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Award winners practicing for upcoming test.

Four Blackford Students Take English Department Nomination

Jan Hammond, Phil Sheehy, Rahnea Sunserl and Allen Van Etten have been nominated by the English Department to represent Blackford in this year's National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards Competition.

The purpose of NCTE Achievement Awards is to grant public recognition to some of the best high school English students in the country. Although no direct cash awards are given, winning an NCTE

Award is a great aid to students wishing to receive college scholarships.

Jan, Phil, Rahnea, and Allen will take a test soon to determine their eligibility to receive awards. The test will consist of grammar and an impromptu theme. They will also have to submit an autobiography and a sample of the student's best composition work.

Results of the NCTE tests will be released next fall.

Honor Society Excursion Set For Frisco, May 3

Wednesday, May 3, marks the date for Blackford High School's annual CSF-Honor Society excursion to San Francisco.

This year's annual event is highlighted by the choice of attending the stage production of "Walking Happy," the movie "Hawaii", or the best picture of the year, "A Man For All Seasons," featuring the best actor of the year, Paul Schofield.

Art Pieces Win

By Misty Grimm

Blackford in the past has inspired many good students to going above normal.

This year is no exception. Recently the Los Gatos Art Association sponsored a Campbell Union High School District art show.

Mr. Thomas Harris, arts and crafts teacher, entered many impressive ceramic and sculptured pieces. Of these, two showed outstanding merit, outstanding enough to take a first and second place.

First place was taken by Gary Dunn for a clay work. Second was taken by Gerry Novak for a coil bowl.

Although the trip will be chaperoned by members of the Blackford faculty, the only mandatory activity will be attending the theater. The remainder of the day will be spent according to the discretion of the CSF and/or Honor Society member.

Mr. Ronald Bender, California Scholarship Federation-Honor Society advisor, stated, tongue in cheek, about the affair: "The theater featuring 'Hawaii' is playing only two blocks from the Haight-Ashbury District!"

Revisions

"Class presidents will become members of the council, and class representatives will be given new powers and duties." These revisions to the Blackford Constitution are two of the many revisions initiated by the council recently.

Ratification of the new constitution was presented to the student body on Wednesday, April 26.

The council has worked hard to distribute more power in making decisions to a greater number of votes in the new constitution.

Interact Club Now Installed

Blackford's newest club, the Interact Club, was formally inducted into Interact International on Monday night, April 10. The induction ceremonies took place in one of the banquet rooms of the Sweden House.

Interact is sponsored by the Rotary Club of West San Jose. Blackford is the newest member of District 513, which is now the largest district in the area. Other schools from the district attending the ceremonies were Del Mar, Lincoln, and Saratoga.

The ceremonies started with a dinner for the Interact members and their parents, along with the members of the Rotary. After the dinner, club president Chuck Potrier, received the President's gavel. The other officers receiving items were club vice president Dale Yoshihara, who received the club flag; secretary Bob Hennig, who received the constitution, and treasurer Tim Jarulgan, who received a record book for the club's money. Advisor, Mr. Joe Browning, was given a briefcase to keep all of the club's records in.

Interact has already completed its first service project of the year. During Easter Vacation, the members cleaned and painted all of the garbage cans in the school.

3 Seniors Win \$242.

Congratulations are do for three of Blackford's seniors; Graig Oba, MaryAnn Rose, and Chris Tolleson. They have won California State Scholarship. This entitles them to \$242 for next year.

High scores on the SAT test, and an application are the requirements for this scholarship. Thirteen of Blackford's people were semi-finalists. This scholarship lasts for one year and may be applied for the entire four years in college.



Graig Oba, Chris Tolleson, MaryAnn Rose win scholarship.

Senior Wins \$1000 Award

Senior Ellen Roemmele was awarded the San Jose City Panhellenic Scholarship consisting of \$1,000 last week. The scholarship, sponsored by all San Jose City Sororities, will enable her to go to San Jose State and major in mathematics.

