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Jan Awarded Scholarship

"The only way I can imagine that much money is comparing it to 20,000 hours of baby-sitting," commented senior Jan Stockard when asked how she felt about her recently acquired Lockheed scholarship.

Jan was one of two superior students selected in the northwestern part of the United States by Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation recently.

She was asked to fill out an immense application form. One section, which she vividly recalls, asked for the approximate time she devoted to community service, school clubs, and outside activities that she has participated in for the last four years. It took her a week to compute this information.

The final decision was based on an interview by top men from Stanford University and Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation. The interview consisted mainly of current events.

This is the second year in a row that a Blackford student

has been awarded this scholarship. Rick Hanson was the recipient last year.

Jan was accepted at Stanford at about the same time she learned of the scholarship. She will be employed at Lockheed during the summers. The money awarded through the scholarship plus her earnings during the summer will cover her expenses at Stanford, where she plans to major in geology-oceanography.



Jan Stockard

Four Represent BHS In State Honor Band

Blackford is honored to have four members on the State Honor Band and three on the County Honor Band this year. The celebrated musicians include Mike Francis, alto sax; Barry Laden, trombone; John Rhodes, clarinet; and Russ Rudden, clarinet for State Honor Band. Blackford's esteemed Santa Clara County Honor Band members are Mike Francis, solo alto sax; Barry Laden, solo trombone; and Jim Van Fleet, third chair trombone.

Each year the California Band Directors Association sends out information about the festival to almost 800 high schools in California. Each school sends

a list of one to six of their best musicians. Each student sends in a three minute taped audition. A committee listens to about 600 tapes and selects the 250 best musicians. Those students chosen must audition the second time on scales and sight-reading material, for chair positions as well as the band assignment.

The students rehearse approximately 13 hours for the performance. The only time the students have for recreation is a three hour party and dance on Saturday night as well as, Sunday for church, if they desire.



Four members of state honor band. B.P.C. Photo

Juniors Smart?

Blackford's outstandingly high academic record again proved to be such, as 49 Blackford students earned straight A's for the first semester. The junior class led the way, as they placed the highest number of students on the list. Of the forty-nine, the juniors had 19, which is 39%; the freshman had 16, which is 33%; while the seniors and sophomores each had 7, which both are 14%. The names of these academically outstanding students are:

SENIORS:

Trudy Bell, Donna Daniels, Tom Mader, Michou Mars, Mariann Rose, Lynne Shertzer, and Janice Stockard.

JUNIORS:

Dan Andrews, Joann Becker, Brian Bullock, Karlyne Bush, Carol Cook, Ginger Eugster, June Fields, Diane Gipson, Lawrence Hale, Carl Hanson, Jim Jacob, Carol Moffatt, Russell Rudden, Elizabeth Schade, Phil Sheehy, Marsha Sims, Rich Taketa, Carolyn Woytus, and Douglas Zody.

SOPHOMORES:

Gary Ahrens, Patricia Axell, Karen Engstrom, Thomas Fritz, James Haughey, Lina Jeong, and William Ramirez.

FRESHMEN:

Patricia Butler, George Carnett, Allison Fujino, Elizabeth Fuchigami, Lorie Ishimatsu, Glenda Keep, Laura Klein, Karen Schirle, Gall Shiomoto, Elwood Sturtevant, David Turney, Elise Unruh, David Wan, Wendy Winkler, Richard Wright, and Janice Yoshihara.

Seniors Win Math Final

Blackford seniors Tom McLennan and Bruce Thompson won first place in the Leap Frog Event of the Annual Math Field Day, sponsored by Santa Clara Valley Math Association. The contest was held on March 4 at San Jose State. Blackford received fifth place out of the total 39 participating schools.

The senior team, comprised of Jan Crump, Coo Kim and Ellen Rommelle, placed fifth in the competition. The junior team, made up of John Rhodes, Russ Rudden and Bruce Grjalva, placed ninth, while the sophomore team consisting of Jim Haughey, Howard Landman and Danny Mars, won fifth place.

