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Surviving D. C. Bombing Held Unlikely Inside Blair

Editor's Note: Since Reporter Jim Thompson wrote the story below, Montgomery County has received \$90,000 from the Federal Government to build a prototype shelter at Rocking Horse Road Elementary School, Rockville.

By Jim Thompson
Would the student body survive a nuclear attack upon Washington?

Probably not!
One ten-megaton hydrogen bomb—with the explosive force of ten million tons of TNT—leaves a crater 250 feet deep and a half mile wide. Total destruction extends another mile in radius.

If Blair were far enough out

of the direct hit area, chances are that its brick buildings would survive the shock wave, according to Rear Adm. G. Roy Hartwig, deputy director of the county's civil defense.

Fallout—the return to the earth of minute particles made deadly radioactive by the blast—would not begin for 30 to 40 minutes after the blast.

As plans now stand, school probably would be let out so students could get home before the fallout began. Those living more than 20 minutes from school probably would be advised to remain at school.

Montgomery Blair, like most other schools in the admin. has no fallout shelter. Adm. Hartwig noted that his inspection of the Blair plant yielded only one place reasonably protected from radiation: the rifle range in the sub-basement of D-Building.

"A person must remain in a fallout shelter until advised by CONELRAD to emerge," Adm. Hartwig said. He must be provided with food and nine gallons of water.

No stores of food and water are kept in the rifle range at present. Even if they were, no more than 50-100 could be kept there, and that number would be packed like the proverbial sardines in a can.

Adm. Hartwig also cited the fact that school is in session but one seventh of the total time in (Continued on page 3)

Council Joiners To Be Limited, Asserts Chico

The Monogram Award will be retained, asserts Student Council Veeep Bill "Chico" Silverman, despite the Representatives' Assembly's vote to abolish it.

"Chico" said the result of a poll of 1,800 students taken last year showed 90 percent favoring some kind of award for school service, 62 percent approving Monogram just as it is.

The Representatives' Assembly voted late last year to discontinue the Monogram System. The representatives-at-large of Council have for the first time overruled a Rep. Assembly vote.

Points toward a school service award will no longer be given for academic achievement or work on theatrical productions.

Council met for a weekend in late July to make plans for this year. Also coming out of the annual get-together in Pennsylvania was the Activity Point System.

The new point system limits the number of SC committee a student may join to one standing committee and two temporary committees.

The situation had progressed so far last year that some BMOOC's (Big Men On Campus) were numbers of three standing committees as well as temporary committees, while others were not made members of any committee.

New Courses Include Electronics, Programmed Math

Orloff, Jones Pilot Team-Teaching Course On American Civilization In Old Cafeteria

Three new and somewhat experimental courses are getting underway at Blair this year.

Most dramatic innovation is the "team teaching" program in American Civilization which will involve 180 juniors and six teachers.

A new course in Technical Electronics, aimed at reducing nation-

wide shortage of trained technicians, is being taught by Mr. Joe Harty.

Two geometry classes of Miss Elaine Kokiko will be using special new "programmed" materials. The progress of these classes will be measured against that of two classes using traditional methods.

New Vice-Principals Add Rich Experience

By Ben Stein



NEW PRINCIPALS—Dr. Earl W. Hobbs and Mrs. Lenore Paine Lavery absorb some Blair tradition by a visit to the library. (Photo by Hall).

Kick-off Dance Sept. 16

The Nomads will play at Blair's annual kick-off dance, to be held September 16 from 9 to 12 in the Boys' Gym.

Red and White decorations will serve to remind Blairites of the football season, which opens tonight.

This "get-acquainted" dance will give incoming sophomores a chance to meet other Blairites, and will help get them into the swing of the year's activities. Refreshments will be sold.

Two new vice-principals, one a woman, are bringing world-wide educational experience to Blair this year. Dr. Earl W. Hobbs and Mrs. Lenore Paine Lavery are the two additions to the administration.

Dr. Hobbs spent 18 months in Afghanistan in 1958-59 as a member of the Columbia University mission teaching educational methods to Afghan teachers.

"This is a frontier of the cold war," explained Dr. Hobbs. "There were more Russians (in Afghanistan) than Americans, and the competition was tremendous. The Russians train the army and build the roads; the Americans train teachers and municipal authorities."

Dr. Hobbs was principal at Forest Knolls and Woodland elementary schools before this year. "Part of my reason for being here is that the Board of Education wants to exchange primary and secondary school administrators to better integrate the two systems (elementary and secondary)," he said.

On education Dr. Hobbs, who obtained his doctor's degree from Columbia University Teacher's College, said, "I think that education as such is vital to our national sovereignty and defense. Education makes a terrific difference in the things people do."

One of Dr. Hobbs' two young children is a Richard Montgomery fan. "If Blair doesn't beat Richard Montgomery in football this year, I won't be able to go home," he joked.

The addition of a woman to Blair's staff of administrators was recommended by last year's evaluation.

Ordering textbooks, supplies and substitute teachers is Mrs. Lavery's special province.

Textbook purchases, she says, will be used more and more in the next few years. She takes over Mr. Gorin's duties.

Mrs. Lavery's educational background is virtually phenomenal. (Continued on page 3)

Attendance Zooms; Could Go To 2,500

A record number of students will crowd Blair's halls this year. "Although 2,450 are officially expected, enrollment could go up to 2,500 without too much pushing," Principal Daryl W. Shaw asserted.

A sophomore class of, 812 was predicted, but already 860 have been enrolled. However, Mr. Shaw does not believe this many new students will show up. His own estimate is 825.

This will make the tenth grade the second largest class at Blair. Larger is the eleventh grade with approximately 875. The senior class is 765 strong.

There will be 99 classroom teachers, also a record number.

New Sophomores Look To Former Leaders As They Begin Their High School Careers

Blair is made up of students from Montgomery Hills, Takoma, and Eastern Jr. High. Each school group sticks to its own leaders and asks to them for guidance during the first hard weeks of adjusting to Blair. Many of these students eventually become leaders at Blair.

All three junior high council

presidents are coming to Blair. They include Glenn Barber, the president of Montgomery Hills' student council, Mike Jenkins, Takoma's president, and Scotty McDougal, president of Eastern's student council.

Some of these school leaders are outstanding in more than one field. The vice-president of

"Monkey Hills," Terry Boettner, excelled in sports, and Mike Jenkins, Takoma's president, was also their outstanding athlete.

Don Olson and Jimmy Jingle led the sports field at Eastern.

Takoma and Eastern both had papers, Takoma's headed by Joyce Cersey, and Eastern's by Andrea Begad. At Montgomery Hills, Arthur Ogus displayed his leadership talents in the literary field, by writing a prize-winning poem.

People will also be seeing a lot of the ninth grade officers from these three junior highs at Blair this year. Mark Soler, Mary Akley, and Beau Smyth represent Eastern's ninth grade officers. Jeff Weisblatt and Susan Lee were ninth grade officers at Montgomery Hills while Takoma's lone ninth grade officer to attend Blair will be Bob Larocca.

Sophomore Kris Wallin gazes at forbidden territory — the Senior Corner of the library occupied by Linda Golden and Richard Foster.



'New Frontier' of 1961-62

As Congress is busy writing into law the policies of Kennedy's "New Frontier" up on Capitol Hill, Blair this week is setting out on its "New Frontier."

A new school year has just started, and with it come new challenges. Individuals will have a chance to start afresh on the road to achievement.

A total of 769 Blairites graduated last June and now are adventuring out on their own "New Frontier." Some are off to college, while others have entered the business world.

However, the Blairites who have left are being quickly replaced by new students, as Blair greets one of the largest sophomore classes in its history. These students are setting out on their road to the future, and the next three years are vital ones in shaping their lives.

The administration is setting out on its "New Frontier," too. Many of the recommendations of last year's evaluation will be put into practice. The renovation of C Building is one such improvement. The team teaching experiment in American Civilization is another.

Let's all set out on our "New Frontier" with optimism and resolution. May each of us decide to do his very best at whatever we undertake, and set a new record even better than the one Blairites have already established.

Public Vs. Private Schools

Every year there are complaints from certain intellectuals to the effect that they are not getting the education to which they are entitled. They usually point to Ivy League-type private schools which offer courses which cannot be offered at all public schools.

The reasons that private schools are able to give courses which public schools cannot are obvious. Primarily, private schools can select their student body. And they select only those students whom they believe, by reason of intelligence or family background, will be good students. Public schools must admit any student. Further, since enrollment is limited, private schools can afford to give more time to individuals, often even tutoring services.

But for the Blair student who would like perhaps to study Chinese in a small high school, there are compensations.

Public schools are superior to private schools as preparation for adulthood. This is true for one main reason. A public school student daily meets a cross-section of American youth. This student's acquaintances are not drawn from just one cultural or economic level. Hence he becomes familiar with the thinking of all types of people. He is not insulated, as private school students tend to be, from the main-stream of contemporary life. Students in a private school usually are drawn from just one or two levels, the highest ones; hence they are unaware of the problems of youth on other social levels.

Private school students who grow up with this ignorance of their fellow citizens find themselves isolated, to a degree, in adulthood. Otherwise, they have their ignorance gradually, perhaps painfully, worn away in college or afterwards by contact with a wider range of people. The public school student, on the other hand, comes out of school and starts to work with the same kinds of people—all kinds—that he has known since childhood. The public schools have succeeded where the private schools have failed.

Looking For Lost Contact Lens Quite A Trick; But New Glamor Compensates For Trouble

They're tiny, but packed with power. This is a suitable description of the newest compact invention invading Blair. The objects, just three-eighths of an inch in diameter, are contact lenses.

Almost everyone who has worn them for some time advises others to try them. They help both boys and girls for cosmetic and health reasons.

There are several minor reasons, however, why some people should stick to regular glasses. Some individuals just cannot get used to contact lenses. At first, they feel like an eyelash that is in the eye. This, however, soon goes away. It sometimes provides embarrassing moments. Though a lens-wearer may sometimes be seen walking through the hall with tears streaming from the eyes. As Mike Nussbaum, chairman of the School Store,

said, "I'm having no trouble getting used to them. I used to walk around with my chin in the air, but I'm trying to avoid that."

Another more severe danger of lenses is that of the chance of losing them. Because they are so small, they are often hard to find. One faculty member remembers the time she thought she had put her lens in her case but found there was an empty container the next morning.

Meryl Pearlarin, a senior, sheepishly recalls a near-miss. She placed her lens on a tissue on her desk. A few minutes later she accidentally crumpled the tissue and threw it into the waste basket. After a frantic hour of searching, she decided to go through the waste basket. Quite by accident, she found the lens, but shudders to think what might have happened if her finger hadn't touched it.

Senior Spot

Ace And Neely Hold Top Posts In County Interhigh Association

By Ben Stein

"Montgomery County Interhigh is probably the closest-knit, best run, and most effective student council organization in the state," asserts senior Ace Warren, recently elected president of the all-county association.

Neely, who serves this year as Interhigh secretary, pointed out Interhigh's successful effort last year to prevent passage of an anti-loitering law. Such laws are aimed specifically at persons under 18 years of age.

This year Interhigh hopes to send representatives to the county Human Rights Commission, Neely added.

Present and Future

Ace, who has been a sophomore and junior representative to the Blair S. C., praised the Association for its role in "bettering relations between schools."

He declared that being on Blair's Student Council offers "good experience in dealing with people and making decisions." Ace is also a member of the Key Club.

Ace's plans include college and, he hopes, law school.

Neely has been active in student government since junior high, when she was secretary of the Student Council at Montgomery Hills. Last year she was secretary of Blair's Student Council.



POINTING THE WAY—Ace Warren and Neely Holmead are shown atop Blair's football stadium where they're taking a look at early practice. Neely is captain of cheerleaders. Ace heads Interhigh.

and this year she is on Council as Interhigh secretary. Blair's big need in student government, Neely believes, is to eliminate the Representative Assembly.

"It's useless," she insisted. "The representatives go back to their homerooms for suggestions, and nobody says anything."

Neely likes Student Council work, though when she is on the Council, Neely explained, she can help the students. "I got so much out of Student Council last year," she exclaimed.

One of the happiest days of

Neely's life was when, last year at the sports' assembly, she was named captain of cheerleaders. The cheerleaders, said Captain Holmead, "are doing real well. We've been practicing since July. Last year we had the best school spirit. I hope this year everybody will come to the games."

Horseback riding is Neely's hobby. She proudly says she has her own horse much as a boy might say he has his own car.

Neely, one of Blair's top students academically, wants to attend Duke University.

Letter to the Editor Old Silver Spring's Beauty

To the Editor:

Old residents of Silver Spring were saddened a few months ago when the last of the old, rambling frame houses on Sligo Avenue were torn down to make way for "progress."

The south part of Silver Spring was the first part to be established. The first street was Sligo Avenue, that came off the old Seventh Street Pike (now is Georgia Avenue). A small settlement of houses were constructed there in about 1884.

These houses were large compared to those being built today. They had five bedrooms; a kitchen, which you could put three or more of today's kitchens in; a dining room, which would seat not only the immediate family but all the aunts, uncles, and

cousins who came for Sunday dinner; living room; parlor; and best of all, a porch that went all around the complete house. Most of the people who lived in these houses made their living farming.

Now all of this has changed. The beautiful old lots were subdivided years ago, but then the county commission took away even the houses themselves. The houses were used as practice material for the fire department and even the tall oak and maple trees are being chopped down. The world is losing its beauty.

Look at the spring itself. Very few people know it exists much less the history of it. Postmaster Francis Preston Blair in the late 1800's was riding through the town to the countryside one day and as he passed it he saw the water trickling and noticed it looked like silver because of the mica in the spring. He called it the "Silver Spring." So that is how the town got its name.

We think the people should try to preserve the old beauty. Don't let all of it be changed to dull apartment buildings. When going out for a Sunday afternoon ride, there is not much beauty to look at. Keep the restorers from taking over the town. This is a free country—fight for the rights. Very few towns are being established today so why not keep what historic treasures we can? "Keep America Beautiful" — Keep the Old Houses.

—Theresa Schrider

Chips Welcomes
Signed Letters
To The Editor

Activity Ticket Still Costs \$10

Activity tickets may be purchased on the installment plan again this year by students who elect that method of payment. The first \$5 is due in September and the second \$5 in January.

