



Mr. Dunton, advisor, and Key Club officers display new blazers.
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Lynn McConahey Is Selected To Compete For Music Finals

Lynn McConahey was selected out of various Santa Clara Valley contestants to represent the valley in the San Francisco Symphony Competition Finals.

The competition was held December 19, where she was told that out of the 23 contestants, only 7 pianists were considered the best in Northern California. The results of the competition have not been announced as of this writing.

In regard to winning or losing she said, "Whether I win or lose, I still feel it is a great accomplishment and quite an honor to be included among the best 23 in Northern California. If Lynn wins, she will become solo pianist for the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

Future concerts include one at Berkeley on January 29. This might make her a possible candidate to perform in a special festival at the S.F. Opera in the Spring.

El Kim Admitted To Columbia Univ.

Coel El Kim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Soo Kim, 3398 Londonberry Drive, has been admitted to next fall's freshman class of Columbia University's School of Engineering and Applied Science. Kim has been an outstanding math student at Blackford.

Lee Tregoning Overcomes Predicted Lethal Operation

Lee Tregoning after nearly dying on the operating table, has successfully conquered a dangerous and lethal brain tumor, which was delicately positioned next to the pituitary gland. The operation in its entirety lasted for 6 1/2 hours, during which all but the most minute pieces of the tumor were removed, while not disturbing the delicate pituitary gland. The entire operation, and succeeding six weeks of tedious treatment, was done at the Stanford Palo Alto Hospital, with the use of the most updated and ultramodern x-ray machine yet devised for this type of treatment. With use of such equipment the doctors at Stanford were able to completely destroy all remaining traces of the infectious tumor.

During an interview with Lee, he repeatedly told how fantastic the world renowned Stanford Hospital was. One reason could be the cute French nurse he had, who had just come over from France three months before. Stanford, along with the Rockefeller Center in New York, are the only properly equipped medical research centers that could have cured Lee's critical condition.

Lee considers himself very lucky, for his doctors; Dr. Hanberg, head of Neurology, and Dr. Belza, chief resident of neurology at Stanford, predicted that Lee's chances of coming through the operation were very slim. Lee is totally cured except for peripheral vision in his right eye.



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Thirteen Blackford Journalists Nominated For Quill-Scroll

Thirteen Blackford journalists will be joining other selected students in schools affiliated with the Quill and Scroll Society. Blackford's eligible recommendations for the first semester are seniors; Natalie Bless, Leslie Caton, Wayne Coats, Deborah Graff, Bob Grant, Marie Nelson, Chris Tollefson, Chris Webster, and Chris Yoshihara, and juniors, Shelly Blass, Martha Griffin, Trudy Hershfield, and Joyce Krug. Senior Linda De La Rosa is the only present member of Quill and Scroll.

According to the Constitution, members of Quill and Scroll must be chosen from the students enrolled in the high school who meet the following requirements and observing other schools while he is staying at Stanford under a Fulbright Grant. The Fulbright Grant is sponsored by the United States in order to bring foreign teachers to America to learn new teaching methods and to observe classes. Dr. Bawa explained the Fulbright Grant and said, "the program is extremely helpful to foreign teachers because it brings them in close contact with students and teachers of a different culture.

Dr. Bawa said he was anxious to return to Ceylon so that he could tell his students about what he has learned in America.

R.C. Owens Guest At Blackford Banquet

Former San Francisco 49'er star R. C. Owens was the featured guest speaker at the 1966 Fall Sports Banquet on December 7, in the cafeteria.

R. C. was the featured performer in a film shown at the banquet which emphasized second effort in sports. Following the film R. C. talked about his participation in sports and how he got to be where he is in life today. He emphasized the point of getting the best education that a person possibly can.