Other successful individuals were Coo Kim earning fifth in the Open Mad Hatter and Howard Landman receiving seventh place in the Mad Hatter.

Meong Attends 2 Day Talk

Ng Meong, Blackford's AFS student, attended a 2-day conference at Asilomar, "Power in the modern world," during this Easter vacation.

This Human and Civil Rights Conference was held at Asilomar near Monterey.

The three featured speakers were Dr. Mark Maucall, professor at Stanford; Rev. Jesse Jackson, aid to Dr. Martin Luther King; and Colin Bell, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee. Delegates discussed human and civil rights.

Band to Play Next Saturday

The Blackford Concert Band will present a concert Friday, April 7, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. This will be the band's Formal Concert for the school year.

Mr. James B. Dyer, Director of Bands, has announced a very exciting and entertaining concert. Among the selections the band will play are: "Festive Overture", "Essay for Band", "Reflections", and several "light" numbers such as "La Bella Roma", and "Clarinet Cake". The Blackford Stage Band will also perform in the concert, playing several stage band jazz numbers.

Tickets may be purchased from Blackford Concert Band members or from Mr. Dyer; adults 75 cents, students and children, 50 cents. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the concert.

French Food For French III

Escargots (snails), napoleons, various cheezes, pate de foie gras (goose liver paste) and crepe suzettes were the subjects of Mrs. Cooke's first period, French III class, March 13, when they had a cultural experience in French cookery.

The class assembled in room six Monday morning and anxiously awaited the formalities of attendance and bulletin-reading to be finished in order that they could start trying the various foods. Most of the class was quite skeptical about trying "les escargots" though. Some of the students' remarks were:

Diane Quandt: "I liked the crepes but I didn't try the snails because they looked lcky."

Eloise Olsen: "I thought it was good to get out of class but I didn't like the snails."

Jim Jacobs: "The experience was fascinating; the food was good. The only thing missing was the "Alka Seltzer."

Liz Schade: "The experience was very rewarding except that les escargots are rather ugly"

WAR PAINT

By Rich Metzgar

What does Blackford have that not just any other school has? How about a campus that's littered with papers? How about writing on the garbage cans? How about practical jokers who need fires in garbage cans to keep warm on cold days? Is Blackford so privileged that we rate these "childish pranks?"

Pride in one's school is a responsibility to be undertaken by all---not just a few. Granted, most of the pranks are harmless and are committed by only a small per cent of the student body. But what happens when one of the pranks backfires and someone does get hurt? And what about the "Innocent" student who watches garbage cans set on fire but doesn't report it? Is he too proud to "squeal" on the culprit---or would he rather keep quiet and let it happen again?

Someone has to maintain pride in our school, and if everyone would start with himself, Blackford's name could be more respected.

I don't think anyone expects you to pick up the paper you see lying around the campus---there's too much of it. However, you can do your part by not throwing down your trash in the first place, and by showing more respect towards Blackford.



'DEARY PATTERN' TO CRIME FOR MOST FLUNKING STUDENTS

By Dave Eastman

Students making good grades are seven times less likely to become involved in the unlawful, than those who make poor grades. Since this is true, this question arises; Why does a student flunking become involved in crime? Psychiatrists believe answers lie in their attitudes toward school. The flunking student does not see school as a pathway to success but as an overpowering enemy that demands the impossible of him. He lives in his own world which twists help and understanding into distrust and hostility. Education laws force him to return again and again to a place where he has met defeat and consequently he becomes rebellious and violent. He inevitably drops out of school and is caught in a human vice in which he is pressured on one side by the law and on the other side by society.

The Flunker

Presidents Johnson's Commission on U.S. Crime and Justice reports, "for the flunker, there is a familiar and dreary pattern; bored and discouraged, he drops out of school, can't find a job, then drifts into crime. And once he becomes a criminal, the juvenile courts and probation officers do what the Commission describes as a disappointingly poor job of rehabilitation."

For those that do flunk and turn to crime, the statistics are startling. Fifteen-year-olds constitute the highest crime rate in the nation, with sixteen-year-olds, second.