Students also may pay the entire \$10 in September.

Student Council will again be in charge of the sale of activity tickets, which are on sale at the bank.

The money is used to help support *Silverogue*, *Silver Quill*, *Silver Chips*, and athletic activities.

For the activity ticket, students receive the yearbook, 12 issues of the newspaper, and two issues of the literary magazine. These publications are available only to ticket holders.

Activity tickets also admit students to all home games except the Blair-BCC game.

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More Creative Writing Sought —In French—Journal d'Argent

Expansion of creative writing will be one of the improvements in this year's Journal d'Argent, claim co-editors Kenneth Levin and Cindy Spindel. More art work, hopefully in technicolor, is a change promoted by art editor Marvin Liberman.

Mike Weisfeld is the new circulation manager. Business manager is Bob Windlan, and Elaine Abbott is in charge of publicity. In addition to the regular staff, two foreign exchange students from France will serve as French editors.

Key Club Wins 2 Top Awards

Of 2,170 Key Clubs and 52,000 Key Clubbers in the United States and Canada, the Montgomery Blair Chapter was the only one ever to capture two trophies at the International Convention.

Ron Bogley's scrapbook took top honors in its field and Ron Orleans' achievement report on all activities scored second in North America.

"This latter achievement

means," says Bob Bogley, this year's president, "that we were just about the second-best club in all of the United States and Canada."

The convention, held in Philadelphia in early June, was presided by 30 district conventions.

Blair's Key Club took first place in its scrapbook, achievement report and single service project of all the clubs in Virginia, D. C., Maryland, and Delaware.

It has won these three honors for the last three years. Only district winners can enter international contests.

The Key Clubbers give much credit for their success to last year's president, Ron Orleans, who, says this year's president, Bob Bogley, "really made it go."

For its two awards, Blair was given two trophies which are on display in the Library. The scrapbook is currently at headquarters in Chicago. It will be returned in October and then formally presented to Blair.

Faculty Facts

Carroll Heads Kitchen Corps; Works For Cleaner Cafeteria

What are Blairites' favorite foods? Just ask the person who knows—Mrs. Virginia Carroll, the cafeteria manager.

Working at Blair since 1952, she has come to know much about her customers. Do you know that hamburgers and spaghetti are your favorite "hot plates"? Tuna fish and bacon, lettuce, and tomato rate high in the sandwich department. Blazers also go for cherry and lemon meringue pies.

"Students don't seem to like cream dishes, those eaten with a spoon. But they do like things on rolls to be picked up and eaten," Mrs. Carroll observed.

She is disturbed over the chaos left by student diners. "Some students even throw tray and all into the trash can. Last year, I bought stainless steel ware four tons."

Conditions became so bad last year Mrs. Carroll assigned cafeteria workers an area to watch. Ten minutes before each period was over they asked the students please to clean up.

The government has certain dietary requirements for schools.

The main goal of the new staff will be to increase circulation to surrounding high schools. The Journal is the only French newspaper in the area. Due to wider interest, this year's staff, which meets during the sixth period every day, is the largest in the paper's history.

Because the paper is written completely in French, translations will be available to French I students as well as junior high subscribers.

"The Journal offers an excellent opportunity for students to use the knowledge they have gained in class for outside pleasure," declared co-editor Cindy Spindel.

Co-editor Kenneth Levin asserts, "We hope this year's paper will stimulate further interest in French language and culture among all readers."

Journal d'Argent is on sale for five cents five times a year.

Carol Brimberg Heads Girls' State

When you meet Carol Brimberg in the halls, you can refer to her as "Madam Mayor." Carol was elected mayor of Girls' State this summer, one of the highest political jobs in Maryland open to girl students.

Girls' State is sponsored by the American League Auxiliary to provide citizenship training for outstanding girls, and to inform them about their privileges, duties, and rights as a citizen.

Some 207 girls from all over Maryland spent a fascinating and informative week at Carvel Hall in Annapolis. Congressman Richard E. Langford and Rep. John Matthews, chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, were among the speakers.

Climax of the week's activities was a joint talent show with the members of Boys' State.

Don Robertson, Bill Miller and Bill Silverman were Blair's representatives at Boys' State, which was held at Maryland University the week of June 18th.



MRS. VIRGINIA CARROLL

Each lunch must include: 2 ounces of protein; ¼ cup of vegetables and/or fruit; equivalent of 1 slice bread; 2 teaspoons butter; and half a pint of milk. Mrs. Carroll makes sure Uncle Sam's orders are obeyed.

She adds that "most students are considerate, though. And they love to eat. Blair is a fine school."

Working behind the scenes, she does "most anything" when she has to. If the salad chef is absent, she makes the salads. The ability to fill in is essential to a dietitian.

Summer School Attendance Skyrockets As 1,119 Students Sweat For Knowledge

By Phyllis Mudrick

"Air-conditioning for summer school is out, unless we go into a 12-month school program," says Montgomery Blair summer school principal, Mr. Allan Vogt.

"As for the 12-month plan," he continued, "that's under-going study now."

It would seem that for the immediate future, at least, those students taking summer school will still have to literally sweat it out.

But the unbearable summer heat doesn't seem to discourage many people from attending summer school. Blair had nearly twice the number of summer students as last year. Most of them received original rather than review credit.

With the largest summer school attendance ever, 1,119, some 64 classes were conducted while other high school students were sleeping, relaxing in the sun, or working.

Only Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School outnumbered Blair in summer scholars.

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Civil Defense

a year. An attack any other time, even if the schools did have shelters, would not allow time for all students to reach them.

When Chips asked if it were not more likely that attack would be launched in the middle of the work-school-day, so as to make evacuation impossible due to tie-up, Adm. Hartwig replied that, when he was in the Navy in World War II, they always attacked at dawn, when the enemy would be asleep.

He regarded the building of fallout shelters in the schools as a very expensive but worthwhile insurance program.

"How extensive the construction of school shelters becomes depends upon a number of factors," stated Adm. Hartwig. "Among these is the degree of international tension and the public's willingness to pay for them."

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Vice-Principals

She earned an M.A. and a B.A. in history from the University of California at Berkeley. She received her California teaching credentials from Mills College in California.

"I've taught most of my life in California, but I've also taught in an army dependents' school in (West) Germany."

She teaches history, English, and has been a guidance counselor. She has also studied at American and George Washington Universities, and is now working for her doctor of education degree at Maryland University.

In Montgomery County, Mrs. Lavery has been a counselor at Walter Johnson High School and an intern in the administration and supervision program of the School Board.

Mrs. Lavery also has a school loyalty problem. She has taught at Bethesda-Chevy Chase and her daughter won't let her take the B.C.C. sticker off the car. "I'm afraid someone will hurt it," she has to. "Seriously, I've added, 'Everybody here has been very good to me.'"



ALL THOSE MEMORIES OF SUMMER SCHOOL—it might as well be November for these dedicated scholars who were among the more than one thousand at Blair summer school. Going into class at left are Eric Eaton, Bill Lebovich, and Cindy Spindel. Driver Ed, one of the most popular courses, attracted, at right, Dave Kuzner, Rich Murray and Jeff Cowles.

A pilot course in United States history was offered for the first time this year. The course, lasting five weeks instead of the customary seven-and-a-half, met four hours every day. It was conducted on an experimental basis.

This is also the first time college counselors were available. The team of counselors came from Maryland University.

21 New Teachers Join Faculty; Many Study In Foreign Lands

Should someone attempt to total the miles traveled by all 21 new Blair teachers, the number would surely circle the globe. Even if the teacher is not widely traveled, the majority have some special training or rare experience.

Chips will introduce the newcomers in two consecutive issues. Those not appearing today will appear next time.

Largest increase is in the Foreign Language Department with five new teachers. Miss Adrienne G. Ayers will teach French I and II. She comes to Blair after five years with the U. S. Information Agency in Sweden, Pakistan, and France. Previously she has attended LaGrange College and has done graduate work at Middlebury College in Vermont and at two universities in France.

Mr. Siegfried M. Clemens comes to Blair originally from Germany, but more recently after 20 years as an army officer and a hitch of teaching at Maryland University, his alma mater. Mr. Clemens has traveled widely, serving four years in Guatemala and in six World War II campaigns. He will teach Spanish I, III, and IV.

Mrs. Betty Forden will teach French as well as English. She attended the College of Mount St. Vincent in New York and Maryland University. She is also interested in journalism and freelance writing.

Another widely traveled pedagogue is Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholas. She graduated from the University of Utah. Mrs. Nicholas has done graduate work at three European universities, including the Sorbonne in Paris, as well as at her alma mater and American University. She will teach French I and II.

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Of the 32 teachers here during summer, only eight were regular Blair teachers. Enrollment was largest in world and United States History and Driver Education.

"It was a good way to keep out of trouble," said Principal Daryl W. Shaw. But the 1,119 students to whom he was referring, were still glad summer school was over.

For Mr. Robert E. Harder the honeymoon did not last. Mr. Harder, a physics and algebra II teacher, had his honeymoon cut short when school reopened. Mr. Harder is a graduate of Maryland University.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dillard, a southern belle, will teach algebra and plane geometry. Memphis State University is her alma mater. Last year she taught in Atlanta, Ga.

Replacing Mrs. Esther Bernstein in the Girls' Physical Education Department is Miss Josie Keeter. She received her degrees from East Carolina College in taught in junior colleges of North Greenville, N. C. Miss Keeter has Carolina. Her last seven years have been spent at B.C.C.

A native New Yorker and former student teacher at Blair, Miss Patricia A. Gerzhan has come to Blair to teach senior English. She is a 1961 graduate of Maryland University where she was secretary of her senior class.

Mrs. Joan C. Lomax, an active woman in county civic affairs, has come to Blair to teach social studies, including R.O.D., economics, sociology, government, and economic geography. Last year she taught at Montgomery Junior College.

With Mr. Douglas H. Teller and Miss Gloria Montiero gone, two additions have been made in the Art Department. Miss Dianne Jacobson is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Before her university work, Miss Jacobson spent two years at the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts.

The other new art teacher is Mr. H. Bernard Lipscomb III. He has had experience in stage design and summer stock. For the past three years he has taught at Sherwood High School. He received degrees from Randolph-Macon Men's College and American University.

Blaizers Open Against Gaithersburg, 8 p.m.

League Game Heads '61 Slate

The Bi-County League is no more. Instead each of the two counties involved (Montgomery and Prince Georges) will have leagues of their own. A split was necessitated because many schools in each county were large enough to gain membership in the Bi-County. Unfortunately, if these new schools had been admitted Bi-County membership would have swollen to about 16 to 20 schools. Such an arrangement would have been a bit unwieldy to handle.

Class A League

Blairites will be mostly concerned with action in the Montgomery County Class A Football League. In addition to Blair, the league includes B-CC, Wheaton, Richard Montgomery, Northwood, Walter Johnson, Gaithersburg, and Sherwood. This eight team circuit will expand to ten or 11 schools in the near future.

Perhaps the most attractive feature of this new arrangement, for Blair fans at least, is that the Blaizers will play teams a bit farther afield. Now Blairites will be able to compare the caliber of their own league's play against that of other leagues in the Metropolitan area.

Blair plans to meet Roosevelt of the Inter-High League. By the way, this is not the first encounter with the District school for Blair. In 1958 Blair battled Roosevelt to a scoreless tie to open the grid season. This is, however, Blair's first appearance against a team which did not compose the Bi-County, since 1959. That year DeMatha defeated Blair 25-7 for the Blaizer's only loss of the season.

2 Schools Added

Also new to the Blaizer's schedule are two up-country schools, Gaithersburg and Sherwood. In addition Blair meets two Prince Georges County schools, Bladensburg and Northwood. Blair also plays the following Montgomery County schools: Walter Johnson, Wheaton, Richard Montgomery, Northwood and B-CC.

The complete schedule follows:

Sept. 8	At Gaithersburg (N)
16	At Roosevelt
23	Walter Johnson
30	Bladensburg
Oct. 7	At Sherwood
14	At Wheaton
21	Richard Montgomery
27	At Northwood (N)
Nov. 4	Northwood
11	B-CC

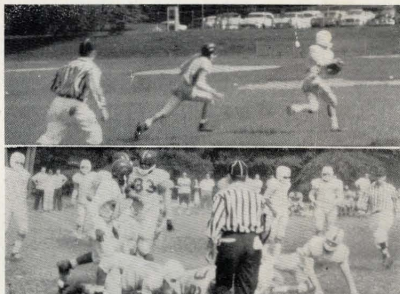
Majorettes Start Practice; Tryouts On Sept. 18

This year the Majorettes will start in right away with tryouts so that the new sophomore majorettes will be able to twirl in the third game of the season. Next Monday begins a week of practice climaxed by Majorette tryouts on September 18.

Blair Majorettes have had lots of experience this summer as they trooped off to camp especially for baton twirlers.

Captain Carolyn Dickerman went to Camp of the Dells in Wisconsin the week after school was out. She had classes in marching, twirling, routines, and precision-drill. She also was given tips on how to handle a group of girls.

Majorettes Judy Blatt, Vicki Ordley, Kay Hober, and Michelle Svingney attended Oglesby Institute at Bethany College in West Virginia.



GETTING SET FOR TONIGHT'S OPENER—Jerry Rieuci (top) catches a touchdown pass in the John Carroll scrimmage. Blair's defensive squad (bottom) greatly aided the team in winning both of their pre-season games. They defeated Carroll 30 to 6 and Eastern 18 to 0.

Allen's Alley

By Allen Snyder

Blair Gains Exhibition Victory Against Washington Champions

When the Blaizers met Gaithersburg tonight, it will certainly not be without the taste of victory fresh in their minds.

For just nine days ago, August 30, Blair's football squad played John Carroll High School in a scrimmage and routed last year's city champions five touchdowns to one.

Runners Pave Way

The Blair offense was made up of a brilliant running attack which netted a magnificent total of 320 yards. Rieuci scored from a scrimmage and was commended as a steadfast defense which limited their opponents to but one touchdown and was extremely strong when John Carroll threatened.

Blair Scores First

Blair jumped out in front early in the game as Sonny Jackson engineered a long Blair drive by handing off repeatedly to Scott, the fullback, and Rieuci and Rainwater, the halfbacks who would consistently make 10-15 yard gains. Rieuci scored from the twelve to put Blair out in front.

