

# Craving 'Lots' of Excitement? Try 'Navigating the Narrows'

by Bob Grant

Ever crave the thrill of climbing Mount Everest? the excitement of Grand Prix? Well, you need crave no more.

For four years I've gazed at that two acres of blacktop known as the Blackford parking lot. For years I have attempted to develop a formula explaining how 500 cars can squeeze through a 15-foot gate in 10 minutes! Two weeks ago, with my 1931 Ford, I took up the challenge of finding the solution.

At three o'five I raced for my car, and warmed up my engine. My hands clutching the wheel, I eased through the lot towards that opening labeled "exit". A line had already formed. Chevy, Volks wagon, Ford, and Mercury engines

roared. With my stick in gear, my clutch out, and a look of determination, I managed to slip in line and through the gate--no dings or scratches!

The "art" of escaping from the lot seems to involve these skills: 1. How quick can you nose your car in line? 2. How are your reactions? 3. Do you have intestinal fortitude? Although severely deficient in all three points, I did have an all important fourth point, a friend who was willing to give me cuts in line! Ah, the action is fast, the thrills are many and how two cars can manage to get through that gate at the same time and remain unscratched is still a sweet mystery of life.

# Underclassmen Foresee '67-69 Graduation Party

Attention, Juniors: A fabulous party is coming up. All you have to do to go is graduate!

The seniors after-graduation party this year is going to be held at Frontier Village on the night of June 14 and morning of June 15. Blackford will share the village with Willow Glen High School.

The liberated souls of both schools (graduates) of both schools will be kept busy from 10:30 Wednesday night until 4:30 Thursday morning. Both dinner and breakfast will be served in buffet style.

There will be rides to go on and two great (7) rock groups to dance to. It is expected that the majority of the class of '67 (the best class ever!) will turn out for the last activity for the class as a whole.

Juniors, sophomores, and even freshmen, this too can be all yours if you just graduate. You have just a year or so to go, so stick it out and end your career in high school with a great party like the seniors '67 are going to have.

Good luck, underclassment!

# 4:30 June 14 Is Graduation

Blackford High School's Class of 1967 presents...graduation! When does this annual event occur? On Wednesday, June 14, at 4:30 that afternoon. Where does it take place? In the Blackford High School plaza.

Now, what could possibly be a more exciting event -- especially for the graduates, themselves -- than graduation? Nothing! Especially with such additions to this joyous and long awaited occasion as flower girls and the Blackford High School choir and band.

Prior to commencement, Baccalaureate will be conducted on June 11, the Sunday preceding graduation day. This event, also, will take place in the Blackford High School plaza. Baccalaureate will begin at 2:30 that afternoon. Appropriate dress for this occasion will be the same as the graduation. The choir, band, and orchestra will add the music.

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Those who wished to study. The kings and queens were: Seniors Marty Rice and Gina Savage; Juniors Marty Cross and Paul Fenton; Sophomores Brent Youngblood and Cheri Hankins; and Freshmen Tim Zimnicki and Leslie Litzinger.



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# Alma Meters Chosen; Scholarships Awarded

By now most seniors have chosen the college of their choice and are looking forward to becoming acquainted with their new Alma Mater.

The well known local college, Santa Clara University, will be the new four year home of Betsy Germershausen, Frank Palermo, Pat Scanlan, and Craig Ratkovich. Mike Shanahan will be going to Georgetown University; with Trudy Bell, Alan Alquist, Doug Blakly, Greg Oba, and Michou Mars attending the University of California at Santa Cruz, Steve Clark attending University of California at Davis; Jan Olson going to Reed College; Mary Anne Rose and Selene Seltzer attending University of California campus, at Berkeley.

# Benefit Dance Attracts Many

"The coaching staff and I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation at the Bud Chauvaux Memorial Dance held May 26," Coach Ron Reynolds told the Lance.

Music was provided by the Stained Glass who record under the RCA record label.

Approximately 800 people attended the dance held in Blackford's gym. At the time of this writing, over 900 tickets were sold and about 600 tickets are still out. The goal was set at \$1000, and at this time \$700 has been cleared.

The dance was held to pay for medical expenses, and "our objective was accomplished," said Mr. Reynolds.