Ellen applied for the scholarship last February. The ten girl semi-finalists from high schools all over the city were judged by five women. The girls were asked questions to determine their degree of worthiness and cleverness of reply. Ellen stated that she was asked what she got out of her high school years and what she planned to get out of college; why she applied for the scholarship, and the role of the woman of the community.

Letters of recommendation were to be written about the girls by their particular Dean of Women. Ellen received the scholarship at a Mother and Daughter Tea held on Wednesday.



Ellen Roemmele, award winner

PTA Holds BHS Faculty

Food, singing, and teachers were the basic features of the first PTA Appreciation Awards meeting, Wednesday night April 19.

Mr. Fred Fisher, biology teacher, was the recipient of the PTA Award for the most outstanding teacher of the year. Mr. Fisher said he was "honored by the award," and that he owed it to the young people of Blackford. Many other teachers won prizes of baseball tickets, circus tickets and decoration. Some of the winners were Mr. Abell, Mrs. Drexhage, Mrs. Lozano, and Mr. Like.

The dinner was made by the Blackford Chiefs, and was served through the courtesy of the Blackford Key Club.

Lobster Dinner For 'Spaniards'

Langosta a la catalana or Spanish lobster with Cuban influence will be the main course of the Spanish class dinner.

Chef Senor Garcia will cook the dinner on May 1, at 7:30 "Anybody interested in excellent food," said Mr. Garcia, "may come." The price is \$2.50.



BLACKFORDITES ARE BLINDED BY 'DEEP' TRASH PROBLEM

Here it comes again—clean campus—and its going to keep coming up until it penetrates. One of these days a responsible student is going to clear away the trash that covers his eyes and see the problem that exists at Blackford. When this happens Blackford is going to clean its campus and for once in its "trash-filled history," win a clean-campus competition.

Each student is involved with the trash problem, because almost every area in the school is covered with the debris. The problem cannot be blamed on just a few 'irresponsible' students because they cannot possibly spread such a large amount of trash over a wide area such as Blackford's campus. **What are the solutions?**

SOLUTIONS

Solutions for this problem aren't as easy as they seem. One answer is to give an extra privilege to the students. What privilege could the administration give us besides the privilege of dressing down on Playday? If the problem persists it would be easier to take away a few privileges such as the machines, open campus and the Senior Line.

The most effective way to solve this crucial problem is with the student body itself. Pride must be instilled within all of us and until it is done, we shall have to live in our own private slum.

Why should just a few slobs give Blackford a dirty name.

ad lib

By Libby Sherman

I'm sure you've heard a lot about 'clean campus' these days, and for a good reason. A clean campus is a sign of respect and pride in your school but judging from the amount of trash spread all over school, I doubt if the students at Blackford have any!

A parent, visiting Blackford, observed a paper bag lying in the middle of the hall; and teachers, as well as students, carefully stepping around it. Is the strain so much that you can't bend down to pick up a helpless paper bag? It's not going to jump in the trash can by itself or because you say, "Paper Bag, I command you to jump in that garbage can!" It's your responsibility to see that it gets there.

You Seniors—I appeal to you! We only have a little over a month before we leave Blackford. If you want to leave a tradition behind for next year and the years to follow, why not make it the tradition of having a clean campus?

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Blackford Students Re-evaluate Constitution, Vote Due Wed. 26

Natolie Bless
 "I see no reason why the constitution shouldn't pass," remarked ASB President Brian Kimura. However, only time will tell as to the outcome of the April 26 election.

Although the passing of the constitution is the issue at hand, I don't believe this is the most important thing to be considered if we would care enough to just take the time to understand the problem, in particular, the revision of the constitution, we

would probably not have needed a second election. However, it seems that at Blackford we have proven ourselves to be a school of 'complainers', without taking the time to do anything about unpleasant conditions.

Results of a recent poll of fifty students' opinions concerning the revision are:
 For Against Undecided Read
 24 11 14 20
 Haven't Read 30

Blackford Receives First Of The Electric Pianos From District

Blackford is fortunate in having its first electric pianos (which sound more like organs than pianos), now being used by the Music Theory class. They were used during the Humanities Summer Program, provided by Campbell Union High School district, and work the same way the language lab is set up. The student is able to hear himself as well as have the teacher tune in on him and listen to him individually, without confusion of others.

