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## New Dean at Blackford Comments on Student Body

"I am very impressed with the student body and its appearance, and I hope to see a lot of enthusiasm at the first game." This, along with teaching at Del Mar and Campbell High Schools contribute to making Dr. Bennett, new Dean of Girls, no stranger to Blackford High

School. Dr. Bennett has been both a P.E. teacher and a Dean of Girls in the Campbell District, and feels that both positions are equally rewarding. Working with students is her main desire.

During this last year, Dr. Bennett was on leave from Campbell School District in order to attend the University of Wyoming in Laramie. There she completed her doctor's degree in the field of counseling and guidance. Taking five summers and one full year, she completed her degree.

Dr. Bennett visited the girls' P.E. classes during the first week of school and hopes soon to be able to know most of the students at Blackford.



Dr. Bennett



## Saga Meets

The yearbook staff of 1966 began planning SAGA '66 in a meeting at Mrs. Joan Shahan's home on Sept. 1. Mrs. Shahan, faculty advisor, will be assisting Ed Davis and Grace Griffin, editor and co-editor respectively, in helping the 16 members of the staff. The staff will have to limit itself to the same number of pages as seen in previous editions of SAGA. Even so, they are confident that the quality will be improved in spite of the page handicap.

Yearbooks are included in the purchase of Blackford's seven dollar student body card.

## Student Body Card Sales

With the prices rising and taxes increasing, Blackford is proud to announce that Student Body Cards may still be purchased for seven dollars. A Student Body Card assures the holder many privileges for the year. Included are the following: admission to all the sports events and dances, and a Blackford yearbook.

The Student Body Cards are different this year. They are enclosed in a clear, heavy duty plastic. Colored gold with red printing, the new cards will last longer than the traditional paper Student Body Cards.

The new Student Body Cards should be purchased very soon. Class competition will begin later. Each class should show their spirit and try to buy the largest number of Student Body Cards. Money will be given to the class that wins the competition.

## Mr. Buonocore Changes Role

A big surprise for many students returning to Blackford this fall was seeing Mr. George Buonocore in a new role. Previously a Chemistry teacher, he is now the advisor to the Student Council and helps the teaching staff in connection with their activities.

His responsibilities include teaching Chemistry until first lunch and promoting an extra-curricular program. His comment: "I treat this as a new and interesting challenge in my career, but more important is the opportunity to work with the students outside of classes."

## Exchange Students at Blackford

Blackford is well endowed with visiting foreign students this year. Coming from Chile is Patricio Guajardo, A.F.S. student; returning from Germany is Rick Hansen; and from Sweden is Bo Marthinson.

### Pat-Chilean

Patricio's home is in Los Andes. He has been in the United States for three weeks and in San Jose for two. He is staying with Joyce Walter's family. The only time he gets homesick is when he's alone.

In Chile, high school students take 13 subjects.

Language is Pat's only problem. He has a lot to say but didn't quite know how to express it.

### Rick Returns

A land quite far away from Chile, in the Black Forest of Steinhach, Germany, is where senior Rick Hansen made his home for the summer.

Rick arrived in Germany two weeks before the schools let out. He went to school only when he felt like it.

English was Rick's favorite class, "because," he said, "I could understand it!"

One of his more memorable experiences was when his religion instructor told the class they would listen to Negro



A.F.S. Students: L. to R. Pat, Rick, and Bo. Courtesy of BPC

spiritual records. Rick thought they were going to study music theory, but the teacher soon informed him that the class always listens to records when the teacher didn't prepare a lesson.

Rick returned to San Jose in the latter part of August, to meet a new guest of the Hansen family.

### Bo-Swedish

His new house guest from Ljungby, Sweden, is Bo Marthinson.

Bo has been in the country for about four weeks. His com-

ment on his visit "So far so good." He notices that Americans are more friendly than people in Sweden.

In Sweden Teachers change rooms instead of the students. The classes are small. Eleven subjects, are taken, with seven classes per day.

In Sweden's larger cities some of the boys grow their hair shoulder length. Occasionally they added a hair ribbon, he said. If they really wanted attention, in his words, "Teens are the same all over the world."

DANCE AT 8 P.M.

## Dean Glaze Commends Fine Student Dress

Mr. Warren Glaze, Dean of Boys, proudly approved the judgement shown by the Blackford student body in the proper dress for daily school attire.

"Both Dr. Bennett and I have been very satisfied with what we have seen thus far," commented Dean Glaze. "Congratulations!"