John Turbill recently won a scholarship from the West Side Jose Kiwanis Club. Karen Snyder and Vicki Ewers are recipients of the West Valley Kiwanis Scholarship Award.

Recent beauty college scholarships include Kathy Ronney, Erica Sargent, Alicia Biggerstaff, Judy Cates, and Paye Choukas, to Campbell; Libby Sherman to EmRae's; Chris Leeds and Cheryl Rudé to Sullivan's; and Debbie Karcos and Cathy Titus going to Willow Glen.

# Jan Stockard Gets Award

Blackford senior Jan Stockard has been awarded a one-year subscription to Reader's Digest as the recipient of the leader's Digest Association's Annual Award.

Along with a personal certificate from the Digest's editors, Jan will be able to select her subscription in any one of 14 languages.

The annual award is presented to the highest honor student of the graduating class in high schools throughout the nation. Jan's award was made possible through the cooperation of the Blackford teaching staff and Principal Verdun Romer.

The basis for the award is the student of the graduating class who gives promise of outstanding leadership in the community, and "in recognition of past accomplishments and anticipation of unusual achievement to come."

# Annual Playday Held Indoors

Due to the wet grounds, only an abbreviated Playday could be held June 2 as the rains forced the outdoor activities to be cancelled.

It couldn't be postponed, so Playday was moved into the gym periods 5 and 6, for a dance. Thrones for the class kings and queens were erected in the big gym.

For those students who didn't wish to attend the dance, the library was opened for the stu-



Newly crowned Playday Royals.

# Blackford Sweeps Top Honors In Annual Valley Fair Art Show

By Missy Grimm

Blackford's art department has come through again--and with flying colors. The fifth annual Valley Fair Art show turned out to be something to see.

Each school was judged independently on its work. All media were represented and all were judged on the merit of their respective work.

The following awards were announced: First place went to Senior Mary Ann Rowe for an oil. Second went to Senior Missy Grimm for an oil. Senior Tom Cady took third place for a serigraph, while fourth place went to Senior Cindy Mullens for two pen and ink sketches. The show ran from June 1 through June 4.

# A Senior Writes of Snowy Duel For Final Edition of Newspaper

By Kirk Roahall

Still, the snow fell, laying a soft white blanket on the ground and limbs. Still, and quiet. A light breeze whistled through the snow laden pines. Through the patches of white, a heavy blue sky could be seen. It was a cold blue, a deep, unusual blue.

The snow was ornamented by tiny, fallen twigs, some newly laid, others, a dead brown.

A tiny, golden brown squirrel broke the silence, scampering through the pines toward its tree, where a family awaited a small morsel.

As the hours passed, the same little squirrel skittered back and forth throughout the area, gathering acorns.

Mid afternoon came. Through the snow came two men on horseback. One wore a beard, bushy and dark. The other was clean shaven, but dirty. They rode closer to the cleared area.

"This is far enough," the bearded one said. "Let's get this over with."

The two men got off their

horses and met each other in the middle of the clearing. They each walked the same distance in different directions, then both turned quickly.

A sharp, penetrating explosion ripped the air, followed by another, a fraction of a second apart. The bearded man fell to his knees, an astonished look on his face. Then he landed face down in the snow. The white turned a reddish color around his chest.

The other man, after a few minutes, mounted his horse and rode back the way he came, the other horse trotting behind.

An hour passed. The squirrel ran out to inspect. He skimmed to the odd object, and paused on haunches. The object lay still. The squirrel ran to the tree again, to remain till the next morning, then to resume his hunt for acorns.

Still, the wind stopped. The snow stopped. Night fell.

## '67 Announces Pet Grievances

Although all high school students have their share of troublesome woes, seniors seem to bear the biggest burden. After three years of pursuing student life, one is assured he is an expert on such things. Here are a few senior pet peeves: S.J. Draft Board, African map tests, freshman, lack of school activities, mutilated knees from girl's push-ups, dress rules, our pathetic yearbooks, college entrance exams, our precision timed clocks, missing locks on lavatory doors, the rise in cafeteria food prices, smoke-filled trashcans, Monday mornings, the cafeteria's green-savory rice, stand-up, plaza assemblies, and food-filled drinking fountains.

Come and support your team as an alumnus: Blackford High School deserves the best.



