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## New Chiefs For Braves

Blackford is proud to have two new teachers on the Faculty. Mr. Fredrick Holmes and Mrs. Ann Housel will be taking over the places that Mrs. Gerwitz and Mrs. Garvey held.

Mrs. Housel, a graduate of Oklahoma University, holds a B.A. in English. Mrs. Housel had been substituting for teachers at Blackford and for the schools around the district before her present stay here with the Blackford faculty. Mrs. Housel teaches Freshman English.

Mr. Holmes is a graduate of Colgate University and holds a B.A. and masters. Mr. Holmes had taught for three years in Connecticut and was at San Jose State when Blackford was in need of another teacher. Mr. Holmes teaches mathematics. The LANCE staff hopes that their stay at Blackford will be a long and pleasant one.



Mrs. Housel and Mr. Holmes

## New Student Body President Thanks All Who Supported

Benson Kanemoto, new student body president, wants to "thank all the people who supported" him during his campaign. Ellen Roemmele, Rich Manfre and Selene Seltzer were elected as councilmen.

At their first council meeting February 2, Bob Campbell was elected vice president, Sue Pisano secretary, Pam Jeong student manager and Nancy Nash assistant student manager.

The election was termed a "close contest" both in the race for president and council.

Out of 1850 students enrolled in Blackford, only about 700 voted. Because of this small minority of voters, (less than half) the three amendments were not passed. They needed a two-thirds majority for passing



Above: Benson Kanemoto



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## A Four Day Holiday On February 19

Much to many students' dismay, there will be no school holiday on St. Valentine's Day or Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1966. Dry your tears, sad students. A solution has been found to solve this problem.

A four day holiday will begin on Saturday, February the 19. It will conclude on Tuesday the 22, George Washington's birthday.

## Letter Girls For Braves

Have you noticed the girls in the matching gold jumpers at the basketball games? If not--turn around and take a look--they are the newly formed Blackford lettergirls. The lettergirls are a branch of Pep Club which is advised by Miss Kunde.

There are 10 girls in this group co-headed by Michou Mars and Selene Seltzer. The other girls are Kim Banfield, Janet Crump, Maggie Cook, Wendy Fleming, Yvonne Hewitt, Julie Mecklenburg, Lisa Petersen and Cathy Titus. These girls have been attending both the Varsity and "B" games holding cards that spell out "BLACKFORD" and "GO BRAVES".

Any interested freshman, sophomore, junior or senior girls should contact Miss Kunde or one of the present lettergirls for more information on being a lettergirl.

## Blackford's Membership Makes 9,000

Students entering Room 47 will notice a slight difference in its appearance. Over the left-hand corner of the blackboard hangs a large blue and gold banner with the words "Quill and Scroll." The presentation of this and other honors resulted when Quill and Scroll received Blackford's application for membership in their international honor society on Jan. 28. For information revealing why Blackford was thus honored, see the article on page 3.



## West Valley College Visit: Class Schedule Discussed

West Valley College representatives visited the Blackford High School campus yesterday and spoke to all of the U.S. History classes and all American and Comparative Government classes.

The U.S. History classes saw the movie "Junior College Story" and had a question and answer period at the end of

each class. Enrollment procedures, counselling procedures, and how various class schedules are arranged, were among the topics discussed in the American and Comparative Government classes. Question and answer periods were also then held. Any student wishing additional information may write to the West Valley College in Campbell, California.

## Tryouts For School Play Held Feb 1-3

Tryouts for Blackford's all-school, "Erasmus With Freckles," were held last week in the school cafe, and receiving the leading roles were Dick Miller and John Witten as Bob Leaf; Don Wikey and Alex Mednick playing Erasmus; Yvonne Hewitt and Martha Griffin as Pandy, and Sissy will be Sherry Yarchever and Donna Nelson. Supporting roles will be Jim Saustrom and Pat Gonthier as Mac and Abagail, with Bonnie Althouse and Lynda Lyons playing Vina.

The play, scheduled March 3-4 at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria, is about a college professor of poetry who finds reading his brood on a Tiburon houseboat a good way to prevent his children from becoming carbon copies of everyone else.

## The Clams

By Grimm





By: Mr. Romer

# WAR PAINT



What makes something that is good even better? We seldom give much thought to this but normally take it for granted. If we look deep enough, we can find improvement is caused by an individual or group interested in being a part of something that is better. Two examples of this occurred on our campus this past year. The first concerns spirit. During the two previous years we had a great deal of vocal campaigning for better spirit but very little action. The improvement was small, if any. This year we had very little vocal campaigning and a great deal of sincere effort in improving the spirit. Results: outstanding!

