

# German Exchange Student Visits Blackford's Campus

Have you seen a new student at Blackford who speaks with a strong German accent? You have seen Mike Schwerin of West Germany, living in California at the present time on the International Christian Youth Education program, and staying at Blackford for one week as part of his program. Mike has been staying in Visalia since July and will not return to his home in Bavaria until August.

Answering questions of the fourth period Journalism class here at Blackford, he was asked what he thought about the Viet

Nam situation. He answered that he was not concerned with Viet Nam, since when he gets drafted he won't be sent there.

In Germany, Mike took 14 subjects a week: religion, German, geography, music, art, physical education, physics, mathematics, Latin, French, English, and three others he couldn't remember.

"I have never seen anyone drunk in Germany, but I have here," he said in response to one question. He went on to explain that there is no law in West Germany against youths drinking liquor,



## Coming Soon to Blackford. Al Capp's Comic Strip, 'Li'l Abner'

Everyone will be able to see the riotous family of Al Capp's comic strip come to life when Blackford High presents the musical "Li'l Abner" on March 2, 3, and 4 in the cafetorium. As the lights dim and the music begins to play, a startling transformation will take place and everyone will become members of a "Typical Day in Dogpatch, U.S.A." Then something disastrous happens, and the whole well-being of Dogpatch is threatened. As the plot thickens, such colorful characters as the fantastic Stupefyn' Jones, Apassionata von Climax, a per-

sonal secretary, Evil Eye Fizzle, and the whammy, Moonbeam McSwine, and General Bullmoose appear on the scene.

All the elements of intrigue, comedy, and romance are entwined with such notable music as "Namely You", "Jubilarton T. Cornpone", "Put Em' Back as They Wuz", and "I'm Past My Prime".

Yokumberry Tonic, sharp-edged comments on Washington and other national scenes, and the wonderful job done by the entire cast all add up to a show that no one should miss.

## State-Wide Math Contest To Be Attended by Blackford

Mrs. Alice Mitchell, head of the math department and math club advisor, revealed that the Blackford representatives for the upcoming state-wide math contest will be Coo Kim and Bruce Thompson. The contest will be held at Lockheed in Sunnyvale on March 11.

Mrs. Mitchell also announced the winners of the Blackford Math Contest held recently. The winner of a slide rule for 1st prize was senior Tom McLennan, and books were given to junior John Rhodes, sophomore Howard Landman and freshman Wendy Winkler.

Another upcoming event is held day, March 4 at S.J.S. annual event. Students are

allowed to compete in six categories. They are: Leap Frog Relay, Chalk Talk Derby, Geometry Mad Hatter Marathon, Algebra Mad Hatter Marathon, Open Mad Hatter Marathon, Discovery Quest. Contestants for Leap Frog are: Bruce Thompson, and Tom McLennan, both Seniors. Contestants for Chalk Talk is Jan Stockard, senior. Contestants for Geometry Mad Hatter are: Howard Landman, James Haughey and Danny Mars, all sophomores. Contestants for Algebra Mad Hatter are: John Rhodes, Rick Wright, and Russ Ruden, all Juniors. Contestants for Open Mad Hatter are: Coo Kim, Jan Crump, and Ellen Rommelle.



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## Latin Club Sells Slaves

If you like fun and excitement, be sure to attend the Latin Club's Roman Banquet. The occasion has been planned for April 14.

Everyone is urged to come, and to dress accordingly. The banquet will be held in the cafeteria, and tables will be placed on the floor, enabling everyone to enjoy a large meal, with an array of interesting

types of food.

The most exciting moment of the banquet according to Mrs. Louise Chew, Latin Club sponsor, is the selling of "slaves" who are purchased after the meal, and must follow the orders of their masters during the festivities.

The club's last activity was a skating party at the Ice Palace in Santa Clara.

Newly elected officers are: President Dennis Hoppin, Vice President, Ng Meong, Secretary Mike Milton, Treasurer Elaine Franklin, and Sergeant at arms Tom Judge.

## Unique Career Orientations Afforded Juniors and Seniors In Management and Dentistry

Unique career-orientation opportunities are being afforded BHS juniors and seniors in the fields of Business Management and Dentistry. The management program, called the Junior Executives' Institute, will be held June 11-17, 1967, at the School of Business and Technology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. The Junior Dentists' Institute will

be held at the University of Oregon Dental School, Portland, Oregon, July 17-28.