## "I remember when... Seniors Will Never Forget Memories

These past four years at Blackford have really been a blast." So many great things have happened to all of us since our freshman year. For example, do you remember; the first day at school as freshmen, our vocational notebooks, the Frosh reception, the physical fitness kick, the welcome dance, Mrs. Gillette, the favorite teacher ballots, the Thunderbirds, and the first football game?

Then in our sophomore year remember the reception, the Soph. Science reports, driver education, the opening of Westmont, My Fair Lady and Hobbie De Hoy; Remember the playday when attendance was next to nothing, and the Hoop-ennanny?

Upper Classmen Finally, an upper-lower classman, and the memories seem to be getting better. Remember the Junior magazine sale, the Christmas trees, the sports banquet, the Roman banquet, the foreign exchange students, Miss Bennett's first day, the arrival of Room 497 Re-

member when we got our class rings, the Junior Prom, the assembly when Candy's hair stood on end, Dee Dee Hauke Me so, the homecoming games, the eggfight with the seniors last playday, the student body card sale, the trouble shooting contest, "A" period, P.E. and Biology, the bullet holes in the windows along the avenue, the two-hour finals, and remember when the seniors last year chickened out of the Clean Campus drive?

Finally we're the greatest class ever--Seniors! Boy! this was a good year. Remember T-shirt day, the Senior Ball and afterball party, the warm fires, [J] Abner and Mrs. McTibbs, the "Communist" assembly, the Westmont game, the Senior keys, and the Prune game? Remember the ski trips, the Girls Sports camping trips, and the Easter and Christmas vacation?

I have probably forgot many activities, but I hope this list reminds you that the past four years haven't been a complete drag!

## Next Decade For Seniors

Through an inquiry asking Seniors what they wanted to do or what they wanted to be ten years from now, we came up with an interesting array of answers.

Cobra Yoshikawa: "I want to be a D.J. for Radio-Free Europe."

Howie Hobart: "I'm going to sit back and collect royalties from my new synthetic tissue paper."

Brian Kimura: "...a photographer for Playboy Magazine."

Karen Snyder: "I'm going to be a model for a famous foundation garment company."

Kaylin Chandler: "I'm going to relax, and have a good time."

Marty Rice: "...another Norman Rockwell."

Rich Lyon: "A dancer for the Teaberry Gum commercial, (at the request of 5th period Journalism.)"

Libby Sherman: "I want to be a famous and very rich singer, and I don't want to get married until I'm 65 years old."

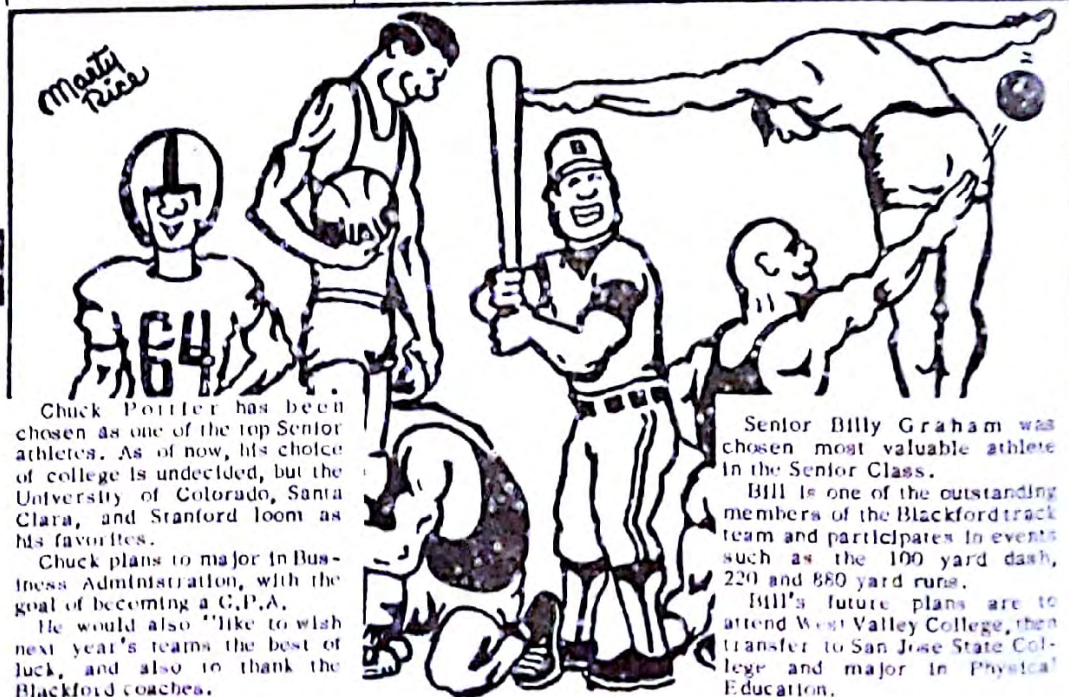
Sue Batinfch: "...The girl from Pacific Plan."