The second situation is much similar but not as evident concerning student council activities. Undaunted by obstacles and noticeably lacking in complaints, the student council quietly but diligently and intelligently pursued some activities large in scope and proved most rewarding to the majority of the student body. Again they industriously tackled problems concerning effectiveness of student body organization. Again: positive results, proving that more is accomplished by a sincere level-headed action than excessive talk and irresponsible complaining.

## Inquiring Reporter

Question: What is your pet peeve?

**MARK FINCH (junior)**--My girlfriend's always biting her fingernails.

**BRUCE KALIN (junior)**--Seagulls flying around at lunch.

**ROSELLA TOMASELLO (senior)**--Don Amyx!!!!

**JOYCE FERGUSON (senior)**--The way the teachers keep telling the Seniors their second semester grades really count---and they don't!!

**RICH LYONS (junior)**--Weekdays from eight o'clock to three p.m.

**BARBARA PIETURSIWICZ (senior)**--Two faced people.

**MAURBEN BROWN (senior)**--Blackford!!!

**GREG NEWGUARD (junior)**--Grades.

**STEVE SCARGORO (junior)**--Girls with pierced ears.

**GARY WRIGHT (junior)**--My car! And another one is this school!!

**JERI MATA (senior)**--People who don't know you and still talk about you.

**JIM ROCK (senior)**--To be kept waiting for people who are late.



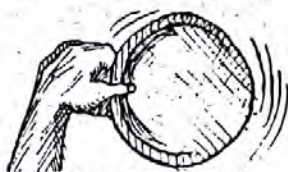
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**BOB AMMIRATO (senior)**--I don't like cops that give guys tickers.

**LYDEA MUNOZ (junior)**--Kissing boys with bad breath.

**ALAN RIBARDO (senior)**--Schools that make you cut your hair.



## FRISBEE!!

Recently a gang of Senior boys at Blackford have been seen throwing a weird looking "flying saucer" around during first lunch. What is it? It's a Frisbee!

When asked what the whole thing was all about the boys replied: "It was boring during lunch, so we decided to liven it up. It caught on fast and now it's become sort of a club."

Members of this "club" include: Terry Rager, Roger Morris, Don Amyx, Edgar Lacey, Max Mazenko, Steve Gunia, Bob Rogers, Steve Wall, and Jim Mallory. Steve Wall's comment as to why he decided to join in the game was: "I like to climb roofs."

# I Want A Chatty Cathy Doll And Don't Forget Sarah Mae

By Condie Yergin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Terry Ann Johnson and I am eight years old. I live in the big brick house on Rainbow Drive.

Santa, I'd like to tell you about my friend, Sarah Mae Griffin. She lives in the east side of town with her grandma and they are very poor. None of the girls in the fourth grade like her because she doesn't wear nice dresses. They call her Nigger, too. Why do they, Santa?

I like Sarah Mae. Mommy said she could come over one Saturday to play, but her grandma said it wouldn't be right.

This Christmas I'm going to

ask for a Chatty Cathy doll and a new dress. I want to take them to Sarah Mae just in case you forget her house again. You forgot her house last year, and she was a good girl, too. I just know she was, Santa; Sarah Mae isn't ever a bad girl. Why did you forget her house, Santa?

You don't have to stop at my house this year. I already have lots of toys, and Mommy and Daddy have put a lot of presents for me under our tree.

Please, Santa, don't forget Sarah Mae's house. Maybe you could bring her two dresses, and make the kids in our class stop calling her Nigger. Why do they call her that, Santa?

Love,  
Terry Ann

P.S. Don't forget.

## Faculty Shows Great Skills In Volleyball

Every Wednesday night in the Blackford Gym, many of the teachers get together to exhibit their skills at volleyball. The teachers all agree this is a way to get to know each other better and is an outlet for frustration, both physical and mental.

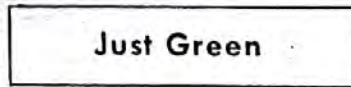
Some of these great volleyball athletes at Blackford are: Miss Ellis, Miss McMann, Miss Manful, Miss Kunde, Coaches Elder, Dempsey, and Dougherty, Miss Roesing, Mr. Hall, Mr. Romer, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Nelson and Mr. Cluff and his wife.

When asked which teachers were the best, Miss McMann answered "Coach Dougherty", "Mr. Romer is the wildest," and "Mr. Cluff is the funniest."

## 3 Braves Semifinalists

Regina Savage, Alan Alquist, and Pat Bush made the semifinals at a speech and debate meet hosted by Blackford and Leigh. Fourteen San Jose schools entered over 600 contestants in the contest.