Interested students and parents may obtain particulars about JDI and JFI by contacting Mr. Sid Horrtgan, Senior Counselor, or by writing to Scientists of Tomorrow, 309

## Jr. Jim Jacobs Takes Fifth As S.C.U. Speech Finalist

An anthology of Winston Churchill's wartime speeches was the topic for Jim Jacobs' speech in the state qualifying tournament at Santa Clara University on February 4.

Jim was the only student from Blackford to reach the finals. After two preliminary rounds and the semi-finals, he placed fifth in the finals.

Jacobs is the only Blackford student in six years who is eligible to enter national competition without competing in the state trials.

Twelve students represented Blackford at the tournament including Dan Andrews, Lindy

Atkinson, Doug Bleakly, John Carney, Cathy Cuzner, Jim Jacobs, Terry Mackley, Jim Merklingshaus, Karen Schirle, Michaela Tierney, Pat Tierney, and Sherrle Yarchever.

"This is the first year Blackford's gone anywhere in speech," commented Jim Jacobs, "but the competition is rough."

Two debate teams traveled to San Jose State on February 11, for the state qualifying competition. They consisted of Gail Bowers and Michaela Tierney; and Jim Jacobs and Karen Schile.



# WAR PAINT

By Mike Donnelly

You have elected a new student council. Now is the time to support them. The best way is to adopt the new constitution.

Many reasons were given why the constitution was rejected by the students, but there was not one substantial reason given. The reason most heard was "There wasn't a copy to read."

Ten copies of the constitution were in the library, two copies in each study hall, and one in each administrative class.

A lot of the blame for not passing the constitution was the fault of the students, but the council should also absorb some of the blame. Not until after I voted did I know where to find a copy. Now you know, so I urge you to read it.

Now is the time for you to tell your class representative that you want to vote again.

Many schools are thinking of adopting our constitution. Can they all be wrong? Or are we, the students, the ones who are wrong? Wouldn't we look silly if another school were to adopt our constitution before we did?

You have your new student council in office. Why not support it now? Do it first by passing the constitution.

## Special Programs For Upperclassmen

Would you like orientation college arts or science classes? JESSI and CASSI are summer programs designed to remove the "guess" from college studies for interested juniors and seniors. An academic insight into the pure and basic applied sciences, and some knowledge of the study progress and career opportunities in the science and engineering fields is being offered through these programs. If interested, get full particulars from Mr. Sid Horrigan in the main office or from Room 47.

## ad lib

By Libby Sherman

Undoubtedly, we all have our own definitions as to what security is, love is, hate is, and of course, what misery is; as I tried to define it last time. I'm not going to even attempt to define anything this time--just share with you some very interesting ones I've heard recently.

Fear is: a pigeon flying over your head...going to bed after a horror movie...a telephone call late at night...secretly still believing in ghosts...waiting for your mother to find out her sewing machine doesn't work...coming out of the water with one piece of a two-piece swimsuit...

Innocence is: cookie crumbs on your lips...looking your teacher straight in the eye just after a paper airplane hits him in the head...coming straight home after a dance...not understanding a joke...believing in Batman, Santa Claus and the stork...having your stomach growl...parking to pick out star constellations...

## Seniors Set New Tradition

By Natalie Biess

Calvin Coolidge once said, "We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once." So did the senior class on Thursday, February 9--T-Shirt Day.

Attempts have long been in the making to set traditions here at Blackford. For many years there has been talk of a senior lawn, and other senior privileges. However, there has to be a starting point. In the past, there have been Sneak Day, Dress-Up Day. Two weeks ago, the class of '67 succeeded in starting another one in a series of traditions for the lower classes to follow----Senior T-Shirt Day.

We, as students of Blackford High School, have a greater responsibility than those who attend an older, more established school. They already have had their traditions set for them by previous classes, whereas we have to set them for ourselves. Therefore, on this account the senior class at Blackford high school should be congratulated for their initiative, with the hopes that other classes will follow them in leadership.

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## British Official Visits WVJC

"Frankly I could care less, as I'm Swedish," Sir Alec Douglas-Home replied when asked "how the Irish and English are getting along." The interview, entitled "Rest in Peace or Ambition or Epliph?" was held in West Valley auditorium.

Sir Alec Douglas-Home served as prime minister to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, from October, 1963, until the Conservatives were defeated in 1964 general election. He then became leader of the opposition, and last year resigned to serve on Prime Minister Harold Wilson's Consultative Committee or "Shadow Cabinet," in the area of foreign affairs.