Late in the first half John Carroll threatened. They drove downfield and had a first down on Blair's seven yard line. But the Blair defenders held on and their opponents lost the ball on downs.

Carroll Comes Right Back

However, John Carroll was not to be denied its touchdown, for no sooner did Blair take over on downs, than the half was over and the city champions got the ball again to begin the second half. This time they could not be stopped and Marzetti, their quarterback, capped an 80-yard drive by running it over from the twenty.

Blair got the ball on their 20-yard line after the touchdown and on the first play from scrimmage, Julian Rainwater made a brilliant 80-yard run to score. He did some very effective faking to break into the clear, but it appeared that he would be stopped at midfield by two Carroll defenders. However, he just turned on the speed and got past them for the touchdown.

Blair Adds to Margin

After this, Blair seemed to pick up momentum and was never headed. A 40-yard run by Ned Blackwell, a junior, a fumble recovered in the end zone by Don Robertson, and a beautiful 70-yard run by quarterback Sonny Jackson simply helped point out Blair's superiority.

For a team that has been described as "real green," Blair certainly looked ripe against John Carroll.

Wendt, Townsend Lead Squad To Summer Basketball Victory

For the second year running the Blair basketball five has won the Montgomery County Summer League. Last year the team went on to the Bi-County and State Championships.

Blair whipped Walter Johnson to take the summer championship 75-67 in overtime. Jim Wendt had 28 points, "Sonny" Jackson 20, and Jack Townsend 15.

Although 11 of Coach Ed Moffat's State Championship 16 graduated last spring, he has back three men with good experience: Jackson, Wendt and Townsend.

Jackson, a starter last year, is probably the best back-court man in the county. He averaged 17 points this summer.

In Jim Wendt and Jack Townsend, Moffat has 6'-5" strength under the boards, though it was Wendt's shooting from the outside that earned the team the summer championship and earned

ed Wendt a fantastic 21-point average per game.

Townsend, who's been dunking the ball since eighth grade, will be the big man. He hit for an 18-point average this summer with hooks and jump shots underneath the basket that are next to impossible to block. Townsend also coached, managed and set up the team this summer for Moffat.

Bill Mason's hustle and rebounding will probably earn him a starting berth. He averaged 10 this summer, and sparked the team with his aggressive play. The brothers Robertson may find themselves fighting it out to be the fifth starter. Don and Robert complemented each other's playing during the summer, but only one will be chosen to accompany "Sonny" up the court with the ball once the real season gets underway.

Heavy Loss Of Lettermen Not Harmful To Team's Chances

By Allen Snyder

With less than fifteen men returning from last year's gridiron squad, the Blaizers will open their 1961 season at Gaithersburg tonight at 8:00 p.m.

Although Head Coach Joe Good admits the team is "real green," he feels that much of the slack caused by the loss of so many lettermen will be taken up by an outstanding offensive line.

Offensive Line Cited

At center tonight will probably be Richard Brown, backed up by Dennis Wood and Marvin Goldberg. Brian Tierney and Tony Yezer are the leading candidates for left and right guard, respectively, with Glen Forrester and Lew Eyre the probable starters at left and right tackle. George Lumby at left end and Albert Turner at right end will also see much action tonight.

Sonny Jackson will start at quarterback tonight. Sonny, only 5'9", may experience much the same trouble as did Eddie Lebaron, the "Little General" of Redskins fame. Lebaron often found it difficult seeing over the heads of opposing linemen in order to spot his pass receivers. Walter Robertson, a junior, will back up Jackson.

Rieuci Back

Jerry Rieuci, running star of the Blaizers last year, at right halfback, Julian Rainwater at left half, and Claude Scott at fullback complete the starting backfield.

Because only about 35% of the squad is made up of lettermen, few of the players knew most of their teammates when practice began in the middle of August. Regardless of this fact, however, Coach Good feels that the attitude of the players has been "very fine. They have worked extremely hard all summer and have developed into a closely knit squad."

Notes . . . Jerry Rieuci and Julian Rainwater were suffering from bad ankles at pretime, and James Craig, the junior who last year accomplished the rare feat of making the varsity as a sophomore, was hampered with a bruised knee, however, these players should be ready for action tonight, and the Blaizers are expected to be at full strength against Gaithersburg . . . Blair has just recently received \$2500 worth of new equipment. According to Head Manager Chuck Whitney, "The equipment is as much as one-and-one-half pounds lighter than the old equipment."

Pick-The-Winners; Win B-CC Tickets

Blazer fans, here is your chance to prove your expertness at predicting the outcome of football games. The winner of the *Chips* Pick-the-Winners contest will receive two free tickets to the Homecoming game against B-CC. Deposit your entry in the *Chips* office next to room C-103 by 3:30 this afternoon.

Maryland () So.	Methodist () Tie ()
Geo. Wash. () Citadel () T ()	Virginia () Wm. and Mary () T ()
Redskins () Philadelphia () T ()	Predict the score of the following game:
Blair ()	Gaithersburg ()

Name _____ Section _____

J.V. Schedule

Next Thursday, September 14, this year's J. V. squad opens its '61 football season at Peary High School. The nine-game slate this year has four home games and features such teams as Richard Montgomery, Walter Johnson, Northwood, and B-CC.

The complete schedule follows:

Sept. 14	At Peary
21	Wheaton
28	West Bethesda
Oct. 5	At Northwood
12	At Gaithersburg
19	At Sherwood
26	Richard Montgomery
Nov. 3	Walter Johnson
10	At B-CC

This should tend to give the team a lot more speed." . . . When practice started on August 16, 65 boys turned out. However, this number has been gradually whittled down by Coach Good and he expects to carry about 40 players through the season . . . When Blairites return to the football stadium this fall they will see that the Coca Cola scoreboard has been repainted by the soft drink company so that everyone will be able to read the advertisement on it.

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New Point System Enlarges Activities Participation

The new Activity Participation Point System recently adopted by Student Council is designed to involve more students in school activities and to limit the number of positions any individual may hold.

"Chico" Bill Silverman, vice president of Student Council, explains that points ranging from a maximum of five points down to one-fourth of a point have been assigned to certain school activities.

"When a student accumulates five points," Chico says, "he will not be allowed to hold any more offices or be on any more committees covered by the point system."

Other new restrictions are:

(1) A student will be allowed to be on no more than three temporary or class committees per year.

(2) Homeroom representatives may not be class officers and vice versa.

(3) No person may be president of more than one organization.

(4) No more than three positions in the so-called "Category J" may be held. These include social service club officers; homeroom alternate representatives and secretaries; president of social clubs; and honor society officers.

Important school positions are divided into 10 categories. The points allotted each are shown below:

5 Pts.—Student Council Pres. and V. Pres.; Editor-in-Chief of *Chips* and *Logue*; Pres. of Bank; Pres. of Senior Class.

4 Pts.—Chairman of S. C. Standing Comm.; S. C. Sec. and Treas.

3 Pts.—Library Club Pres.

2.75 Pts.—Chrm. of Class Comm.; Jr. Class Pres.; Sr. Class officers; Service Club Pres.

2.50 Pts.—S. C. Members-at-Large; Staff Editors of *Chips* and *Logue*; Ed-in-Chief of *Quill* and foreign lang. newspapers.

2 Pts.—Jr. Class Officers; Bank Officers; Members of S. C. Standing Comm.

1.5 Pts.—Soph. Class Pres. and officers; Service Club officers; Homeroom Representatives; Social Service Club Pres.; Library Club officers and comm. chrm.

1.25 Pts.—Members of S. C. Temporary Comm., and Class Temp. Comm.

.75 Pts.—Pres. of Honor Societies.

.25 Pts.—Sec. Serv. Club officers; Homeroom Alternate Rep. and Sec.; Pres. of Soc. Clubs; Honor Soc. officers.

Sophomore Elections

October 4

Silver Chips

Coming

Senior Class Play

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Blair To Be Represented On New Television Program—'It's Academic'

Who was the captain of the H.M.S. Lydia? What river did Caesar make famous? These are typical of the questions asked on N.B.C.'s new quiz show, "It's Academic."

Students from every school in the metropolitan area will participate in this T.V. quiz show emceed by Mac McGarry. About a dozen Blair students were recently interviewed as possible contestants for the show.

Libraries to Benefit

Every Saturday from 6:30 to 7 p.m., three high school teams, consisting of three members each, will compete for a set of encyclopedias to take back to their school library. Questions will cover all academic subject areas and general knowledge. Sometimes visual aids are used.

Team members may bring along as many fellow students to root for them as they wish. It is hoped that there will be a big audience every week.

Maybe you'll even see your favorite teacher on T.V. Each week "It's Academic," produced by Sophie Altman, features one of the top teachers of the area to acquaint the community with our teachers.

This game promises to be one of great excitement as the winner will not be known until the very last minute.

Grab Bag Period

After three periods of 10 questions for each team, there will be a "grab bag" period during which any team may answer questions as they are fired out at them, and thus add greatly to their score.

Norris Announces Agenda for Dances

Tom Norris, chairman of the Dance Committee, has set up the following calendar for school dances.

Dec. 26—Christmas Formal.

March 24—Spring Dance.

June 15—Farewell Dance.

The exact date of the traditional Homecoming Formal has not yet been determined. It will probably take place at the beginning of November.

In addition, record hops and dances sponsored by individual service clubs will be held, usually following football and basketball games.

Including the Back to School Dance on September 16, the Student Council sponsors only five dances per year.

AFS Exchange Students Laura, Alex, Are Amazed at Friendly Spirit of USA

Adding a cosmopolitan flavor to Blair's student body are exchange students Alejandro Otengli from Madrid, Spain, and Laura Guolino of Rome, Italy. They are sponsored by the American Field Service.

Alejandro (Alex) declared that his favorite part of America is the people.

"They are always trying to be helpful," he said.

Laura agreed. "An American student in Rome would never find the people so friendly or eager to help,"

Lack of Respect

Alex admits he dislikes the lack of respect shown to parents by teenagers here. Laura finds strange the school clothes and sneakers worn by American girls. "The girls wear so many colors at once," she explained.

Both students were impressed with America's abundant greenery. Laura was surprised to see houses surrounded by so much grass, while Alex compared the rich forests of the United States to the sparse trees in dry Spain.

Alex observed that American girls use more make-up and wear



FROM OVERSEAS—Assembling around the globe, left to right, are Alex Otengli, Jim Johnston, Cathy Chapman, and Laura Guolino, exchange students and hosts.

—Photo by Hall

high heels more often than Europeans.

Sound English Spoken
Laura has had only four years of English but owes her skill in the language to the fact that "I was able to practice on my sister's nurse, who is English."

Another exchange student, sponsored by the International Christian Youth Exchange, is Francoise Warnery, age 18. A citizen of Switzerland, she is living in France and has taken four years of English.

Hits H-Bomb Complacency, Ignorance

Senior Takes OCDM Course, Advises Preparation for Blair

By Jim Thompson

Phyllis Ankney, who this summer took a civil defense course in New York sponsored by the Office of Defense Mobilization, returned aware of what the H-bomb can do—and what it can't.

She said she heard this too many times: "Why bother with CD preparations? There aren't going to be any people left after the next war anyway!"

You Can Survive

Miss Ankney emphasizes that you can live through nuclear attack if prepared. She is disappointed that more has not been done to insure the safety of 2,600 people at Blair and other Washington-area schools.

"We don't have a safe place at Blair to go if Washington is attacked during the school day," she averred.

"She notes that the rifle range—"the safest place at Blair"—is not equipped with the food and

the seven gallons of water per person necessary for surviving the two-week period of heavy fallout. Even if it were so provided, Phyllis points out that no more than a few could be sheltered there.

She was taught this summer that evacuation of a school without a fallout shelter is advisable upon radar warning of attack. Rear Adm. Roy Hartwig, head of the county civil defense program, confirms that evacuation is to be employed in time of nuclear attack.

Urges "Go Home" Drill

Yet Phyllis is disturbed that never has the "Go Home Drill" or evacuation drill been practiced.

She doesn't feel that the drill that is practiced—lining up in the halls away from windows—would even guarantee safety against the heat and debris and wind of the shock wave, much less against fallout.

24 Get Training in Technical Electronics

For the first time at Blair, a two-hour technical electronics class is being offered. One hour is devoted to electric shop, the other to lab work.

There are two classes this year, with 24 boys in each. Mr.

Joseph Hart, electric shop teacher, is the instructor.

The technical electronics course was designed to give the student comprehensive knowledge of the fundamentals of electronics, applied math, and physics.

To be eligible for the course, students must take additional math and science courses, must have finished the tenth grade, and must have had one year of algebra.

Technicians' Training

Training as an electronics technician consists of knowledge and work in fields of math, science, electronics theory, electronics circuits and devices, and testing equipment as it is used in industrial electronics and automation circuitry.

A boy who has had two years of this course is allowed to take the Federal Communications Commission exam qualifying him to be a first-class technician. At this rating, he is usually paid \$3 to

\$4 an hour.

Costly Projects

At Blair, each technical electronics class is costing nearly \$5,000. Mr. Hart declared, "We are expecting \$27,000 worth of equipment." Costs are defrayed in part by the Federal government.

A kit containing plaques on which the boys will construct loose circuits will be provided for every two students. The boys will study basic electronics systems of radio, T.V., audio, etc. Individual projects are not included in the class curriculum.

Mr. Hart describes the aim of the course as "making boys interested in building good background in the field of electronics for college, or to enable them to get first-class jobs in technical electronics after high school."

Technical electronics is also offered at Wheaton High School. Richard Montgomery and others will soon follow.

Sophs To Elect Leaders

Sophomores will hold primary elections for five Student Council members at large October 2. The final vote will take place on October 4.

The election will be the first of the year handled by homeroom Election Committee representatives.

On October 16, sophomores will be called upon again to use their good judgment in the primary vote for class officers. The final election will be on October 18. Upperclassmen elected class officers last spring.

The first school-wide election will be the balloting for the Christmas queen.

Like Money In The Bank

The "B" in Blair stands for the best, and Blair students seem to get the best of everything. Just about the Biggest and Best Bonus of the year offered to Blair students is the Activity Ticket.

Students don't seem to realize how much they are getting for their money—a beautifully bound copy of the year-book which alone would cost almost \$10 in many schools.

