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## Briggs Heads BH Key Club

# National Merit Semifinalists- Blackford has Three: Awtrey, Gilbert, Litz

New to Blackford this year is the Key Club. Sponsored by the West Valley Kiwanis, the club is open to sophomore, junior, and senior boys.

Meetings are once a week with Mr. Fred Fisher as faculty advisor. Two members of the West Valley Kiwanis attend the meetings to help the boys decide on service projects that will help the school.

A breakfast is held by the West Valley Kiwanis each Wednesday morning at the Brave Bull. Two different boys from Blackford's Key Club will attend each breakfast.

President of this new organization is Tim Briggs. Rick Hansen, Gary Nash, and Craig Ratckovitch are vice president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

A Board of Directors will help each class of boys plan various activities. Senior Steve Wall, Junior Garth Nystrom, and Sophomore Bruce Glatzel have been chosen as the present directors.

Any boys, other than freshmen, are welcome to ask Mr. Fisher or an officer of the Key Club about membership.

Competing for National Merit Scholarships are Dennis Awtrey, Robert Gilbert, and Fran Litz. These seniors had high scores on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken last March. This enabled them to become Semifinalists.

To become Finalists, they must take a second examination, submit a recommendation from Blackford, and fulfill routine requirements.

School citizenship, leadership qualities, high school grades, creative accomplishments, and extra curricular activities are considered in the selections of Merit Scholars. Winners of sponsored awards also meet sponsor criteria.

Each Merit Scholarship is a four year award covering the undergraduate years. A maximum of \$6000 may possibly be obtained by a Finalist for these four years.

Blackford would like to commend Fran, Robert, and Dennis

on their achievements. The names of the Finalists for NMSC will be announced in the latter part of April.



Semifinalists, l. to r.: Fran, Dennis, and Robert

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## New Pep Club Is Organized

Want more school spirit? Join the new pep club!

The club's purpose, with the help of their advisor, Miss Carol Kunde, is "to organize and make Blackford's spirit the best in the district."

Plans for these enthusiastic students include an organized rooters section, members with membership cards, and rooters' buses to all games.

The Pep Club activities will begin in football season, continue during basketball, and, hopefully, swimming, baseball, and track.

The last sign-up day for the football season is Tuesday, October 12.

## Junior Rings Here Today

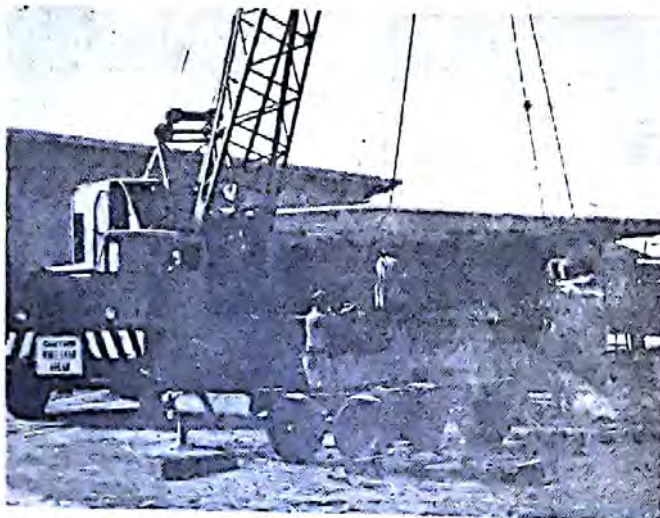
Blackford's most recent addition, prefabricated room 49, has finally arrived. Although it was contracted to be constructed and ready for use by September 3, authorities say the delay was due to uncontrollable conditions.

This modern relocatable wing will be complete with air conditioning and carpeting. The initial purpose of the building will be for the U.S. History classes, now located in the Girls' Gym. Sections will be provided for teachers' assistants and class counselors.

The date for classes to begin use in this portable is unknown at this time, though it has been estimated to be between October 6 and October 14.

Other school in the area installing and using these newly developed rooms are Camden, Del Mar, Leigh, Los Gatos and Westmont high schools.

## Room 49 is Portable!



Above: Room 49 during construction.

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# WAR PAINT



High school is the place for students, as individuals, to adjust not only academically, but socially as well.

Through the previous years of school, we've 'liked' people because of surface qualities, such as looks or personality. Now is the time to choose our friends carefully, not by surface qualities alone, but by what's underneath; what they think. In high school and college, lasting friendships are formed, friendships which will last a lifetime. We dig deeper to find out what the 'real' person is like.

Teachers and their classes try to stimulate creative thinking, thinking about what's happening in the world around us and help develop our ideas and morals.

Many students "conform to non-conformity" whether it suits their personality or whether it is the "real" them. Some students are really fighting for a good cause, such as racial equality, while others just demonstrate to be seen. Many people become "non-conformists" just to be noticed or to make people believe they are something that they aren't. This isn't really helping their image, because people in their mid-teens can recognize someone who is really true to a cause or just "going along with the crowd."

