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'It's A Never Ending Battle - Why Fight?' Is Peace Worth the Suffering in Viet Nam?

Guest Editorial

"I made it--safety at last-- it may only be for ten minutes but that's some time for sleep-- I'm hungry--haven't eaten a good meal ever since I left home two years ago. It's cold-- I sure miss my warm bed--my chest hurts--where are all the medics--probably trying to save one of them--the enemy-- while I crouch out here and bleed--Why? I wish someone could tell me why! Somewhere there must be a reason--"

Fight--for what? So they can be free--Well, someone fought for me--many died and many have yet to die--It's a never ending battle--man against man --race against race--belief against belief--"

It started in '54--I was only in the second grade--It wasn't anything big--just outlasted Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson--and probably many more to come--Where is that medic?

I wonder if anyone back home is thinking about me--I sure miss Mom, Dad, Sis, Bill--but most of all Susan.

Oh, God--is there any way

to stop this? People are always crying, peace--peace--peace! I wonder if any generation has really known it. I only hope my son never has to live through the miseries of war!

I wonder how many more guys there are out here like me. Probably about a quarter of a million--I hope we all make it home someday--"

The pain is easing--I feel numb all over--I'm shaking--Dear God--I'm scared--Don't let me die--leaving everyone

Brotherhood In February

The week of February 20th is Brotherhood Week. In 1934, Brotherhood Day was created by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1939, Brotherhood Day became Brotherhood Week.

The NCCJ calls upon all Americans to renew their religious beliefs and democratic freedoms for equal rights for all.

Today with Viet Nam, Selma

behind--especially Susan--and my son--he should be a month old in about two days--God-- if anything should happen to me --take care of them--and please God--someday may there be..."

Yes, this poor man died... alone...in a fox hole in Viet Nam..He left many behind, but before he died he took a few with him. I ask you, is it worth it? I say it is! Realize, if you can, how many people died for us and what we have to show for it. I say when a great issue such as peace is being fought for... IT IS WORTH IT!

and Watts, Brotherhood Week should be remembered what each day can be without it.

Italian Theme For Seniors

Rinmento Una Sera (remember one night) is the theme for Blackford's Senior Ball. The big event is being held at the La Rinconada from eight to twelve. Dates can't enter later than 10 and can't leave before 11. Musica Incantata will play for the ball.

The bids are four dollars and are white felt with gold writing. The after-ball-party will cost \$1.50 each for entrance

Blackford Spring Cabinet Begin Making New Plans

Ray Mialtovich was elected by the seniors as their president for the spring semester. This cabinet includes "Tuna" Matusich, vice-president, Loretta Monfre, secretary, and Helen Gallagher, treasurer. They will be busy in the planning for the Senior Ball and Senior Sneak.

The juniors picked Brian Kimura for president, Steve Morris for vice-president, Vivian Guercio for secretary, and Wendy Macgowan for treasurer. This foursome will be really busy planning for the Junior Prom this coming in May.

The sophomores repeated last spring's ballot in re-electing Duane Kubo for president. Carol Cook was elected vice-president, Trudy Hirschfield secretary, and Jan Grayson treasurer. They will be busy choosing class rings and planning for the sophomore party later this spring.

Mike Flood, newly elected freshman president has three girls as his cabinet. Alicia Roemmele was picked for vice-president, Denise Crucians for secretary, and Peggy Smith for treasurer.



Above: Newly elected class Presidents: Mialtovich, Kimura, Kubo, Flood. BPC Photo

Erasmus With Freckles School Play For Blackford



Above: School Play Practice. BPC Photo

The final stages of preparation for the production of the school play March 3 and 4 are under way. Leads have been "double cast" for the two nights. It is being directed by Mrs. Mary Hardy, and Steve Brown has been named student director.

The play, Erasmus with Freckles, is an up-to-date story set in San Francisco Bay. It is concerned with a poetry professor and his family, and the effects on their lives when Erasmus, the eight-year-old son, finds his head "full of figures." These seem to be not only mathematical (Erasmus is acclaimed as a "human computer"), but also as the figure of a lovely young movie star -- Bridget Bardot. The happenings that follow result in an enjoyable, fast-moving story.

Jolein de la Cruz described the play as "really funny" while Mike Bryant commented that it had "real audience appeal-- a little bit of everything."

Flu Ravages Blackford High

Asian flu and strep throat has struck Blackford and many schools in the Campbell School District.

The question of how many absences are required to have schools dismissed, was answered by Dr. Bennett, dean of girls, "Only when the County School Department declares an epidemic and requests that schools be closed. Any day missed would have to be made up later to meet the state required number of school days."

