedule in Turkey included 13 subjects staggered to include six periods a day. Metin's curriculum at Blackford

includes both United States History, American Comparative Government, P.E., business law and study center.

Metin said that Blackford teachers are different from Turkish teachers in that Blackford teachers smile. The featured school sport in Turkey is soccer. Metin has never before seen a football game.

In closing, Metin said, "Hep- tinez bu yıl ecin basarilar diler yardimdarimiza tesekkür ederim," which means, "I wish you a very successful year."

## Cards Still On Sale

Student body cards are being sold during both lunch periods. These cards are being sold to attain funds for student affairs. All coaches and advisors are requiring student body cards of athletes and members of commissions.

The Student Council has set its goal at selling 90 per cent of the student body cards.

To provide an incentive for sales, there will be class competition. The class buying the largest per cent of student body cards will receive \$50 from the Student Council's undistributed reserve fund for a class party or dance.

## Semifinalists Revealed



Courtesy BPC

Pictured are Seniors Dorothy Brown, Brent Thompson, semifinalists in the Merit Scholarship competition.

In a special press release, Wednesday, September 23, it was announced that two Blackford High School students have been named Semifinalists in the 1964-65 Merit Scholarship competition, a test of educational development given in more than 17,000 high schools last March.

They are Brent C. Thompson and Dorothy E. Brown, both seniors who were selected along with 14,000 seniors throughout

the country who attained Semifinalist status. All Merit Scholars in this program are selected from the Finalist group.

"Semifinalists are representative of our country's most intellectually able young people," said John M. Stalaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. "They possess the talents and qualities necessary for leadership in the future. They are resourceful, hard-working, and ambitious."

In past years, about 96% of the Semifinalists have become Finalists. All Finalists receive a Certificate of Merit in recognition of their outstanding performance in the program. As Finalists, the students will be eligible for scholarship awards sponsored by NMSC and about 230 business corporations, foundations, colleges, unions, trusts, professional associations, and individuals.

In the last phase of the competition, the high school grades, creative accomplishments, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, and school citizenship of the students will be evaluated along with their scores on the tests.

About 9,100 Merit Scholars have been appointed to date.

## Commissioners Are Selected

The Student Council selected the following people as commissioners: Boy's Athletics-Jerry Hermanson, Girl's Athletics-Barbara Hanson, Speech and Debate-Bob Campbell, Scholarship (CSP)-Greg Wojcik, Drama-Pat Fitzgerald, Utilities-Mike Stone, Photography-Richard Sowa, Spirit-Mary Jane Busino and Mona Rose, Art-Judy Snyder, Awards Paul Webster-Literary Affairs Brent Thompson, Membership-Benny Gaper, Music-Sharon West, School Affairs-Priscilla Dutton, and Social Affairs-Emily Rabadeux.

## Senior Brave Attends State

"The course was a wonderful experience. I gained the knowledge of an unbelievable amount of material and it was probably the only chance I'll have to spend all my time studying chemistry with college facilities."

These are the words of Kathy Evans, Blackford Senior, who attended the National Science Foundation Summer Institute held at San Jose State College during the period of June 22 to July 31, 1964.

Kathy studied general chemistry and biochemistry which consisted basically of two hours of lecture and three hours of lab work daily. She is taking trig and physics here at Blackford and plans to major in chemistry in college.



# WAR PAINT

BY RICH CLARK

# Cook's Calendar

by Dee Cook

Is school spirit a thing of the past? In some schools this is very often the case, but there are schools that do everything possible to promote their spirit.