Blackford has many clubs and service groups to help a student find out where his interests lie and what he is suited for. Clubs such as Future Teachers of America and Future Business Leaders of America help us learn more about what we may be doing for a living after college.

## News Week

The Lance is happy to support National Newspaper Week, an industry-wide celebration which pays tribute to the 1,770 daily and 9,000 weekly newspapers published in this country. It is designed specifically to focus the spotlight on the role the newspaper plays in protecting the people's three great freedoms—Freedom of the Press... Freedom of Speech... and Freedom of Religion.

Today newspapers remain constantly on the alert to protect the public's right to know—in police stations, in court rooms, legislative bodies, city halls and executive mansions.



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Guest Editorial:

# Students - Look Ahead!

By Mr. Horrigan

From my chair in the senior counselor's office I have an opportunity to watch the students of Blackford preparing to take the big step out of high school into the future. Many take that step with certainty, and yet there are those who feel that this step is almost and unsurmountable hurdle.

You Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors may also be able to take this step in your stride if you will stop occasionally during the coming years and look ahead to the things that must be done to make these things come true.

Nearly every Senior will ad-

mit that he could have had a much better grade point average and school attendance record. These things did not seem important to them in their first three years of high school. Now these factors are shaping their future as they compete for admission to colleges with these openings dependent upon their grade point average, or they compete for job opportunities with these openings dependent upon school attendance record.

These are the best years of your life and you will always remember your days at Blackford. Have fun and enjoy these years but not at the expense of your future.

Look ahead. What do you want? What must you do now to attain these things?



Courtesy of BPC

## Companies Sponsor J.A.

By J. Hermanson

Eureka! It's that time of the year again for students who recognize opportunity when it knocks. And all that is required is the setting aside of two hours once a week for J.A.

This program, called Junior Achievement is based on the building of a number of small enterprises operated by high school students called achievers. The achievers elect officers, sell stock to build capital, create, manufacture and sell products as if it were a large independent company they operated. Wages, salaries and commissions are voted on for added incentive. At the end of the school year all companies are terminated and stock holders receive returns on their investments in proportion to the financial success of the company. Several advisors are on hand at most meetings to help iron out problems that arise. Junior Achievement Advisors are the employees of the actual companies that sponsor each corporation.

Opportunities range from business experience to scholarships. Also included in the program are: awards, free convention trips, business contacts, job possibilities, leadership, public speaking and contests. The Contests include President of the Year, Salesman of the Year, speech contests, Company of the Month and Company of the Year.

Applications may be obtained in Mrs. Couch's office or by contacting the San Jose center located at 32 Race Street.

## Entrance Tests Now Available

S.A.T. TESTS

All students wishing to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test, S.A.T., offered by the college entrance examination board must apply by October 9.

The applications, which may be obtained in Mr. Horrigan's office, must be sent to University of California at Berkeley. There will be several testing dates, the first of which will be November 6. San Jose students must take the first test at San Jose State, but on all other dates they may choose between it and the University of Santa Clara.

There is a charge of \$4.50 for all students who take the test.

ACT TESTS

The ACT test applications can be picked up in Mr. Horrigan's office. The test date is set for November 13. All applications must be in by no later than October 16. The ACT test is either a requirement or recommended to enter a state college, university, or scholarship agency.

The ACT test is a two-part test. The first part is a Student Profile Section, in which questions are asked about your extracurricular achievements and educational plans. The second part and major portion of the test is a series of four small tests in English, mathematics, social studies, and natural sciences. The average of the four scores estimates your ability to succeed in college.

## Coureyde Teaches G.I. Troops

"Having lived in Stockton most of my life, I decided to reach here in the Bay area." Was the explanation Mr. Jacques Courdeyde gave for teaching at Blackford.

After completing two years at Fort Bragg, South Carolina, he returned to the Bay area to obtain his Master's Degree at Stanford.

While at Fort Bragg Mr. Courdeyde taught French to troops going to Viet Nam. He believes that getting to know the people and communicating with them depends on the language. The two languages the troops are being taught are French and Viet Namise. Teaching the languages is a difficult job. It is especially hard for the student trying to learn them, since there's a great deal of difference between the languages. He goes on to say that "It's hard to communicate with the people unless you know their language. The more you get to know the people the better they cooperate."



# Blackford Splits C, D Basketball



# SPORTS



Blackford's "C" and "D" basketball teams split with Bellarmine's Bells in the Braves' gym, September 28. The "C" provided the Braves with their first win of the season, beating Bellarmine 32-30 while the Bells downed the Braves "D" squad, 13-17.

Sparked by Craig Ojeda and Greg Newgard, the Brave "Cs" squad was able to force the Bells into an overtime. At the end of the overtime the Braves emerged victors.