Jim Jacob, Mike Shanahan Take Speech Tournament

On December 3, 1966, two Blackford High School students won the highest awards in a District Speech and Debate Tournament. Jim Jacobs, a junior, won the highest award as outstanding speaker, and Mike Shanahan won the Superior Speaker Award. Jim & Mike spoke on four subjects; A bill to stop outflow of gold by limiting tourist spending; A bill to set up a police review board in all countries of California; To set a system of national colleges; To join in a joint space exploration effort with the USSR. Fifteen other Blackford students were also at the Tournament and

members of 25 schools in the San Jose area. Students in Blackford's speech class will be participating in speech and debate qualifications for the State tournament.



Ceylon Prof. At Blackford

Dr. Sultan Bawa, head of the Chemistry Department at the University of Ceylon recently visited Blackford to observe science classes. Dr. Bawa commented he was greatly impressed with the scientific equipment and said that equipment is largely unavailable in Ceylon.

Though Dr. Bawa only stayed one day at Blackford he was able to make an opinion about the classes "American classes are relatively smaller than those in Ceylon, which makes it easier for the teacher to communicate to students. American students," Dr. Bawa continued, "are fortunate indeed to have such a variety of equipment to use for experiments." Dr. Bawa was extremely enthusiastic about the multi-purpose tables used in the chemistry rooms. Dr. Bawa is also touring

WAR PAINT

By **Natalie Bless**

We live in a time when an attitude of uninvolvedness seems to ring more loudly than the Liberty Bell itself.

All of us are guilty of complaining about unpleasant situations. However, not many of us are willing to do anything about them, because we are afraid of becoming involved---afraid of facing responsibilities!

Those of us who do take a stand for what we believe in are ridiculed for fighting a losing or never-ending battle. History provides many examples from which to choose. A classic example taken from the days of our own forefathers is the Declaration of Independence. Those fifty-six men who signed their name to this important document knew the perilous danger of doing so. Not only in risking their own security and lives, but also those of their families, for something they felt was a just and right cause.

Most people today will probably never have to demonstrate such courage. But the courage that made our country as great as it is today is still in the heart of every true American. Let us all seek out the world's truths now and fight for these things in which we believe so strongly. In doing so we will be able to meet the challenges of our own age---if we are not afraid of becoming involved!

Christmas In Viet Nam

The following, an actual letter from a soldier in Viet Nam, to his cousin at Blackford, is an example of our Servicemen's good spirit.

Dear Cousin,
It is now Christmas day, so before I write more, "Merry Christmas". I've been thinking all week that when this day came along I would be able to sit down and write the letter that would serve your purpose, however, even if it is Christmas day, there's not much to tell about, because we are supposed to be just a regular day for the GI's in Viet Nam. There are a few exceptions, however. Starting at 7:00 yesterday morning was the call of the truce for the cease fire. Since that time the air and the atmosphere have been absolutely quiet. This itself is very relaxing, as if there have not yet been any bombs falling, nor have the men in the artillery worked a sweat up.

Last night was Christmas Eve, and one of the loneliest ones I've ever spent. It was



FACULTY FORUM

By **Mr. Moon**

On election day next Thursday, along with selecting a new student body President and three student council members, you will be asked to ratify a new student body Constitution. This document is worthy of your consideration; not because of the hundreds of hours invested by your council over the past year, not because the council members have succeeded in developing a Constitution which will extend your participation in student government, and not just because it will clarify the role of our clubs and commissions. It should be read by all because of a desire to make their voice heard in developing a better Blackford.

great to have my buddies here, but I sure do miss my family. The night was joyous for we all managed to get together for a little party. We spent most of the night singing Christmas carols.

It was getting pretty late so we all decided to turn in because most of us had to work in a few more hours. You know, no matter what they say, you can't take a vacation in the middle of the war.

This wasn't the best Christmas I could have had, but thank God, I managed to live long enough to enjoy what little celebration we did have.
Be good,
Vic

'A Tree Grows In...' Blackford

Even though this is Blackford--, many of our students may look back at the family tree and find several famous ancestors. Ann Melick's great-great uncle, Captain John Walsh helped capture Sitting Bull. Sitting Bull's headdress was given to her great-great aunt, however she donated it to a Canadian museum.

