



Students Cut Class

Accompanied by Mrs. Grant, Miss Dravecky, and Mr. Hall, 20 Blackford students attended the National Security Seminar on January 19 at J. McCabe Hall in San Jose.

The students were chosen from U.S. History and Comparative Government classes. The lectures they attended were based on the problems of free Europe, Eastern Africa, and Latin America. They covered economy, health defense, and the future of these countries.

The purpose of the seminar was to inform citizens of facts

concerning the nation's security. It was organized to increase the understanding of the problems of the world, the need for co-operation with other nations and the preparation for national safety.

Field Trip To I.B.M.

Plans for a field trip, February 17, to the I.B.M. plant in San Jose are underway for the F.B.L.A.

This is only one of the events that has been planned by the club during the year.

On January 16, the F.B.L.A. made a trip to Sacramento for a conference that included all the Bay Area schools.

The schools competed in typing, shorthand, and spelling contests.

A cake sale, February 6, will be held at the Safeway Super Market in the Westgate Shopping Center.

New members are always welcome to join F.B.L.A. The club meets in Room 15 on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, after school.

ATTENTION SENIOR BOYS!
Are you interested in saving \$2.50 on the rental of your tuxedo for the Senior Ball? If you are, contact either Steve Terry or Bob Cohen before February 20. Both boys can be found around the campus and usually in the cafeteria at lunch.

Held at San Jose City College Health Careers Conference

Blackford will send seventeen students to attend the fourth annual Health Careers Conference from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, February 6, at San Jose City College.

Symposia, films, exhibits and a hospital tour will enable the student delegates to investigate career possibilities in 16 health fields. Free box lunches will be furnished at noon by hospitals of the county.

Exhibits at the conference, which is co-sponsored by the Santa Clara County Medical Society and its auxiliary, will be open to the public from 3 to 5 p.m. in the women's gymnasium at the college.

Health careers to be discussed include dental assisting, dental hygiene, dentistry, dietetics, hospital administration, medical assisting, medical laboratory technology, medical social work, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, speech pathology and audiology, public health, and x-ray technology.

Braves who will attend the conference include: Frances Litz, Bonnie Mack, Sundae Horne, Lisa Pettersen, Mike Kellick, Barbara Carnett, Carolyn Spencer, Marcia Pfeiffer, Mona Rose, Jo Anne Imamura, Joel Mark Blass, Kenneth Carpenter, Jo Anne Whitney, Crene Clark, Toney Quirk, Jeannie Runyan, and Avra Krisman.

Commission News

"What's Behind that Door With the Red Light?"

"What's behind that door with the red light?" This is a question repeated often by students passing near the main office. The room and its contents are used by Blackford's Photo Commission, or better known as BPC.

Photo Commission's six active members are responsible for taking pictures of school activities and sports for the "Lance" and the year books. Mike Kellick, the newly appointed commissioner, is often seen taking pictures at school activities.

Mr. Fischer, the advisor, shows the members how to use the available equipment. Although most pictures are taken with Polaroid cameras and film, others are developed by the Photo Commission at School. Sometimes pictures appear dark in the Lance due to printing technicalities.

Because the room with the red light is used exclusively by Photo Commission, we request to announce that the answer to the original question could only be answered by a member of Photo Commission. To see what is inside--join Photo Commission.

Twenty-One Life Members

Twenty-one students out of the entire senior class have been able to qualify for life membership in the California Scholarship Federation. In order to qualify, a student must attain a total of 10 points a semester for four of the last six semesters.

C.S.F. life members for 1965 are: Elizabeth Allison, Joyce Briggs, Dorothy Brown, Gay Campbell, Chrystal Cass, Dianne Chlecki, Suezan Clevenger, Marsha Dye, Kathy Evans, Carol Ferguson, Susan Graff, Gayle Gregory, Sheila Nelson, Nancy Fenton, Gregg Patrick, Linda Phoenix, Mary Russell, Brent Thompson, Roy Whitten, Mark Wiederanders, and Mary Wolfe.

Students Portray Administration

"I feel this is a wonderful experience for anyone. It gives you an opportunity to find out the procedures of the administration and the Dean of Girl's. I didn't give out any dean referrals, but I helped sign tardy slips. A great deal of hard work goes into the job of Dean of Girl's that can't be accounted for."