## HAPP-STAFF

- Libby Sherman
- David Eastman
- Karen Snyder
- Kim Banfield
- Sharon Werstler
- Danna Stewart
- Brian Kimura
- Marty Rice
- Advisor: Frank Loewus

## HAPPENING SPORTS

Now that the mighty seniors athletes will be graduating who is going to replace them?



Chuck Potter has been chosen as one of the top Senior athletes. As of now, his choice of college is undecided, but the University of Colorado, Santa Clara, and Stanford loom as his favorites.

Chuck plans to major in Business Administration, with the goal of becoming a G.P.A.

He would also "like to wish next year's teams the best of luck, and also to thank the Blackford coaches."

Senior Billy Graham was chosen most valuable athlete in the Senior Class.

Bill is one of the outstanding members of the Blackford track team and participates in events such as the 100 yard dash, 220 and 880 yard runs.

Bill's future plans are to attend West Valley College, then transfer to San Jose State College and major in Physical Education.

## Seniors' Favorite on Campus

Kind, considerate, and helpful aren't enough to describe this man.

He was born in Montana, raised in Washington and both his parents were teachers. Before becoming a teacher he was a meteorologist for United Air Lines. He graduated from the

University of Chicago with a Bachelor in Arts degree in physics, and got his Masters' in education at Lewis and Clark University in Oregon.

He was a coach for 10 years in Washington, and taught math at Campbell before coming to HHS.

In case you haven't guessed yet, this is the seniors' favorite man on campus, Mr. Sid Horrigan.

Mr. Horrigan truly enjoys his job. "The most fun is seeing these kids finally graduate after working for it for 12 long years," he explains. Mr. Horrigan goes on to say, "The least fun is telling the parents that their child will not graduate with the class."

Behind the scenes Mr. Horrigan does much more than anyone knows about. Writing recommendations for scholarships and completely organizing Sneak Day are but two of his many unseen tasks.

He has done so much for all his senior classes. He has the rare quality of giving great advice without sounding like a parent.

Mr. Horrigan is the kind of person that you never forget. Many graduates have come back to visit him.

Thanks for being such a great guy!

## SENIOR TID-BITS

Seventeen Blackford students have recently been named as CSF Life Members. This honorary position is achieved by maintaining a 3.0 grade point average for the past four out of six quarters.

The 17 new members for the '67 spring semester are: Candy Anderson, Gelia Andro, Trudy Bell, Mahlan Carmichael, Janet Crump, Kathy Guzman, Joan DeMay, Cathy Frye, Lealle Fujino, Debby Grant, Michou Mars, Graig Oba, Mark Powell, Martanne Rose, Janice Streckard, Robin Thayer, Bruce Thompson.

"A sincere interest is all that is necessary," said Mr. Sid Horrigan, senior counselor, when asked about the qualifications for beauty college scholarships.

Five Blackford girls will be awarded full to half scholarships. The one year scholarship will be in effect in July, when classes begin.

A total of 25 or 26 full to half scholarships will be awarded to various girls by Campbell, Emac's, San Jose, Sullivan, Valley and Willow Glen Beauty College.

Selene Seltzer scored in the top ten of California in the recent Betty Crocker Cooking Contest.

## Lance Advisor Praises Seniors

Of course, congratulations are in order. You have finished twelve years of schooling—but your education is just beginning. You've heard that said before, and you weren't convinced, but by Christ mas time or so you will have experienced at least some of your new education. For them it will be an academic life of books, lectures, and exams, much tougher than what they experienced in high school. Some alumni will take technical schooling like cosmetology, welding, and data processing; others will find a job immediately, and will find that they

too are really going to school, that "School of Hard Knocks" their parents had told them about. Many boys will go into the armed services where, again, they will be schooled, some only for basic training, others for advanced learning such as electronics, laboratory assistantship, or rocketry.