By Grace Griffin

WAR PAINT



The concentrated efforts of groups to gain recognition as equals in our society have clearly brought to light that to some people "brotherhood" is no more than an expression--often used, but seldom practiced. However, before we can examine brotherhood on a national level, we should look at what it means to each individual in his home, school, and community.

Brotherhood should be fully practiced by an individual before he even starts to condemn others for their actions. Friendliness, willingness, and earnest concern towards others is a "catching" thing; and the best way to start the "epidemic" is to personally spread the "germs" of human kindness.

The nation cannot even begin to solve its severe problems until the small hurdles have been overcome. Only after each concerned person patterns his life to be one of brotherhood, can he expect others to do the same.

Inquiring Reporter

by Marcia Tallent

Question: What do you think of long hair on boys?

Pam Johnson -- "Feminine, wouldn't you say?"
 Irene Steiner -- "It's not very becoming; it's awful."
 Diane Bushard -- "I love it!"
 Cindy Mullenix -- "It's all right on the right guys."
 Dennis Carrasco -- "If you're in a band; that's the only reason it's okay."

Nina Kalmoutis--"I think they are absolutely gorgeous--every boy should have long hair! I love them!!!"

Jim Rock--"After all, without long hair what could Samson do? What's wrong with long hair anyway?"

Pat Thompson--"I like long hair. I think it looks good as long as it's well kept."

Mike Watkins--"I don't care."
 Robbin Smith--"I think it's groovy if it's neat and clean, but I don't care for the ones with long hair and pierced ears."



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Blackford Teachers Serve School Board Committees

Since passage of the Winton Act which provided for the establishment of a negotiating council in school districts of several employee organizations, some 43 of Blackford's 80 teachers have been active representatives of the board of trustees.

The system provides for teachers to meet and confer with representatives of the school board by participation of a large number of instructors who are knowledgeable about specific problems being studied.

Recognition goes to Mr. Ron Bender who is serving on four of these curriculum committees. Following closely is Mr. Kermit Skromme for serving on three committees. Mr. James Culp,

A Parody On Love

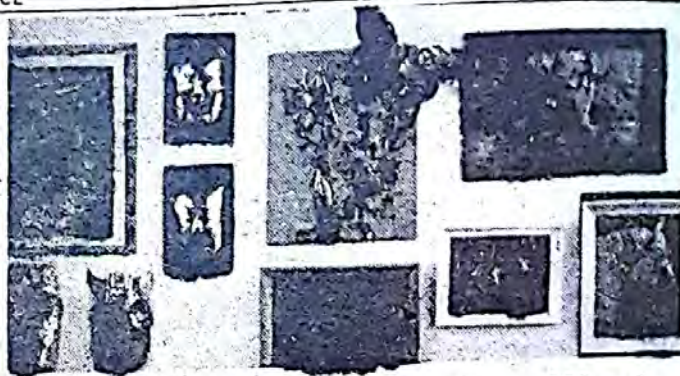
By Karen Snyder

It's flattering to be stared at, but I know he couldn't like me. My face is too round and my features too pointed to really be worth his frequent glances.

I'd like to greet him, but something in me prevents me from making even the slightest gesture to him with my hand.

When I see him I can hear the bells ringing and I feel like bursting inside!

You know, it's really hard to be in love when you're (only) a clock--still, wouldn't it be wonderful just to have him hold my hand?



Honor Students Display Work: Eresh, Heck, Russo, Omori.

As you enter Room 4, the sounds of hammers beating out a tune against brass and copper might resound in your ears, for this is Blackford High's art class.

Right now, Mr. Tom Harris, Blackford's art teacher, is concentrating on a group of extra ordinary students. "I feel that these students are doing college-level work and some of them have even become semi-skilled craftsmen," states Mr. Harris.

Sharing the honor spot in this class are: Mike Garrett, sophomore; Peter Eresh, junior; Don Heck, junior; Roy Brand, senior; Jerry Russo, senior; Diane Omori, senior; and Linda Samford, freshman.

The future plans for this group include an exhibit in Campbell for two weeks during March, and in May there will be an exhibition held at the Valley Fair Shopping Center. These exhibitions will display copper work, sculptures, and mosaics of the students.

Some of the more outstanding works produced include a set of hand-wrought theater masks by Pete Eresh; a spiritual mask by Don Heck, a copper-tooled Pagoda by Jerry Russo and a still-life in copper by Diane Omori.

Also being scheduled for mid-April is an exhibit on campus in the showcase for all interested Blackford students.