This opinion was expressed by Renee Clark, who on January 13, portrayed Mrs. Gillette in Student Government Day.

The rest of the Student Council were as follows: Ken Plasecki; Mr. Romer, Larry Kelly; Mr. Armistead, Gayle Gregory; Mrs. Couch, Johnny Bellante; Mr. Glaze, Terry Gregory; Mr. Horrigan, Louise Casey; Mrs. Skeen (secretary) Joyce Briggs; Mrs. Peterson, and Lonnie England; Mr. Keeler

BHS Govt. Is Endorsed

"Student Government, in my opinion, is the most important extra curricular activity," stated Terry Gregory, while giving his views on Student Government, Tuesday afternoon Lonnie England felt that Student Government was the "first form of government that we have."

Both boys agreed that the two most important problems in Student Government were school spirit and clean campus. The boys gave their views on Student Government Tuesday during an assembly held to present them and other candidates for student council positions.

During the assembly today, Mr. Romer swore in the newly elected student council.

Blackford students with topics for panel discussions heard on "Teen Talk" over KNTV-Channel 11 at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, are invited to submit their ideas to the Lance staff or take them to room 5 by February 15.

LANCE'S TRIBUTE TO SIR WINSTON

by Bill Pickens

On Sunday January 24, 1965, a man half the world loved and respected died. This man was Sir Winston Spencer Churchill.

He was called by some, one of the greatest men of the century, by others, the finest Englishman who ever lived, and until Sunday, he was called by all a living legend in our time. John F. Kennedy in welcoming him to the first-ever honorary U.S. citizenship, called Churchill "the most honorable man to walk the stage of human history in the time in which we live."

The British people have a special place in their hearts for this great man; we shall never forget his great speeches to us during the war. He told us that he had nothing to offer us but "Blood, toil, tears, and sweat", but he was wrong. He

gave us much more; he gave us a part of his own driving, never-ending spirit and courage.

Churchill has lived many different lives. He has been a statesman, orator, author, and painter; he has also served as a soldier and sailor. But I think he will be most remembered as a statesman and as such an orator. No one who ever heard one of his speeches could fail to be moved by the driving force and sincerity of his words. Just the sound of his voice seemed to inspire people to greater efforts during the war.

What can you say about a man such as this that has not already been said? You could not say anything that would do justice to him.

He is now a part of my nation's long history, and he will be remembered along with

the other great men of my country. But he is also a part of the world's history, for this man could never belong to any one country; he belongs to the world, and the world will never forget him. He has been paid tributes by all the great leaders of the world, but I feel you could pay him no greater tribute than to say, "He died as he had lived, fighting for life to the very end."

This, indeed, was "his finest hour."



Cook's Calendar

by Dee Cook

Feb. 5

At 3:30 p.m. there is a wrestling match. Blackford vs. Campbell at Campbell.

Also at 7:00 p.m. tonight Blackford's Varsity and "B" basketball teams will play the Westmont Warriors. The game will be held in Westmont's gym.

Feb. 9

Varsity and "B" basketball today! Blackford vs. Leigh at 3:30 p.m. in our gym. Come and watch the Braves kill those Longhorns.

Blackford vs. Del Mar on the mats today at 3:30 p.m. at Del Mar.

At 8:00 p.m. tonight all PTA members are invited to attend a meeting in the Cafetorium.

Feb. 11

Another night game for the Braves. The Varsity and "B" basketball teams vs. Campbell here in the Blackford gym at 7:00 p.m.

PRESS INTERVIEWS A'S CHEERLEADERS

by Mona Rose

"Spirit" isn't a cheerleader, cheerleaders are to promote spirit by leading organized cheers. "Spirit" is in the hands of the student body, not the cheerleaders; this is one of the great misunderstandings of the school.

These were the feelings expressed by the Varsity cheerleaders when asked their impressions of this year's spirit. Mona Rose, head, is quoted as saying, "Cheerleading is a lot of work and

criticism."

All the girls agreed that cheering can be satisfying, but only with the support of the cheering section. The two most satisfying games of this basketball season have been those with Camden and with Saratoga.

"On these two rare occasions the school showed us that they do have spirit, they can yell, and they can wear white." Said the youngest cheerleader, Viki Gioia.