Mrs. Lolita Johnson, advisor, remarked that it was a great accomplishment to have three Braves in the semi-finals.



Want a puppy? Go to the pound, or contact Sharon Warstler. March 18th, date of the Senior Ball. Wear blue and yell!!! All Seniors will be admitted at regular price.

Inside Information has it that Senior Sneak is March 21st, and the Junior Prom has been canceled in favor of an inter-class tug-o-war.

Bill Collins has got 341 horses for sale with a G.T.O. body, and Tony Vajretti has got a TR3 with a fuel injected "327" sitting under a fiberglass body which weighs out at 950 pounds, turning 127 M.P.H. at 11:03 in the quarter. Interested contact either at lunch. The janitors are doing a fine job around campus with the trash, but a certain amount just can't be helped.

Boys, act fast, only 37 more shopping days until the Senior Ball, swing into action or all the fair damsels will all be waived. (Never! Never!)

"Ever notice how some people are hard to meet."

Linda C. is mad because her name is never mentioned. Sorry kid! Transfer. No, let's think this out.

Hello Editor Jim Rock. & D.D. Plus J.J.

## Senior Braves Invade Camp

Ten Senior Braves set out Sunday for a week's stay at Redwood Glen School in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The seven girls and three boys will stay at the forest school and act as cabin counselors and field trip advisors.

The school's purpose is to give the sixth grade students a better knowledge of nature. The students will learn much more in the week's stay at the forest camp with its field trips and nature hikes than a public school could offer in a year's time.

Only after a 14 hour day of hiking, swimming when the weather permits, and sports activities can the counselors settle down for a well deserved ten hours of sleep.

There are five weeks left for the seniors.



# IN VOGUE

This year suede is especially popular. Worn for dressy affairs as well as school and sports wear, suede has always been popular for shoes and purses. This year suede is very smart looking when made into skirts, jumpers, dresses, and vests. It is also found in a wide variety of colors. The most popular this year, however, is antique green. Capezios offer a wide range of colors in their suede shoes -- brown trimmed in beige, and green trimmed in tan are featured in a similar version of their popular Jazz Oxford.

Op art has now gone so far as to be featured in rings! Rings now appear to be miniature Van Goghs, daisies, and mobiles.

Many rings feature enamel finishes which provide interesting colors and textures. Other materials used to make rings include monkeywood, bamboo, and of course, plastic.

## I'll See You There, Ok?

"What'er you gonna do this weekend?"

"I dunno."

"The Jaguars are playing at the Continental Saturday night."

"Yeah? They're pretty good eh?"

"Good? They're great! The Other Side and The Syndicate are playing too."

"That must really be a good place to go."

"Sure is. You get a good chance to meet lots of kids too."

"Yeah? Hey, those bands are getting pretty well known aren't they--The Syndicate's got a record out now doesn't it?"

"It's been Number One on TNT for about a week now. I was talking to Wayne--o the lead guitar in the Jaguars down at Eastman's the other night and they're coming out with a record too. It might be out as soon as March 1!"

"What'er they gonna call it?"

"They aren't sure yet--you know how it is when your so great--you have to think these things out!"

"I guess so. Well, Barry, ole buddy, I'll see you at the Continental Saturday."

"Ok, Sharkie. Take it easy. Practice hard, and we'll see you on the stage."

THOSE COMEDIANS OF THE HARDWARE FLOORS, THE "HARLEM CLOWNS" ARE EXPECTED TO DANCE AROUND BLACKFORD'S FACULTY SQUAD ON MARCH 17.

ADMISSION FOR ADULTS WILL BE \$1.50 AND A \$1.00 FOR STUDENTS AND CHILDREN UNDER 12. BUT, SENIOR BOYS TAKE NOTE: SAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE SENIOR BALL WHICH IS THE NIGHT AFTER.



## Eight Blackfordites "Toot" In SC Honor Band Concert

Eight students represented Blackford High School in the Santa Clara County Honor Band concert given on February 2 at San Jose State college.

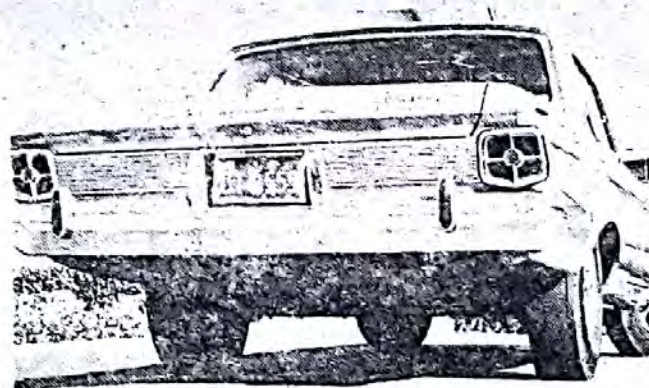
The eight students from Blackford are; French horn players Bob Neff and Max Mazenko; Trombone players Jim Van Fleet and Barry Laden; Saxophone players Dick Wilkie, Brian Kimura and Mike Francis, and Trumpet player Mark Butler.