Just Green

Recently the Government classes were given a special treat in the form of a guest speaker. As everyone discussed the possibility of who the speaker may be, a familiar face appeared carrying a battered and tattered briefcase. When the laughter and havoc ceased Coach Pesut proceeded on his topic, "The Big Board."

So much for the joke of the week; many other topics are much more important. Senior Ball as of this edition; the wonderful wonderful date is growing closer, only 21 more days. The recent virus attack would have been just fine, if it would have come just a couple of weeks later. Question of week: Why is Baseball infield being cemented in and painted green?

Helmets will be issued at lunch starting next week and cowboy boots are to be outlawed. Journalism III class should mind their own business and Dick DiFiore is expected to visit Sacramento March 3, 4, and 5th.

Tonight is your last chance to see all-American Dennis Awtry in action in Santa Clara Valley. GO TO THE GAME!!

Mr. Loren Cluff, Mrs. Esther Little, Mr. Robert Freitas, Mr. Ray Allvin, Miss Evelyn Dravecky, Mr. Glen Holby, and Mr. Joe Browning, serve on two committees.

Also doing yeoman service is Mr. Joe Browning, chairman on the salary committee along with Mr. Glen Holby, chairman of the Insurance Committee.

Mr. Bill Nelson also deserves recognition for being the executive secretary for the Executive Board in the division of teachers.

Staff Survey Points Out BHS Alumni

Through the help of counselors and teachers, The Lance has located the following alumni:

On Cal campuses are---Berkeley: John Rusev, Lonnie England, Suzanne Clevenger. Santa Cruz: Everett Cayton, Kathleen Casidy. Davis: Renee Clark, Glen Fischer, Terry Gregory, Joyce Briggs, Gayle Gregory. Santa Barbara: Ken Piasecki.

Rich Logan is at UCLA, studying to be a lawyer. John Harrington is a sophomore at Stanford.

Married are: Diane Gilliland; Ken Bertrand to Jacque Bennets; Linda Ross; Mary Lou Ross; Julie Briscoe; and Steve Honda to Nancy Beardsley.

Dennis Brown and Tom Mullenix are now "The Dutch Masters."



Braves and the San Jose State Spartans Participate in Blackford Chess Tournament

Gale Dalman Becomes First Female Member

Sixteen members of Blackford's chess club beat members of San Jose State's chess club in two out of eight tournament games played here on Tuesday Feb. 8.

Braves placing in the tournament in respective order were Jerry Yamamoto with five wins and no losses, Bob Stewart with four wins and no losses, and Vic Hart with three wins, one draw and one loss.

Participating Spartans were Larry Wilson, Wayne Fields, and Carol Heller. During the bout Wayne Fields, former president of Blackford's chess club and current president of State's chess club, competed in 11 simultaneous games, with results of eight wins and three losses.

Membership in Blackford's chess club is open to anyone interested in the game; knowledge of the game is not needed. This year Gale Dalman has joined the club, the first female to do so in the history of the school.

Two Seniors Desert BH

By Pa. Thompson

Blackford recently graduated two seniors at the end of the first semester, January 28. Although Jerry Kinkey and Nancy Brown graduated with full credits, they will not be able to receive their diplomas until June 15, along with the rest of their class.

Nancy is currently preparing for marriage, while Jerry is working at Permanente Cement Company in Cupertino.



Gene Gilluly (left) and Rick Smith (right) at chess.

'DeeDee Haunts Me So!'

By Tere Elize Bouchard

Along the rail of a bridge that stood She trotted quickly--and oh! She played, she fell, she died for it:

Life, for Sharon Howard, was one continuous nightmare. Dee Dee Smith did a ballet in her dreams, read over her shoulder while Sharon looked at a good book, and hovered nearby while she corrected English papers. DeeDee was even reflected in the eyes of her daughter, Patti Mae.

Often the girl cornered Sharon. "Mother, why are you so sad when you look at me? and why do you keep calling me 'DeeDee'? Who is DeeDee?"

Forcing a smile, Sharon patted her hand. "You wouldn't understand." And she ran upstairs.

At her desk she wrestled with her emotions. DeeDee was dead--she would have to accept that. But why was she so vividly remembered after more than twenty-five years?

The image of the child Dee

Dee watched her half-reproachfully, half-pityingly. "You should have told her, Shari. She is fourteen and quite old enough to understand."

"I didn't have the nerve," muttered Sharon, her head in her hands.

"You can't live with it forever," persisted the vision from the bed.

"Get off it!" retorted Sharon angrily. "Now you've got me talking to you. Go away. Just leave me alone!"