One can conclude from this that we do not care enough to find out about the situation, we are willing to be lead about blindly. So, to you who have shown no interest before, I say to you now--open your eyes! and to you who do have interest in your school--get the other's glasses!



B.H.S. Annual Spring Concert Slated for Performance May 17

Blackford High School's annual spring concert is scheduled for performance on May 17, 1967, at 8 p.m. in the school cafeterium.

The orchestra's selections include 'Belle of the Ball' by Leroy Anderson, 'The Knights Bridge March' by Coats, selections from the successful Broadway musical production of 'Hello Dolly', and the 'Saint Sains' Grand Piano Concert' featuring a piano solo by senior Lynn McConahey.

This gala event will be highlighted by the dancing of twelve can-can girls--Peggy Todd, choreographer, Sherry Esberger, soloist; Helen Gerard; Leslie Litzinger; Chris Mehling; Denise Norris; Sarah Smith; Dixie Snyder; Ginger Snyder; Debbie Toledo; Debbie Walbridge; and Barbara York, the presentations by the concert band, stage band, orchestra, and the A Capella choir, all under the direction of Mr. Ray Allvin and Mr. James Dyer.

Refreshments at the annual spring concert include french pastrys and coffee set off by a gaily decorated atmosphere.

The choir will present two Negro spirituals, 'Goin' Down That Lonesome Road' and 'A Band of Angels', 'Three Madrigals' by Diemer, and 'The Turtle Dove' by Vaughn Williams with Cindy Coker as featured soloist.

The admission price for this annual music concert is one dollar per person. The accommodations in the cafeterium are for slightly over 300 persons.

Upcoming events this spring for Blackford High's concert band are performances at the California Music Educators Association State Band Festival on April 29 and at graduation on Wednesday, June 14.



Can can girls will brighten the Spring Concert next month.

BHS Student Lead Dancer In 'Funny Girl'

A very "Funny Girl" from Blackford's student body will play the part of Jenny, the lead dancer, in the production by the San Jose Light Opera Association.



"Funny Girl" requires hard work.

Sophomore Taffy Jones, besides playing the lead dancer in the production of "Funny Girl," will also be the assistant choreographer. In order to get into the play, Taffy auditioned by singing, dancing, and reading for the part. Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:30 pm to whenever dismissed; usually about 10:30 pm-11:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled for four days a week, but if the show needs additional work, the cast can expect to rehearse up to six or even seven days a week. Taffy thoroughly enjoys her part in the play although she admits it takes a

lot of time and hard work. "Funny Girl" will be presented in the Montgomery Theater at the Civic Auditorium. Performances will include a benefit on April 28th, with regular performances held on April 29th, May 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th. Following the six local performances, the cast will be on the road for a three day show at Fort Ord.

A.F.S Student Miang Talks About Singapore; Culmination of East and West

Few American males would consider dating only when they could afford to support themselves. This is one of the many customs in Singapore, land where the East meets the West, and home of Ng Ser Miang, Blackford's foreign exchange student. Some Western culture has managed to penetrate the walls of Singapore, but many old customs remain.

Modern Singapore is "in" on all the new clothing and hair styles. "I found very little difference in clothing, here," Miang added. But, at the same time, the four races of Singapore can often be seen in their native costume and atap houses are still remain. These wooden houses have roofs of atap leaves, and many of them are set above the ground. The four races in Singapore are Chinese, Indians, Europeans and Malays; each with their own religion and language. "To keep things fair," mentioned Miang, "they have four official languages."

Schools in Singapore

There are different schools, for each race, where their language is spoken. The schools aren't very different, except that the students have to wear uniforms consisting of blue shorts or skirts and a white shirt with the school badge. Each school operates in shifts --one from 7:40 am to 1:00 pm and the other from 1:15 pm to 6:20 pm. Miang attended six years of elementary school, four years of high school, and he is presently enrolled in a pre-university school. This school lasts two years and students major in pre-medicine, pre-science, or pre-art. The graduates must pass a government test. Miang is studying pre-medicine and he hopes to be a surgeon. He is thinking of possibly going to a university in England.