BY BARB GALLINGER

# WAR



# PAINT

"Friendship, n. State of being friends; friendly attachment; friendliness; amity" (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary)

"State of being friends" is too large a statement for anyone to play with. You can make or break a friend by what you say or do. Being basically self-centered in finding a friend will fulfill your wants and needs, but what about the "friend"? Being sincere in your actions will help your friendship grow.

Being loved and accepted by someone of their own beliefs is needed by everyone to insure a happy life, but they are often refused of either one or both. Few people are capable of showing or telling their "friend" how they feel about him because of the fear that he will not understand and therefore fear of losing acceptance would hurt him.

Many people find happiness in just being with a friend. Often just being able to talk to the "friend" and knowing that he will listen to and respect you would help because he could accept your thoughts or learn to reason with them.

As friends become closer they begin to share their happiness and sorrow because of their experienced knowledge in understanding each other. They would not expect each other to lie or cheat.

Friendship is more than just knowing a person on the surface, it is wanting to know their inner feelings.

## New Teachers Give Their Impressions of School Life

Blackford High has 16 new teachers this year. We asked each of them what their impressions are of Blackford. Here are a few of their answers.

Miss Kunde, I'm much impressed with the student body. Mr. Mathiasen, I think it's a fine school with a well-mannered student body.

Mrs. Chilcott, I was impressed by how nicely most of the students look and behave.

Mr. Taylor, I'm impressed with the school and grounds. I find the people very cheerful and I'm happy to be here.

Mrs. Bowden, I had the impression from different people that Blackford was a well-organized high school and that it would be a pleasure to work here, which I have found to be true.

Mr. Parrish, As a whole, the school seems to be very well-organized and I was impressed with the grounds.

Mr. Papworth, I think it is a fine school.

When asked what each teacher taught they answered:

Mr. Elder, I teach Sophomore Science.

Miss Roensing, Art I, II, III, and IV.

Mrs. Geiwitz, I teach German and Math.

Mrs. Alexander, I teach Junior English.

Mr. Parrish, I teach Geometry

Mr. Taylor, Mechanical Drawing and General Metals.

Mrs. Bowden, I teach French.

Another question we asked them was where they taught last year.

Mrs. Bowden, at Robert E. Lee High in Tyler Texas.

Mr. Papworth, At Campbell High.

Mr. Elder, I didn't teach last year, this is my first year I attended San Jose State College.

Mrs. Alexander, I taught at Leigh High

Mrs. Young, Birmingham, Alabama.

The last question we asked them was if they were in charge of any extra curricular activities:

Miss Kunde, Yes, Y-Teens and synchronized swimming.

Mr. Jones, Yes, J.V. Football.



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# More Originality is Needed In the Teenagers of Today

People today seem to have lost much of the pioneering spirit of their ancestors. No longer is adventure the goal of every "red-blooded American boy." Instead of the courage that made this the greatest nation, today's youth possesses a distinct form of cowardness, stemming from the desire for security, stability, and acceptance.

The trend towards utter conformity is stifling all original thinking in the minds of youth. Any thoughts or actions which deviate from accepted routine are greeted by raised eyebrows and unapproving looks. Too few still have courage to freely express their feelings and face the disbelief and unacceptance of the majority. Without this courage to fight conformity and reveal individual thoughts, this nation can become hopelessly in a rut.

Another force working strongly in the other direction, capable of just as much destruction as conformity, is extreme non-conformity. Some of today's youth spend so much time trying to be "different" and "unusual" they cause their own downfall.

Adventure and intellectual curiosity have withered because a group of cowardly people have sought the security of conformity, the stability of routine, and the comfort of acceptance. While orderly and constructive ideas are being placed aside for more "flashy" actions just so they can be recognized as individualists. By letting conformity or extreme non-conformity influence what they do, today's youth is failing our nation and heritage.

## Officers Chosen

Blackford's new commissioners for the first semester are as follows: Art, Dee Bowden; Awards, Ben Caporo; Membership, Karen Matsui; Photography, Chris Frieling; Scholarship, Linda Lindsay; Social Affairs, Dennis Reed; Utilities, Mike Bryant; Music, Fran Litz; Sales, Noel Alfonso; Noontime Activities, Eileen Bryans; Girls Athletics, Sharon Wilson; Boys Athletics, Tom Takano; Literary Affairs, Ed Davis.

The commissioners are responsible for carrying the wants and ideas of the commission to the student council. Most of the commissioners are picked on a semester basis, with the exception of a few who haven't been chosen yet.