Together with Prince Phillip, he attended the funeral of President Kennedy. While prime minister, Sir Alec met with President Johnson in 1964 to discuss mutual problems. He has engaged in many lecture tours, and holds honorary degrees from both Oxford and Harvard, as well as currently serving as first Chancellor of the new Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland.

## Junior Achievers Enter Trade Fair

Blackford's Junior Achievement members will soon be participating in the Junior Achievement Trade Fair, March 3 and 4 at the Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto. Thirty teen-age enterprises, including Skem Enterprises, Nor Cal; Boss-Co, and Ge-Ja Enterprises from Blackford, will present entries. Each company will display its product and some facet of its manufacturing, management, or marketing activities in commercial exhibit space furnished by the Stanford Shopping Center Merchants' Association, according to Carl Hymes, president of the center's association and manager of Woolworth's.

Hymes stated, "We of the Stanford Shopping Center Merchants' Association take pride in lending our support to these youthful enterprisers who are learning first hand the opportunities inherent in our private enterprise system."

Companies will be competing for awards in three categories; most attractive, most informative, and most original exhibit.



Mascot, Randy Mangum BPC Photo

## Mascot Mangum New BH Brave

Have you noticed some unusual halftime entertainment which has captivated the eyes of those attending the recent league basketball games?

Making his debut as the Braves' mascot is no other than Randy Mangum, a junior new to Blackford.

Born in Lawton, Oklahoma, Randy has led an interesting life traveling abroad, as his dad, now retired, was an Army captain. While in Germany, Randy enrolled into Augsburg High. Here he shared the honor of mascot with another boy who stood 6'9".

Randy's hobbies are judo and Indian lore. In Germany, Randy feels, kids have more freedom, and they have closer relations with teachers. Sports are basically similar to ours, except they don't play baseball or go swimming. German schools are more scattered--one may have to travel to another city to complete.

Randy admits that he can speak German but can't write it, and he enjoys Blackford where the kids appear friendly and good natured.

## Faculty Forum



BY MISS MARILYN PONCEY

Today's life is run by laws, whether they are laws of business or government. There are four laws for employment that must be followed to make it a success:

A - Skills - Includes technical know-how about the job. Most companies administer tests to their applicants to determine know-how of basic skills.

B - Absence and Tardiness - The employer is looking for applicants who can be depended upon to be on time and to show up every day; so school attendance records are usually checked.

C - Appearance - Physical appearance is many times a determining factor in getting and holding a job. Appropriate dress, hair, nails, and make-up are essential.

D - Attitude - Initiative, Ingenuity and trust-worthiness are included along with human relations. The most common reasons for dismissal from jobs result from failure to show favorable on-the-job attitudes.



Oscar in full dress uniform. Lance Photo

## Oscar Tells On Students' Trash

By Kim Banfield

"These kids, will they ever learn to pick up their mess?" I'll bet you've heard this phrase many times before. And there is one man who has to clean up after all of us at Blackford. Mr. Oscar Johnson is his name and we all owe him a great deal. Oscar heads a crew of six custodians at the Blackford Avenue Campus. He works during the day, and the other five men work at night, cleaning all the rooms.

Oscar, a part of BHS for three years, says that he really enjoys his work. He has only one thing that he must do every day without fail, and that is to sweep the snack shack area after the end of second lunch. "The kids here are pretty nice," reports Oscar. A big change in the kids happens during the four years in high school. "It's fun to watch them grow," he remarked. Thanks a lot, Mr. Johnson.

## Devious Boys, Rating Factor

A new non-profit organization is attempting to put the Blackford Art Commission out of business by making most of the recent spirit posters.

The devious group is a deciding factor in Blackford's new higher spirit ratings. They have gone almost undetected except for a few mental lapses such as initials and handprints.

Another factor that may lead to the downfall of their secret identities is that they have all been seen wearing Key Club jackets.

Well, fans, if you promise not to spread the word around, I'll give you some numbers. Their aliases are: Jim Salazar, junior class vice-president; Brent (fish) Youngblood, junior class president; and Mike Kreshbach, sophomore class vice president.

This writer has a feeling they will be sought out and justly rewarded.