VIKI
DIANE
MONA
KARYL
BARB

The Road To Integration

Mr. Average Rochester Citizen (white) looks across the nation and he scents trouble.

He wonders why the Kennedy administration hasn't done something about the city of Washington, which should be the nation's showplace and which seems to be on the way to becoming a jungle.

He doesn't like demonstrations and boycotts and he instinctively gets his back up over demands for "quotas."

He knows that any wholesale, overnight change in school districts will cause real anguish, whether justified or not.

He wonders what the U.S. Supreme Court will do about the basic conflict in rights posed by the public accommodations bill.

He wonders how he would react if a Negro family moved into the house next door.

He is baffled by such contradictory statistics as an increase of 10,000 jobs in this depression-proof city and a rise in unemployment.

On balance, the summer of '1963 has been an unpleasant one for the nation. But we in the Rochester area will go into a difficult fall and winter better prepared to face up to a serious problem if we agree that:

(1) Whites and Negroes cooperatively can and must assure Negroes a better shake.

(2) Even in Rochester the Negroes have grounds for complaint, and

(3) This community must solve this problem in its own way.

By Vincent Jones
Gannett Newspapers

Funds Open For Seniors

Mrs. Margaret Couch, chairman of the local alumni committee announces that seniors planning to attend UCLA next September have an opportunity to share in \$40,000 worth of Alumni Association scholarships, plus Regents' and University awards.

Applications for these scholarships are now available on campus from Mrs. Vivian O'Leary in Room 15. Only one application need be filed by a student in order to apply for all award categories. Filing deadline is February 15; however, Parents' Confidential Statements are due February 1.

Alumni Association scholarships range from \$250 to \$400. Winners will be selected by the local committee of UCLA alumni, which will also nominate outstanding seniors for the Dykstra and Dickson scholarships.

Views On The News

Do you think the U.S. should withdraw from Viet Nam?

Mark Taintor: "No. If we pull out, Red China will infiltrate into South Viet Nam and then Communist control in that country would cause the down-fall of the surrounding countries. The Communists have control of about 1/3 of the world already, and if we start we'll just be spending money. It looks like there's no hope in the future--we can't pull out and we can't stay. Our hands are tied, but I think we have to hold on to the position."

Lonny England: "O'dogs! No, because holding the territory of Viet Nam is the only claim we have in democracy in South East Asia. The withdrawal would cause the downfall of the adjacent countries to Viet Nam."



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Two Presidents Celebrate Their Birthdays in February

Two famous politicians celebrate their birthdays in February, the first being Abraham Lincoln, on February 12, and the second George Washington, on February 22. The following is a brief history of these two men; one wealthy, the other poor.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1809. Later Lincoln's father lost most of his land and decided to move to Indiana. While living here, Abe's mother died and his father later remarried. Abe's step mother persuaded him to attend school.

Abe had only a year's schooling but he did learn to read and write and do some arithmetic. Abe became an expert rail splinter, but he preferred to read.

In 1830, the Lincoln family moved to Illinois. Not much later Abe decided to go out on his own.

He became a clerk in New Salem, and some years later he ran his own store.

He ran for state legislature and was elected. After this he moved to Springfield to practice law.

In 1842 he married Mary Todd. Not much later he ran against Douglas for Congress and was defeated. He soon was nominated President and won. A few days after the beginning of his second term he was assassinated.

Washington was born on a farm, Wakefield, in Virginia in 1732. His father died when he was 11, and he went to live with his half brother, Lawrence. Here he received his education and began to survey. Later Lawrence died and Mount Vernon

was left to George.

When the French and Indian War was over he married Martha Custis. Soon he was elected to be a burgess and help govern Virginia.

During the American Revolution he was the commander of the army. He later became the first President of the U.S. and served two terms. Two years later he died from a cold he caught riding over his plantation

WHEELS of the WEEK



BPC

Who Rules? Motorcycles. With Jeff Miller's white '64 Honda 150 taking the title of the "Wheels" for this week.

The engine, a twin with 150 c.c. or about 10 cubic inches, develops 16.5 horsepower at 10,000 r.p.m. and features an overhead cam and hemi-head.

The trans. is a four-speed footshift, making 1/4 mile E.T. 17 seconds flat.