Everywhere you go, you will be mindful of education and what it can do for you. We hope you took advantage of the last four years and that Blackford has given you a good start toward that real school you enroll in the day after graduation. The best of luck to you.

## SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

## class of 67's Senior Ball

On February 8, the San Jose Women's Club was the scene of the Class of '67's Senior Ball, entitled, "A Serenade of Blossoms." The event lasted from 9 o'clock p.m. til midnight. The music was provided by the Debonaires.

After the Ball, the Senior class ventured to the Blackford High gym for games and dancing 'till dawn. There were two pool tables, the courtesy of Campbell School District, the basket and volleyball courts plus the ping pong tables and the swimming pool for those who didn't wish to dance. The music was provided by the Chosen Few who went strong and hard until the gala affair ended at 5 a.m. Sunday morning.

There was plenty of food and drink available, of which everyone took advantage. However, we never did eat it all.

The entire evening was a spectacular success, thanks to our great advisors, patient parents and a great bunch of kids.



Seniors go wild after bash of the '67 senior ball



### BEST PERSONALITY

Chuck Pottler  
Laure Diaz

### BEST LEADERS

Brian Kimura  
Ellen Rossmelle

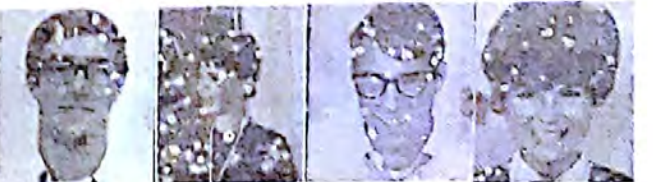


### MOST SHY

Bill Stubbe  
Danna Daniels

### MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Bob Grant  
Jan Stockard



### MOST INTELLIGENT

Bruce Thompson  
Jan Stockard

### MOST SPIRIT

Dennis Hopkin  
Terri Mooly



### BEST DRESSED

Brian Kimura  
Wendy McGowan

### BEST ALL-AROUND

Chuck Pottler  
Selene Seltzer

# BRAVE '9' FINISH, 3-11 RECORD

After many make up games, due to the rains, the varsity baseball team has finally completed its 1967 season.

It was a disappointing season, to say the least, as the Braves finished with a 3-11 league record, and a 5-16 record overall.

Coach Ron Reynolds' gang

was not nearly as weak as their record shows. The Braves lost 10 games by only two runs or less! These games could have gone either way, and the Braves could have, and should have had, a 15-6 record. Coach Reynolds was extremely proud of the team for staying in each game, and never giving up toward the

end of the season, despite the record of the team.

The offense of the Braves was led by the hitting attack of Chuck Potter, Neil Sinnott, and toward the end of the season, Henry Honda supplied a big bat.

The pitching staff was led mostly by the hurling of Dan Abraham, Jim Hobbs, and Tom

McEvoy. McEvoy pitched three of the finest games of the year, beating St. Francis 12-1, Westmont 2-1, and Saratoga 1-0 in nine innings. The inconsistency of the hitting was the downfall of the pitching. Chuck Potter was named the Most Valuable Player on the Varsity team.

good luck,  
senior athletes

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### Small Thanks From a Small Person.....

By Brian Kimura

"Don't panic," is the famed saying used by the Lance sports editor, namely myself, since every-other-Friday the sports staff and I are on the brink of Hades trying to get the sports page off to press on time. In the final edition of the Lance--and my final year at Blackford as student and editor--I would like to give a big "Thanks" to the Journalism class and advisor "Chet" Frank Loewus for the cooperation they have given me in many a tight spot. A special thanks goes to the sports staff writers, ace reporter Bobbenig, Tim Jarnagan, and Howie Hobart.

### Netter-Golfers Finish Seasons, Show Strength

Closing its varsity season, Blackford's golf team, under the direction of Government teacher Lee Glandon, has equaled last year's mark of three victories against four losses.