Weather a Decided Difference

The most decided difference



Ng Ser Miang from Singapore

between the United States and Singapore is the weather, he continued. In his country, there is no change of seasons. The temperature remains at about 85 degrees and it rains throughout the year.

Driving and Cars

When he first came to the United States, Miang thought it was unusual for people to drive on the right hand side of the road. The cars are on the left side in Singapore, and the drivers license is obtainable at the age of 18. What kind of cars do they drive? Austins, Flats, and Volkswagons head the list of popular cars. Many items are inexpensive in Singapore, but gasoline costs three times the price it does here!

Stockard Receives Second In Bank of America Finals

Senior Jan Stockard, Blackford's representative at the zone competition of the Bank of America Achievement Awards, was honored and surprised with a second place and a \$50 award Thursday, April 13, at Santa Clara University.

panel of seven judges asked questions of the contestants, and stimulated discussion on such topics as the Goldwater campaign and the meaning behind it, and whether we are breeding a conforming society.

The judging was in the form of a group interview. Ten students participated, each representing a local high school. A

Jan commented that a series of questions concerning economics was totally unexpected, but that overall it was very enjoyable.

wheels

Dan Young's 'Hot' '58 Chevy

We've gone "Hot Car" instead of sports car in this issue, with Danny Young's 2 door '58 Chevy.

The exterior consists of a metallic midnight blue paint job, and reversed chrome rims.

Danny shifts by a Fenton 500 three speed linkage on the floor. Danny's 292 cubic inch 58 has black leather seats and chrome window frames. Under the dash sits an Audio Stereo Tape Deck which usually plays "Danny and Sandy" custom made tapes and tapes by the Miracles.

Danny stated that his future plans are to finish the interior and lower the car all around.

Danny, vice president of the West Side Chevy Car Club, also has a black '55, 427 cubic inch Chevy. In his spare time he can usually be found rebuilding the '55, getting it in excellent running condition and plans to paint it blue.



Danny Young with his 2 door '58 Chevy

Second Roman Banquet Sponsored by Latin Club

The second annual Roman Banquet, sponsored by the Latin Club, was presented Tuesday, April 18, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm in Blackford's cafeteria.

The evening's festivities, under the direction of Mrs. Chew, started out with an offering of flowers from the altar to the gods. Master of Ceremonies, Rich Manfre, then proceeded to introduce the rest of the evening's entertainment. This included a slave auction for first year Latin student Jim Wilson going for \$14, a fashion show featuring the ever popular "mini-toga", and a wrestling match between Latin clubbers Terry Gemignant and Jim Wilson.

The evening's menu consisted of Ova diabolica (devil eggs), Oleva (olives), Seier (celery), Martal (pickles), Caro Bubula Agas (roast beef), Granum (corn) Beta (beets), Pomi Terrae (mashed potatoes), Aceraria (salad), volumen (rolls), calidus potio (coffee), dulces (candy), Lac (milk), venum (grape juice), Cruestulum Romanum (Roman pastry), and mucos (nuts).

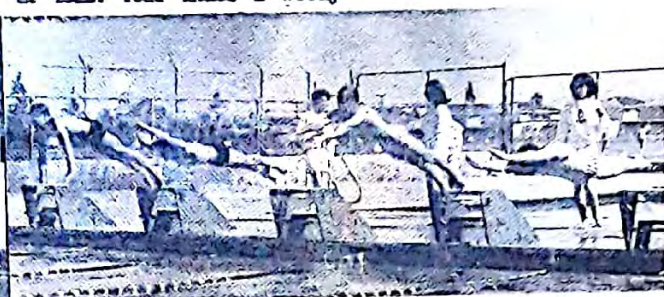
Also highlighting the evening was a play entitled "We've Come This Way Before (And We'll Probably Go By Again), the presentation of Emporer Dennis Hoppin and Emperress Jackie Keywood, and Mrs. Chew's blue carnation corsage, given to her by the Latin Club.