Other features include electric starter, dual straight pipes, inch walls, and a custom chrome

front fender.

Future plans for this Honda are a 160 c.c. engine with dual carbs, a knobby tire, and Honda Scrambler crossover pipes.

Jeff, a Blackford senior, left here at the beginning of the second semester to join his parents in Newport Beach. Jeff was staying with Coach Pesut's family, enabling him to finish the semester here at Blackford where he was a member of the wrestling team.

Tales of Sea Serpents Related in Bizarre Story Of Eastern Sailing Ships

The following story can be found on a dusty, torn page in a long discarded history book. It is incredible and macabre... but it is fact!

The New Bedford Morning Mercury published the account in February, 1853--one year after the bizzare event occurred.

Captain Seabury, experienced veteran of many voyages, commanded the sailing ship, Monongahela, on that eventful January 13th morning in 1852. The lookout sighted something in the water half a mile away. Captain Seabury could distinguish little--he saw only that it was alive, writhing as though in pain and it was huge...a whale perhaps.

Longboats were dispatched to retrieve the creature. Harpoons tore into flesh and suddenly the monster sounded. The struggle progressed and at last the great carcass floated to the surface. It was a massive creature longer than the Monongahela (which was 100 feet in length.) It had no fins and no legs. Its long neck supported an alligator-like head ten feet long encasing 94 hooked teeth, three inches long.

In question as to the monster's destiny, the Captain had a drawing of the creature done which all aboard signed. The head of the monster was then hacked off and placed in a pickling vat for preservation.

The reports of events was given to Captain Gavitt for delivery in New Bedford, because the ship was outward bound.

The account was received and duly recorded---but the Monongahela's fate and her prize became a riddle of the sea--she never returned to port.

American Girl Gets Change Of Scenery...

Marilyn Bishop, former Blackford High student is currently residing in Holland. Her mother accepted a teaching position in Holland, necessitating the move. On a one week's notice, they were forced to sell their house and pack their belongings in order to catch a jet to Holland.

Upon arrival, Marilyn's family discovered that somehow two of their four trunks had been lost during the trip. The two trunks contained all of Marilyn's clothes and her mother's school supplies.

Although Marilyn lives in Holland, she attends an American school. The school is quite small by our standards, having only a total of 300 students. She has basically the same classes

with the addition of Dutch language studies.

Many of the conveniences we take for granted are quite difficult to come by in Holland. But Marilyn's family has been quite fortunate in obtaining a refrigerator (2' by 4') and hot water.

Bowling is quite popular in Holland along with organized youth centers. With winter comes the addition of skiing and ice skating. A ten day snow trip to Brussels, during Christmas vacation, proved to be one of the high points in Marilyn's stay.

People of the area seem to have an anti-American attitude, going so far as to give incorrect directions and charge extra for certain goods. On the first day of school, Marilyn arrived 20 minutes late by following directions which led her in circles.

What's In A Name?

By Sue Eastman

9510763 Smith. Can that be you? It wouldn't be strange in this space-age world of ours to be called by number instead of name. We have zip codes, area codes and digit telephone numbers; all we do is go by numbers. Well, I still prefer the old-fashioned thing called the name.

Remembering names seems a task most people like to ignore. (Like the writer of this story.) Yet, remembering names wouldn't be such a task, if one sets up a system to go by.

One such system is that of association, (for all you unfortunately, that means to relate something to something else.) In this system one takes a name, well like....Tom Kane and with association remembers the words Sugar Cane (?)

This system is very good, except one might forget that you are using association and called Tom Kane Sugar Cane(?) Well, let's hope not!

Another system is very good and that is the system which I have listed below using a few of the Blackford Braves names. Judy Baer (Bare? Bear?)

- Ricky Lipp
- Barbara Cheek (you two ought to get together.)
- Glenn Fischer
- Ronnie Fish (Careful, Ronnie)
- Betty Nutt. (Hardshell?)
- Billy Graham (Heard any good sermons lately?)

Shakespeare once said "What's in a name?" Well, what is? A name sets you apart from others and makes you a separate person. That's what's in a name. How can a number make you different from others? Just think what a mess you'd be in if you had to remember a number. What kind of would you use then?

