

# Class of '68 Presents Shangri-la on May 19

"Shangri-la", this year's junior prom, will be presented May 19, 9 to 12, in Blackford's cafetorium.

The theme, Shangri-la, was taken from the book, *Lost Horizon*, in which James Hilton described a legendary paradise, Shangri-la, high in the mountains of Tibet. The theme was chosen by a committee headed by Rich Taketa.

Bids, which are \$3.00 per couple, can be purchased at the school bank. Juniors who participated in last fall's magazine sale do not need to purchase bids.

Johnney Vaughn's combo will provide the evening's entertainment. Mr. Joe Davis, former Blackford music teacher, is one of the combo's members.

Mrs. Margaret Couch, junior class counsellor, stated that female participants in this year's prom will be glad to learn that there are no restrictions on their formal attire. Therefore, prom-goers may be able to see Twiggy eyes, cut-out dresses, and psychedelic and geometric prints in bright colors. However, Mrs. Couch added that all participants should dress as they would for a formal affair.



Above, junior class officers (l. to r.) Rich Taketa, secretary; Jim Salazar, vice-president; Dian Cucuzza, treasurer; and Bob Kull, president; busy at work on junior prom plans.

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## CSF Invades San Francisco

A gigantic poster of a banana and a salted prune were just two of the many items that came back on the busses that took us to San Francisco May 8.

For many who traveled to the city, the day's activities included visits to Fisherman's Wharf, Haight-Ashbury, Ghirardelli Square and Nob Hill. While many boys visited the hippies in Haight-Ashbury, most girls spent their time in the novelty shops and mod dress stores.

A few girls, upon walking into mod dress shop Paraphernalia, spied Mrs. Drexhage trying on a mini-dress. Although it looked cute on our petite homemaking teacher, she put it back on the rack because "it was not proper school attire."

After viewing "A Man For All Seasons," "Hawaii," or "Walking Happy," the scholars returned to Blackford. Before reaching their destination, a policeman stopped one of the busses. Some of the comments heard were, "Maybe he's getting a ticket for speeding," "Naw, he'll get thrown in jail!"

And what was the cause for detainment? A burned out light!

## 1968 Song Girls Chosen; ASB Elects Cheerleaders

"The spirit was just wonderful Thursday during cheerleading tryouts. If we can just keep this up for the year '67-'68 we're sure to win the spirit trophy," agreed the newly elected Varsity and Frosh-Soph cheerleaders.

Newly elected Varsity cheerleaders are Nancy Cornell, Patti Fenton, Trudy Hirschfeld, Debbie Nissen and Diane Cucuzza. Frosh-Soph cheerleaders are Cheryl Hankins, Vicki Irons and Nancy Moody.

As a result of the new constitution, only Juniors went out for Varsity cheerleader and Sophomores and Freshmen for Frosh-Soph.

Tuesday, the 12 semi-finalists went before the student council and the spirit commission advisors, to perform their original routines. From these twelve girls, six were chosen to be the '67-'68 song girls. They are Becky Nickol, Carolyn Woytus, Mary Andro, Judy Santo, Karlyno Bush and Taffy Jones.

"Myself and the graduating song girls feel that this last year was the greatest year ever. All of us will be closer in memories, and this will keep us together. We've gained many new friends this year, and I know we will hate leaving our "sisters" behind. It will be sad to see new faces take our places, but we have lots of faith in the new song girls," commented Chris Yoshihara, graduating head song girl.



Jan Crump demonstrates new routine to Stacey Spaulding and Nancy Butler at song girl workshop.

## Martha Griffin Chosen For Y.F.U. Program

"I've always wanted to travel, and finally I have a chance," remarked Julor Martha Griffin concerning her recent acceptance in the Youth For Understanding program. On June 28, Martha will leave Oakland for Finland, there she will live with a Finnish family during the summer.

Martha filled out forms, received four letters of recommendation, pictures, and wrote a four-page autobiography about her interests and hobbies for the judges at Ann Arbor, Mich-

igan. Three weeks later, she was notified of her acceptance.

Now she has to get a passport and shots. She hopes to be notified of her new family soon. During May, various meetings will be held with other Y.F.U. 'ers who have gone to Finland or who live there.

Martha commented that she was very curious about the people of other countries, and she feels that this trip will help her gain a better perspective of the world as a whole.