'The ever popular mini-toga'

Rains Retard Season

This is currently the wettest season in recent years. Due to the rains, that usually come at least four times a week, both baseball and track teams are running behind in their current league schedules.



★ BLACKFORD ★ SPORTS

FISH, DIVOTMEN IN SLUMP

After a defeat dealt them by Camden, Blackford's varsity swim team lost its chance for the West Valley League title, a position which they've held for the past three years. The Cougars swam past the Braves mermen in the last event, the 400-yard relay, with a time of 3:26.5, to take the meet, 49 to 46.

Even though the Braves' Brian Worrell swam to the league's best mark for the sea-

son in the 100 yard freestyle, the Braves still seem to be weak in the latter half of their meets. Along with Brian's efforts the Braves looked impressive and took the 200 yard medley relay with a 1:47.5 clocking; the 200 free with Worrell again leading the pack; the 200 individual medley featuring Brent Youngblood and the 100-yard back with John Hitchcock and a 1:00.4 time.

Embittered by the loss to

Camden, Blackford was revenge-minded when they met Los Gatos Wildcats. The Braves mermen dominated many of the events. The 200-yard medley relay team composed of John Hitchcock, Jim Van Fleet, Brent Youngblood, and Brian Worrell, again won. Other events taken by the Braves mermen include: the 50-yard free with Brian Worrell winning; the 100 yard fly with Brent Youngblood scoring; the 100 free, a 51.3 clocking by Worrell, and the decision awarded to the Braves' John Hitchcock in the 100-yard back.

The addition of these victories showed the Braves with an easy victory 80 to 14.

Blackford's Golf Team has opened their season with two losses to Del Mar and Camden. Those showing promise for this year's team include Doug Perasso, who has won each of his matches, and Rich Wright who just barely gets beat out. Another member and second-year man, John Velasquez also has the potential, but is just being narrowly beaten. Due to the bad weather conditions, rain and soggy grounds have prevented the team from practicing. This year's team, led by Coach Lee Glandon, thinks that the team is well rounded and should improve with the better weather

'67 Baseball Roster

Dan Abraham
Tom Abraham
Larry Cooper
John Fay
John Guraro
Joe Henard
Joe Ireland
Jim Hobbs
Henry Honda
Mike Lombardo
Tom McEvoy

Milt Murata
Greg Ojeda
Frank Palermo
Chuck Pottier
Craig Ratkovich
Tony Riley
Oscar Samarida
Neil Sinnott
Frank Sprattling
Mike Ucci
Steve Wills

Abbreviated Season For V, F-S Nine

Blackford's Varsity baseball team has got off to a slow start in the somewhat abbreviated season so far. The Braves have dropped two close games by a total of three runs at the hands of Camden and Campbell.

In their first league game, at Camden, the Braves dropped a 2-0 game to the Cougars. In their next outing the tribe was blanked by Campbell 1-0 in nine innings.

The Frosh-Soph has been slightly more successful as they have an even 1 and 1 record. After losing to Camden 2-1, they shut-out Campbell 2-0. Dale Yoshihara was the big hitting star in the win.



Chiaravalle Tops 180 Record

Blackford's track team has been kept off the cinder for the past week. Running between cloudbursts, the Braves managed two meets two weeks ago, with Westmont and Camden. The Varsity cindersmen were surprised in both meets as both Westmont and Camden ran the Braves into the cinders. The B's and Frosh-Soph won one and lost one as they fared slightly better than the Varsity.

Mark Chiaravalle, Blackford's fine hurdler, broke his own 180 yard low hurdle record which he set last year. Mark covered the distance in 20.5 which was .5 second better than his previous best. Ken Yocum, only a sophomore, tied Ron McCraughy's pole vault record with a leap of 12 feet.



'67 Swimming Roster

Dave Clare
Steve Clark
Jerry Froehlich
Stan Getsla
John Hitchcock
Bob Kull
Harry McGee
Jim Olsen

Dave Richardson
Chris Thayer
Jim Van Fleet
Mike Wasch
Gary Wienbar
Jeff Woods
Brian Worrell
Brent Youngblood