But this isn't all that Blairites get! They also receive some 12 issues of the newspaper, two issues of the literary magazine, *Silver Quill*, and free admission to all home games except the traditional one with B.C.C.

But now Blairites are in danger of losing this money-saving opportunity. Printing costs, cost of supplies, etc. are steadily mounting this year, although the price of the Activity Ticket has remained the same. More students must buy Activity Tickets if our publications and athletics are to be adequately financed.

Unless we have the whole-hearted support of all the students at Blair, we cannot keep selling the Activity Ticket at this low price.

Last year only 70 per cent of the students took advantage of the opportunity to buy an Activity Ticket. This year, let's set our goal at at least 90 per cent and make this a really successful year at Blair.

War or Peace?

When statesmen and politicians begin to ramble on, people, especially teenagers, usually lend a deaf ear. But one subject currently under discussion which concerns us all directly is, "Will we have an atomic war?"

The answer is by no means certain. Either by horrible accident or deliberate action, war could come. Youths of high school age, along with their college brethren, are among the most attentive listeners whenever the radio blares talk about war and the draft.

In an era when teenagers are accused of being apathetic to pressing world problems, this situation is indeed ironic. When it comes to the most pressing problem or all—war or peace—it is the teenagers who are concerned, many adults relatively apathetic.

Just what can be done is indeed nebulous. One thing is certain, however: we must never stop trying to find peaceful solutions. For once negotiations stop, additional misunderstanding is certain. Once misunderstanding reaches the critical phase, war will be inevitable.

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Follows 'Bristol Stomp' and Pony

'U. T.' Sweeps Teenagers

By Ben Stein

"I've done the bop,
I've done the stroll,
I've done the twist, every kind of
rock 'n' roll.

And though they're fun,
You really can't see
What dancing can be, till you've
done the U.T."

Thus a new dance climbs dizzily into popularity. Currently it is sharing the teenage spotlight with "The Bristol Stomp."

These new dances, more and more complex, can be seen mainly at huge weekend hops sponsored by radio stations.

One dance, "The Pony," last year caught on really big at Blair. Between classes, girls and boys could be seen posing merrily down the hall. Last year there was even a social sponsored by the O'Dells called "Pony Time."

Round Sounds

Nearly all the latest dance fads have a record glorifying them. But the question is, like the chicken and the egg, which came first—the dance or the record? The



answer is that the movements of the dance almost always come first—somewhere. But here in Silver-Spring, the record often comes before the dance.

As the new dances get more and more complicated, the number of people who can do them gets smaller and smaller. Right now, for instance, only one girl at Blair, Senior Gay Patien, is said to have perfected an authoritative version of "the U.T." (which stands for University of Tennessee.)

Senior Sport

S. C. Officials Seek More Students as Leaders

"In a school of 2,500 people we certainly ought to be able to find more than 15 leaders—that is, the 15 members of Student Council." So spoke Bob Long, president of the Blair Student Council, in a recent interview.

"Involving the whole student body in school government," continued Bob, "must become a prime objective of Student Council."

Patti Magidson, Council member and chairman of the Inter-school Relations Committee, interjected this thought:

"Blair has what might be termed a revolutionary council as far as attitudes and ideas go. The only trouble is most of the student body fails to realize it."

Cliches Are Out

Bob proceeded to explain his meaning.

"In past years," he said, "Blair's presidents, officers and committee chairmen have come from a pretty select group. These people were usually much involved on the faculty level. Naturally, they knew the feelings and wishes of the faculty. This year, in addition to working closely with the faculty, we want to work more directly with and for the students."

To implement the goal of reaching more Blairites, Student Council will run a complete survey of the school's activity program.

Survey Planned

"The prime purpose of the survey," explains Bob, "is to discover which segments of the student body are not being reached through activities! We want to find out, for instance, if there is a lack of communication with our commercial students, diversified occupations students, advanced academic students, or any other group. We intend to correct the situation if the need for action is shown."

Commenting on the subject of the Representative Assembly, both Patti and Bob agree that it needs to be strengthened but are not sure exactly what steps should be taken.

"At least," says Patti, "the Assembly acts as one more sounding board for school opinion and involves directly more students in their government."

Ever interested in politics, the two seniors had optimistic thoughts on the subject of war and peace in our times.

Silverman Replies On New Pt. System

In the last issue of Silver Chips the article concerning the new Activity Participation Point System may have been misleading. This system was devised last spring by Student Council to provide more opportunities for students to be leaders and followers.

The headline of the article was "Council Joiners To Be Limited." That statement may have led some people to believe that the number of council joiners would be limited.

On the contrary, the Activity Participation Point System increases the number of joiners but limits the number of offices the joiner may hold. In this way there will be more opportunities in clubs and on committees for students to develop leadership skills.

Don't Jeer Efforts To Aid Starving

Blair's opening assembly served exhibit one of the most shameful aspects of American complacency. A member of Student Council gave a fine speech stressing the high standard of living we Americans enjoy, compared to the hundreds of millions who never know what a "full stomach" is. Any intelligent youth would respond with a deep concern.

Blair's reactions, however, ranged from "What's all this starvation nonsense about?" to "So what do I care?"

This attitude not only indicates the moral weakening of a nation, but is a sure sign Communism will triumph.

As U. S. citizens, all of us have a responsibility to help the underprivileged of the world. For, except for the fact that we had the good fortune to be born in

America, we could easily be one of those millions who struggle in ignorance and poverty.

—Jeffrey Burt

Chips Gets Kudos For Early Issue

I'd like to congratulate the *Silver Chips* staff for putting out such a fine first issue and so early—the first week school was in session.

Most schools have to wait until October for the first issue, so the *Chips* staff deserves special commendation.

Silver Quill especially invites everyone to submit stories, poems, essays, and other creative writing. Our literary-art magazine can remain top quality only with the help of all Blairites.

—Carol Brinberg
Co-Editor of Silver Quill



Blaired Around . . .

While being interviewed for an appearance on the new WRG high school "College Bowl" Sheldon Green, 12-8, was asked, "Who was the greatest Chinese philosopher?"

Thinking of Lao Tse, Green was red-faced to hear himself actually come out with "Mao Tse-tung," head of Communist China.

"You would think," mused Mrs. Ruth Breakiron, school nurse, "that in a school the size of Blair we would have many serious injuries. But it's quite the contrary."

Last year, she reports, there were no "major breaks." Just a couple of broken noses and several fractured fingers.

Students of the Jewish faith were out—some for two days and some for three this month—observing the High Holy Days marking the beginning of the Jewish New Year, 5722.

Want an original painting to make a bright spot in some gloom?

By Bob Tiemann



Don't Forget Your Name

Chips Welcomes Letters, Comments

Silver Chips welcomes letters to the editor expressing student views on current issues or activities. These letters may be as short or as long as you wish, but every letter must be signed.

Letters may be left in Mrs. Glazer's mailbox or brought directly to Chips' office, C-103.

We specially invite students to comment on editorials and articles which appear in the paper.

Letters from alumni telling about their experiences at college or on the job also are welcomed.

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COMIN' AROUND THE MOUNTAIN—It was a long, hard push when the bus broke down in the Big Horn Mountains. At left, Tex Reagan sports a huge snake as proof of his trip to the Wild West. (It was dead!)

34 Blairites Camped This Year

Canadian Rockies Trek -- Goal for 62

A new student camping trip—this time across the vast reaches of Canada—is already in the works for next summer.

Some 34 Blair students camped out in a cross-country trip to the Far West this summer.

Mr. Philip Jones, Blair history teacher, has led students to all parts of the United States for the past three years, traveling by bus, sometimes camping, sometimes staying at a motel, but always having fun.

His last trip took his wandering students to the Big Horn and Wind River Mountains and the Grand Tetons.

This spring, Mr. Jones is again going to New Orleans as he has done in the past during the Easter vacation. The cost will be \$150 per person, and it will not include camping.

The big trip will come in the summer.

He explains that the price for the trip to Canada was raised to \$460 per person because the bus fare has been raised "an additional 10 cents a mile." The bus they

had been using (shown above) is no longer in use. They'll get a new bus this year.

On their western trip, Mr. Jones and his campers will visit the Seattle's World Fair via Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Oregon.

They will see the Wallowa and Salmon River Mountains, Olympic National Park, and return by way of Canada, crossing back into the

United States at Niagara Falls.

He is now taking applications from any 10th, 11th, or 12th grader who wishes to go on the trip, but is limiting the number to 25. Thirty-four went on the last trip, not including the three chaperones.

For 1963, Mr. Jones plans a trip to Japan. But, as he says, "It'll be with mostly older college kids."

Join AFS And Travel

Want to go abroad? The American Field Service offers an excellent opportunity to do so.

Juniors who know any foreign language are eligible to apply. Applications may be obtained starting October 2 in Room A-103.

Each year selected students are picked by the national board of the AFS to stay in a foreign country for the summer, or study for a semester or a full year of school.

Popular Farce on Marriage

Seniors To Produce Wilder's 'Matchmaker' During November

"The Matchmaker," a farce by Thornton Wilder, has been chosen as Blair's Senior Class play to be presented the second or third weekend in November.

Mr. Charles Gattning, public speaking teacher and sponsor of the Masque and Gavel Honor Society, will direct the play.

This show will be presented "in the round" as similar to all other Blair productions.

"The Matchmaker" is a turn-of-the-century story of a certain old merchant of Yonkers, Horace Vandergelder, who is now so rich that he decides to take a wife. To this end he employs a matchmaker, Dolly Levi, a Jewish-Irish woman who subsequently becomes involved in trying to marry Horace herself.

"This is a swift story that runs heading into a hilarious climax

of complication," declared Mr. Gattning.

He mentioned that this play is one of the most popular among high school students with the possible exception of Wilder's "Our Town."

He also noted the popularity of the play during its 1955 run on Broadway. The movie version starred Shirley Booth, Paul Ford, Shirley MacLaine, and Tony Perkins.

Mr. Gattning believes this year's comedy should equal the success enjoyed by two previous senior plays, "Tabooe of the August Moon" in 1959, and "The Happiest Millionaire," in 1950.

Tryouts for the nine male and seven female roles were held on September 14 and 15. Committee chairmen will be chosen in the near future and sign-ups for the committees at a later date.

Honor Society Strives for Early Initiation—Possibly in October

Blair's chapter of the National Honor Society is hoping to arrange for early inductions this fall in order that new members can participate in the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test on October 21.

Approximately seven per cent of the senior class will be admitted to the National Honor Society this fall.

At present, only 25 seniors are members. They were chosen in their junior years.

Mrs. Priscilla Kline, sponsor, says standards for admittance are set by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. They are not set by individuals at Blair or in Montgomery County.

Contrary to other honor societies in the school, scholastic record alone is not enough. The four qualities needed for admittance are leadership, service, good character, and a 3.5 scholastic achievement record.

A seven-teacher board picks the candidates on the basis of these four requirements and teachers' recommendations. Seniors are admitted in the fall and spring.

Large Enrollment Requires 21 New Teachers for Blair

Nine new teachers are introduced in thumbnail sketches below. This concludes Chips' two-part story on Blair's 21 new teachers.

Having taught at Blair in 1952, Mrs. Thelma L. Baker returns to teach biology.

The two additional Spanish teachers are Mrs. Zeida M. Seijo and Mrs. Irene Campa. Mrs. Seijo has lived and studied in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Venezuela. Mrs. Campa previously taught in Mexico City.

Mr. Louis A. DeCatur comes to Blair to teach English. He has been teaching freshman composition at his alma mater, Maryland University.

Mr. William T. Nichols is a graduate of East Carolina College. He teaches typing and business organization.

A graduate of North Carolina State College, Mr. Lynwood G. Satterfield will be the diversified occupations coordinator.

Coming to teach electronics, mechanical drawing, and metal shop, Mr. Lynn R. Pipher is a graduate of the University of Missouri.

Two other latecomers to Blair are Miss Mary Darling, math teacher, and Mr. Ed Braeus, shop instructor.



B. Hollis

T. Dant



B. Lewis

M. Ferber

Inquiring Reporter

Sophs Impressed With Size; Comment on Lunches, Activities

Blair has always impressed new students with its size. In an attempt to find out what else caught sophomore's attention, the Inquiring Reporter asked tenth-graders about those all-important first impressions—what they liked most and what they liked least about Blair.

Tommy Dant, 10-5—"Lots of fun and all the girls are beautiful."

Nancy Druckenbrod, 10-6—"The size impressed me, of course, as did all the activities available to students."

Barbara Hollis, 10-10—"Blair was too big to find anything. But I like it. Everybody's so friendly."

Belita Lewis, 10-13—"It's informal and nice. I like the teachers, mostly, and the fine facilities."

Larry Hewitt, 10-10—"I thought it was very good. I don't like the milk containers—they're impossible to open. And I think the classes are too crowded. But I like the wide choice of subjects."

Martin Ferber, 10-6—"It's big. I like the gym and sports possibilities. But I still can't get to classes on time."

Bob Rosenberg, 10-18—"It's OK! About this lunch, the only reason I'm eating it is that I left my lunch in my desk."

Rhonda Osheroff, 10-16—"It's a chance to get a fresh start."



B. Rosenberg

N. Druckenbrod



L. Hewitt

R. Osheroff



There's nothing the matter with teen-age chatter
(when you have a phone of your own)

True, sometimes you can tie up a telephone like nobody's business. This can be pretty annoying when other members of the family have calls to make.

That's why so many parents are giving their teenagers phones of their own these days. Not just extension phones, but their own individual lines with separate directory listings. They find it makes life pleasant for everybody all around. Ask Dad to call our local Business Office for details.



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Blair scores its first touchdown (left) in the Roosevelt game after a two yard run by Sonny Jackson. Jerry Rieuci (right) starts on a long Blair run.



—Photo by Hall

From The Stands . . . By Jim Thompson

Blairites Back Winning Squad; School Spirit Lauded . . . So Far

Blair has been "school-spirit" conscious—or self-conscious—since last year's cheerleader captain found it necessary, at a Pep Assembly during the football season, to up-braid the student body for not supporting the team.

It seems that the students weren't willing to get behind a losing team, a losing team at Blair last year being defined as one that somehow didn't win all of its games.

The fact that school spirit at a school which took four Bi-County titles and two State Championship deserved criticism reflects very poorly on Blair.