# CUHSD Television Show Helps Improve Methods

Spanish II classes had a chance to look at themselves perform skits on the districts new closed circuit T.V. last week. Mrs. Sandra Briggs' classes presented the Spanish skits while a camera acted as the audience to observe them. Mr. Bill Veickman and Mr. David Grossman demonstrated the T.V.'s for the Spanish Classes.

The Campbell District owns the closed circuit equipment and lends the T.V.'s out to different high schools. Blackford's teachers will be using the equipment this year to observe their own teaching methods. Mrs. Briggs stated that the T.V. will help Blackford's faculty to improve upon present teaching methods and to create new ones.



Mr. Veickman and Mr. Grossman with Equipment. Lance Photo



Big bod John! Lance Photo

## Senior Swimmer All American

Recently returning to Blackford is Senior John Hitchcock. John attended Blackford during his freshmen, sophomore, and junior years, until he moved last January to Menlo Park, California, where he swam for Redlands High School.

While "down South," John added a few more championships to his already growing list of winnings. John's medley relay team took fourth place in the nation, he was chosen All-American, and captured the title of Southern California champion.

John swims the 100-yard backstroke, (this is his strongest stroke) the medley relay, and 100-yard freestyle.

John hopes to continue with his swimming for many years, and if possible, to compete in the Olympics.

One thing John misses is not being able to wear bermudas and going barefoot during spring and fall. The reason? The temperature reaches as high as 105 Fahrenheit.

John's final comment to the press was, "I think we'll take first place in the league this year."

## What's A Car Anyway?

Looking around one is almost sure to find interesting things in cars. Found in a few:

- DQG 101
  - 1 brown towel
  - continental poster
  - 1 white washcloth
- DCZ 234
  - an African safari hat
- DRH 335
  - a blanket
  - two air mattresses
  - and a sheet
- AYB 094
  - Block B
  - Book, "Conservation on America"
- NSY 175
  - teddy bear
  - glasses case
  - a pair of old boots
  - Delco Ford Auto light

## wheels Auto Insurance Brings Problems to Mark Too

Insurance has been a problem for Senior Mark Matteson and his 1953 Ford Coupe. It didn't come as any surprise with such equipment as a 235 c.i. flathead bored 40/1000 and loaded with this; a Schaller full race cam and adjustable solid lifters, and AFB carburetor sitting on top of an Edmund's aluminum heads Mark's engine also includes Whitney headers, electric fuel pump, Mallory duel point ignition and a nine grand sun

tach and sending unit.

Mark's Ford is sit off of the ground by Monroe Load levelers Plymouth six-inch American mags and Firestone 500 tires all around. A Ford three-speed transmission with Fenton 500 linkage and a 370 rear-end make up Mark's drivetrain.

Mark has a custom, deep York metallic blue point job with clashing naugahyde interior and custom steering wheel.



Mark's '53 Ford Coupe Lance Photo

# FROSH-SOPH TRIUMPH 53-31

Friday, February 17, the Los Gatos Wildcats handed the Braves Frosh-Soph basketball squad its 13th win against no defeats in league play. The game, played on the Los Gatos courts, saw the Brave cagers pulling away in the early stages to take the game, 53-31. Along with the victory the Braves not only remain undefeated, but the

assurance of the league championship are within the team's grasp. If the Braves squad can put down the upcoming games with Camden, 8 wins to 4 losses, next Tuesday, and with Saragoga, 1 win to 11 losses, next Friday, the team will gain first place and be undefeated. The first time a Blackford Frosh-Soph team has been undefeated.

The Braves, who couldn't seem to miss, shoot an awesome 46% from the floor to down Los Gatos. The Junior Braves scoring was paced by five members of the team. The scoring was led by Greg Ojeda who pumped in 6 buckets and 3 free throws to end up with a 15 point score. Alan Taketa, who had 14 points, hit on 7 buckets while the third

scoring leader, Dave Henderson connected for 6 buckets and 1 free throw. Other scorers included Dave King who pumped in 8 by the way of 4 baskets, Dale Yoshihara who hit on a single free throw and John Markle who pumped and hit one bucket, with the total of scores for the Braves, 53 was reached -- the season's high.

## Weather

Weather forecast is fair for those of you who come out to support your team.

## Braves Beat W. Warriors

Blackford playing one of its best game downed the Westmont Warriors 60-52. From the opening minutes of play it was a thrilling game. In the first quarter, the Braves shot out in from 16-11. In the second quarter the Varsity ran right over the Warriors with some stalwart playing by Neil Sinnott and Mike Ucci. By half-time the Braves were running away with the ballgame as they lead 35-21.