Odd Transfers Greet Unsuspecting Faculty

It is getting so now that when a teacher stops a student in the corridor and asks him for a pass, he can toss the teacher a spool! Or, if he feels helpful, a typewriter eraser; and that teacher, baffled as he may be, will have to send him about his business. Sounds great, doesn't it?

There is an explanation. The spools and erasers are a couple of variations of official class to class transfers---commonly called passes. The spool belongs to sewing teacher Mrs. Vicky Drexhage, and the eraser to business teacher Mrs. Edna Vacarro.

You may have seen one of the office girls from Girl's P.E. strolling to the Dean's Office carrying a cracked softball bat or a deflated volleyball. Imagine a visiting district official's astonishment at seeing a girl using a hockey stick for a pass! Miss Ellis is more conservative in her passes. Now she now uses a small green turtle.

ad lib

By Libby Sherman

For those of you who tend to ignore the important things in our newspaper, you are truly "April Fools"... (Take a glance at the little box to the left.)

What's in a name? Believe it or not, there are many unusual names still given to many children these days. If you have an ordinary name, run-of-the-mill, read below and be thankful!

Ambrose means Immortal, divine--Baldwin; bold friend--Casper (see Jasper); Jasper; of uncertain origin--Dexter; dexterous, fortunate--Egbert; Bright sword, famous with the sword--Felix; happy, lucky--Hannibal; Grace of Baal--Herman; faithful--Hugo; soul--Icabod; Inglorious--Lancelot; A little lance or warrior--Marmaduke; A mighty noble--Oswald; Power of God--Silvester; Bred in the country, rustic Abigail; My father's joy--Agnes; Chaste, pure--Beatrix; blessed--Camilla; A maiden of unblemished birth and character; an attendant at a sacrifice--Edith; happiness--Idabel Godlike and fair.

To all graduating Seniors, there are only 53 more days left of school.....I think.

'We Shall Overcome'- Story of Female Brutality

"We shall overcome: "We, of the weaker sex shall overcome the domineering male in the near future. With our little spurts of "joking around" we shall take our proper place in society. First with small little incidents like the bloody nose Nancy Webb gave Jack Bristow, just goofing around. We shall advance to bigger things such as the incident with Danna Stewart and Buster Robertson. Danna, while just "horsing around" stabbed him in the eye with her little pinkie and left him bloody and helpless for weeks. On to bigger and better things such as the two cracked ribs that Steve Mollett received by "goofing around" with his girl, Sharon Werstler.

Finally we will have developed our "skills" so highly that we can overpower them completely. All of these little incidents came about in fun and shall go down in history as such. None of the males carry a grudge against their girls however they're a little more cautious when it comes to goofing around. One real convenience as to this

stronger "weaker sex" is that the females will be able to defend themselves against any intruders.

UNCLE SAM ANNOUNCES: FIRST MAJOR FEMALE DRAFT

The Federal Government has just released their request for all females between the ages of 18 and 32, to register for the selective service. They are planning the first big major draft of women sometime in November of this year. They expect to draft 75% of the female population that is unattached or not attending a full-time college as of September.

Attention! All Girls! 'Gross Exaggeration' Tonight at Blackford

Attention all lovelorn girls! Beware all unattached and unsuspecting males! Blackford's annual girl-ask-boy affair, the Twirp Dance, is here!

Tonight Blackford's cafeteria will be transformed into an op art atmosphere, with unusual and colorful posters decorating the walls. This year's dance has been dubbed the "Gross Exaggeration" which also happens to be the name of the evening's entertainment, a Football combo.

School dress standards will be observed and admission is fifty cents (50¢) without a student body card. Black and white snapshots will also be available for seventy five cents (75¢) Doors will open at 8:30, (no one will be admitted after 9:30), and close around 11:30.

General chairman is Social Affairs commissioner Louise Peterson. In charge of decorations are seniors Carol Pintura and Barbra Paul, Art Commissioner. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening by the Social Affairs Commission, who will also assist at the cloakroom.

FACULTY FORUM



Mrs. Fechter By Marlene Leidenheimer

Candy and candy wrappers are Mrs. Fechter's, the head librarian, pet peeve. When asked about the people reading more, she stated that junior high students read more due to the fact that senior high students have cars and participate more in school activities.

