

# Senior Ball Scheduled Feb. 18 Off Campus

This year's Senior Class has decided to have the Senior Ball on Saturday, February 18. This is the first year the Ball has been on a Saturday, since Blackford was opened.

The Senior Ball will be held in the San Jose Club on 11th street in San Jose, from 9 until 12 p.m. An after ball party sponsored by parents will be held at Blackford following the ball from 12 ending with a breakfast at 5 a.m. The gym doors will open at 1:15 a.m. for those attending.

The theme this year will be Mexican, but hasn't been chosen

yet. Bids will go on sale in a few weeks. The price is \$3.00 per couple.

Although the basic arrangements have been made, there's still a lot of work to be done. It seems that only a few Seniors have shown up at the Senior Ball meetings.

Science articles, stories, jokes, for the Science Club newspaper PROBE should be given to Messrs. Fisher or Dunton, or Trudy E. Bell. Contributions for the February issue must be in by Feb. 18. All items are welcome.



Senior class officers prepare to assign members to head committees for the Senior Ball '67

## Heald's Hosts FBLA Group

Blackford's FBLA took a field trip to Heald's Business College on January 10. The girls toured through the downtown campus and viewed rooms containing typewriters, adding machines, shorthand labs, key-punch, and various other machines.

Heald college offers courses ranging from a nine-month beginning stenographic course to a longer, and more complete course as a legal or executive secretary.

The host explained that although their college was a little more expensive than others, the courses are concentrated and because of the limited enrollment, special attention can be given to the individual student. Classes run from 8 a.m. till noon and the instructors are available after class to aid the students.

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The girls were given folders of Heald College folders containing career information and other pamphlets.

Refreshments were served the girls, consisting of soft drinks, coffee, and doughnuts.

The girls are busy raising money which will go towards the trip to the State Convention at Fresno in April. At the convention, they will enter contests including typing, shorthand, and other clerical skills.

## School Play, 'Li'l Abner,' Sports Largest Cast in BHS History

The history of Blackford has been chosen for this year's school play, 'Li'l Abner.' The play, directed by Miss Carol Long, Miss Marjorie Moore, and Mr. Ray Allvin, will be presented on March 9-10.

'Li'l Abner' will be played by John Whitten, Darcy Mae by Marsha Sims, Mummy and Pappy Yokum by Donna Nelson and Jim Mercklinghaus, respectively, and Marryn' Sam by Steve Tutill.

Earthquake McGoon will be portrayed by Marty Rice. Available Jones by Dennis Hopkin, General Bullmoose by Bill Cope and Moonbeam McSwine by Colta Andro.

Karen Christenson, Martha Griffin, Holly Hurst, Selene Seltzer, and Sherry Yarchever were named to be the wives. Other members of the cast

include Carolyn Abbey, Kim Collins, Pat Crawford, Mike Donnelly, Dave Graeber, Marsha Grey, Jerry Halseth, Bob Hinderson, Christine Mehling, Marlene Leidenhelmer, Tom McLennon, Gaila Poujado, Kathy Poujadw, Mark Redmond, Diana Russell, Reinhold Schwab, Barbara Scoppeltone, Marlan Sims, Debbie Walker, Larry Walter, Don Wikey, and Steve Yaste.

The dogpatchers are Paul Anderson, Mike Belgh, Natalie Bless, Gail Bowers, Janet Howers, Michel Chateau, Mike Cruciano, Dave Currie, Donna Daniels, John Dike, Connie Fry, Brian Gilbert, Kathie Jones, Arlene Knopp, John Larkin, Diana Leatham, Mark Marquette, Linda Nantelle, Kathy Orlando, Mark Saunders, Dennis Schivers, Randy Schmidt, and Dick Shaffer.

## Blackford's Judo Club Stress Ancient Rites

Blackford's newly organized Judo Club, under the direction of Mrs. Kaye Graham, held its fourth meeting, January 20, after school, in the small gym.

The active members of the "self-defense" club have decreased to thirty-five.

Judo formalities and dress have been observed at all meetings. The customary "head-below-the-shoulders" bow, a sign of humility, and the crossing of the right over the left big toe are some of the ancient rituals observed by the girls when not in action. Comfortable loose, over the knee and elbow clothing must be worn by the girls while jewelry, hair pins and clips and shoes are prohibited. Just recently all club members were required to take

out life and hospitalization insurance for the "ever present danger" on the mats.

It is hoped by the advisors Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Uhl, that those girls who are sincere will continue in the club. They prefer a smaller group of interested members than a larger disorganized one.

## Press Club For Blackford

A Press Club welcoming anyone interested in writing may soon be added to Blackford's long list of clubs and commissions. One of the purposes of the club will be to earn money to help support the Lancer. When and if the club is authorized by the Student Council its members may have prominent guest speakers from the area as well as interesting field trips.