This Year's Spirit Good

No complaints about school spirit have been voiced so far this year; in fact, quite the opposite. Perhaps the annual one-third turnover in the student body through graduation is responsible for improvement in its attitude.

This year's cheerleader-leader, Captain Neely Holmead, praises support of the team as "real good." Football captain Sonny Jackson is more cautious, thinks that it is "pretty good . . . so far."

Jackson, who played varsity football last year, knew how it felt to lose student body support at a time when victories didn't come too easily—and at a time when the team really needed all the support the school could muster.

Last year, in a sincere effort, boys took to leading their own cheers, formed the "Blair Hell Raisers." That the BHR's haven't gotten started this year is a healthy sign.

It means that the student body is behind the team through the cheerleaders, about the most poised, practiced and attractive squad around, and certainly BHR's in their own right.

Jackson Small But Powerful

"If we hustle, we can go all the way. Teamwork is the important thing," asserts Sonny Jackson, varsity quarterback, who knows what he's talking about.

The Blazers' new team captain is known by players and coaches alike for his hustle and determination—not only on the gridiron, but also on the basketball court and the baseball diamond.

Sonny, whose real name is Roland, excels in all three sports. Even more amazing, he played varsity first-string baseball and basketball in his sophomore year.

Football, says Sonny, is much harder for him than basketball and baseball, his favorite sports, mainly because of his size, or lack of it.

Yet Sonny has overcome his only handicap with hard work and concentration. You can see his con-

Football Team Blanks Opponents In Taking First Two Contests

By Allen Snyder

A steady ground game plus a remarkably strong defense have teamed up to give the Blazers victories in their first two games of the season.

The Blair defense has been so strong that at press time Blair had not yet been

scored upon.

The Blazers first game of the season was against Gathersburg in a league contest. However, the Blazers then traveled out of the county to Roosevelt High School. They play their second non-league game tomorrow, taking on Bladensburg at home.

In the opening game the Blazers met an unusually strong Gathersburg team, and an exciting defensive duel resulted. Jerry Rieuci's two touchdowns made the difference, however, as Blair won 13-0.

Roosevelt Invaded

After the Gathersburg victory, Blair traveled to Theodore Roosevelt High School in Washington. This game, too, started out as a defensive battle.

Sonny Jackson culminated a Blair drive by running the ball over from the two-yard line for the only score of the first half.

As the second half got under way, however, Roosevelt mounted its first threat of the game. The Riders moved the ball to the Blair 14 where they had a first down. The Blair defense then tightened, and Roosevelt lost the ball on downs.

34-Yard Run

Blair took over the ball on their own 21-yard line. Jerry Rieuci then moved the ball into Roosevelt territory with a 34-yard run.

After a ten yard "look-in" pass by Jackson had given Blair another first down, Rieuci took a 20-yard toss to put the ball on the fifteen. From there he ran it over for the score.

The Blair drive covered 79 yards, and Rieuci accounted for all but ten of them. The conversion by Blackwell made the score 14-0.

Roosevelt fumbled on the kickoff and Tom Crosswhite recovered on the 25-yard line. A 20-yard run by Julian Rainwater and a drive by fullback Claude Scott gave Blair another touchdown as the final score was 21-0 in a bitterly contested battle.

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J. V. Squeezes by Peary, 13-6; Crum Breaks Tie

With safetymen Tom Crum intercepting a pass and racing 80 yards to score, Blair's junior varsity opened its 1961 season with a 13-6 win over Peary High School.

The touchdown broke a 6-6 tie with less than four and a half minutes left in the game.

"Good First Half
"I was very pleased with the players in the first half, but the team seemed to tire later in the game," said Blair coach Olie Brockhoff.

"This was to be expected," he added, "since it was the first game of the year. As the season continues the players should be getting in better condition, and I think the team will improve a whole lot."

Jimmy Ginnell, who scored Blair's first touchdown on a four-yard run, was singled out by the coach as having played "an out-

standing game on both offense and defense."

Good Season Seen

Although last year's team posted the best record of any junior varsity in the history of Blair, Coach Brockhoff believes that this year's squad is superior in many ways.

"We have two real line ends, Craft and Olson. Our backfield is also better than last year's because of its terrific depth. We have several good halfbacks plus a nice quarterback in John Roth," asserts Coach Brockhoff.

The key to the team, however, lies in the middle of our line. "If it improves," the coach insists, "We'll have a fairly good club."

Soccer Trophy Thing of Past

Blair, last year's Bi-County soccer champs, have lost all chance of "capturing a trophy" this year before the first game has been played.

The Bi-County League has been eliminated and with it the soccer trophy. The soccer team is not in a county league as is the football squad.

"Although we have no trophy to shoot for, we are playing most of the same teams this year as last," Coach Jerry Reynolds said.

Coach Reynolds believes, "Even though we lost a lot of good players, we still have the nucleus for a pretty good team."

To give the team added scoring punch, Coach Reynolds revealed that he is contemplating moving Gabor Zsebo from center halfback to center fullback.

Girls' Sports News

Cries of "I really got my skin banged today," or strains of the latest top tunes are again echoing forth from the girls' locker room as the Girls' Physical Education Department goes into high gear.

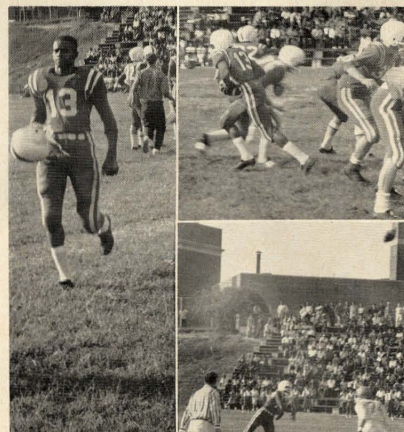
Sophomores, juniors, and seniors now have all the paraphernalia needed to start the routine of dressing out, participating in an activity, undressing, showering, and re-dressing.

Some sophomores will start the year with paddle tennis (tennis played with a over-sized ping-pong paddle), while the others begin with field hockey.

For the first time juniors as well as seniors are being taught archery.

New Fan

"A wonderful new addition to the girls' locker room has been made," stated Miss June Lippy, head of the department. It's a huge ventilating fan which helps tremendously when all of the girls are in the locker room.



Sonny Jackson (left) strolls over the field after leading the team to another touchdown. On the right he fades back (upper) and gets off a pass (bottom).

—Photo by Hall

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Charles Gattng Jr., a veteran actor of 60 plays, interrupts rehearsal of "The Matchmaker" to give direction to Ace Warren, the lead. Tim Wagner, at left, looks on. Directed by Mr. Gattng, the Senior Class Play will be presented November 17 and 18 in the Boys' Gym.

—Photo by Hall.

Seniors Present 'Matchmaker'; Margolis and Warren Star

Thornmont Wilder's farce, **The Matchmaker**, will be presented November 17 and 18 at 8:30 in the Boys' Gym.

Judy Margolis plays the Matchmaker, who's an old hand at matching up everybody she knows but has a lot of trouble getting Horace Vandergelder—Ace Warren—for herself.

Key Fashion Show Today

The Annual Key Club Fashion Show will be held today. Members of the club will model the latest styles in young men's sports and dress wear.

Directed by Charles Gattng Jr., the Senior Class Play is set in New York, circa 1890. Tickets will cost \$1.00.

New York Adventure

John Selby and Bill Silverman play Vandergelder's clerks in **Yonkers**. The two sneak to New York to find "adventure." The consequences of their finding the milliner, Mrs. Molly — Donna Beach—adventuresome, are hilarious.

Barber, Burt and Stein Make Film Debut In Drury's 'Advise & Consent'

Three Blair editors—Jeff Burt of Silverlogue and Sara Barber and Ben Stein of Silver Chips—recently went up on Capitol Hill to interview celebrities filming "Advise and Consent." They ended up being in the movie itself, as part of a "moh" scene in the Senate subway train.

But their exciting day didn't end here. After the filming, there was a brief interview with film stars Walter Pidgeon, Don Murray, and George Grizzard, followed by luncheon and the promised press conference with Mr. Otto Preminger, the director.

This was the Hollywood you always hear about brought to Washington. Cries such as, "This we print" and "Another take" reverberated through the old Senate office building in Mr. Preminger's thick Viennese accent.

He apparently hates noise and often reprimanded his stars for talking. But as one of the stars

Of course they have to run into "Old Wolf-Trap"—Vandergelder, who has a way of going around firing people. Ace Warren as "Wolf-Trap" will have his hair cut short, powder in it to appear bald.

Happy Ending
But the blustering Vandergelder doesn't get his way about anything. He is grabbed by the Matchmaker, has to take his clerks back, and even loses his niece Ernengarde, portrayed by Sandee Schubert, to a Victorian Bohemian painter named Ambrose —Tim Wagner.

Mr. Vogt Becomes Acting Principal As Shaw Leaves to Finish Doctorate

Mr. Allan F. Vogt will assume the duties of Acting Principal in November when Principal Daryl W. Shaw leaves Blair to complete work on his doctorate degree at George Washington University.

Until now, Mr. Vogt has been wide variety of administration

a vice-principal in charge of a matters and discipline problems. His experience here dates back to 1950, when he was a guidance counselor. Serving in Montgomery County for 31 years, he has also taught physical education at Richard Montgomery and at Bethesda-Chevy Chase.

"Mr. Shaw will be a difficult person to substitute for," said Mr. Vogt. "I have always held a deep respect for him and consider him one of the best, if not the best school administrator I have ever been associated with."

"I do not anticipate the need for any changes in school policies and procedures or in the structural organization of the over-all school program," he added.

One of Mr. Vogt's biggest duties at Blair has been the handling of discipline problems. "In many cases, it is purely a matter of adjustment, and we try our best to work with the student," he stated.

"We will give someone as many chances as possible, and we always try to be fair. Often students don't understand the actions we take, but we feel that our actions, based on previous experiences, are in the best interests of the student," he said.

Like many other Blair officials and teachers, Mr. Vogt will soon be faced with the conflict of school support. His 15-year-old daughter will attend Walter Johnson High School.

Dances, Game, Parade Are in Homecoming

"There is no question in my mind that this year's Homecoming

will be the best in Blair's history," declared Linda Sparshott, co-chairman of the Homecoming Committee.

"We just need lots of co-operation from the student body," added Putti Magfison, Homecoming chairman.

As usual, the Homecoming will be with Bethesda-Chevy Chase. But it was almost held with Northwood. Conflicts among basketball practice, Maryland University Homecoming, Senior Play, and Blair Homecoming caused much intricate planning before the game was finally set with B-C. C.

Schedule

The schedule of events for Homecoming is as follows: Friday Afternoon, November 10, is the Pep Assembly. There will be a new shortened version of the program with a mock football game, mock cheerleaders, and mock majorettes, and the hanging of the B. C. C. dummy. Planned are speeches by last year's Christmas Queen and last year's Student Council President. Whether or not they will be able to make the event remains to be seen.

Friday night will be the Bonfire. After it there will be a record hop.

Saturday morning is the Parade. Floats from the Blair clubs and organizations wind their way through Silver Spring and come into the stadium. The Parade committee judges which float is best.

That night in the Boys' Gym, the Homecoming Formal will be held.

TB Tests To Be Given

To Seniors On Nov. 15

The T.B. Testing Program will be held at Blair on November 15.

The test consists of a tiny pin prick as tuberculin liquid is injected just under the skin. It will only be given to seniors.

"We hope that all seniors will participate," declared Mrs. Ruth Breakiron, the school nurse. "This is your last chance to get your test before you go to college, and most colleges require it for admission."

"This age group is especially vulnerable to the tuberculin germ because of little sleep and a poor diet," she emphasized.

One out of three adults has the TB germ in his body, and tuberculosis is on the rise in Montgomery County, she said.

"They have found many primary cases through skin tests that haven't shown up in an X-ray," stated Mrs. Breakiron.

Last year, about 20 of the tuberculin tests proved positive, but luckily none of these were active cases.



Allan Vogt takes over as Acting Principal in Daryl W. Shaw's absence.

Thirteen Blairites Named Semifinalists In National Merit Scholarship Program

Thirteen Blairites are among the 72 students in Montgomery County named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program for 1961-62.

Maryland students captured 148 qualifying positions. A total of 10,000 semifinalists were named throughout the country.

Blairites awarded are: Carol A. Brimberg, Ann L. Cooley, Robert L. Fleisher, Marvin E. Goldberg, Sheldon J. Green, Howard M. Levin, and Kenneth G. Levin.

Also included are: Leonard Levin, Stephanie M. Sweda, Michael S. Teitelbaum, Barry N. Walker, Michael W. Weisfeld,

and Anthony M. Yezer.

Names of all semifinalists are sent to all accredited universities and colleges.

These winners were chosen as a result of their scores in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests, given last year in 15,000 high schools.

Finalists will be chosen on the basis of scores on December College Entrance Examination Boards. Finally, Merit Scholarships will be awarded from \$100 to \$1,500 a year for four years to the college of their choice. Amounts of scholarships are given according to need.

Does Blair Student Create Wrong Image?

Does Blair's image in the community need sprucing up?

Student Council seems to think so.

"Blair has a reputation in the community for going to pieces every time they win a football game and every time they lose one," declared Student Council President Bob Long. "They are known to disintegrate, causing property damage and headaches."

As an example, he cited a bent door and torn-down mirror that were the results of antics at the Hot Shoppe by an over-enthusiastic group of Blairites after the Sherwood game.

Certainly Blair has spirit, and that's good. But this spirit tends to be misdirected, it was pointed out.

"We're not trying to preach or bawl students out about it," says Bob. "We just want to bring this problem to their attention, confident that Blair students will do something about it."

To help students become more conscious of the impression they are making on outsiders—and to "see themselves as others see them"—Council plans the following action:

Bulletin boards will be set up to feature candid camera shots of "zyzoes" around Blair.

Talks are planned by council members with representatives from other schools to promote better understanding in the community.

Maybe in the future complementary tickets to Blair functions will be offered to community business leaders.

Also, Student Council plans at least to make apologies if any Blairites cause damage in the community, expressing regret and offering assistance in making repairs.

But the first and biggest step of this "Shape up" program is to make the students themselves aware of the problem, Long concluded.

Blair Progress Report

By Bob Tiemann

Euclid Spins in Grave Over Shapely Milk Boxes

Blair has always prided itself on being a proving ground for new ideas and new gadgets.