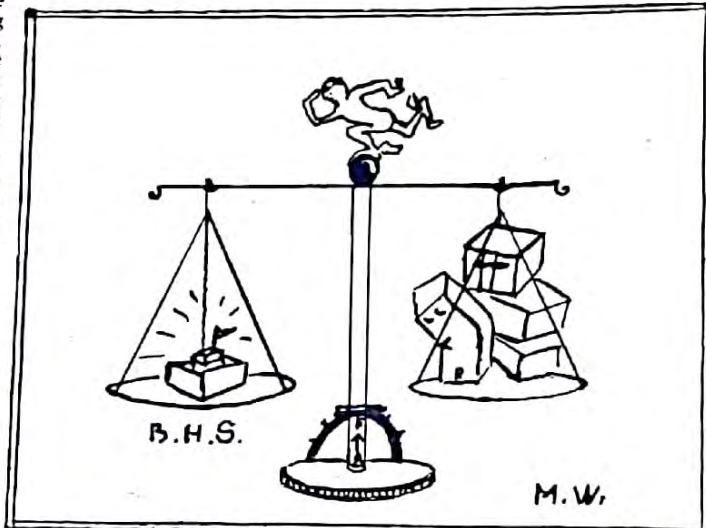
Just putting in an appearance at a game and watching isn't really school spirit. You must cheer for your team and be an active part of your school.

Assemblies are an essential part of every school because it is usually the only time the whole school is together and important issues pertaining to the student body can be brought up. Assemblies are primarily for election speeches and other special programs.

Behavior at rallies and assemblies is important to the spirit of a school. A pep rally is specially designed to introduce the teams, key players and new yells in hopes that everybody will be spirited enough to come out and support the team.

Support is a key word dealing with spirit. Support your school by purchasing student body cards. Support your team by cheering for them at games. Support your cheerleaders by participating in rallies and assemblies.

There is nothing as disheartening as seeing a cheerleader going through all the motions and words of a yell so everyone will know it and then getting dead silence from the routing section. These are the times that try cheerleaders' souls.



Cheerleaders are elected every year and their main duty is to promote good school spirit throughout the school. A lot of hard work goes into learning yells and motions and the girls should be given the respect of having everybody yell.

School spirit can sometimes be the deciding factor in a close game. The team which is most enthusiastically backed by

its school will always play harder.

This year's class of 1965 will be the first graduating class which has students who have attended Blackford since its opening in 1962. Let's really make this a year to remember, and don't be a gang of deadbeats. A cheering school in time, will beat nine. Try it and see!

## Oct. 2

This year's Welcome Dance will be on October 2 in the cafeteria. The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 11:30 p.m. Last year's Welcome Dance was a huge success and this year's promises to be even better. Refreshments will be served, and no one will be admitted into the dance after 9:30 p.m., so plan to come before the doors close! The dress is good school clothes.

## Oct. 8

The first "B" football game is against Saratoga this coming Thursday and begins at 3:30 p.m. on their field. Since this is the first game for the "B's", we hope to see all Braves out supporting your team.

## Oct. 9

The first Varsity game "under the lights" will be against St. Francis at 8:30 p.m. at St. Francis. Spirit is always great at night so come out and join in the yelling.

## Oct. 14

Attention all Freshmen! At 8 p.m. October 14, there will be a Freshmen Reception in the cafeteria. It plans to be an interesting night for all. So, Freshmen, tell your parents to come. Refreshments will be served.

## Oct. 15

The "B" football team this year is a good one, so let's get out there at 3:30 p.m. and watch them defeat Campbell. The game will be held on our field.

## Views On The News

Do you think teens should be allowed to wear "Beatle" haircuts to school?

Lonny England: No! If we let it go that far, it will even get worse. I'd like people to call me Lonny, not Miss!

Judy Sheffer: Not really. They look really funny. It looks like their mother used a bowl to cut their hair.

Brian Worrell: Yes. The reason teachers don't want them is because they draw attention. After a while the attention would wear off.

Ferry Heranson: You're kidding! Why don't girls go around school bald?

Mc White-side: With haircuts going up to \$2.25, they're great!

## '68 EVALUATES HIGH SCHOOL

Have you trampled any freshman on your way to class? Well, if you have, be more careful, some freshman have said they are not used to our

corridors because they are like two way streets that are going the wrong way.