## Celebrated Jumping Frog To Compete In Calaveras Co.

The celebrated jumping frog of Mr. Don Dunton, of the biology department, will compete in the annual frog-jumping contest in Angels' Camp, Calaveras County, California, May 19, 20 and 21.

The frog-jumping contest in Angels' Camp first began in the 1800's when famed author Mark Twain wrote a short story entitled "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County". Ever since the story was published, Angels' Camp has held annual frog-jumping contests.

Mr. Dunton's frogs have competed in the world-famous contest in the past several years, but as yet have not won any prizes. However, Mr. Dunton is confident that this year his frog will do much better than the frog he entered last year. Mr. Dunton has caught and raised his frog himself and put it through a rigorous training program that is guaranteed to make his frog out jump the rest of the frogs in the contest.

## English III J Writes Lance

This edition of the Lance has been produced completely by the Journalism III class. Under the supervision of Mr. Frank Loe-wus, Journalism teacher, these students aim toward producing a better newspaper for Blackford next year. For details on staff members see Lance staff on page 2.



Martha Griffin, foreign exchange student.

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### Spring Fever Blamed,

# WAR PAINT

"Blackford's highly fashionable student body..." Sit in, stand in, or walk out, a fraction of Blackford students literally rebelled last week for the first time in the school's brief but proud existence. If this is what we have come to, our school may need more than a clean campus campaign within the next few weeks. Our student leaders seemed to have been by-passed with an action of thoughtlessness. Whatever the case may be, the problem is definitely with us and certainly not skin deep. If we look closer we may see a problem which faces not only our school, but the entire world—communication. The root of the problem seems directly related to the apparent lack of communication between the Student Council and the Student Body. The Council is kept well informed on the questions at hand, yet invariably, some representatives neglect to transmit the entire background of each defeated question.

Our plaza-dwelling students made at least two demands which have always popped up at council meetings.

1. Why no "open" campus? Blackfordites don't seem to realize that our trash-swimming student body has one of the few partially opened campuses in CUHSD. No other school in our district, except Camden, can claim a completely "open" campus. An adjacent shopping center provides reason for Camden's open campus. Are we too greedy to be happy with what we have, and probably don't deserve? Besides, if our campus were opened entirely, how would we keep trash from piling up on the neighboring residences if we aren't even responsible enough to clean up our own campus?
2. Why no long-haired bands? Again, we haven't looked before leaping. Many students do not realize that if Blackford succeeded in hiring a good long-haired band, it would take extra money which our budget cannot afford. (No, we cannot charge admission because the ASB card promises free admission to all games and dances.)

From here on, let's try learning some of the facts before making hasty decisions. One last thought—Now that we have everybody's attention, are we proud?

### GOOD TASTE IS THE SECRET

The Junior Prom is almost here! And that means buying formal for the girls and renting tuxes for the guys.

According to Mrs. Couch, the Junior Counselor, there will be no restrictions on the type of dress. She thinks that the students of Blackford should have good judgement in choosing their attire for the dance, and that no restrictions need to be made.

Since the Prom is considered both formal and semi-formal, full length gowns or cocktail dresses are advisable. For the boys, the ever-popular tux or a dark suit is in order.

With formal fashions running wild nowadays, don't be surprised if your girlfriend shows up in a flowing paper dress, or a Mod styled formal.

Don't forget the boutonieres and corsages and make this prom one of the best yet.



### B. H.S. Constitution Is Ratified

The new Constitution was passed by the student body Wednesday, April 26. Needing a two-thirds majority, the constitution was enacted with 1,279 "yes" votes out of the total enrollment of 1,914 students. All persons absent were counted as voting "no". Without the absentee votes, the Constitution would have passed at a seven to one ratio.

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## You Tomorrow

Everyone has some goal in life. What's yours?

Have you got plans of going on to college? Do you have any idea how you're going to support yourself after you've left home and you're on your own?

Well, now's the time to start planning--especially you Sen-

iors. Graduation is less than six weeks away, and if you haven't thought about it before, you'd better start now.

Being a high school graduate is in your favor, but there are still the unanswered questions of what type of occupation you are cut out for, and what type of work you'll enjoy. Not all of us girls will be getting married right after high school, and we've got to think about how we're going to live and enjoy it without depending on our parents. And you boys, can't all become geniuses overnight and get a well paying job as soon as you'd like to. What about college? How will you be able to work your way through school if you don't have anyone to support you?