Thus far, eleven students have volunteered to help organize the club. They are; Ted Gentry, Joyce Kreis, Martha Griffin, Rick Lee, Rich Chauvax, Lyn Giordano, Wayne Ledbetter, Sue Battilich, David Eastman, Judy Lorde, and Jim Lucchesi.

## Songs and Speeches

Tuesday, January 18, in the Blackford Gym, all classes assembled to hear the sounds of singers from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Also on the program were the speeches given by the nominees for student council representatives and the two nominees for president, given by Brian Kimura and Steve Clark.



Marsha Sims, Donna Nelson, Jim Mercklinghaus and John Whitten portray a scene in the upcoming play 'Li'l Abner' in which Blackford's largest cast of players will participate.

## Editorially Speaking

By Morris Griffin

Down with the new constitution! What was good enough in 1962 is good enough today.

Once again Blackford students have managed to display their renowned intelligence and genuine interest in their school. The revised and clarified constitution which has been the project of the student council for the last year, was submitted to the student body Thursday, January 19, for ratification, and defeated. This is the direct result of the interested students at Blackford who carefully analyzed the situation and decided that the old constitution is superior to the new.

The massive concern was dramatically revealed when a random poll on campus disclosed that eight out of every 100 students read the new constitution to determine its value. This enthusiasm and pride displayed by Blackford High School's "informed" voters is commendable. What better way could they have chosen to reward and support their Student Council?

## Two Contests For Essayists

There are two essay contests open to all who wish to enter. One contest is concerned with citizenship, the topic being "building good citizenship for democratic living today and tomorrow". The other contest's topic is "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" The question to be discussed in the essay: What are you willing to do to change "brotherhood" from a thought to a deed? The deadline dates are March 15 and February 6, respectively.

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## Walt Disney: Entertainment Is Engraved On His Soul

By David Eastman

Walt Disney lived for sixty-five years with a purity of soul that made him more like his characters than a real human being. There is no epitaph of Disney that could adequately describe him and his work. His character lay in the laughter of happy children and in the horde of playful animals he created. Disney possessed the innocence of Bambi; the free spirit of Peter Pan; the envisions of Dumbo the Flying Elephant and sometimes the ferociousness of the wolf in the Three Little Pigs.

When Walt Disney died in December of 1966 he left an unbelievable legend of his determination and unselfishness. He built a vast empire based on something he called funocracy; an imaginary science with a purpose to entertain people.

Disney was considered by his friends and associates as a genius in creative thinking. He spun an intricate web of imagination and innovation; then directed his ideas into the development of what he knew best, entertainment. "He was a twentieth-century Cellini who supervised the mining of his own gold," --- Joseph Morgenstern.

Disney was a conservationist and what he wanted to conserve was his own idea of the good, the virtuous and beautiful way of life in the United States. That way of life may never have existed here, or any where else on earth, but it seemed to exist in the impeccable cleanliness of Disney's productions and properties." Joseph Morgenstern.

But Disney did not die in spirit, for his legend will live forever. His reflection will be cast in the gleaming eyes of every child who experiences the delight of seeing his beloved creatures. Disney was truly a man endowed with a love of his fellow man.

## BROTHERHOOD-UNITING FORCE OF THE SOCIETY OF MAN

By Sharon Werstler

Webster's dictionary describes brotherhood as "a group or society of men united by common interest". Here at Blackford we have a union of brotherhood because we all have the desire to graduate. In our federal government we have a common interest in maintaining freedom and independence. Brotherhood keeps these systems going. When brotherhood perishes from the earth, all else shall perish.

The common interest may be shared by a group of students, patriots or inmates. No matter how minor the cause, when men stand together for any cause they create true brotherhood.

Brotherhood means helping anyone who asks for it, like helping our "brothers" in South Viet Nam, or the starving children of Chile.

If you find it easy to say no to your fellow man, someday when you need him--he'll refuse you! Let us all try to do a little extra to make this world a better place to live.

## Law Classes Witness Trial

On Thursday, January 19, the Business Law classes, accompanied by their instructor, Miss Marilyn Poncey, and by the Senior Counselor Mr. Sid Horigan, ventured on a trip to the Supreme Court of Santa Clara County to witness an actual court trial.

Court convened at 10 a.m. with the Honorable Vincent Bruno presiding. The trial involved an accident in which three autos were involved. Judge Bruno called for a noon recess to enable him to give the students a brief talking to. Judge Bruno pointed out that some type of law affects every facet of our daily lives.

## FACULTY FORUM



By Mr. Armitstead

Brotherhood should involve more than just allowing others to live without interference. We need to be aware of the interests and needs of all our fellow men. Awareness is not enough, though. We should express an interest in them, find what we can DO to assist them, and take beneficial action in their behalf.