The losing record of this year's club was due to a slow start in the win column along with the bad weather that has plagued not only the golf squad but other spring sports activities. This year's squad was sparked by junior ace Doug Perasso and other stalwarts such as junior Jeff Mosen, junior Rick Wright, senior Bob Cronin, junior Bob Stewart, and junior John Velasquez. Next spring's team should place high in league standings, since many will be returning to face the 1967-68 opposition.

Unfortunate weather has also hampered the efforts of the tennis team led by Coach Jim Hunt, history instructor. Among the members of this year's team are Bob Phelps, Bruce Tippon, Bruce Thompson, Chuck Walters, and Joe Meagher who are seniors and will be graduating. Juniors who are promising players and who will be returning next season include seniors Bud Wight, Doug Zody, and Brian Bullock, and sophomores Dick Ames and John Brown.



Chuck Potter, Most Valuable Player for Varsity Baseball

### AGA Presents Awards to Girls

Associated Girls Athletics presented awards this week to the outstanding athlete in each of eight girls' sports.

The trophies, as well as pins, guards, and certificates, were awarded at the association's annual dinner held Wednesday night in the school cafeteria. Commissioner for the 1967-1968 sports year as announced and she in turn revealed the outstanding senior. Theme for the affair was "Flower Children and Spring."

Loa Gatow played host to the 4th quarter badminton and softball finals on Saturday, June 3. Softballers took two all-star teams including outstanding pitcher Judy Reyes. The top winners in class tournaments in badminton represented Blackford at Loa Gatow.



Mark Chiaravalle, Most Valuable Player for Varsity Track

The team's effort showed lots of promise for next year's squad which again will be directed by Coach Hunt as he has for the last four years. Next season's squad, with its returning men, should have no trouble in placing high in the standing of the West Valley League.

### Frosh-Soph Hurlers Close Season With a Believable 9-8 Record

The frosh-soph and freshman baseball teams have both completed successful seasons again this year.

The frosh-soph, coached by Bill Mathiasen, compiled a winning record of 9 wins and 8 losses. They placed second in the W.V.A.L. with a league record of 4 wins and 3 losses. Leading the team on the offensive were Marc Mengo, Dale Yoshihara, and Bill Knight. Mengo led the team with a .420

batting average, while Yoshihara and Knight had averages of .360 and .314 respectively. In the pitching department, Bruce Edgerton and Don Noel led the staff. Edgerton compiled a 5-3 record, while Noel was 3-4. Rich Millen pitched the only no hitter of the season.

Yoshihara and Edgerton were named on the first team all-league, while Mengo and Knight were placed on the second team all-league.

Awards for the team went to Alan Tokera for the Team Pride Award; Bill Knight and Marc Mengo for the Co-Captains; and to Dale Yoshihara for the Most Valuable Player.

The freshmen, under the leadership of Bill Holland, racked up a record of 10 wins and 4 losses. The freshmen tied for first place in the W.V.A.L. with a league record of 5-1. The awards went to Randy Santo for Team Pride; Carl White and John Grannadonia for co-captains; and Gary Mignano (.526 average) for most valuable player.



A UFO sighted over Blackford Track!

### Summer Jobs Need Social Security Card

"Every student who is getting a summer job or graduating from school this year should get his social security card now," said John J. Cassidy, Social Security District Manager in San Jose.

Many employers will not hire a student unless he already has a social security card. Students who do get jobs should show the card to the employer so that the name and number may be copied correctly. This is important, because social security tax money must be credited to the correct record.

Duplicate cards will be issued to students who have had cards but have lost them.

Cards may be obtained at the local Social Security Office, 500 South First Street, San Jose.

Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, the

The parents of "Bud" Chauvaux wish to say, "Thank you" to the students of Blackford for their wonderful support of the recent Memorial Dance for their son.

### Faculty Has A Heart -for ALL Creatures

Freshman Counselor Robert Keeler and Dean of Boys Warren Glaze were credited with saving a life from a would-be killer recently on the Blackford campus.

At approximately 9:45 a.m. a small, helpless, kitten was rescued from a ferocious Irish Setter after both animals scrambled across the plaza.

Mr. Fred Moon, director of student activities, commented, "Mr. Keeler taken care of both animals and freshmen."

office is open until 7:30 p.m. each Thursday, for the convenience of those who cannot visit the office during regular office hours.