## La Cinema

"The Great Race" stars Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis. The film is dedicated to Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, two great men of screen history.

The film is not a failure, by any means, but you won't laugh out loud very often.

Along the route of "The Great Race," Director Blake Edwards goes through some of the old gags of screen history from the Westerns to re-creations of the submarine epic.

The film cost about \$12 million to make, just about equal to all the Laurel and Hardy movies put together. It seems to run as long as all their films put together also. Too bad Curtis and Lemmon aren't as adept as Laurel and Hardy in the making of slapstick.

## Debs Replace Homemakers

The Blackford Debs will take the place of the Future Homemakers of America. Mrs. Drexhage, advisor, reported that the Debs have overcome the F.H.A. through the district. She stated that there will be many more opportunities in this club than in the past home economics groups.

Membership is open to all girls who are interested in home economics, community service and fun. There is an urgent need for girls who would like to help arrange the constitution and other things to help organize the new club. The new members will only meet twice a month instead of weekly.

Since the organization is district-wide, there will be opportunities to meet girls from the neighboring schools.

### District Meetings

Three have already been planned, starting with a picnic at Vasona Park September 28th after school. Later in the year there will be a fashion show at Hales, then, concluding the year's activities, a year-end party has been planned.

Blackford's Debs will have an opportunity to visit Sunset magazine, Levi Strauss, and United States Agriculture Department during their many possible field trips.

With the view of Community Service, the girls may go Christmas caroling at a children's home and hospitals. They will also participate in school service.

Both advisors, Mrs. Drexhage and Miss Holbrook, are looking forward to an interesting year full of things to do and different experiences.





# Totem Pole Wanted?



The idea of having a totem pole in the center of Blackford's plaza has been suggested by several people to help create more spirit for our school. Mr. Fred Fisher, Blackford's science teacher, is one of many who would like to see a pole in the plaza.

If the students of Blackford High School could get the administration and Student Council behind this idea then Blackford's totem pole could be well known in the district. "Think of having rallies around the Blackford Braves totem pole," said an enthusiast.

Those students interested to help get a totem pole for Blackford may contact Pat Thompson through THE LANCE or on campus.

# Rifle Club Starts



Blackford's Cadet unit has a new project. The Blackford Rifle Club, just started, is open to any Blackford students.

Mr. Harry Hall, the new cadet advisor, is hopefully anticipating weekly firing, which he says is dependent on availability of rifle ranges in the area. The new club will apply for a charter from the National Rifle Association.

# GIGGLE BOX

- Librarian- Quiet! The people next to you can't read.
- Student- What a shame! I could read when I was six.
- Teacher- Today we will discuss lying. How many of you read the seventeenth chapter of the textbook?
- Class- We all did.
- Teacher- Good, you're just the group I want to talk to. There are only sixteen chapters in the text.
- Completed Boyfriend- When I get married a lot of girls are going to be disappointed.

# Blackford Student Dies of Illness

Gregory L. McLennan, 15, died recently in the Palo Alto hospital of a lingering illness. He was a Blackford sophomore.

Besides his parents, Gregory is survived by a sister, Nancy; two brothers, Thomas and Phillip; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou F. Long of Mill Valley and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McLennan of Hayward.

Private services took place in Mission Chapel of Rancadore & Alameda Funeral Home.

Burial was in the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno.

- Disgusted Girlfriend- How many girls do you plan on marrying?
- Bragging Boy- My father is an Elk, a Moose, and a Lion.
- Bored Boyfriend- What does it cost to see him?
- Sewing Student- What is the best way to make a suit skirt last?
- Sewing Teacher- Make the jacket first.
- From "Calling all Girls"

# BRAVES BUGGY



"It doesn't get the best mileage," says senior Steve Hammond about his white #55 Chevy 2 door Sedan.

Part of the reason is the "283" cubic inch Corvette engine under the hood. Fuel is brought into the engine through two 4-barrel APB carburetors. This mill also includes fuel injector heads and pistons, also solid lifters and a 3/4 race cam. Coupled to this is a 60% beefed clutch, a '65 4-speed gearbox, and a 4:11 post-traction rear end.

An 8 grand suntach is mounted in the cockpit, and chrome dumps on blackwalls also add to its looks.

Steve would like to add a fiberglass bucket "T" body among future plans he might have for this car.

If you would like your car or a friends' in the LANCE, or if you have any interesting information from the parking lot, please contact anyone on the LANCE staff.