"The greatest golfer that ever lived", Bobby Jones, is Kirk Rashall's third cousin. Jill Nygren's great-great grandmother's cousin was General Cuarter. Song writer Stephen Foster is her great-great grandfather's cousin. Donna Summer's great-great uncle, Charles Steinmetz worked with Thomas Edison.

Kaylin Chandler's great-great uncle, Bob Bigham, rode with Jesse James at the peak of his career. Actress Irene Dunn is her fourth cousin. Last but not least Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain is Martha Griffin's fourth cousin. Karen Snyder's twenty-seventh cousin, Glenn Cunningham, overcame two badly burned legs to break the four minute mile.

PICTURE SPOOFS



The U.S. Olympic Sporting Team.



Don't Breathe A Word of This to Anyone



"Do The Hokey Pokey..."



Hey, Pick Up That Paper!

Teen Dilemma

By **Karen Snyder**

Recently, the majority of young people have been plagued with an undesirable reputation, that of being violently rebellious and generally disrespectful. This reputation is based on a small minority of troublemakers.

A few such youths can be expected in an average community, but the problem arises when those few are brought into the light via the newspapers, radio, and other media. Such publicity only results in associating the many troublemakers with the overwhelming majority of respectable teenagers.

A major reason for such publicity is that society seems to want to read about stories of violence, those dealing with

the "rebellious younger generation." Surprising amounts of youthful achievements pass unnoticed daily because they may lack the thrilling reading found in a story of lesser social significance. A reader would rather read a suspense-filled story of a teenage knife in the subways of New York, than the accomplishments of a young Peace Corps worker in Latin America.

There is no immediate solution to teenage crimes being committed in the poorer districts in some of the larger cities, nor can we change what people want to read about. But until one is found, let's remember the old proverbial phrase, and not let "one bad apple spoil the barrel."

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Chuck Helm Speaks: Skiing

New to Blackford this year is a Ski Club, under the supervision of Miss Kunde and Mr. McGutre.

At the end of the 1966 school year many students were asking about a ski club the following year if there were enough people interested in having such a club. Now that there is the opportunity to organize such a club, members must keep it going by attending the meetings and supporting the functions.

The ski club has had two meetings, 100 students attended the first meeting, which primarily introduced what the club would be like and how it would function.

The second meeting was honored by one of the Valley's most distinguished skiers: Mr. Chuck Helm of "Helm of Sun Valley". Mr. Helm talked primarily about the history of skiing and skis, and how they are made. Mr. Helm also brought along with him many displays of: Skis, Bindings, Boots, Poles, and Ski Wear.

Another meeting was held to elect officers. The elections were as follows: Pres. Jim Savstrom; V.P. Tim Fravone; Sec. Karen Snyder; Tres. Ann Melick.

The ski club is planning some trips to ski lodges for basically teaching the interested students the fundamentals and techniques of skiing.



Christmas Dance BPC Photo

Christmas Dance Bounces to Baja

"Christmas is togetherness," was the theme of Blackford's sixth annual Christmas Dance held last December ninth in the cafeteria. The holiday festivities featured the Baja Brass, the same group that performed for the Student Body Card Dance.

About 200 people attended the semi-formal dance, with the upperclassmen dominating the group.

The dance was highlighted by a special visitor who took a break from the pre-Christmas rush to come in and visit Blackford. Santa gave some early Christmas presents to a few of the people at the dance including Brian Kimura, Nancy Hale, Carl Hanson, Craig Ratovich, Carolyn Woytus, Bob Kull, Gary Weinbar, Duane Kubo, Patty Fenton, Chris Yoshihara, and Bob Hennig.

wheels Chevy Impala Boasts; Much Racing Equipment

The 6th edition of the Lance's Wheels of the Week is going to Mike Evans's 1962 Chevy Impala. Mike's Chevy is powered by a 327 cu. in. engine with fuel injection heads and a Custom A.F.B. four barrel carb. Mike's drive train also includes a Hurst 3 speed transmission and a 4.11 Positraction rear

end with a set of matched Firestone custom racing tires.