In the past years many useful items were first originated and sold at Blair. Blair mugs, Blair key chains, and Blair candy all had their start here.

The year 1961 is no exception. Whereas the rest of the world may have progressed, Blair has made a huge step forward.

The new milk cartons—shaped in a perfect triangle—are enough to warm the heart of old Euclid himself.

A spokesman from the local dairy explains that increased economy and efficiency are the reasons behind the innovation. But the new shaped milk container presents almost limitless possibilities.

Because of their weird shape, artists may make mobiles out of them.

Bowling enthusiasts may set up 10 or 12 of them and practice improving their score.

Geometry students may use them for varied projects in their study of the triangle.

Nursery schools cut their budgets by using them for blocks.

Scientists can orbit them as weather satellites.

Song writers can write odes to the shapely forms.

Military experts can buy them in mass and use them for hand grenades. When thrown they are apt to be deadly.

And they can even be used as clappers for church bells.

The triangular milk cartons' possibilities are infinite.



HOW TO DO IT—Junior Jeanne Siegrist demonstrates proper technique for sipping milk from the new-style triangular milk carton.—Photo by Hall.



Bob Long, Blair's Student Council President, serves you in more ways than one. He can also be seen working as a waiter at the popular Silver Spring Hot Shoppe.

Four Blairites are movie stars! Junior, John Ford, Don Magall, Barbara Livshin and Barbara Schmidt were chosen to be part of a crowd in the movie "Bridge to the Sun" which had its world premier at the Capital recently.

Students entering Mr. Bridges' world history classes were startled recently to find their teacher clad in a brown kimono. No, the history teacher was not reliving days gone by. The kimono was merely a visual aide for a discussion on oriental civilizations.

"Always prepared" is Junior Ricky Steckler's motto. He was sighted at the Bladensburg game weighted down with two pillows, an umbrella for shade, and a cold jug of lemonade.

Miss Elizabeth Stickley warns Blairites that unless they take advantage of the library's evening hours this service will be ended.

The library is open from 7 until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"Eek, a snake! Let me out of here." These cries resounded through Bus 268 a few days ago when part of a biology project got loose.

Kenneth Krautwurst was carrying a small non-venomous snake to exhibit. The snake suddenly wriggled out of its prison and went squirming across the floor.

Immediately, pandemonium broke loose. Frightened cries emitted from the mouths of fair lasses as they climbed up on seats, letting school books drop forgotten to the floor.

The bus driver solemnly reminded his frightened passengers of the new Montgomery County school law: "No pets allowed on Montgomery County School buses whether it be a caterpillar or canary."

Senior Spot

By Bob Tiemann

Teen Cultural Level Concerns Honor Soc. Chief, Quill Editor

At a time when Blairites are making application for the five service clubs, two senior leaders provided food for thought on this controversial subject.

"Although I have many personal friends in these service clubs," said Joyce Thompson, co-editor of Silver Quill, "I am against them in principle. I don't like the idea of students themselves having the last say on selecting the future membership of a club."

Mike Tietelbaum, President of the National Honor Society and a member of the Key Club, comments:

"Yes, to a certain extent these organizations do take on characteristics of a fraternity or sorority," he admitted.

"The question is, however, does the good work performed by the service clubs outweigh their fraternal nature? In theory limiting membership is wrong; in practice it is necessary," he added.

The general intellectual level of Blair was a matter of concern to Joyce and Mike. "For example," said Joyce, "though a number of articles were turned into the literary-art magazine, the quality of some of the articles was not what we had hoped for. But none-the-less," she smiled, "we have received enough to make a good issue of the magazine."

Both are pleased to find that many Blairites are taking an active interest in the world around them. They cited as optimistic signs the large number of Blairites who attended the Norman Thomas Lecture and the hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Folk singing is a mutual interest of Joyce and Mike. "It's the kind of entertainment you go for as you get older," says Joyce. "Often there are 15 or 20 kids playing guitars around the bonfire, and everyone just sings."



LOOKS GOOD—Joyce and Mike review past copies of Blair's prize-winning literary-art magazine—Silver Quill.—Photo by Hall

til as late as 2:30. I'm not trying to 'convert' anybody, but as for me I love it."

Mike's exposure to folk music has come surprisingly enough from some of the coffee shops around Washington which he has attended on infrequent occasions. "However, when the professional performers who work at these places sing, you are not encouraged to join in," states Mike.

While both seniors have little actual free time, they have several time-consuming interests. For example, Mike plays saxophone in a dance band called the Hi-Tones. Joyce writes poetry.

Turning to the question of the proper type of opening exercises in public schools, Mike asserted: "There should be no religious practices whatever in a public school."

As to the question of saying the Lord's Prayer," continued Mike, "if a person feels the need to say it then he could say it at home."

"Actually, I'm concerned with the school's attitude," interjected Joyce. "If the prayer is to be said, I don't mind standing respectfully out of common decency, but I do resent being told I must stand."

Too Many Fear Classical Music, Says 1st Violinist Carl Tretter

"Far too many teenagers seem to have an aversion to playing in an orchestra. They are afraid to be seen carrying an instrument case around the school because they think there is a stigma attached to playing classical music. Actually there's no cause at all to reason this way."

So spoke Carl Tretter, in both the Blair orchestra and the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra.

After playing in the County Youth Orchestra since sixth grade, Carl was finally awarded the coveted position of first violin or concert master this year. "It is unfortunate," continues Carl, "that the orchestra at Blair doesn't have more student support. But this situation could easily be remedied."

"First," he explained, "I think we should put on more concerts." Carl has found most students only hear the orchestra once a year at the annual spring show.

And in order to give the orchestra that little extra prestige and respect, Carl favors publicly awarding outstanding members of the orchestra with a letter "B."

This should be done at the awards assembly," says Carl, "as is done with athletics. It would be a just reward for their hard work."

Although Carl plays only classical music, he enjoys many varied types. "I enjoy especially the jazz played by Louis Armstrong," he says. "As to the question of rock'n'roll, from my point of view it is quite boring. But, if the public likes it well—I have no argument with them."

During the summer months, however, while other teenagers were listening to rock 'n' roll, Carl had a unique experience and honor in the music world.

Along with 2,000 other students from the 50 states, Japan, Puerto Rico, Nationalistic China, Austria, and Germany, Carl was selected

to attend the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan.

"It was eight straight weeks of competition," says Carl. "But it wasn't all bad."

In addition to playing his violin, taking courses in musical history, music theory and piano tuning, Carl had plenty of time for sports and swimming.

"It's an ideal opportunity for any student who has music ability," he states. Incidentally, through the camp, Carl was given the opportunity of playing a double solo on a leading Michigan television station.

Though small in size, a good violin is quite enormous in cost. Those budding music enthusiasts who have "considered" dabbling with a violin might well reconsider. \$65,000 is not an unreasonable cost for a violin made by a master. Carl himself has owned and played violins worth many thousands of dollars!

By Ben Stein

Editorially Speaking

Recently a pep assembly was held in the courtyard here. The turnout was, to say the least, disappointing. There were never many more than 100 cheering students gathered. Strangely enough, however, 50 yards away, in the "Grove" there were at least three times that number.

One rather obvious cure for this situation has been suggested. Since the students in the grove cannot be moved to the pep assembly, the pep assembly should be taken to the grove. The advantages of this move are numerous.

For one, the grove provides a good physical setting. It slopes down from a long rise along the upper parking lot, thus affording the cheerleaders a position where they can be easily seen.

Secondly, there is a captive audience. The smokers have no where else to go. Here, incidentally, the cheerleaders have their task cut out. Can they get the grove students to cheer on their team?

Lastly, almost all students come to Blair through the grove. They would be drawn into the assembly as they pass.

This move could revitalize pep assemblies at Blair.

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SILENT DRAMA—Showing emotion through pantomime—acting without words—are, standing, Sue Hoffman and Phyllis Mudrick, seated, Jane Lewis and Emily Combs.—Photo by Hall.

Pantomime Helps Drama Students in Projection

Try picking up an ice cube that isn't there. Or cut an apple you can't see. It's not as easy as you think, and the Drama I classes are finding this out — the hard way.

Currently in a unit on pantomime, the two Drama I classes, under the direction of Mr. Richard T. Pioli, are studying "plays-without-words" down to last quirk of an eyebrow.

This is part of a county-wide drama and speech course prepared by Mr. Pioli for use in all of the Montgomery County high schools.

The quality of a student's performance will be judged by his ability to project his thoughts and emotions to his audience.

The Drama II classes are more advanced. Having had the fundamentals in all phases of theatre, specialization is emphasized. They accomplish each project, whether it be characterization, stage makeup or styles of acting, with a play.

The type of play chosen goes along with the topic being studied. For instance, if studying styles of acting, they might perform a

Greek tragedy, a French farce, or melodrama.

The Drama II class also plans to prepare a one-act play for the annual state-wide competition among high schools. In the past few years, Blair has scored quite well, winning first and second prizes for the last two years in which they entered.

This year brought forth two of the largest Drama I classes in Blair's history—34 and 35 respectively, while 16 are in the Drama II class. Although he admits that classes this large are hard to work with, Mr. Pioli likes to see so much interest. The drama classes are open to eleventh and twelfth graders.

Testing Program Begins at Blair ACT, CEEB, Calif. Tests Given

An old saying avers that students come to school to learn; but as the testing season approaches, many a bleary-eyed student begins to wonder.

Students now come to school not only to learn but to be tested—tested on what they know;

Chico Instructs Representatives In Government

By Sara Barber

A lesson in Blair student government was the principle order of business at the first meeting of Blair's Representatives' Assembly.

Chico Silverman, who presides at Assembly meetings, explained that the Blair's bicameral student government is unique.

This is one of the few schools around that has both a Representative Assembly and a Student Council, he asserted.

"The Council is comparable to the senate while the Assembly is the lower house," explained Silverman.

It was explained that at the present time the Representative Assembly has no legislative power. All it does is make suggestions to Student Council.

After something is passed by the Student Council, it may be vetoed by the president or a poll of the cabinet. This veto can be over-ruled by a two-thirds vote of Student Council representatives.

Class representatives are the only voting members of Student Council. Committee chairmen don't hold a vote, Chico said.

"The purpose of Student Council is to teach people in school how to be leaders and followers. The best way to do this is to let as many people participate in student government as possible," declared Chico.

Other functioning bodies of Student Council are the Activity Council, and the Coordinating Council, Chico said.

how much they should know; how much they can learn; and what fields they should be best in.

Two important tests are scheduled during the first semester.

New this year to most Blairites is the American College Testing Program (ACT). It will be given November 4 to more than 450 Blairites.

For the first time it is required at Maryland University and Montgomery Junior College. An increasing number of colleges are requiring it—especially in the Midwest.

Later in December, the seniors will be taking the College Board Entrance Examinations. Given four times during the school year, the first College Boards are scheduled here December 2.

Blair's college counselors recommend that the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) be taken in December and the Achievement Tests in January.

Sophomores will take the California Mental Maturity Test November 6-17. This test measures scholastic aptitude and provides a quotient known as the I. Q. score.

On October 16 and 17 a group of 67 selected NCP seniors took General Aptitude Test, administered and paid for by the Maryland Department of Employment Security at a cost of about \$60 per student.

Panama School Receives \$1,110 Gift from Blairites

By Karen Margolis

The Escuela Estado Unidos, a school in Panama, is the happy recipient of \$1,110 worth of equipment donated by Blairites through the Welfare Committee.

A gas stove, an electric refrigerator and assorted utensils for use in home-economics classes were donated. Also sent were 10 needle trade kits, two sewing machines, and six woodworking kits.

Joseph S. Farland, United States ambassador in Panama, took part in the presentation of the equipment.

"Through CARE, students at Montgomery Blair have made it possible for school children of another land to understand the full meaning of friendship," he declared.

The ambassador's speech emphasized that this was a people-

to-people project of the highest order, and he felt the adults of the two countries should take special notice of this example of harmony.

The occasion was covered with a story and pictures on the front page of The Star and Herald, the leading English newspaper in Panama.

Kate Alfriend of the Washington CARE Office claimed that Blair students had "assisted some of the neediest students in Panama, and at the same time established lasting bonds of friendship with the people of Panama."

The Welfare Committee, this year headed by Meryl Pearlman, is engaging in several other worthwhile projects through students' pledges. Blair is the "Post-er Parent" of Maria Panayotaki, a needy 10-year-old in Crete.

Faculty Facts

By Claire McCrea

Banker Keibler Is Former Oil Employee In West Indies

Mr. Walter Keibler, Blair bank sponsor and commercial teacher considers himself lucky to be a teacher, but he is also lucky to be alive. When he was a young man, he was in an automobile accident in which the boy with him was killed and he was seriously injured.

He pulled through, to the amazement of the doctors, who had given him only four hours to live. He had to have extensive plastic surgery, not only on his face, but on his legs as well.

"I think the doctors did a good job with the material at hand," he quips. "When I got out of the hospital not even my best friends recognized me."

After teaching in New Jersey for a few years, Mr. Keibler got a job with the Standard Oil Company as the director of a clerical training program on the island of Aruba in the West Indies. By this time he was married and had a son, Stephen, who was three years old.

The Keiblers spent four years on Aruba before returning to the United States. Mr. Keibler then



MR. WALTER KEIBLER

came to Blair, where he has been teaching for 10 years.

He likes to hunt, and sometimes goes fishing in Canada, and both he and his son like canoeing.

Mr. Keibler's main hobby is canning. He lives on an 18-acre farm and cans his own vegetables. Once an article was written about the excellent quality of his sauerkraut and it was printed in the newspaper.

He also teaches at night at Blair, where he is the Chairman of the Adult Education Program.

Club Capers

By Becky Cooper

Astronomers View Jupiter Atop Roof; Latin Scholars To Dine Clad in Togas

Star-gazing on the roof of a 17-story Arlington apartment house was the chief business of a recent meeting of the Astronomy Club.

Eleven students, Mrs. Peggy McNutt, one parent, two telescopes, and three pairs of binoculars were involved.

Saturn and its rings were clearly visible. The four visible moons of Jupiter were arranged in pairs on opposite sides of the planet. A star with two suns, one blue and the other yellow, was observed in all its glory. Earth's neighboring galaxy, Andromeda, was also viewed.