Braves On Top Of WVVA After First Loop Of Circuit

Braves Stomp on Cats' Tail Enroute to 77-33 Rout

by Tom Kane

Blackford piled up 77 points at the expense of Los Gatos as they routed the Wildcats for the second straight time. The Braves, who have won six games, one from each school in the league, accounted for number seven in the victory column.

Blackford was overpowering from the start when they amassed a 28-7 first quarter lead. Head Coach Pat Dougherty substituted freely throughout the rest of the game as the Braves were never in danger.

Dennis Awtrey collected three fouls in the first half and saw only limited action for the remainder of the contest. Despite this he still pumped in 36 points, high for Blackford. White accounted for 14 and Bowser and Green scored seven counters apiece. Mike Agullera was high for the shock troopers with three field goals for six points.

Blackford continued the pressure in the second half as the befuddled Wildcats struggled desperately to stay within 30 points of the surging Braves, finally going under 77-33.



Awtrey goes up for two.

McGaughy Hits Two, Game Ends

The P.E. basketball tournament turned out to be another sixth period athletic triumph.

Period six fought its way to the finals by defeating two other P.E. all-star basketball teams. Period two found its way to the finals by winning one game by forfeit and winning the other easily.

In the final game, period six jumped to a quick lead. Then period two fought back and was ahead by two points. Floyd McGaughy drew a foul and made both free throws to tie up the game 14-14. Sixth period then went ahead and won the game in overtime.

High point man in the final game was Jim Feldman with ten points. Good rebounding and all around play by Charles LaVarnway and Paul Webster seemed to spirit the six period all-star team to a another victory.



Affectionate Faculty

SPORTS

A.G.A. Holds Hockey Finals

Camden High School completely dominated the recent A.G.A. championships held at Camden's field.

Girls from all the schools in the league competed in either field hockey or basketball. Camden "bruiser", as they are better known, gained victories in both basketball and field hockey division. Blackford had representatives in the field hockey division. Despite a brilliant effort Blackford's girls could do no better than fourth place against the other schools.

The girls are now preparing to move on to track, competing in the standing broad jump, high jump and fifty yard dash?

Faculty Holds Down Varsity Gain Tie in Annual Contest

Blackford's Faculty all-stars surprised everyone as they placed together a 39-39 tie. Hampered by age, the faculty looked an easy match for the Braves. Experience over youth proved to be the main factor for the all stars.

Mr. Culp and Mr. Holtby both displayed outstanding performances for the faculty as the two referees made many a controversial call.

Down by six points at the half, the varsity came back in the second half and ran away from the faculty as they swooped into the lead with just minutes to play. At this point the Braves went into a stall to preserve their lead. In desperate need of the ball to get

back in the game the faculty willfully attacked the ball carrier and hurried down-court just in time to dump in the tying basket.

Not to be outdone by the basketball players, the faculty cheerleaders led the way in a riotous halftime. Highlights of the performance included a muscle-bound chorus line featuring the faculty cheerleaders. Although the group was well accepted they were forced to yield to the players as the game continued in the second half.

Braves Downed By Lucky Cats

Blackford's "B" basketball team fell to the Los Gatos Wildcats last Friday, Jan. 29, in a cliff hanging 29-27 duel.

The Braves' loss came in the last few seconds of the game when an unidentified Cougar player swished a counter from 40 feet out.

Ron Brouillette, 5'11" forward for Blackford, led the team in scoring with 11 points, followed by 5'5" guard Dave Fujikawa with 6 points.

Brouillette was credited for 3-3 free throws with Fujikawa sinking 2 for three.

Vive la Yankee Slaughterball

Slaughter-ball is on the uprise in all physical education classes (girls excluded). This game of skill and guts can be played with two or more people, but whole classes are recommended for variety.

The object of the game is to clobber your opponent before he clobbers you. Now, there are two kinds of slaughterball players; the corner-seekers who are unaware that by staying in the back lines (they are likely to be on the receiving end of a ricocheting volleyball), and the just plain fools who stand right on the line with big grins on their faces.

Several students leave the game with red welts on their body but they wear them proudly. Sometimes a tear will come to the eyes of one of the players, but do not feel sorry for him. They are tears of joy, for he is participating in the all-American game, slaughterball!



Faculty Cheerleaders Join for Chorus Line.