Special recognition should be given to Bob Neff and Max

Mazenko who have been in the Honor Band for three years, and to Jim Van Fleet and Mark Butler who have participated for two years.

This 15-year-old musical organization is sponsored by the Santa Clara County Public School Music Educators Association and is made up of leading high school band students.

The band was directed by guest conductor Clement Hutchinson, associate professor of music at San Jose State College.



Before I go off on a tangent about a "Big Bronze Mopar" I would just like everyone who reads this column to take note of the lime green VW conv. of the mid-fifties, in the N.E. corner of the parking lot.

Now that that's off my mind (and my Art I grade) I will proceed through rain and sleet and a nice warm classroom to tell you about what I judge to be the cleanest car on the lot. Bob Rogers has this '63 Plymouth Sport Fury. It's bronze with matching leather buckets. The Mopar is powered by a Super Commando 351 V8 and torqueflite auto. transmission. Eight-inch slicks and aluminum mags help keep this machine on the move. An 8 grand tach enhances the dash. Bob says that traction masters and Goodyear Blue Streaks are on the way. If anyone is interested, the West Side Chevy Car Club is holding a rally in Mid-February. Check with a member for details.

## U.S. Teacher Born in East

By Linda De La Rosa

Mr. Peter Papworth, the newest addition to the history department, hails from Tokyo, Japan. He was born there when his father was a member of an import-export firm. His family moved to the United States when he was six weeks old. He completed all his schooling in San Diego--with the exception of five years of college at Stanford.

In regard to military service, he attended the special Reserve language school in Monterey. While there he learned the "not-so-useful" Turkish language. Mr. Papworth, a sergeant in the reserves, said, "it's only a possibility--no one really knows" whether or not his unit will be called to Viet Nam.

## FBLA Compete

Terra Nova High School in Pacifica, California, will be the scene of the Northern Section FBLA Conference on February 19.

Many of Blackford's FBLA members will be representing the school and are eligible to enter any two of the seven contests which will be offered to them. Contests will include: Spelling, Typing, Shorthand, Essay, Parliamentary Procedure. A Mr. and Miss FBLA will also be chosen.

Included in the future plans of the club is a trip to the state convention on April 15, 16, and 17 to be held at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, California. The winners from the Northern Section Conference being held next month will be eligible to compete at this statewide meeting.

## Quill & Scroll Honors Lance

Membership to the Quill and Scroll, an honor society for writers of school newspapers has been awarded to Blackford High Schools Journalism class under the direction of Mr. Frank Loewus.

"The big name in high school journalism has been Quill and Scroll," states Mr. Loewus, "I have found it an excellent incentive for the serious minded writer."

Blackford High has the honor of being the 9,000 member to join Quill and Scroll Honor Society. Mr. Loewus has received a congratulatory letter from the Executive Secretary of Quill and Scroll, Lester G. Benz, and Blackford's Journalism staff will have its staff and school in an article in Quill and Scroll's national newspaper



# Cagers Topple Wildcats And Warriors; Awtrey Hits 39, 36 In Last 2 Games

Dennis Awtrey, All-American candidate, broke the Northern California record for most 30-point plus games in a season when he scored 36 points against Westmont last Friday night.

Awtrey, who already holds 24 records, breaks a record everytime he plays in a game.

In the Los Gatos game February 1, the Braves got off to a bad start when a fired up Los Gatos team put pressure on Awtrey early in the first quar-

ter. Nevertheless Awtrey muscled shots in to pull Blackford to a slim 29-28 halftime advantage. The Braves dominated the second half as Awtrey poured in bucket after bucket to give the Braves a 62-49 victory over the downcast Wildcats.

Westmont could not come any closer than 12 points to the Braves as Awtrey was once again the big gun when he hit

his record-breaking 36 points. Behind from the first quarter on the Warriors repeatedly stole passes, but could not turn in a good threat until the third quarter when they outscored Blackford 16 to 9.

The Braves dominated the first half with fast breaks and good defense to take a commanding 35-14 halftime lead.

Blackford takes on Del Mar tonight in the Dons' gym.