To be continued in next issue.

Pat, Bo, Rick Speak at PTA

By Brian Kimura

Three brilliant foreign exchange students highlighted the P.T.A. meeting last week, Bo Marthinsson from Sweden, Pat Guajardo from Chile, and Rick Hansen, foreign exchange student to Germany.

The boys spoke for more than an hour to interested parents, and teachers about the similarities and differences of their countries to America's. Pat remarked, that he still feels "a bit sleepy during 5th and 6th period," because he hasn't gotten quite used to not taking a siesta in the afternoon.

Block 'B' Ups Nets; Gets Clowns

Blackford's Letterman's Club, commonly referred to as Block "B", is continually proving to be quite a worthwhile and functioning asset to the school.

Probably the most monetary and significant contribution of the club this year is the organization and sponsoring of the Harlem Clowns vs. Faculty basketball game scheduled for the March 17 (St. Patrick's Day). The club recently purchased a new stop-action projector to be used by all of the school's sports activities. Also through the years the club has supplied the teams with new uniforms and equipment.

Each year the Block "B" sponsors a volleyball tournament which has become quite a tradition at Blackford.

This year's tournament is presently scheduled for April 1.



Can you remember when... and pony tails and pageboys were the only way to wear your hair? These "fads" were very popular for a many number of years.

The newest fads are thigh-high skirts, granny dresses and beagle haircuts.

But the new fads are causing much concern with parents as well as school officials. They feel that beaglecuts are out of place in the classroom.

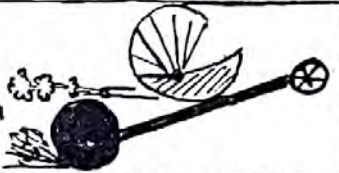
So far, short skirts aren't causing too much concern.

Fads seem to be a "passing faze" and don't usually turn into a definite style.

PBT Coming Up, Braves



BRAVES BUGGY



SS 396: MORE THAN JUST A STRAIGHT-LINE MACHINE. This statement headlines a magazine ad for a very popular intermediate car. One would think though that Skip Rymer's 1966 SS 396 was a straight-line machine from the looks of the slicks and American mag wheels adorning the rear quarters of the car. Actually this car is one a kind including being a road car and one of the quarter mile variety, Skip's Marina Blue Chevelle is a den on wheels. Besides already having Blue naugahide bucket seats, power steering, tach and a chrome stick rising out of the chrome console with four forward positions, this SS has vibrasonic radio, a record player, a stereophonic tape recorder, and (oho, luxury, luxury) a television set (and then, ten batteries later).

Now, getting back outside and into the engine compartment (where's that stupid hood latch?) (pop). There it is: a 396 cubic inch muncie of an engine with 375 ponies, and one big Holly four-barrel. Between this and the 4:56 rear end is the above mentioned four-speed muncie transmission. To match the rear wheels American mags with red-line tiger paws turn on the front legs. Mr. Rymer said that his CHEVROLET has a way of shutting down 427 Fords, Mustangs, Plymouths, Dodges, etc. He also informed me that the Westside Chevy Club Rally is Saturday, February 26.

Braves Track and Fieldmen Await Mar. 4

With only two weeks left before the cindermen encounter their first foe (St. Francis), Coach Bill Dempsey is frantically trying to fill the numerous vacancies that track and field encounter.

Although St. Francis is a non-league meet, it should prove to be a valuable practice for the squad as league play opens the following week at Los Gatos.

W.V.A.L. track has undergone a drastic revision over last year. Probably the most important change was that unlike last year the league championship will be determined by a team won-lost record. Previously the champs were decided in one meet, the W.V.A.L. finals. All this means that Coach Dempsey will have to get the team organized and in shape by the first league meet on March 18. Numerous league records will be set in events never before run in the B and C divisions. These include the 880 yard run, 220 yard dash, one and two mile run, 100 yard dash, and 880 yard relay.

Frosh Soph Dribblers in Victorious Action, 45-40

Sophomore sensation Jeff Mommson pulled down numerous rebounds and contributed 15 points to a winning cause as the Brave Soph-Frosh defeated Del Mar Feb. 11, on the losers' court. Jeff had his usual night collecting rebounds but had the hot hand from the floor while hitting on six of eight field goal attempts, Jeff later added three free throws to top off

P.E. Awards Eight Trophies

For the past few weeks, all boys in P.E. have been in rigorous competition for trophies and a grade in that grueling sport called the Pentathlon (track).