This is just a reminder to all high school students. It's never too late to think about your future. Start deciding now what your aim in life is going to be and how you're going to fulfill it. Time is of the essence. Think about your future now. What's more important, do something about it.

## Faculty Forum



"A teacher must have a good, well-rounded relationship with his students," commented Mr. K. Donald Dutton, when asked what qualities he would most admire in a teacher.

He continued to say that teachers should not forget that they were once students. Mr. Dutton regards his students as friends, not just students which he has to teach.

In conclusion, Mr. Dutton emphasizes, that the most respectable and admirable characteristic of a student is "honesty."

## Gene Gilluly Writes...

Gene Gilluly, Blackford's Costa Rican correspondent for A.F.S., left last February and since has written Blackford to let us know how he is doing. Just by coincidence Gene is staying 10 kilometers from San Jose, Costa Rica. Here is what Gene had to say in one of his recent letters:

"School starts March 2nd and I will be in the fifth year, or the last year of their school (colegio). My uniform consists of blue pants, a short white sleeve shirt, and a blue tie. Of the six colegios in Heredia, mine is one of two which is co-educational.

I'm learning Spanish very quickly, and am also in the very best of hands with the Johannings and the A.F.S.

I have to close now because I have to go to the Third Annual A.F.S. Convention of Costa Rica."

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## Trouble Shooters Prepare; Kirby, Watson, Representatives

Blackford's Auto Lab boys, along with many of the other San Jose Auto Lab students, are busily preparing for the 19th Annual Trouble Shooting Contest, sponsored by the Chrysler Motors Corporation.

This year the contest is being held May 9, at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. After the 13 meetings held here, the choice of participating has been narrowed from 18 boys to the two who will represent Blackford.

If Gary Kirby and Steve Watson, BHS representatives, should win the area contest, they will be flown to Detroit, Mich., where they must compete with boys from schools all

over the nation. The prizes that they will be competing for are worth over \$100,000 in awards, tools and equipment.

The boys will be working on a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda. They must be the first to find all of the problems which are in their car and must be able to drive it across the finish line first.

## Student To Fly Behind Curtain

Behind the Iron Curtain, in the southeastern part of Poland, there is a town called Lublin. This will be the destination of John Peterson, sophomore football player and CSF member, when he boards a plane July 1.

John, accompanied by his step father, will spend two weeks visiting relatives in Lublin and another week driving through parts of Austria and East and West Germany. John's mother immigrated to the United States and became a naturalized citizen shortly after World War II.

With his Polish background, John said that he had been able to learn the language quite fluently.

"Listen Elmer, I'm telling ya the facts! The kids are buzzin' to beat the band! Those sprays are destroying us. We can't stay here forever...I'm leaving --pulling out, I said. My fighting days are over--do you get the point?!"



## It's What's Happening

"I gotta get to the drinking fountain!" exclaimed one boy as he dashed out of Blackford's biology room.

This exclamation was heard Wednesday evening during Blackford's Open House. The previously mentioned boy had just taken the pic test which checks the presence of a genetic trait. The test consists of putting a small strip of paper which has been treated with phenylthiocarbamide in your mouth. If you have the trait, the paper has a bitter distasteful flavor.

Open House is traditionally held during Public Schools Week. It is designed to show the students' parents and other interested people "what's happening."

Various activities of the departments involved included: a food demonstration and two fashion shows presented by the home economics department, and demonstrations in wood lab, auto lab, metals lab and mechanical drawing. The art department displayed students' work, while on the next wing the science classes were conducting experiments and demonstrations.

Throughout the evening, cadets were on duty to give directions and answer questions as were Key Club members.

## German Cuisine Creates Atmosphere

If you happened to notice smoke billowing from room 41 Thursday, May 4, it was not a dragon, a fire, or anything so serious. The second period German students were fortunate enough to participate in the eating of German foods such as sandwich meats--laden with mustard.

At the time of the feast, there was a marked increase in the use of water around the campus. Several people who survived, stated that "it was an unforgettable experience."

All kidding aside, the banquet was helpful in creating a better understanding of the German speaking peoples.

## Bio Teacher Joins Faculty

Would you leave Santa Cruz every morning to come to Blackford? That's what Mr. Edward F. Borovatz does!