# Inquiring Reporter

## Question: What is your opinion of Blackford?

- Freshmen Opinions**
  - Sue Clark: "Blackford seems to be a pretty good school but there could be more activities and school spirit. Also it would help if the guys were cuter."
  - Tom Ordon: "It's better than Rogers."
  - Doug Johnson: "It's a nice school, but I wish it wasn't my first year. It seems funny to be a freshman."
  - Denise Hancock: "I like the snack bar - it has nice goodies."
  - Julie Dean: "I like it. I expected it to be different."
  - Don Noel: "Blackford is okay, but it's kind of big and hard to get from class to class. The teachers are pretty nice as teachers go."
  - Jerome Halseth: "It's a nice school. It's easier to find my classes than I expected."
  - Collin Martin: "It's pretty well run and it's a good school."
  - Diane Treber: "It's a good school. No complaints so far."
  - John Massa: "I like it."
  - Cathy Bryans: "I like the school, the boys, and SOME of the teachers."
  - Sue Sealey: "I like it except I think the snack bar should be more organized."
  - Ken Watson: "It's better than my other school."
  - Janice Carter: "The teachers and school are great and the kids seem to be real nice."
  - Sally Biddle: "I think it's okay."
- Seniors Opinions**
  - Bud Grolla: "I think the Seniors should have more privileges, like Senior lawns and benches. I also think the Freshmen girls should be more friendly."
  - Mark Wormley: "I think this school is SWELL."
  - Sue Pisano: I feel that Blackford in general out-ranks all other schools but there is still room for improvement." Jerry Hermanson: "How can you fight oppression?"
  - Steve Harrington: "There's too many underclassmen, and they keep getting littler each year."
  - Dave Naumann: "I think this school would be a lot better off if the freshmen would grow up a little, especially the girls."
  - Rai Clark: "Oh, it's fundamentally okay, but there are certain things that could be improved. I think those "things" are quite obvious."
  - Pat Thompson: "If we can get up some more spirit it could be a great school."
  - Bonnie Althouse: I think they're way behind in their business courses. Down South we had twice as many as here."
  - Rick DeLaCruz: "Welcome Freshmen. I hope that you will take great interest in Blackford spirit and government. You should participate with more spirit and interest than other classes. GOOD LUCK."
  - Nina Kalmoutis: "I think there is plenty of room for improvements."
  - Tim Briggs: "It's GREAT."



Senior Steve Hammond and his '55 Chevy B.P.C. Photo



# Varsity Football Opens First Exhibition Game Today

## Gridiron Gets Ready To Battle Fall Football Season Schedule

Eleven lettermen are returning to the 1965-1966 gridiron in hopes of building up a strong football squad.

Under the leadership of head coach George Pesut and line coach Mike Brkljacich, the Braves have been practicing with the exception of this summer, since last year in preparing for a good season.

The sports staff took time out to interview Coach Pesut and to hear his comments about the fall schedule.

"This year's squad is the quickest team Blackford has had in its four year history," commented Coach Pesut. "The line is hitting hard and we have the fastest backfield we've ever had."

Asked about the outlook for this years team, Coach Pesut had this to say, "We could finish anywhere in the league, but with our speed and potential, we could take the title." He also added that this year's aggregation is the most inexperienced team he's worked with.

Here is the starting line-up that Coach Pesut hopes to field against Serra today.

Offensively at LE- Doug Wright, LT-Rich Dumanoski, LG- Doug Wills, C- Chuch Pottier, RG- Frank Cory, RT- Art Lyons, RE- Terry Rager. In the backfield at FB- Bud Gapero, LH- Ron Focht, RH- Theron Jones, QB- Gary Asti. Coach Pesut indicated that there would be plenty of competition at quarterback because of two other fine competitors, Chuck

Peterson, and Bob Rogers.

The Coach says that he intends to try them all out. Defensively at LE- Jack Britscoe, LT- Frank Coty, RIL (right inside linebacker) Chuck Pottier, LIL- Art Lyons, LOL- Ron Focht, ROL- Bud Gapero, RT- Steve Shrum, RE- Doug Wright, LH- Mike Leinwohl, and RH- Terry Rager.

## Frosh-Soph Opens Thurs.

Frosh-soph football, that's right, football, not baseball. Curious? Read on. For the first time, Blackford and all other schools in the league are participating in this new program. You've already missed the first game but next Thursday you'll get a chance to make it up.

Nothing has changed but the players, and even some of them haven't. Head coach Dempsey has seven returners, each of who will start.