Although the Braves "D" squad was led by Mark Lizenberry and Rod Wight, high point men, the Bells managed to squeeze by with a victory.

The "C" and "D" teams will meet St. Francis there, Saturday, on St. Francis' courts. The "D" game starts at 10 a.m.

## A.G.A. Fish Netmen Win

Girl's Sports opened the season by playing Westmont in tennis and Del Mar in swimming on September 3 at Blackford. Kande Kloe and Marcia Pfeiffer were leaders among the tennis players. All the matches were close, some sets lasting as long as seven games.

In the practice swim meet Blackford showed great promise. Bonnie Althouse, Celia Andro, Pat Armer, Karyl Burgett, Grace Griffin, Missy Hildreth, Elaine Knight, Wendy McGowan, and Donna Nelson were leaders on the team.

On October 5 Braves netters played Campbell; and October 7 both tennis and swimming teams were in meets at Leigh. Other additional information on these meets is not available at this time.

AGA plans to have many extra-curricular activities this year. September 20 was the first "Game Night" and was in honor of the many new girls.



Braves' Coach Bill Dempsey  
B.P.C. Photo

## Frosh-Sophs Still Seek Win

Fumbles, penalties, 76 total yards gained and a rough Mission team were all responsible for the Braves' second defeat of the season. The Braves scored first on a 5-yard draw play, with Jim Whiteside on the receiving end. Whiteside had a fine day, carrying tentimes and averaging 3.8 yards per carry. Also singled out for showing a fine offensive game was Rick Wright.

Head Coach Dempsey was very pleased with the defensive team and commented that it just wasn't Blackford's day for breaks; for example, in a series of ten plays, there were nine miscarries.

Wayne Wilkins and D. Abraham were credited with the most stops while Duane Kubo and J. Bloomfield were also pointed out as standouts on defense. With League beginning, students are urged to support teams and bring out spirit.

## Braves' Chiefs

"The Frosh-Soph team has much potential this year," commented Mr. Bill Dempsey, Frosh-Soph football coach in an interview last week.

Coach Dempsey, who hails from Oil City, Pennsylvania, --state of stalwart football players--attended the University of Pittsburgh where he was a P.E. major. After graduation, Coach Dempsey entered the Air Force where he played three years of football at quarterback. After four seasons in the service Mr. Dempsey went to the University of Arizona where he taught Freshman P.E. classes and took graduate classes.

He came into the Campbell district in 1961, teaching his first year at Camden before transferring to Blackford the following year.

He is Frosh-Soph football coach and Varsity track coach.

He further went on to say in the interview that this year's Frosh-Soph team has many young and inexperienced players. Commenting that the rest of the teams were in the same position, Coach Dempsey emphasized that the whole Frosh-Soph program was an Introduction to Varsity Football.



Braves' Gary Astl carries for yardage.  
B.P.C. Photo

## Braves' Varsity Win Upset; Hand Mission First Loss 12-6

Upset-minded Blackford overcame a 16 point loss prediction in their 12-6 win over Mission San Jose. Utilizing a strong balanced running attack the Braves punched out steady yardage broken occasionally by passes. Back to back touchdown passes in the second quarter sent Blackford well on its way to its first victory of the season. Fullback Ron Fouch punched out 73 yards in 14 carries while teammate Theron Jones gather-

ed in 51 valuable yards in 10 tries.

Although All-American candidate 198 pound John Shew drew 147 bloody yards in 13 attempts, Mission was unable to achieve balanced power on or off the ground. Four fumbles broke up Warrior drives giving Blackford possession of the pigskin while the Braves fumbled only twice. Mission's single tally came on a one yard plunge by Warrior ace John Shew in the fourth quarter of play.

Braves' Coach George Pesut believes that a combination of heat and an overpowering defense bogged the usually fast Warrior speed on offense.

Defensive standouts Chuck Pottier, Ken Spitzer, and Doug Wills combined skills to push the visitors back time and time again for loss of yardage.

Blackford starts league competition at home Friday, October 15 at 3 p.m. against Del Mar. The Braves have a strong possibility of placing much higher than their predicted finish.

## School Spirit 90% Effort

by Mike Hoppin

The Encyclopedia Britannica defines spirit, "Energy, or ARDENT loyalty to one's school." We have a student body that possesses perhaps the cream of the academic statue in West Valley and likewise for our athletic teams. But in order to move from a good to a great Student Body, one, we must possess spirit. Spirit and support are synonymous as far as I'm concerned. The support at Blackford is there but it's dormant, and it's only because of the 10% of the guys and gals who think it's square to yell and support their teams. They're always the first to complain about student privileges and activities, but the last to buy student body cards. They claim to be the toughest

guys in school, but how come they're not out for sports? This 10% is ruining Blackford's spirit. In my estimation this school has the finest football team ever produced in these parts. Ten years from now I want to look back to 65-66 not with the thought which class had the best spirit, but that Blackford became synonymous with SPIRIT!