For those of you less perceptive, we have a new student teacher who leaves San Jose State to teach the third period general science class and fourth period biology.

Mr. Borovatz has lived in Santa Cruz with his wife for three months! She is a teacher at Ida Price Jr. High in Camden.

When asked what he thought of Blackford, Mr. Borovatz said, "All comments of Blackford from other student teachers were favorable. I've found that to be a fact. A reputation such as that depends on the quality of both the faculty and the students."

## Janie Inquires: Ideal Pill?

By Janie DuBois

What would your Ideal pill or capsule do?

Tom Flesner: Make me furry boots.

Roger Stover: Make me a Mod. Jim Wilson: Give me X-ray vision.

Roxanne Judge: Give me a complete overhaul.

Jackie Keywood: I ate like a lumberjack.

Bob Kull: Give it to my dad to populate his head.

Karby Bush: Expand my iron lung.

Kevin Fairchild: Make me Mr. Terrific.

Matt Shaw: Put hair on my chest.

Don Hughes: Straighten Mitch's hair.

Mr. Loewus: Instant smart pill for just before S.A.T. and A.C.T. tests.

Mr. Reynolds: Make base hits Rich Manfre: Create universal love and freedom for all people.

Dennis Hoppin: Make me perform at my greatest heights.

Robert Gilligan: World peace.

Rich Morrissey: Make me clean shaven every morning.

Rod Fehr: Make me feel normal again.

Dan Youngs: Make me rich. Mr. Dragon: I think Roxanne's idea is good; she needs it.

## 'Molemobile' Makes Appearance

Have you noticed something somewhat resembling a Sherman Tank in the school parking lot? Those of you who have probably either laughed or slapped your head in disbelief. Now the time has come to unveil senior Mike Wasch's "Molemobile."

Actually it is a '48 Chevy with many up-to-date extras. Mike boasts a (big?) 216 ci engine fed by a 1 barrel carb. The interior is garnished with mohair upholstery protected by deluxe seat covers with only one tear. Other features of the "Molemobile" are: retractable rear bumper guard, fast-back design, rally lights, chrome GI strips, out slide sunvisor, spotlight (operable from the inside), a small dent in the hood, and a brown and gray two-tone paint job.

Future plans for the "Molemobile" are a new paint job and new rims.





## Cindermen Set BHS Records

Blackford's Cindermen broke school records as Ken Yocum pole vaulted twelve feet two inches to beat the previous record of twelve feet. Steve Neff broke the two-mile record by 3.2 seconds with a time of ten minutes and 27.3 seconds. Yocum, only a sophomore, will be around for two more years helping his team.

Blackford's track team has finally dried out and started running, as they stomped Saratoga in two out of three divisions.

The Varsity had it close coming into the last race as they won 66 1/2 to 63 1/2. The B's were never behind the whole meet as they won 86 to 39. The Fresh-Soph lost a close one, 61 to 70.

Saturday, April 30, Blackford went to Blossom Hill relays, but this year they weren't successful, as no one placed.

## AGA Campout Starts Today

Blackford's Girl's Sports is leaving today for a fulfilled weekend of camping. Joining them will be Campbell's Girls Sports. The campsite, as in previous years, is Camp Kennel in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Miss Ellis and Miss Squier, as well as other Blackford and Campbell teachers, will accompany them.

Activities will include tennis, swimming, volleyball, and badminton. The highlight of the weekend will be a campfire Saturday night with singing and skits.

Upcoming AGA events will include a Pot Luck and finally, the biggest event of the year, the AGA Awards Banquet, Wednesday, June 6.

## Rifleman Earns Expert Award

Rifle Club president, Gene Richert, has received an expert rating in shooting a 22 caliber rifle, standing off hand from 50 feet, at the San Jose Municipal Firing Range.

Gene has practiced for two years and shot at least 1400 rounds of ammunition while earning his expert award.

To qualify for his rating, he had to pass the pro-marksman, marksman, and sharpshooter ratings. Distinguished expert is next on Gene's list.