Mike's interior includes red interior with a stereo tape and vibrasonic.

Mike's exterior is silver with a red stripe down the side, and Cragar mags in front.

Did you ever notice Coach Anglus' Merc.? What a Bomb!



Mike's shiny silver Impala BPC Photo

"Oh My Word"

T.V. Host, Paul Spiegle 'Un-Reconstructed Ham'

"I'm an un-reconstructed ham," revealed Paul Spiegle, host of the word game show "Oh My Word", in an interview recently.

Mr. Spiegle could be called a man of varied interest, judging from the number of jobs he has held. Born in Oakland, he practiced law for three years, but decided he wanted to go Hollywood and make it big. It was during the depression, Mr. Spiegle recalled, and there wasn't any need for character actors. He starved handsomely, and returned to San Francisco where Paul Smith, then editor of the News Call Bulletin, asked him to be drama critic for three months. This job lasted for ten years. Mr. Spiegle said their was no challenge in being a drama critic in San Francisco. "It's like being an elevator operator in a one story building." He watched as many as three movies a day and many times the plots got a little hazy. At the present time, Mr. Spiegle is director of public relations at Roos Atkins, and host of the panel show, "Oh My Word". The columnist commented that he is very disenchanted with his T.V. appearances and he is sorry he left his journalistic career.

Paul Spiegle discussed many things ranging from theater to actors in politics. "Commercial theater isn't improving at all, but the little theaters are keeping San Francisco going," remarked Mr. Spiegle. While commenting on the political scene, Mr. Spiegle mentioned that a governor of a state should have a little experience.



Humor for... The School Side

What's the difference between a freshman and a senior? A freshman knows what he wants, and a senior knows he can't have it!

Teacher to tardy student: "Why are you late?"

Student: "Well a sign down the street said-----"

Teacher, interrupting: "Now what can a sign possibly have to do with it?"

Student: The sign said, "SCHOOL AHEAD; go slow."

How would you measure a lover's sincerity?

Ans. By his sighs.

Why is Cupid a poor marksman?

Ans. Because he is always making Mrs.

Teacher: "Bill, I can scarcely read your handwriting. You must learn to write more clearly."

Bill: "What's the use? If I wrote any better, you'd start complaining about my spelling!"

Officer (To couple in parked auto): "Don't you see that sign, 'Fine For Parking?'"

Driver: "Yes, Officer, I see it and I heartily agree."

Do we need him?

VARSITY WINS CONSOLATION

By Bob Hennig

Blackford's Varsity basketball team has seemed to turn over a new leaf in the 1966-67 basketball season. This especially holds true for the Christmas Holiday Tournaments. The new strategy for the Braves in this year's Buscher Tourney was not to lose in the finals as was true during the

last two years. This year the Braves lost in the first round of the tourney and went on to win the consolation championship.

The Braves lost their first game to a highly regarded Buchser outfit. After their initial loss the Braves went on to dump Santa Clara, and then came on to stomp Camden for the con-

solation title.

The Braves lost the opener to Buchser, 85-50, in a game something like this: Gary Anderson (alias "All World Gary" etc.) A description of the game is very simple:

See Gary Anderson. Isn't he wonderful? Watch him shoot--and shoot--and shoot. It seems like he is always shooting, and notice the smile on his face when he makes a basket. What is he doing now? He's telling the coach that he only has one more point to go for the record. He must have broken the record because he is jumping around hugging everyone. Why doesn't he run around the court with a torch? Let's have one big cheer for Gary.

In the second game Blackford put on a fourth quarter surge to dump Santa Clara and thus gained the right to appear in the consolation championship game with Camden. Jim Olson garnered high point honors for the Braves with some clutch shooting during the second half. The Braves played catch up most of the second and third quarters after blowing an early lead in the first quarter.

The next evening the Braves humiliated the Cougars from Camden in the consolation championship. It was the finest effort of the season for the Braves, as after the first couple of minutes it was no contest. For a while the Braves looked like the Braves of old.