Just recently some members of the LANCE interviewed our new crop to find out what they think of our school.

## Braves' Babble

by Fran Wohl

Spirit-minded seniors have recently attempted to establish a Senior Lawn, but to no avail. At one time, a few of Blackford's mightiest seniors tried pushing all underclassmen off, but even this did not help! Most Seniors agree that something should be done about the lack of Senior privileges at Blackford.

Do you have a mouth? If you do come out to the games and support your team! If all the Braves would show their spirit, Blackford would have an opportunity to win a beautiful spirit trophy. This trophy is to be awarded at the end of basketball season.

Many upper classmen have snubbed this group around our campus and have totally embarrassed them in front of their friends. Instead of greeting them with a warm "get lost" or a friendly "punk freshman" we could at least be nicer and just pretend we don't see them.

Most freshmen expected to get their programs during the summer. When they discovered that they would not, and also that they would not receive a map of the school, they feared that The First Day would be utter chaos.

Overall, most new Braves said that they liked Blackford, even though they thought that it was big, as well as overcrowded.

The Class of '68 has gotten over the fright of the first day and is happy to be a part of Blackford, just as we are happy to have them.



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Roving Reporter

By Kathy Moore

2: If the school year was lengthened, do you think it would higher the academic standard of the student?

Doreen Gearhart: Are you kidding? I can hardly stand nine months.

Diane Putman: It depends on the student. If he really wanted to be more intelligent, this plan would be more successful. But most students don't want to give up summer for books.

Brian Worrell: No, not for me, anyway, because the only thing that keeps me going for nine months is knowing that summer will come eventually. If they made the year any longer, I'd go into a complete mental breakdown.

Steve Terry: No, definitely not. Scientifically speaking, the human mind cannot endure the tormenting pain of logical thinking for longer than nine months.

New Teachers

Many new teachers have become part of Blackford's faculty this year. Some of them just graduated from college while others came from other schools.

The following list contains Blackford's new teachers and their previous teaching location: Mr. Armitstead-Director of Education; Dean of Boys at Del Mar.

Mrs. Conover-Languages; graduated from San Jose State.

Mr. Dragon-World Civilization and California Government; graduated from Sequoia last year.

Mrs. Drexhage-Homemaking; graduated from San Francisco State.

Mr. Glandon-U.S. and Government; taught at Campbell High.

Mr. Griffin-Science; taught at Lincoln High in Stockton.

Mr. Harris-Arts and Crafts; taught at Campbell High.

Mr. Horrigan-Senior counselor; Campbell High.

Mr. Keeler-Fresh counselor; taught at Campbell High.

Miss Knowles-Language; graduated from Stanford.

Mr. Like-Auto Lab; taught at Millikan High in Long Beach.

Mr. Loewus-Typing, English; taught in Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Manfull-Girl's P.E.; graduated from San Jose State.

Miss Ophus-Typing, homemaking; taught during spring semester in Bakerfield.

Speaking from my point of view, I'd go nuts.

Mr. Horrigan: For the more talented student I think it's fine. But the average student would eventually get bored.

Carolyn Rust: Yes, it probably would increase the overall standard. But for myself, I prefer only nine months.

Bob Steinhauer: It would, if the students cooperated, but most of them wouldn't like it. I think you can learn as much in nine months. If you try.

Mary Jane Busino: Yes, but I think it depends on how long it is lengthened. For some poor kids, they just begin to catch on to everything and then what happens? School's out.

Kreg Baker: Yes, but if it were lengthened for too long a period, the students would get bored and refuse to study. The students would learn more if the school year was lengthened, but when you stop to think about it, the longer the school year, the more the kids tend to drop out.

Colombians Become Braves



Octavio and Sonia Rincon

Courtesy BPC

Do you enjoy having your mother accompany you on a date, attending school six days a week, eight hours a day? Try Colombia, South America.