The first step is really very easy. Ask another person a question that shows personal interest and then BE A GOOD LISTENER. Any of us feels more friendly toward one who will listen.

Take this step--not just one week of the year, but every day.

# (WONDER WINK?)



Delicacy a la Wink. Wilbur showing appetizing meal



Power! Power! Zap! transformation takes place to our Wilbur for Wonder-mon!



Meet, Oly Simson, master at karate, bravery, self-defense and crime fighting.



Both masters at the art, Oly and Wonderman show power far beyond the power of mortal men.

Wilbur Wink, entering in this edition of the Lance for the first time, chose this paper to become his stomping ground on the grounds that the ground was ground to perfection.

Well to continue without dealy. Wilbur is just an ordinary newspaper man who, in being a bachelor, cooks for himself in his own penthouse. After settling down to eat dinner one evening, strange things happened

Before thinking, he ate it, and strange things happened to him. He transformed from meek Wilbur Wink to Wonder Wink the crime fighter.

Wilbur had many friends, but none were closer to him than his little friend Oly Jimson, sound both in body and mind and also a Black Belt (which comes in handy.)

Wilbur and Oly will be seen in many issues to come fighting criminals in the underworld.



Captain and Annie Lance Photo

## 1st Aid Shown By 'Real Doll'

Resucey Annie with companion Captain Thompson of the San Jose Fire Department visited the BHS sophomores January 20. Annie and friend come every year and this one is no different. All of the soph science classes observed Captain Thompson and Annie in action. Annie is a survival resuscitation dummy. She and Captain Thompson have come for the past three years and have shown the correct way to administer mouth to mouth resuscitation. Captain Thompson also demonstrated the proper ways to clear a victim's throat. Blackford has its own Annie; however, the Annie that belongs to the fire department works much better. Annie will return next year for a bigger and better rescue.

## Full Schedule For Latin Club

Latin Club has a full schedule of events planned for next semester.

January 25 heads the list with the election of new officers. The old officers include; Roxan Judge president, Mlang Ng, vice president, Diane Russel secretary, Dlane Franklin treasurer and Tom Judge Sargent at arms. February leads the month with an ice skating party from 3:45 to 7:45 p.m. The party will be held at the Ice Palace in Sunnyvale. There will also be a car wash sometime in February.

Another famed banquet is planned for April, togas, slave traders and all. May has instore for the Latin Club members, a beach party.

## Gratitude For Services Meet

Thanks should be extended to the various Armed Services and to Judge Gallagher representative of the United States Selective Service Board for their cooperation at last Wednesday's P.T.A. meeting.

## Stargazers At Foothill

You've heard of people seeing stars that aren't there, well members of Blackford's Astronomy Club saw the real thing. The club journeyed to the Foothill Observatory and observed Jupiter, Andromeda Galaxy, and the show that the observatory is having now.

When asked about future plans Mr. Parish, the club's advisor, said that the entire Science Club would spend an evening stargazing at the Observatory.

## What & What?

During the course of the day many strange things can be seen or heard on campus. For instance: Alan Taketa; Jerry Heldinger playing hayseed with his suspenders.

Donna Putnam, Linda De La Rosa is having a real wild party before the Senior Ball.

Skip Grabowski; Frank Cote applying for the draft.

## Condolences

The staff and faculty and members of the Lance Staff would like to express their deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Mr. Jacques Coudeyre, whose private funeral was held recently. Mr. Coudeyre, instructor of French and social studies, was also assistant advisor of the photo and social affairs commission and former advisor of the French and Key Clubs. Mrs. Coudeyre desires that any floral contribution or other expressions of sympathy be withheld at this time. Mrs. Coudeyre said it was her husband's desire to spend the money on something more permanent, a matter now under study.

Sandy Puthuff: Having the Senior Ball in a women's club.

Mr. Jones: Saw Ricky McRoberts and Jerry Novac picking up papers fifth period in the quad.

Gene Richard: Mr. Buonocore giving a quiz with theatrical exhibitions.

Howie Hobart: Saw Hen and Teen discussing the provocative taste of Coca Cola.

—wheels—



Austin Cooper 5 Lance Photo

## Sheehy's Mini-Car Scampers With Front Wheels, 78 h.p.

This edition of the Lances Wheels of the Week goes to Phil Sheehy and his 1965 model S. Austin Cooper.

Phil's tiny "Mini Couper" is powered by a transverse set, front wheel drive, 78 h.p., 4-cylinder Austin. The engine also has dual S.U. carburetors.

Phil's mini is sparkled by a brilliant tarter red and black paint job. Phil's shining wheels are actually chrome painted and are surrounded by Dunlop 145-10 s.p. tires.