Ron Green in Action

## SPORTS

### BRAVES VS- DONS TONIGHT

## Wright, Momsen Big Guns In Victory Over Westmont

## Golf Tees Off; Tennis Starts

Spring sports have arrived again as the first Varsity golf meeting was held February 3. The golfers must sharpen up their putting eye since the season starts very soon.

Returning to the greens will be lettermen Lyle Norton, Steve Gunia, and Enrique Salazar.

## AGA Begins

## Third Season

AGA is starting volleyball and basketball for the third quarter and AGA members of last year's first-place volleyball team are eager to start practicing again. Miss McMann will head the basketball while Mrs. Squire will lead volleyball.

### AGA Fitness Test

AGA has just finished the required physical fitness test. The latter included the standing broad jump, in which 70-71 was required for an A; softball throw, which a distance of 98 feet was required for an A; 50 yard dash, a time of 7.5 for an A; sit-ups; 31 was required for an A; and knee push-ups, in which 21 was required for an A.

### Outstanding Members

AGA boasts such members as Chris Robinson who jumped 83 inches in the standing broad jump, Dawn MacKerricker who threw 144 feet, Kathy Morgan who ran 6.5 in the 50 yard dash, Paula Baird who did 47 sit ups, and Barbara Carnett, Linda Harbour and Andi Hardwick who did 50 push-ups.

AGA was challenged by many of the last year's members who graduated to a game of volleyball. After several contests, the present members of Girl Sports were ahead in the last game.

Newcomers are Ben Lewis, Doug Ferrasso, John Velazquez. Coach Hansell feels the team is a balanced team.

Also returning this spring will be tennis. Though well on their way in practice, the racketmen have yet to have a match.

Graduates Lonny England and Doug Lipton left sizeable holes in the team line-up. However, returning lettermen Dick Miller, Bruce Lipton, Mike May, and Gene Garrison hope to fill in the line-up.

Finishing last year in first place, Coach Hunt feels the team has a good chance to repeat as champions.

The team has its first league match with Saratoga on the Braves Courts.



The '66 Varsity wrestling squad, with Coach Brkljacich. BPC Photo

## Wrestlers Triumphant Over Falcons, Take Third Place

Coach Brkljacich's Varsity Wrestling squads recently vanquished Saratoga's matmen, 31 to 18. However, the Falcons' Junior Varsity overpowered the Braves' with a 29-21 victory.

Outstanding varsity wrestlers were Rock in a 2-2 draw, Silva with a 4-0 decision, Frederick by a pin in 1:46 of the first round, Felliciano by a pin in 36 seconds of the second round, Kusumoto with a draw, Thurman with a 6-1 decision, Talley by a 5-1 decision, and Hagen by a pin in 1:18 in the last

round. Deems, Wiggins, Kothe, and Bloomfield were defeated by decisions.

In the Junior Varsity division, standouts were McEntee by a 2-0 decision, Phelps in a 1-1 draw, Cucuzza by a pin in 1:12 of the second round, Schoenburger by a pin in 1:28 in the second round, Baker by a 2-0 decision and Rose in a decision by 4-0. Dike, Wise, Peterson and Ireland were defeated by a decision and Hutchinson, Holley and Dauson were pinned.

unusually low (for Jim) 6 points. Rick Wright provided the scoring punch with 12 points while Jeff Momsen added seven. Coach Anglus's team had an exceptional night at the line, hitting 11 of 14 charity tosses and having a so-so night from the floor hitting on 17 of 42 attempts for 40%.

The Los Gatos game didn't turn out to be such a laugher as Blackford had to hang on to take the win.

Tonight Blackford invades Del Mar, and as usual it should prove to be an interesting game, you can just about bet it will be a pull away or a special "Gilroy Cliff Hanger."

The Braves are still very much in contention for the league championship, after losing to heavily favored Saratoga by only 3 and losing the other by only a small margin.

## Events Shift For Spikers

Track takes its turn at the top spot once again as the cindermen open up another season.

However, this season the Braves will be without the services of varsity graduates John Morgan, Rick Guenter, and John Burr. Both Morgan, and Burr held records, Morgan in the 440 yard run and Burr in the high jump.

Different this year will be many new events including B 850 yard run, C 880 yard run, B 100 yard dash, C 100 yard dash, D 100 yard dash, B 440 yard run, C 440 yard run, B 2 mile, B 180 yard L.H., B 220, B 1 mile run, C 880 yard relay, and B 880 yard relay.

Veteran Bob Yoskowitz should be a key figure in the success of the varsity sprinters.

Foreign exchange student Bo Marthinson is out for the 600 yard run.