Octavio Rincon, 19, and his sister, Sonia, 16, know what it's like, for they come from Bogota, Colombia, to attend Blackford.

Taking a plane from Colombia to Miami, then San Francisco, brother and sister arrived in August.

Both have come to further their educations, first by attending Blackford and then going on to study medicine. Sonia plans on some phase of Cancer Research, while Octavio isn't sure of what form of medicine he'll pursue.

While living in Bogota, Sonia attended the French Helvetia School, which is co-ed. Octavio attended a boys' school, Gimnasio Moderno.

Schools are privately owned, tuition is paid to attend them; if you can't afford the tuition there aren't any schools you may attend. "The major difference between private schools in Bogota and Blackford High," states Sonia, "is that students stay in one room, while the teachers change classes."

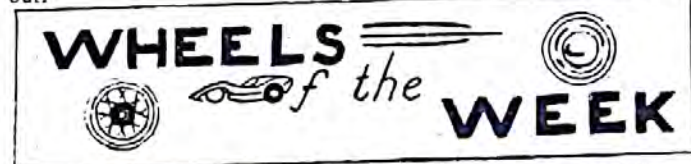
"I am very pleased that Sonia and Octavio are studying with us," says Mr. D. H. Armitstead, Vice Principal. "We will all gain by associating with and learning from them."

Braves Return

The death throes of Summer have subsided and the Autumn Sun shines once more on the laboring Blackford student.

As one tours the halls one finds that little has changed. The school is unmarred by earthquake or fire... Familiar faces claimed by Westmont are replaced by a great influx of freshmen (who traditionally look shorter every year). Teachers "in the know" who realize what is left out of our lives (homework) are successfully making up for lost time.

New language students mispronounce foreign words almost as well as their predecessors.



A student's rod? No, it's Mr. Glandon's 63 Stingray, and wheels for this week.

Mr. Leland Glandon, a Blackford history and government teacher, is the owner of the "wheels" for this week.

His car is a 1963 black Corvette Stingray convertible, with black interior and a white top. The mill is a 327 cubic inch fuel injected Corvette--with Hedman Hedders-- that puts out 380 horsepower. He shifts his four speeds through Hurst linkage and a beefed clutch, short ratio steering and Posi-traction take care of the front and rear wheels which are American Mags with Goodyear sports car tires. Metal brake and racing suspension aid the 'vette's stopping and handling, making it a true sports car. Mr. Glandon's car has turned 108 m.p.h. with an E.T. of 12.7 seconds in the quarter mile.

Mr. Glandon is new at Blackford this year, and in addition to teaching U.S. History and government, he serves as an after school football coach.

The Wheels of the Week will be a regular feature of the LANCE.

BRAVES DICTIONARY By MARLENE + Sheila

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# SPORTS



## SPORTS BEAT

Cross Country

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THE LANCE

October 2, 1964

### Braves Steal Past Paly in 7-0 Squeaker

Palo Alto, unbeaten and untied last year, was the victim of an unexpected upset in last Friday's contest. Blackford made one touchdown hold up as it shut out Paly 7-0 on the losers' field.

The Braves' only score was the result of a Palo Alto fumble and an eighty-five yard run-back by Ron Focht. Palo Alto made a strong scoring drive early in the third quarter. After driving to the Blackford nine yard line, Viking back Tom Hamilton was tackled hard and produced the game winning fumble. Sweeping up the ball, Focht outspurred several Paly pursuers enroute to an eighty-five yard scoring romp. Peterson kicked the extra point and Blackford led 7-0. With eighteen minutes left to play, the game



Ron Focht sweeps to 85-yard touchdown. BPC Photo

was still up for grabs, but a stubborn Brave defense proved too much for the Viking team to crack. Blackford actually wrapped up the game when Focht intercepted a pass, his second of the day, with fifty-two seconds remaining in the game. The clock ran out with Black-

ford still in the huddle. Blackford's only offensive scoring opportunity came late in the second quarter, but stalled when the Brave ran out of gas on the Viking thirteen yard line. Although not impressive on offense, Blackford showed a fine defense.