# Golf Team Evens Record

Blackford's golf team has evened its season's record with two victories and two defeats by soundly defeating Leigh and Westmont. Leigh was beaten 15 to 9, with the help of Blackford's Doug Perasso and Jeff Momaen. Westmont's team was easily handled as Blackford de-

feated them by a 17 to 7 victory. The team plays twice a week at Santa Teresa Golf Course and occasionally practices at El Rancho Verde Golf Course. The coach this year, a government teacher, is Lee Glandon. Last year, John Hannell, an English teacher, was in charge and

guided the team to a three to four season. The top six players in order are Doug Perasso, Rick Wright, Jeff Momaen, Bob Cronin, John Velasquez, and Ben Lewis. However, these ratings are subject to change at any time, at the coach's discretion. The team now feels it has the momentum to win the rest of its games this season.

Asked for a statement, Coach Lee Glandon replied, "If Santa Teresa lasts, we will too!"

Next year promises to be a good one for the divotmen also, as five of the top six players will be returning to the squad.

# SPORTS

Headed for Regionals

## Swimmers Take 44 Medals

Blackford's swimming team came home with 44 medals at the championships, to keep Blackford on the record.

The varsity team broke more records than any other of the eight teams. Coming in first place were the 200 medley relay (Hitchcock, VanFleet, Youngblood, Olson); 50 free (Brian Worrell, breaking the league and school record at 22.7); diving (Mike Wasch); 100 butterfly (Brent Youngblood breaking the league and school record); and the 100 free (Brian

Worrell breaking the league record.

The B's took a beating after trying for first at the dual meets with Saratoga and not winning one first place.

Now that the finals are over the top six boys will go on to the Regionals and C.C.S.

Going to the Regionals at Cabrillo College were John Hitchcock, Jim VanFleet, Brent Youngblood, Bob Kull, Brian Worrell, Stan Getzla, Mike Wasch, Steve Clark, Gary Weinbar, and Dave Clare.

Going to the Regionals for the B's were Mike Krebsbach, Paul Zeanah, Dan Hendrix, Clark Redfield, Bill Fraboni, and Mike Winer.

Coach Worrell replied that we did better than expected. He also added that, "The competition in our league is one of the best."

After qualifying at the Regionals the six top swimmers from each region are going to compete at Foothill College, which includes all of the Central Coast.

**DIVING FINALS**  
On Friday, at Del Mar, after seven dives the Varsity positions were; in first place, Mike Wasch, in fourth, Steve Clark, and fifth, Gary Weinbar, and for the B's, Rick Winer in fourth.



nesday, June 6. The frequent appearance of rain caused the softball season to get off to a slow start. Miss Ellis commented that in spite of the delays the teams are looking good and she's looking forward to the finals. Last year Blackford took first in the league finals.

Badminton is coming along well and Mrs. Squier said the teams are encouraging. Their first meets, along with softball, were May 4, against Leigh and May 11 against Camden.



## Golfer Doug Perasso tees off Rains Hamper Tennis Team

Blackford's Tennis team has been hampered by rains and injuries this year, and has won only one of its league games this season.

The injuries include illness, sprains, and painful eyes. Bruce Thomson leads the list with all three types, while Bob Phelps and Carl Hanson, the captain, have injured ankles.

The Braves' only win was against Camden in which it ended up with a score of 4-3.

Blackford lost to Westmont, Thursday May 4, 5-2. The Braves will play Camden May 9, and Leigh May 11. They have only three more games after these before the season ends. Opponents include Campbell, Los Gatos, and Saratoga, plus make-up games due to rainouts.

## Braves Batsmen Baffled

"Confidence comes from success and at this point we lack confidence."

These are the words of varsity baseball coach Ron Reynolds in his interpretation of the Braves' 2 and 5 record. Although the Braves have only two wins, the losses were close 1-0 decisions. "When we have the pitching we have no hitting", says coach Reynolds, "as the team's batting average is a

slacking .158 for the season." The big sparks in the Braves' offense are provided by the bats of Chuck Potter and Neil Sinnott, both earning .333 averages.

Up until last week's Westmont series the Braves had managed to score only one run in 41 innings.

This proved tough on the varsity pitching which managed to allow only five runs to score in four losses.

The Braves are looking forward to upsetting Campbell, the league leaders.

Fresh-Soph's are in second place with a 2 and 2 record. Some of the leading hitters are Marc Mengo, Dale Yoshihara, and Bill Knight. They have only four games remaining. The Freshmen are leading the league with an 8 and 3 record with only three games left but these should be the toughest games of the season.