EDERE ET BIBERE ET GAUDERE—Eat, Drink, and Be Merry—could easily be the theme of this year's Latin Club. President Mike Sauer has announced the first event, a typical Latin banquet in the style of old Rome complete with togas. It will be held during the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Mrs. Mary Ellen Schneider.

On October 18 and 19, Blair was represented in the annual

Maryland State Chorus at Baltimore by 10 members of the Advanced Chorus.

They were: sopranos—Jackie Pearson and Joyce Thompson; altos—Carol Bashoor, Janet Forsberg, Emmy Lou Moke, Beth Spiegelberg, and Jane Vicellio. The boys include Doug Flynn and Roger Pitt, tenors, and Jim Johnson, a bass.

Numbers sung at the opening meeting of the State Teachers Convention ranged from "Song of the Vagabonds," to "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," a Negro spiritual, and "Out in the Fields," by William L. Dawson, the conductor. A total of six pieces was done.

The topic under discussion for the entire year in the Debate Club will be "Federal Aid to Education."



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Blazers Still Contenders in Title Race

Rocket Upset Boosts Hopes

An inspired Blair squad relied on their ground game almost completely and broke Richard Montgomery's 28-game winning streak, 14-7.

No member of the Rockets' team, including Coach Roy Lester, had ever been in a losing football game since coming to Richard Montgomery. But that has all been changed since the running of Jackson, Rieucci, and Craig knocked the Rockets out of first place in the area ratings.

The Blazers were statistically outplayed in the first half with almost all the action taking place in Blair territory. However, they still managed to end the half tied with Montgomery, 7-7. In the second half the team began to jell with the offense beginning to move the ball and the defense tightening up.

The Rockets took the opening kickoff on their 40 and immediately marched downfield where they had a first down on Blair's six. However the Blazers stood firm and took over the ball on downs at their own one-yard line.

Blair was soon forced to punt and a few plays later the Rockets quarterback, Dickie Allen, hit his favorite target, Butch Israel, for a 20-yard touchdown play.

With the score at 7-0, the teams exchanged punts and Blair got the ball on their own 11. After a nine-yard gain, James Craig turned in a beautiful 80-yard run around right end for the touchdown. Blackwell's kick tied the game, 7-7.

Early in the second half the Rockets fumbled and Brian Tierney recovered on the 28. Runs by Craig and Rieucci put the ball on the eight. Sonny Jackson, Blair's quarterback, then bootlegged to his right and crossed the goal line untouched to give the Blazers the upset victory.



Julian Rainwater (left) is shown making a big gain against Sherwood. Sonny Jackson (foreground) is blocking for him in the game that Blair won, 27-0.



Blazer Trails

By Marvin Goldberg

Before the season started there were great hopes for this year's cross-country team. But as often as not, a coach's optimism is not fulfilled, and so, after three meets, the team has only a mediocre 4-3 record.

The harriers, at this writing, have beaten Northwood twice, Frederick and Suitland and have lost to B.C.C., High Point and Northwood. Although the team lost the High Point-Northwood meet on October 12, it earned one distinction in Bill Miller's record-breaking first place performance.

The new record of 11 minutes, nine seconds over the Dale course, which is 2.2 miles long, is four seconds less than the old record, also owned by Miller.

Chips is happy to announce that Steve Levin, 12-12, has won the Pick-the-Winner Contest (Sept. 8.)

Steve may arrange to pick up his prize, two tickets to the B.C.C. game, with Mrs. Glazer C-103.

Tonight's game with Northwestern will undoubtedly be one of the toughest games Blair has ever had with a Prince George's County opponent. The Wildcats, undefeated at this writing, are heavily favored to take the Prince George's County League title.

Blair has not lost to a P.G.C. team since 1958 when it was defeated by Bladensburg 20-13. Since then the Blazers have won 14 straight games from P.G.C. opponents.

J. V. Aims For Record Year Following Gaithersburg Romp

Playing their "first real good game" according to Coach Olie Brockdorff, Blair's Junior Varsity defeated Northwood, 15-12. Blair followed that game with a 55-0 romp over Gaithersburg and now appear headed toward another fine season.

"Although we have the toughest games still to come, playing Walter Johnson next Thursday and B.C.C. the week after, we still have a good chance of bettering last year's 6-2-1 record," said Coach Brockdorff, whose J.V. team was boasting a 4-0-1 log at press time.

After a 13-6 victory over Peary, and a 12-6 win against Wheaton,

Blair battled West Bethesda to a 7-7 tie. "We made a lot of mistakes against them. They have a real nice team," stated Coach Brockdorff.

Blair then traveled to Northwood where they "moved the ball well for the first time." The Coach also asserted that it was an especially good win since Northwood had been previously undefeated.

Johnny Roth, the quarterback, and his ends Craft and Olson, have teamed up to give Blair's J.V. an excellent passing attack.

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The Blazers play at Northwestern tonight with championship hopes still alive despite a 9-6 loss to Wheaton.

Blair's upset of Richard Montgomery, 14-7, prevented them from dropping out of title contention.

Soccer 11 Meets BCC November 1

With four games left this season, the Blair soccer team is expected to trounce B-C-C November 1, to have a hard battle against Suitland, November 14, and to face Northwestern, November 16.

The traditional game against the alumni ends the season.

At presstime, the booters had a record of three wins and one defeat. The squad ran over Northwestern 4-1 at Blair with Gabor Zsabo scoring all four goals. Blair scored the first goal which was followed by a goal for Northwestern. The team bounced back with three more goals to win the game and take their first game of the season.

Blair was blanked 1-0 in the second game against Kenwood, last year's Baltimore County champions. Kenwood, located in upper Baltimore County, has no football team and therefore the emphasis on soccer is equal to that usually accorded football. This was only the second game the soccer team has lost in three years.

In the third game, against B.C.C. at Blair, the Blazers won 4-1. B.C.C. scored the first goal of the game but the Blazers put the pressure on and went ahead to win. Zsabo scored three goals to bring his total to seven for three games. Burt Bondy also scored.

A third victory for the season was tallied when the Blazers beat Wakefield by 3-1.

In the Wheaton game the Blazers were shocked early in the game by a 57-yard touchdown by Butch Christian on the Knights' second play from scrimmage. However, the Blazers got back in the game as a run by Jimmy Craig and a pass from Jackson to Rainwater set up a three-yard touchdown by Jerry Rieucci.

The score remained at 6-6 until late in the first half. The Knights then marched down to the Blair twelve yard line, where the Blair defense halted the drive.

At this point Howard Walker, a Wheaton senior, kicked a 32-yard field goal from a difficult angle to give the Knights a 9-6 halftime advantage.

In the second half, neither team could move the ball until Blair marched to the Wheaton 32 late in the fourth quarter. But Bill Nielsen then intercepted a Jackson pass to end the threat and give Wheaton a 9-6 upset victory.

Notes . . . The game began in a light rain, but it got progressively worse, and when the teams came out for the second half the field was in miserable shape.

In the second half the conditions were so bad that it was difficult to run with any speed, impossible to pass, and the wet ball made handoffs tricky.

These things all helped account for the fact that the second half was scoreless . . . The Blazers rode to their first five wins of the year on the tremendous speed of their halfbacks plus the passing of Sonny Jackson.

Rieucci and Rainwater, the halfbacks, have eight and five touchdowns respectively and Jackson's passing against Sherwood was good enough to earn him for the M.D. Player of the Week Award. —Snyder

'Helpless Females' Brandish Wicked Sticks for Hockey

"Ground, sticks, ground, sticks, ground, sticks, hit!" This is the cry of a bully that rings out every fall in the junior-senior girls' field hockey intramurals.

Every Monday from September to November about 50 girls change from sweet, helpless beauties to screaming, powerful athletes.

Blair girls play on Nolte Field about three blocks from Blair. Here the teams battle it out on a 60 by 100 field to see who can get that three-inch, wooden ball through the goal without being mortally injured by flying 36-inch sticks.

It is an experience to watch the teams of 11 girls each play. Here is a description of part of an actual game:

First, the center forwards "bully" to begin the game. The red team won the bully and is now dribbling up the field towards the goal. Carefully the center forward passes the ball to her wing; the wing moves up to receive it and with a deliberate whack misses the ball and cracks the shin of the opposing halfback.

As the game progresses, there seems to be mass confusion on the field as the red team is

pushing for a goal. The blue goalie, weighted down with chest protector, leg protectors, and blocked toes for kicking the ball, can hardly move to defend her goal.

Penalties are passed out and the red team has the ball again.

Soon, a goal is scored and the teams return to the 50-yard line to begin the game again.



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NOW IT'S OURS—Sonny Jackson and Brain Tierney admire the Lions Club trophy presented to Blair for three consecutive football defeats over B-C. See story on Page 4.

(Photo by Hall)

Activity Sales Reach Toward Expected Goal—1,700 Tickets

Activity Ticket sales were edging toward their 1,700 goal as *Chips* went to press. Picture-taking closes today.

Even though the Ways and Means Committee reached its goal, members were not altogether satisfied. Marilyn Quinn, chairman of the committee, declared, "I think that even though we reached our goal, the number of Activity Tickets sold should have been larger when you think of the enrollment of the school."

The holder of an activity ticket is entitled to free admission to all home football and basketball games, a yearbook, 13 copies of the newspaper, and two copies of the *Chips* magazine.

Money taken in from Activity Ticket sales is divided as follows: Athletic—\$5,000; Silver Chips—\$3,000; Silverlogue—\$7,500; Silver Quill—\$1,000; and there is a \$500 reserve.

Judy Blatt, co-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said, "Picture taking this year was

much smoother and more organized than last year because of a new filing system."

Pictures were taken by Jim Hall, Kathy Reichel, and Marilyn Quinn.

Top Scholars of '62 Are Announced

Top scholars in the class of 1962 were recently announced. Final rankings will be in June.

The top ten, in alphabetical order—not the order of their scholastic rank—are Carol Brimberg, Jeffrey Bart, Joyce Cohen, Marcia Edtson, Robert Fleisher, Lawrence Glick, Stephanie Sweda, Michael Teitelbaum, Richard Villastigo, and Anthony Yezer.

Following the top ten, also in alphabetical order are: Catherine Abel, Jeffrey Ackerson, Harriet Evans, Toly Gandel, and Sheldon Green.

Also, Cornelia Holmead, Kenneth Levin, Eleanor Pearson, Alvin Warren, and Michael Weissfeld.

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Guarding Against Nuclear Fallout Dust Possible, Claims Civil Defense Speaker

"You can protect yourself from fallout by putting dense material between yourself and the fallout dust."

This was the information given by Mr. Cosmo Liberte in a speech at a recent assembly.

The assembly was sponsored by the newly organized Civil Defense Club of Blair.

Mr. Liberte is with the Montgomery County Civil Defense Agency. He has spent 14 years in the field of civil defense and has masters' degrees both in chemistry and education.

Blast and Heat

In his extemporaneous talk, often interspersed with amusing bits of humor, he noted that during every explosion, whether from hand grenade or multimegaton H-bomb, there are two effects—blast and heat. "There isn't a person who can protect himself from these effects," he added.

"If the mammoth blast and thermal of an H-bomb don't get you, however, you can survive," Mr. Liberte asserted.

He observed that the big need in Silver Spring would be protection from fallout.

Shelter Can Help

"A shelter certainly increases your chance for survival if built to specification," he noted. "Even

if you just cover up your windows, you can stop the outside dust from coming into the house."

Mr. Liberte warned that if you are within seven miles of ground zero (the point at which the bomb is detonated), survival chances aren't in your favor. "The 50-negotation bomb means complete devastation for a five-and-one-half mile range," he said.

Silver Spring Safe

"The Silver Spring area," he emphasized, "is beyond the seven-mile limit." (This is true when ground zero is in the general vicinity of downtown Washington.) "It will get only a very small amount of fallout from the D. C. blast because it is upwind of that city."

Mr. Liberte congratulated Blair for being the only area high school to his knowledge with a Civil Defense Club. "I hope the club members learn their job well," he said.

Civil Defense Club Meets

Over 50 prospective members turned out at the first meeting of the club, held November 2.

Marion Siskind, the organizer and temporary chairman, briefed the gathering in some of the intents and purposes of the club. Mr. Daniel Bridges is faculty sponsor.

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Curriculum Studies Begin Here As Part of County-Wide Project

Blair faculty groups have launched a major study of curriculum offerings with the object of finding out how they can be improved.

This study is part of a year-long survey of the curriculum which will be in progress in all Montgomery County schools throughout 1961-62.

It is a follow-up on the comprehensive curriculum review conducted last year by a Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Special Faculty Committee
A faculty curriculum committee, headed by Mrs. Helen Wilson, has also been established to give continuing thought to curriculum matters.

A recent report by the county

Board of Education outlined some of its plans in the field of instruction for next year. These goals include:

1. Taking steps to establish special four-year technical courses beginning at the eleventh grade and ending with junior college.
2. Completing plans for the curriculum at the county's second junior college to be set up at Rockville.
3. Strengthening guidance and counseling.
4. Studying the role and practice in honor societies, honor awards, science fairs, and other forms of recognition in junior

and senior high schools.

5. Improving library services.

6. Engaging a very limited number of nationally recognized scholars who can serve as consultants, lecturers, and advisers on curriculum.

Blair's PTA devoted its November meeting to consideration of the Advisory Committee's curriculum report.

Blairites Surpass Md. High Schools In TV Quiz Show

Blair's academic prowess was demonstrated before the entire Washington area, when the Blairites recently appeared on the high school quiz show, "It's Academic."

Carol Brimberg, Bob Fleisher, and Sheldon Green overpowered teams from Northwood and St. Land high schools with a score of 375 to 155 and 105 respectively. This is the highest score ever made on the show.

The victorious team wins the right to return to meet two new teams the following week. When a school has won three times, it retires, but returns later to vie with other three-time winners. As the prize for winning this time, a set of the "Great Books" will be given to Blair's library.

Good Answers

Moderator Mac McGarry shot questions as fast as the students could answer them. For added pressure, teams are penalized points for wrong answers or for neglecting to answer at all.

The scholars from Blair took the difficult questions in stride. Sheldon remembered that the Yugoslav who won the Nobel prize for literature was Dr. Ivo Andric.

When asked the name and country of the new Secretary General of the U.N., Bob answered "U Thant," and Carol promptly piped in "Burma."