Mrs. Fechter feels a library can do a great deal for a student in broadening his outlook on life. Reading books is a way of traveling to a different time, different social area, and you can enjoy reading if you have very little money or are sick.

The best contribution of a school library to the student is a chance to use and examine new titles, for his age and needs.

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Viet Nam War Is Observed By Sr. Leslie Caton's Family

Much discussion about the war in Viet Nam is circulating the country, but not many people could have the opportunity to watch it from their front porch.

Blackford senior Leslie Caton's parents can do just that! Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caton and their daughter, Everette, a Blackford alumnus, are living in Saigon, Mr. Caton has been in Viet Nam since July, working as a pilot for Air Vietnam, a commercial airline run by the Vietnamese. Mrs. Caton and Everette, who was attending University of California at Santa Cruz, joined him in January. The Catons will return home in June, and Leslie will return with them for the summer.

Leslie said her family just loves living there. Her mother is especially excited about having her own maid and cook. Before her mother and sister learned how to drive, they had their own chauffeur. He had been captured by the Viet Cong in 1963 and tortured by sticking his fingers in burning gasoline.

The Catons reside in a duplex with another American couple. The house is French style,

but Mr. Caton still can't figure out how many rooms it has. The kitchen, with servant's quarters attached to it, is separate from the house. You might say the house has all the modern conveniences, except the electricity is turned off during certain times of the day to conserve power. The first thing installed was hot, running water. The entire duplex is made of cement. Leslie explained that because the weather was so hot and humid, wood would disintegrate.

Surrounding their home is a brick wall with iron pikes at the top to keep the people out. Many children roam the streets and there is quite a bit of stealing because of the poverty.

Living in Viet Nam is not all fun. Bombs have been dropped only a couple of blocks from their house. Once, Leslie continued, the Vietnamese searched their home for deserters.

Leslie is very anxious to go to Viet Nam. Although she has her own personal correspondence from a nationally publicized country, she can't wait to see it herself. Who could?



Morty Rice and Dennis Hoppin display new Senior lunch line

New Senior Privileges

"The Administration is looking upon the senior class more favorably than ever, and privileges which in the past have been termed "unobtainable" are now more and more becoming a reality," stated Dennis Hoppin, senior class president.

Blackford's senior class of '67 has been successful in obtaining two new privileges for the upcoming years. Senior

Tee-Shirt Day and Senior Line are the new privileges, with Tee-Shirt Day being held in February and Senior Snack Shack line going into effect March 27.

The current privileges are Senior Sneak Day, Senior Dress-up Day and Graduation. The question has been raised why there is no Senior Lawn. According to district policy no school can officially have a Senior lawn roped off.

The class of '67 hopes that the new privileges will not be abused by this or any Senior class.

Seniors Make Life C.S.F.

Seventeen Blackford seniors received the honor of earning the position as Life C.S.F. members last semester.

They are: Candy Anderson, Gella Andro, Trudy Bell, Mahlian Carmichael, Janet Crump, Kathy Cuzner, Joan DeMay, Cathy Frye, Leslie Fujino, Debby Graff, Michou Mars, Craig Oba, Mark Powell, Marianne Rose, Janice Stockard, Robin

Thayer, and Bruce Thompson.

Each of these students had to become a member of the California Scholarship Federation for four of the last six semesters. Anyone earning this honor receives a pin and certificate during the awards assembly, gets to wear a gold tassel during the graduation, and is eligible for scholarships awarded by the school.

wheels Molett's Marvel: '40 "Vette"

The Lance's special April 1 edition of "Wheels" features a rare 1940 Chevy Corvette Club Coupe. The car's proud owner displaying his first of Chevy's Corvettes is Senior Steve Molett.

This '40 coupe was the first of a series of Chevrolets modified production cars which ran all the way until 1964.

Steve's "vette" is equipped with such rarities as a 4-speed transmission, loaded 6 cylinder with pop-up pistons, 3/4 cam, custom headers, dual exhaust,

and an enclosed drive-line with a 4:11 rear end.