As of this time the tentative offense team is as follows: J. Whiteside, H.B.; J. Bloomfield, Center; W. Wilkins, L.T.; B. Fritz, F.; R. Wright, H.B.; J. Mømsen, R.E.; (also V. basketball returnee) Mike Sharpe, R.T. The following are all first year men: L.E., S. Adams; L.G. K. Berg; R.G.T. Wise. In the quarterback position will be either J. Smith or D. Abrahamson. Coach Dempsey would not commit a statement as to who was going to be roughest.

## Cindermen Open Season

Blackford's 1965 cross-country team has also begun to roll. With the season only two weeks old the brave's cindermen are shaping up to a very impressive team. Among the highlights of the season include the Camden Invitational in which Blackford hopes on sending the full team with the chance of picking up individual medals. Returning stalwarts include Harry Taylor, Bob Yoskowitz, and Rick De La Cruz, with added punch from Ed Davis and Mark Chiaravalle.

by Mr. Abell, who will be in control of the D team. Although at this time no tentative lineup has been set, coach Angius feels freshmen Alan Taketa, and Craig Ojeda may be starting, others showing early promise are Greg Newgard and Mark Murada.

Of the entire squad only four are returning from last year.



BRAVES OFFENSIVE TEAM BPC

## Braves' Chiefs

The first issue of the Lance marks the beginning of a new column to be added to the sports page. The Brave's Chiefs is a column dedicated solely to the coaches and physical instructors of Blackford High. This column is merely a means of introducing the coaches and teachers regardless of whether their male or female, varsity or C and D coaches.

Due to the fact that the football season is just began, this first issue is dedicated to Mr. George Pesut, Head coach of the Varsity Football team.

Mr. Pesut has been at Blackford for five years, coaching Varsity football all of the five years. He was born in Chicago Illinois and has attended Compton City College (Los Angeles), College of Idaho, and Stanford University. At the College of Idaho he played football all four years. While in Illinois he played semi-pro football from 1945-1958.

After coming to California, where he's lived for eight years, he attended Stanford University and became the assistant football coach.

Coach George Pesut has been a coach for over thirteen years and has certainly been a fine addition to the Brave's coaching staff.

## Blackford Rules?

Two things are necessary to make Blackford Rule. One is the team and the other is the spirit. It's the spirit which gives the team the spark to want to win and it's the winning team that brings home the championship.

The Brave's have the potential, what about the spirit? SUPPORT YOUR TEAMS!

## Girls' Sports Plans Season

This year Blackford's A.C.A. promises to be one of the best ever. The new commission was elected the first week and a meeting was held last Tuesday to get organized. Sharon Wilson was elected commissioner last spring, but the rest of her commission was not chosen until this fall. They are: Jeanene Rose, Vice-commissioner; Kathy Orlando, treasurer; Barbie Carnett, secretary; Pat Gilmore, points manager, and Grace Griffin, publicity manager. Sports managers are: Celia Andro, Beth Eyerman, Pat Fenton, Donna Gabbard, Judy Ikeda, Anita Miller, Nancy Nash, and Sue Pisano.

Besides the new officers, Girls Sports has many new girls and a new instructor, Miss Mc Mann will replace Miss Ellis this year and work with Mrs. Squire. Miss Ellis will still work with A.G.A., but mainly as an advisor.

Tennis and swimming will be the sports for the first 6 weeks.



C's and D's at Work BPC

## Fall Hoopsters Open Season

Miniaturized, professional basketball returns to Blackford. Although miniature, but not yet quite professional, even though at times it's hard to tell, the C's and D's open their winter season against Bellarmine Prep in the Blackford gym immediately after school Tuesday, September 28.

Head coach Eugene Angius will be assisted this season

### Blackford High 1965 Football Schedule

Serra H.S.	@ Blackford	Fri. Sept. 24	3 p.m.*
Mission San Jose H.S.	" "	Fri. Oct. 1	3 p.m.*
Del Mar H.S.	@ Blackford	Fri. Oct. 15	3 p.m.
Blackford	@ Campbell H.S.	Fri. Oct. 22	3 p.m.
Westmont H.S.	@ Blackford	Fri. Oct. 29	3 p.m.
Blackford	@ Camden H.S.	Fri. Nov. 5	3 p.m.
Blackford	@ Los Gatos H.S.	Fri. Nov. 12	8 p.m.
Leigh H.S.	@ Blackford	Fri. Nov. 19	3 p.m.
Saratoga H.S.	@ Blackford	Thurs. Nov. 25	11 a.m.

\* Indicates non-league game.