BLACKFORD SPORTS

Jan. 13, F/S and Varsity Basketball at Westmont 7:00 P.M.
Wrestling - Camden at Blackford 3:30 P.M.

Jan. 17, F/S and Varsity Basketball at Leigh 3:30 P.M.

Jan. 20, F/S and Varsity Basketball - Del Mar at Blackford 7:00 P.M.
Wrestling - Blackford at Saratoga 3:30 P.M.

Jan. 24, F/S and Varsity Basketball Camden 7:00 P.M. at Blackford

Jan. 27, F/S and Varsity Basketball at Campbell 7:00
Wrestling - Westmont at Blackford 3:30 P.M.

Jan. 31, F/S and Varsity Basketball - Saratoga at Blackford 3:30 P.M.

BLACKFORD'S VARSITY PLAYERS STRIKE BOTTOM IN SUNNYVALE TOURNAMENT

The Blackford Varsity put on one of the most disappointing shows in recent years during the Sunnyvale Christmas Tournament. The Braves were shut out for three games during the tourney. The Braves lost to Sunnyvale in the opening round of the tourney, and then followed with losses to Awalt and finally to San Carlos.

The Braves were in all three games but never could quite get a commanding lead in any of them.

Blackford's opening loss to Sunnyvale was a slowly played game with the Braves scoring only 14 points in the first half. A 16-point effort by Neil Shinnott was really the only bright spot as the Braves couldn't get a lead and finally lost by the score of 50-45.

Four players scoring in the double figures couldn't stop the loss of an eight point half-time lead as the Braves lost to Awalt. In the second game of the tourney, Blackford continually fouled the Spartans which didn't help the Braves any in losing 75-69.

The Braves closed out the tourney by losing to San Carlos by one basket, 53-51. Mike Ucci paced the Braves with 11 points.



Braves Varsity Basketball Players battling with the Wildcats from Los Gatos. Photo by BPC.

Knights Down The Braves

A visiting Los Altos team upended the varsity hoopsters in an afternoon game that went into double overtime. Los Altos seemingly never gave up as they were behind. Coach Anglia's men, however, were playing one of their better games as they continually hounded the Knights into mistakes and capitalized on them.

At half time the Braves were out in front 35-30. After intermission they came back on the court to play almost even ball with the Knights. Going into the final stanza the Braves were ahead by a mere two points, as again they played almost even ball, but in the last nine seconds of play Kip Jackson of Los Altos hit a jumper to knot the score at 60 --all putting the game into overtime. After 5 minutes of overtime the score was knotted at 65-all to go into the second overtime in which the Knights finally overcame the peaky Braves 74-69. Jeff Mornsen shared scoring honors with Los Altos' Kip Jackson with 24 points, and backed up by Skip Adams and Mike Ucci who scored 14 apiece

Braves Matmen Defeat Leigh In West Valley League Start

By Howard Hobart

A square mat, twenty-four feet on a side, and a center painted on the mat 10 feet in diameter, may not make any sense to you, but to the Braves' varsity wrestling team it is the area in which our mighty matmen must meet their opponents.

On the tenth of January last Friday, the varsity wrestlers tangled with a strong Leigh team, defeating them 32 to 17, and thus opening league play.

Although many of the Brave declarations were by way of a pin, that is, holding your opponent's shoulders to the mats for approximately two seconds, a few of our boys obtained victories by points. The point system undeviled by the Braves is as follows: two points for a take down, for taking control of your opponent upon a reversal, and a near-fall. One point is awarded for an escape.

The matches held on the Braves' mats are six minutes long divided into three two-minute periods. Matches are determined by weight and each boy who wrestles is usually fighting someone near his height and ability. Pins by Mike Lombardo, Chuck Wiggins and and Phil Duncan show that this year's team is going after the WVAL Championships.



One of Blackford's dynamic wrestlers defeating helpless opponent from Leigh's wrestling team. Photo by BPC