Steve's exterior sports 16 inch wheels with Firestone and Goodyear tires, with semi-custom fiberglass fenders, doors and trunk lid.

Interior features include a sporting tan swada with such options as folding bench seats and a padded deck under the rear window.

Steve's future plans for his Corvete include metal flaking and selling his car to the highest bidder.



Steve's 1940 Chevy Corvete Club Coupe



Mrs. Caton and Everette with their Vietnamese maid.

'The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming!'

Are you a no good capitalist out to conquer the poor innocent world with your army? Or are you a proud Russian soldier trying to protect all the worthwhile social revolutions going on in the world today?

The above was part of a propaganda technique delivered by "Communist" Dr. Gyorgi Vellkovsky, Monday, March 6, the purpose being to shock young Americans into, not only thinking about the situation of the world as it is today, but more importantly, getting up and doing something for that in which we believe. In this case--the republican democracy of the United States of America.

"Communist" Vellkovsky began his execution of American propaganda by quoting the

American humorist, Mark Twain. "Newspapers are the mirrors of society." Then, to give examples as to the truth of Twain's statement, he brought copies of newspapers from the Soviet Union and copies of American papers. The Soviet papers told of historic space flights and walks made by great Russian cosmonauts, while those papers picked "at random" from our press told of killings of children in Selma and civil rights leaders murdered--reflections of the American society.

In closing, George Vellitotes revealed his true identity as a "no good American capitalist," rather than the "proud Russian" he was impersonating.

VARSITY BASEBALL LOSES 5

By Bob Hennig

The Blackford Varsity Baseball team will try to snap a five game losing streak when they play Soquel, Tuesday, March 28, on the Braves' diamond.

After clobbering the St. Francis nine by the score of 12 to 1 in the season opener, the Braves have skidded to five straight losses.

At St. Francis, in the opener, the Braves ripped the Lancer's moundmen unmercifully in

in their 12 to 1 slaughter. Chuck Pottler was one of the hitting heroes for the tribe as he hammered out a 375 foot home run.

A 6-2 loss to Bellarmine started the Braves' five game losing streak, in which they lost to Andrew Hill, San Jose City College, and in the Easter Lions Tournament to San Jose, and finally to Los Gatos.

Coach Ron Reynolds feels that although the Braves have

lost five games they "have seen better than most of the teams, but admits that they have "faced some pretty tough competition, especially City College and Bellarmine."

Coach Reynolds stated, "Confidence comes from success, and we're lacking confidence. But the biggest problem that we're having is that we're not consistent. When the hitting is good, we don't get the pitch-

ing."

The Braves have some fine players on the team. They have eight returning lettermen from last year's Varsity. There are also five lettermen from last year's undefeated Frosh-Soph team, including Henry Honda, Last years M.V.P.

The Braves will start league play against Del Mar, here on April 6.

Track vs. Westmont
Here at 3:30 Today

★ BLACKFORD ★ SPORTS

Baseball Premiere
April 6 at Home

FS Baseball Sizing Up!

Blackford's Frosh-Soph baseball team is looking toward another fine season this year. Under Coach Bill Mathleson's guidance, the Braves hope to repeat their record of last year, as the 1966 edition of the Frosh-Soph had an undefeated record in league play, to take the league crown going away.

Leading the attack against enemy pitchers is Sophomore Mark Mengo. Mengo is currently spanking the ball at a .641 pace. The task of holding down the bats of the opposition is resting heavily on the shoulders of right-handed pitchers Bruce Edgerton and Don Noel. A big lift in the pitching department was the near perfect no-hit game, tossed by freshman Rich Miller against Homestead during Easter Vacation.

The "little" Brave opened the season with a victory over Andrew Hill. Noel and Edgerton shared the pitching chores while Mengo went 3 for 3 at the plate. In the second game, played at Sunnyvale, Mengo's 4 for 4 and a tape-measure home run by Dale Yoshihara put the Braves ahead 6 to 4, but lost in the final winning 8 to 6.