Austin Coopers look small until you step inside. The interior is gray and red with bucket seats, and plenty of room in front and rear.

Phil's interior also includes a custom mahogany 4-speed shift knob.

# LUCKY WESTMONT HALTS BLACKFORD'S FOUR YEAR WINNING STREAK OF 44 GREAT GAMES

In one of the more exciting games of the year the Blackford Varsity basketball team dropped a 70-68 defeat to the hands of the Westmont Warriors. The Braves had their 44 game winning streak broken, but didn't give up without a fight. The Braves stayed close through the first half as the lead changed hands many times. The game was slowed down con-

siderably by the referee, as they spotted every violation in sight, plus some that nobody else thought existed. The Warriors opened up a 9 point lead late in the third quarter. It was at this time that the Braves started to fight back. The Braves hit a hot streak and closed the scoring gap to a point. During the fourth quarter the

lead changed hands a number of times. The referee caught up with the Braves as they started to foul out a few of the players. With about one minute left the Braves started literally fighting back. The hero of the scuffle was Rod Adams. After taking the 9 count, he came back to score a victory. The Braves got to within one, but couldn't pull it out.



# DEL MAR WINS THE BRAVES

## SPORTS

## Drozdiak Hits 17 as Dons Slip By Blackford 42, 34

## Longhorns Trample-By Braves 67-51

There were few bright spots for the Brave hoopsters, as the Varsity Five couldn't keep up with the Longhorns pace and subsequently fell on their faces. The taller Longhorns, with "All League" Don Willis, completely dominated the backboards. Willis continually "blocked shots" attempted by the smaller Braves.

The Braves struggled to keep alive as the half ended with the Longhorns out in front 32-25. The Braves down by 3 point late in the second quarter were hit by a Leigh scoring spree that put them down by 7 points at half-time. Don Willis and Butch King led the way for the Longhorns as they garnered 10 and 9 points, respectively, before intermission. Jeff Momsen plunked in 9 points to keep the Braves alive.

Coming on to the court after intermission, the Braves ran into much the same thing as in the first half. The taller Long-

horns, and were down by 11 points after three periods of play. In the final stanza the Braves closed the gap considerably. Leigh however put together some dazzling offensive play to put down the Braves 67-51.

Jeff Momsen took the scoring honors with 22 points; with Willis and King of Leigh canning 21 and 17 points.



## Blackford Frosh-Soph Cagers Good Choice for '67 Champs

Coach Terry Stogner, a new member of this year's athletic department, seems to be carrying on what the varsity basketball team has the past three seasons, and what is getting to be a Blackford Tradition. Coach Stogner, so far this season, has guided his Frosh-Soph Basketball Team to an undefeated league record, which could result in an undefeated season and the WVAL championship.

This year's team is paced by such players as Dale Yoshihara, and Dave Henderson who are returning for their second year. Outstanding new-comers to this year's squad include: Sophomore ace Gary Gilbert, Alan Taketa, Greg Ojeda, Byron Woodhead, and Mark Ratkovich, younger brother of Craig Ratkovich, football letterman.

Pre-season play saw the junior Braves downing Willow Glen but falling to the Bellerme Bells in a double-overtime. Upon opening league play, our men proved too mighty for Los Gatos, Westmont, and Leigh, defeating all of them. Del Mar whom they played last Friday, proved to be an equal match for our Braves. In this game, played on the home courts a see-saw battle took place with finally the Braves pulling away in the fourth quarter to take the game, 44-33. Greg Ojeda and Alan Taketa took high point honors with 17 and 14 respectively.

Before the game, the new Blackford mascot put a hex on the Dons, by giving a dazzling exhibition of cartwheels, and flips. This really had the Dons shaken up.

The Dons jumped out to a 4-1 lead and then the Braves took control with a conservative offensive attack. Coach Morgan of Del Mar turned numerous shades of red as he watched the Braves take control of the game minutes after the start. The Braves became completely undone and the Braves shot ahead to a 14-10 lead after one period of play.

The Dons pulled themselves together and the Braves hit a cold streak during the second period. The Braves could only manage two points during the entire second quarter, while the Dons amassed a grand total of nine. This put the Dons out in front at half-time, on a shaky three point lead at 19-16.

The Braves looked as though they might let the Dons slip by them as in the third period the Dons opened up by jumping to a seven point lead.

The Dons got a few fast breaks in the fourth period to wrap up

The Braves made a move in the last seconds, but it was too late.

The Braves' record now stands at 1-3.

## Braves Offer Fitness Class

An adult physical fitness class is offered at Blackford High School two nights a week beginning Jan. 30.

Coach George Pesut says registration is under way right now and will last the rest of the month. Class will be held Monday and Thursday nights from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m.

All exercise and no book work are stressed in the class, which runs through the first week of June.

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