Sporting the best overall team in the Braves', and quite possibly, the league history, the Harriers are finding themselves on the outside looking in for want of a few sophomore runners. There are only four sophomores out and at least five are needed for team competition. The four sophomores must be a little bit disgusted at having run as well as they did and not even qualified as a team. Any sophomores willing to run are invited to see Coach Thygerson.

### C & D BASKETBALL

Head Coach Angius had this to say about his team this year. "We'll have five men on the court at all times."

I haven't quite figured what he meant by that statement yet, but if you want to find out for yourself, go to the game on Sept. 29 against Bellarmine at 3:30 on the Braves' court and count them for yourself!

### Brave Vies In Tokyo

Olympian Mike Wall joined with three other team members in establishing a new world record for the 800-meter freestyle relay, bettering the old mark of 8:03.7 by nearly two seconds.

Wall, former Blackford varsity swimming star, will compete as a member of the 400 meter freestyle relay in Tokyo at the XVIII Olympiad. He has also qualified as an alternate in the 1500, 400, and 200-meter freestyle.

### Leigh Runs Away with Varsity Race

Hosting the first cross-country meet in Blackford's history, the Braves captured a strong second place behind an outstanding Leigh High varsity.

Stretching across the finish line for top honors was Bob Bowen of the Longhorn squad. Blackford's Tom Kane and Bill Taylor led the Braves with

fourth and fifth place, respectively. Bill Quinn crossed the line in seventh place, Rich Guentner placed fifteenth, and Dave Olsen took seventeenth to complete the five man team for the Braves.

Head Coach Alton Thygerson was pleased with the results but feels that "with more work we will rival Leigh for top spot in the league".

In other divisions it was a different story as Harry Taylor paced the J.V.'s to their sixth straight victory over a two year period by capturing a second place with team mate Bob Yoskowitz in third and Carl McDonald in the sixth position.

All four sophomores finished in the top fifteen but were disqualified from team competition for having only a partial squad.



Bill Taylor, Braves' No. 2 scorer in last week's meet. BPC Photo

Freshman runners, having their best showing in four years, captured an impressive second place and showed great potential for future meets.

### "Braves" Sr. In Olympic Trials

A 17-year-old Blackford senior swam her way to the Olympic trials in New York this summer.

The girl, Linda Hildreth, placed eighth in the butterfly stroke in the National AAU swimming championships which were held at Foothill College July 30.

August 2, she left for the Olympic trials where she entered the 100 yard free style and 100 yard butterfly.

### A.G.A.

The Associated Girls' Athletics organization for the new school year of 1964 has elected its new officers. They are as follows: Commissioner, Barbara Hanson; Vice-Commissioner, Robyn Wormley; Secretary, Priscilla Dutton; Treasurer, Judy Snyder; Point-manager, Barbara Patterson; Publicity, Karen McIver; Sports Managers, Louise Casey, Aida Connaughton, Kathy Evans, Lynne Gates, Grace Griffin, Sue Pisano, Jeaneene Rose, and Jill Testa.

The girls are now in swimming and tennis with Mrs. Ellis as advisor for swimming and Mrs. Squire handling tennis. A league meeting is scheduled to set the date of competitive sports and to determine which schools will compete against each other and where.

### Angius Leads Again

After a year's absence Coach Angius is again back at the steering post of this year's C&D basketball teams. The position was last held by Mr. Platt who has recently departed to Westmont High.

Coach Angius has high hopes for both divisions and is look-

ing forward to a successful season.

The Braves' first game will be played in the Blackford gym against the Bellarmine squad on September 29. The first league competition the hoopsters face will be the Saratoga Falcons on October 8.