During the recent Westmont Tournament during Easter, the Braves could win only one of three games. After losing the opener to Fremont 7 to 2, Miller's no-hitter paved the way for a close 1-0 victory over Homestead in the second game. The third game was lost to Wilcox by the score of 7-2. The only other bright spot in the tourney, besides Miller's no-hitter, was the hitting of Yoshihara and Mengo, each at .400 for the tourney.

Coming Events

- March 31 Golf-Los Gatos vs Blackford
- Swimming - Blackford @ Westmont 3:30 p.m.
- Track-Westmont @ Blackford 3:30 p.m.
- April 6 Varsity Baseball-Del Mar @ Blackford 3:30 p.m.
- F/S Baseball Blackford @ Del Mar 3:30 p.m.
- Tennis-Del Mar @ Blackford 3:30 p.m.
- April 7 End of 3rd quarter
- Swimming - Leigh @ Blackford 3:30 p.m.
- Track - Blackford @ Leigh 3:30 p.m.
- Band Concert-Cafe-8:00 p.m.

Blackford Varsity Cindermen Beat St. Francis Squad 62-60

Friday, March 10, marked the first track meet of the season for Blackford's cindermen. It proved to be a big day for Blackford as they won two divisions and tied another.

Varsity 62-60

Blackford won the meet on the final event, the 880 yard relay. Bill Graham, Bruce Kallin, Mark Chiaravalle and Garth Nystrom got together to win the relay and the meet. Highlight-

ing the competition was Mark Chiaravalle and Bill Graham as they both captured three firsts. Chiaravalle was the brightest spot however as he set a record in the 120 yard high hurdles with a fine time of 15.5 seconds. Mark also got first place in the 180 yard low hurdles, and the relay. Graham captured the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash and the relay.

B'ees 61-61

St. Francis provided an even match for the Braves. Blackford's Steve Neff, however, stole the show in the two mile run as he ran 10:35.5 for a new record. It was just 5 seconds off the Varsity record. Bob Imus took first place in three events, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and the long jump.

Frosh-Soph 81-31

Blackford had a decisive victory over St. Francis in this division. Ron Kojima, a Freshman, broke the 120 yard low hurdles record that was set by Steve Rutlen in 1963. Frank William garnered three first, 220 yard dash, 440 yard dash, and the relay. Fans can see the meet today against Westmont, here.



A few of Blackford's outstanding Varsity Trackmen

Blackford Swimmers Dumped In Three Consecutive Meets

By Howard Hobart

Blackford's Varsity swim squad surprisingly has been dumped by its first three opponents. The Brave swimmers, seen to be strong this year with such stalwarts as Brian Worrell, Brent Youngblood, Jim Olsen, Bob Kull, and John Hitchcock, are barely nosed out in every meet.

The first meet of the season, held at the Blackford Pool, saw the Bellarmine Bells swimming to a decision by a single point. In the meet, the victor was decided by the 50 yard freestyle where Bob Kull lost by a judge's decision even though he had a one length second better time than the first place Bell. After the diving and in

the second half of swimming, the Braves made a spurt but only to fall by 47 to 48.

During the third and latest meet to date, the Braves were touched out in the final 400 yard freestyle relay by Del Mar's Dons. The Dons had gained their slight edge before this race by the false start in the 400 yard freestyle, in which the starter misinformed the Brave swimmers, causing them to stop, and thus giving Del Mar the points it needed to take the meet.

Saturday, the 18th, the Varsity Relay Team swam to a first place in the Del Mar Relays.

Braves Win DM Relays

By Bob Kull

Blackford's swimming team brought home the first place trophy for the fourth time in five years of the Del Mar Relays.

The standings were Blackford 130 points; Del Mar, 96; Camden, 90; Saratoga, 86; Campbell, 74; Leigh, 72; Westmont, 58.

Taking few firsts, the swimmers won by taking many seconds and thirds.

Some of the Braves' highlights were the 200 medley relay (1:50.9), the diving (146.9 pts.) and the 400 medley relay (3:57.5) a new record set by Hitchcock, Van Fleet, Youngblood, and Worrell.

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SPRING SPORTS