Coming on court after intermission, it looked as though the Braves had caught cold, while the Warriors were just getting warmed up. In the third quarter, the Warriors came back within 6 points of the Braves only to have the Braves hold them back. It looked as though little Mike Balinger and Roy Grillo of Westmont might be too much as they were matching points with the Braves. Blackford's Rod Adams however, provided the extra push to get by Westmont 60-52 as he connected for 9 points in the final stanza.

All-leaguer Roy Grillo of Westmont, led all scores with 19 points as he was given 15 charity tosses and connected on 11 of them. The Braves high man was Mike Ucci with 15 points.

## Big Two Points!



D. King hitting for two points. Photo by BPC

## GIRLS' SPORTS ON THE GO! WITH V.BALL AND BASKETBALL

The A.G.A. kicked off its annual candy sale February 17, to continue through March 2. Each girl will sell three boxes of the chocolate or candy coated almond boxes.

Profits from the sale will go into a district fund, with three \$200 scholarships later being awarded to girls selected from the district.

Miss Adrienne Ellis is looking forward to a successful basketball season. Mrs. Lee Squier is hoping to make this the second consecutive year of reigning as volleyball champs. The 23rd provided a test for Blackford's A.G.A. members as they met their first opponents, Westmont, on Westmont courts. The A.G.A.'s next scheduled game is at Blackford, March 2, against Camden. The following week, March 9, they clash with Leigh, believed to be their toughest opponent.

Coming events include a pot luck dinner and sports night, Wednesday, March 1. Its purpose is to welcome new members. A first will occur when entertainment will be provided by Cheryl Koehn and Sherry Ranney singing and playing guitars.

## Brave Cagers Beat Los Gatos But Cooled by Leigh 61-44

The Blackford Varsity, after coming off of an impressive victory over Westmont, was cooled off by a sharp-shooting Leigh team, as the Longhorns edged the Braves 61-44.

The superior height advantage of Leigh proved to be an important factor, as time after time the Braves' shots were blocked. Dan Willis and his cohorts had an edge in the rebounding for the Cows.

Jeff Momsen mashed in 21 points in the losing effort, as he was the only Brave able to hit in double figures.

On Friday, February 18, the Braves got back on the winning trail as they pulled one out of the fire in the last seconds, to

defeat a tough Los Gatos outfit, 46 to 45, in the Los Gatos barn.

The Braves looked as though they would run away with the game in the early moments as they jumped out to a seven point lead. The Wildcats quickly erased that lead and jumped ahead to a four point lead at the intermission.

The second half of the game was even all the way as neither team could open up a substantial lead. With the Braves leading by one, the Cats scored to go ahead by one with 13 seconds left in the game. With 6 seconds left, Dick Wright hit a jumper from the side to give the Braves their 46 to 45 victory.

Rod Adams and Jim Olsen shared the high point honors for the Braves as Olsen pumped in 15 from the outside, and Adams muscled up 15 from the inside.

The Braves' league record now stands at 6 and 6.

## Grasshopper At Blackford

Fewer tough words and more praise may soon be emanating from the lips of this year's baseball team. The reason? Automation.

The idea for an automatic pitching machine for Blackford originated with Coach Ron Reynolds. A similar machine was used by Mr. Reynolds' college baseball team and helped immensely, he said.

The pitching machine is known as the "grasshopper," and costs \$390. The Block "B" has appropriated \$200 toward the total cost, with additional sums coming from individual classes. Lighter sales and car washes sponsored by the Varsity baseball team will further contribute to the machine's total cost.

The "grasshopper" is currently being leased for \$100 with an option to buy a bigger and better machine that will be bought next year with \$50 of the lease price.



A.G.A.'s volleyball season is underway

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GIRLS SPORTS

## Alumni Awtrye Makes News

Former Blackford Varsity basketball player Dennis Awtrye, received recognition in the February 6 issue of Sports Illustrated. Awtrye, towering about 6'9" is noted as a top freshman basketball player at Santa Clara University. Awtrye along with Ralph Ogden, formally of Lincoln High, are the high scorers and rebounders for the Santa Clara Frosh team. If all goes well for Santa Clara it will probably emerge as a top nationally ranked team. This season the Santa Clara Frosh have lost only one game. If Awtrye and Ogden can continue to average 20 or more points a piece, Santa Clara will be a tough team to beat.