Pentathlon consists of five events which included the 100 yard dash, the shot put, the high jump, broad jump, and either the 880 or the 660, depending on classification.

The object is to get the highest possible score in each event and total the scores from all five events.

One additional event which is not in the pentathlon is the mile run. Any participant who runs the mile under a specified time receives six mark-ups.



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Frank Palermo in action. BPC Photo

Del Mar Stall Not Enough; Awtrey Buckets Ten Points

By Tim Briggs

The Blackford Braves' mighty basketball team has wrapped up its fourth straight league championship by defeating the Del Mar Dons and Saratoga Falcons.

Needless to say, the Del Mar game was anything but a game. Coach Morgan's playmates seem to have given a demonstration on nursery rhymes, ring-around-the-rosie in particular, than playing what we call basketball.

At one time, Don Bruce Klasen held the ball for 3 1/2 minutes without any action at all.

The Braves took a slim half-time lead of 6-2. Finally, Del Mar, trailing, tried to make a comeback late in the fourth quarter but failed as Blackford pulled it out 25-13.

In the Saratoga game, February 15, Dennis Awtrey was once again far below his 31.5 average as he scored 12 points while playing approximately one quarter in the whole game.

Brave Ron Green made up for Awtrey's loss by pumping in 33 points, 14 coming in the second quarter.

Baseball Prepares For Stiff Schedule

By Gary Asti

Ron Reynolds glovesmen are looking forward to a successful season, Coach Reynolds again tutors the varsity squad which ended its '65 season with a 7-7 league record. The coach thinks Campbell, Camden and Westmont could be the teams to beat. Some lettermen returnees for the varsity are Wills, Peterson, Podler, Capero, Amyx, Asti, Miallovich and Aguilera.

The new F.S. coach, Mr. Mathiason says he has some promising freshmen in Greg Ojheta and Ricky Knight. The F.S. ended the season with a 5-2 league record last year. (under the coaching of Mr. Abell.)

A couple promising juniors up from the frosh soph last year are pitchers Dan Abraham and Tom McEvoy. The first game is scheduled for March first against Sunnyvale at the Jets diamond. The coaches and team are very hopeful of strong turn outs for the games.

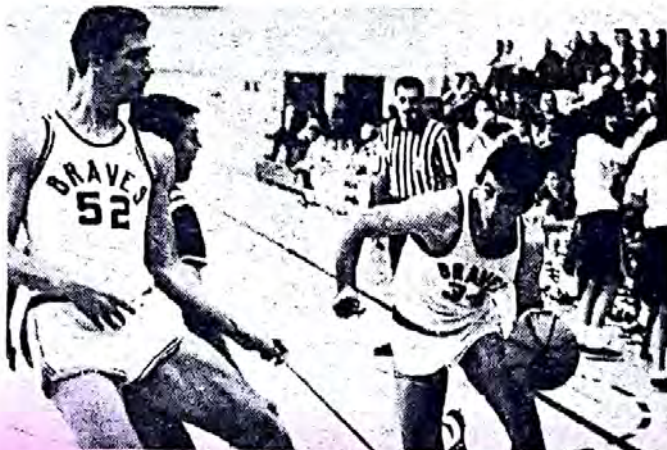
1966 Track Schedule

3/4	St. Francis
3/18	Los Gatos
3/25	Camden*
4/1	Saratoga
4/2	Hill Inv. Foothill College
4/15	Del Mar
4/20	Leigh*
4/23	Blossom Hill Relays Leigh
4/29	Westmont
5/6	Campbell*
5/10	A and B trials Blackford
5/11	C and D trials Blackford
5/13	Finals Blackford

* Indicates home meet.

a fine night.

March 15, the Braves completed their last tuesday game of the year by defeating a rugged Saratoga club by the score of 45-40. Rick Wright headed the point parade with 13 points followed by Alan Taketa with 10 and Jim Olson with 9. Jeff Mommson added six and again pulled down numerous rebounds. The game was decided at the free throw line with Blackford holding the edge by outshooting their opponents by "a mere 20%".



Ron Green takes advantage of Awtrey's screen. B.P.C. Photo

Braves Invited To Camellia

Even though basketball season is coming to an end, tournament time is just around the corner.

Dennis Awtrey and Co. who have already clinched their fourth championship will travel to Sacramento March 3, 4, and 5 to participate in the Camellia Invitational Basketball Tournament to be held at Sacramento High School.

To participate in the tournament a team must win their league championship and must receive an invitation from the tourney's officials.

Cross-town rival, Lincoln High School, took the championship last year behind their All-American Candidate, Ralph Ogden, and hope to repeat.