The team claims it owes much of its success to the enthusiastic cheering section from Blair which came to the NBC studios to witness the filming of the show.

Blair Spearheads Reform At Annual MASC Convention

Montgomery Blair has struck a blow for democracy!

The Maryland Association of Student Councils, meeting recently at North Hagerstown High, was the scene of a parliamentary hassle over a proposed amendment to its constitution.

The Montgomery County delegation, headed by Ace Warren, president of the region and a Blair senior, proposed an amendment correcting a weakness in election proceedings.

Ace pointed out a loophole in the constitution which permitted a teacher to appoint a regional president rather than having him elected.

After an involved parliamentary struggle, the Montgomery County reform measure was passed.

Other Action Taken

Delegates stayed in private homes, but spent most of their time at modern North Hagerstown High School where students are taught by television. The TV project is sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

Speakers at the General Assembly meetings included Dr. Wm. Early, director of Personnel in Montgomery County.

Blair delegates included Sara

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Nine Sophomores Form Stock-Buying Club

Nine Blair sophomores have pooled some of their assets to form the "Frontier Investment Club"—thought to be the first teenage stock-buying club in Maryland.

Larry Kaufman, the club's president and organizer, said its dual purpose is "to make money and to give members an opportunity to learn about investments."

The club is private and has no official connection with Blair.

The nine sophomore members so far have brought in a total of \$360 to be invested. They have purchased shares in Dart Drug and Giant Food Properties.

"Some of the members got their money by paper routes. Others just had it in savings," Larry said.

"Careful research precedes all purchases of stock," he added. Larry, who is also a chess and

rare coin enthusiast, is often seen pouring over his copy of Barron's, the financial publication.

Members have as many votes as they have shares of stock in the club. "The club is like a mutual fund in a small way," Larry said.

A Silver Spring brokerage firm acts as sponsor of the club, since all the members are minors.

Want some advice on what's good in the market? Larry personally advises chemicals, nucleonics, and electronics as good growth stocks.

By graduation time in 1964, the Frontier Club expects to have assets of from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Does Larry expect to be the boy wonder of Wall Street? Far from it. He's looking forward to a career in science, probably as a physicist.

Blair Clubs Hold Xmas Workshop

Blair's girls' service clubs, recognizing the desire of many non-members to perform services to the school and community, will sponsor several projects this year open to all the girls in the student body.

The first of these will be on December 8, when Keyettes and Varsettes will organize a Christmas workshop at a local recreation center.

All Blair girls are invited to bring old toys, games, and dolls to the center where the day will be spent repairing the items collected.

After the toys have been given a face-lifting, they will be donated to the Takoma Welfare Board to be distributed at Christmas time to deserving children.



HOW'S THE MARKET? — Larry Kaufman, president of a new teenage investment club, scans The Wall Street Journal, while treasurer Allen Kirshen also exhibits interest. (Photo by Thant).

Thanksgiving, 1961

"Russia explodes super-bomb."

In the face of this recurring headline, Americans are apt to forget to be thankful. "Thankful for what?" one may ask. We should be thankful first to be human beings, with the powers to think, to observe, to feel. We should be thankful for the infinite gifts granted to man, which he can use to build a better world.

We of the United States owe special thanks as did our forefathers at their landing in a new world. The freedom which was their dream is today a reality, guaranteed in our Constitution. We may live as we please as long as we do not interfere with the rights of others. Too often liberty is taken for granted when it should be cherished.

At the same time that Americans so readily accept their bounty, they often forget to consider the plight of the less fortunate. We who have plenty in a world of so much poverty forget how fortunate we are. We, who have more food than we can consume, forget to share.

Perhaps Thanksgiving 1961 will be different from that of recent years. Perhaps America will feel a tinge of guilt at her unthoughtful ways. Perhaps this Thanksgiving will mean thankfulness for what we have and generosity toward those who have less to be thankful for—both in material wealth and in political freedom.

REPUTED PUTS IN REQUEST

Pianist Van Cliburn Inspires, Charms Enthusiastic Audience

By Karen Margolis

Even teenagers who can't abide classical music would have appreciated pianist Van Cliburn's recent performance at Constitution Hall.

He played before a capacity audience, which included a number of devotees from Blair.

The tall, lean, 36-year-old Texan played works of Beethoven, Prokofiev, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff.

With his long body sensitively crouched over the keyboard or majestically erect, he displayed the inelegant technique which won him world fame at the Tschakovsky Piano Competition in Moscow in 1958.

Uses Fists On Keys

The high spot of the concert, to this reviewer, was Sergei Prokofiev's Sonata No. 6. Cliburn rapidly and furiously slammed the keyboard with his fists, and the result was a rich and thrilling dissonance. However, the composition also had more sentimental movement, which he played with much feeling.

His performance of Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata No. 23, which opened the recital, was of a quality to have delighted the distinguished composer him-

self. Cliburn's hands seemed to cover the entire keyboard as he deftly articulated and phrased.

Chopin Well Played

Muscle of Chopin occupied the second half of the concert. His Fantaisie in F Minor, especially, was played with warmth and brilliance.

Rachmaninoff's E Flat Minor Prelude, and Chopin's "Heroic" Polonaise, the familiar piece he had played on the "Ed Sullivan Show" the week before were great.

Signs Autographs

Immediately after the recital, a few hundred people lined up at the stage door to get autographs. The author happened to be second on line, and had the opportunity to speak with him for a few fleeting moments. He is very handsome, with twinkling blue eyes and beautiful sandy-blond hair. He spoke softly with a marked Texas accent.

I asked him to record List's beautiful Consolation Etude, and, if he does, I can't help thinking it might be just for me!

His past recordings, although few in number, have been top sellers in the classical field.

SENIOR SPOT

Poll Reveals Most Seniors Can't Name 5 Representatives; Members Concerned

By Helen McLaughlin

Chips recently conducted an informal poll in several senior homerooms to determine how many students could name their five Student Council members-at-large.

Fewer than seven per cent of the seniors polled could name all of their representatives. Most seniors couldn't name more than two.

Here's how the five senior members-at-large reacted to this sign of weakness in the democratic process at Blair:

Pat McGuckian, who has been on Student Council for three years, expressed extreme disappointment in a student body that does not attempt to keep itself well-informed.

Much Publicity Given

"With all the bulletins and notices that are posted, it seems impossible we haven't reached them," she said.

Cindy Commander pointed out a possible solution to this problem.

"From now on the members will rotate so that each one will visit every homeroom," she announced.

Point System Debated

Student interest has, however, been stimulated recently as a result of the much-debated Activ-



MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Seniors Bill Leibovici, Pat McGuckian, Bill Miller, Cindy Commander, and Don Robertson represent the senior class in Student Council. (Photo by Hal)

ity Point System. As Bill Leibovici points out "Controversy always attracts interest."

The five senior representatives agree that this system is basically sound in theory, but needs a little ironing out in practice.

Bill Miller resents the fact that many student leaders are being hurt by the new Point System. "I don't think people should be penalized for participating," he explained.

Dissension arose when many prominent students were unable to participate on the mock teams for Homecoming because they

had too many points. The senior representatives feel that these teams should not have been included in the system as they are an honor, not an activity.

Don Robertson summed up the general feeling, however, when he said, "As long as the system is in effect, I will back it."

Monogram Also Under Fire

The Monogram System, now in its revised form, also is a controversial topic.

"I don't feel the monogram is necessary," Pat declared. "People who like to participate don't care about recognition."

Letters To Editor

Soccer Needs Support

To the Editor:

I realize that in this area football is the most important sport, but surely some recognition can be given to the soccer team. Soccer is equally as exciting as football, but Blair doesn't give it a chance.

When the games are played at home, I think the football team should practice elsewhere and let the soccer team play in the stadium. This way more students would be likely to come to the games.

Margery Blane

Clean Up Grove

To the Editor:

Sometime in the near future a clean-up program should be scheduled for the grove. Broken bottles, paper and other debris cause the grove to be an eyesore. Students should take an interest in keeping their school neat

and put all discarded trash in the proper place.

Andy Ezrine

D-Hall for Line Crashers

To the Editor:

Something should be done about inconsiderate people who break into lunch lines. Perhaps if the Citizenship Committee were there to hand out detention hall slips so these offenders—both the ones who break in and the ones that let them—the people who wait patiently in line might not have to wait so long.

Edward Cohen

End C-Building Congestion

To the Editor:

The opening of the top floor of C-Building has caused extreme congestion on the breezeway stairs. One suggestion is to excuse the classes on the third floor a few minutes earlier than usual. Perhaps this would alleviate this annoying situation.

Bill Cox

CHIPS AIRS TWO VIEWS

Homecoming Ignites Controversy Over Point System

By Ben Stein
Editor of Silver Chips

The new Activity Point System caused a lively controversy recently when Student Council ruled it would apply to Homecoming activities.

Anyone who had accumulated four points by his activities in school was not permitted to be a mock cheerleader, majorette, or football player.

These activities cannot possibly be construed as leadership positions. They are merely enjoyable experiences.

Here is the crux of the issue. The Point System is not acting as a device for spreading out leadership positions among Blairites. It has become instead a vise on the work of capable, eager students. A student is now penalized for being successful!

The Point System could conceivably be useful if, for example, prevented a student from being president of two clubs simultaneously. But now, the president of the Senior Class cannot even be a member of a class temporary committee.

Once the Library Club president has joined a Student Council committee, he cannot do anything else for his school.

A chairman of a Student Council standing committee could not even be a referee for 10 minutes in the mock football game!

There is no question that the Point System as it now stands is unfair to capable students at Blair. Either a sweeping revision of the present Point System, or its elimination, is necessary.

By Bill Silverman
Vice President of Student Council

The purpose of the Activity Participation Point System is to give a maximum number of students opportunities to participate in their student government.

The new Point System does just that. Since there are a limited number of people who can be members of most committees and because there are a limited number of offices in the school—Student Council voted by unanimous vote to set up this system. It is designed to prevent a small number of students of the so-called "most qualified" from monopolizing many of these opportunities to participate in school affairs.

The Point System insures that a minority will not be able to hold every office they desire or have membership in any committee they are attracted by. Under this system a far greater number of students now have the chance they rightfully deserve.

The Point System does not cover temporary class committees with unlimited membership. It covers only activities with limited membership. Thus if a student has five points, he can still remain active through unlimited-membership organizations.

More students, both the capable and the popular as well as the capable and not popular, now have a chance to be leaders and followers.

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OVER AND OUT

Ken Levin Attends Classes in Bed; Communicates by Intercom System

By Phyllis Mudrick

Ever wish you didn't have to get out of bed to go to school? Well, don't try it—it's too much work.

So says Kenneth Levin, a senior, who has been out of Blair for nine weeks with rheumatic fever. Ken goes to his classes everyday in bed through a special intercom system.

Through this system, Kenneth can hear everything in his classes and ask questions when he wants to.

He also has another big help in the form of a twin brother, Howard.

Howard brings home special assignments and carries around the portable intercom to each of Ken's classes. The intercom is plugged into a telephone socket and hooked directly to the Levin's house.

The intercom system is paid for by the county which arranges for tutors and/or the intercom system for anyone who is out for a period of six weeks or more.

Although Ken is keeping up with his work mainly by intercom,

he also has a tutor—himself. Mr. Robert Harder, his physics teacher. Mr. Harder comes to his house at varying intervals to help Ken in his studies.

Kenneth, president of the French Honor Society and a member of both the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta, has thus far been able to maintain his straight A average.

Although he is not in the classroom, he still actively participates in class projects—including quizzes and oral reports.

On a recent physics quiz, Mr. Harder had Kenneth take the quiz with everyone else. Then to "guard against changes," Mr. Harder told Ken to read his answers aloud through the intercom. His test was graded right then and there.

Unit tests are taken at home under test conditions. Howard brings home exams and Kenneth is trusted not to take advantage of his accessibility to textbooks. After he finishes, Howard takes the test back to school the next day to be graded.

Besides his school-day work, Ken has much to keep him busy. "I'm just packed with things to do," he says.

The "things" include being co-editor of Le Journal d'Argent, Blair's French publication, and



KEN RECITES—Ken Levin, home ill, attends class via an intercom system rigged up in his room. (Photo by Hall)

being in the French club. He also has three term papers and an oral report in European History—given via intercom.

"I want to say how grateful I am to everyone," asserted Kenneth, speaking of how helpful everyone has been.

He misses Blair and wishes he were hooked up to the cafeteria so he could "get a wider variety in menus."

Ken hopes to be back in school by late November or early December so he can take December College Board Exams.

College Meetings Preparing Seniors For Future Admission

"Anyone planning to apply to Harvard College had better do so before January 1," stated Mr. Warren Davidson, a graduate of Harvard at a recent college meeting.

Blairites this fall have been trooping to more meetings with college representatives.

These sessions enable a student to ask questions, to arrange for an interview, and to be better prepared to apply for admission.

Following are samples of the information given in the college meetings.

One of the requirements for admission to Harvard is writing a composition about what kind of a person you are, about a recent experience in your life, or an autobiography. Also an applicant must take College Board exams.

About 50 per cent of the 1,200 men admitted to Harvard each year are from public schools. Tui-

tion next year will be \$1,520, and total expenses will run close to \$3,000 per year, Mr. Davidson said.

Dr. Alice J. Thurston from the Student Personnel Office at Montgomery Junior College, stressed the academic excellence of this tax-supported school.

M.J.C. offers two years of higher education and awards on associate in Arts degree at the end of the second year. Many graduates then transfer to a four-year college.

"When I first came to M.J.C. there were about 500 students enrolled," Dr. Thurston said. "Today there are 2,000. Therefore, we have to face the academic reality of grades."

For Montgomery County residents, the cost is \$112.50 a semester.

The ACT Test is now being required for all applicants.

36 Top Seniors In Honor Society

An enthusiasm for scholarship, the rendering of service, the development of character, and the practice of leadership are the qualities exemplified by the 36 seniors recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

President Mike Teitelbaum stressed that no honor conferred by Blair surpasses that symbolized by the Society.

Those inducted were:

Andrew Backus, Michael Berkus, Judith Blatt, Ann Cooley, Rebecca Cooper, Catherine Farrell, David Frome, Jenny Gable, Paula Garfinkle, James Hall, and Mary Hall.

Also chosen were Martha Hendricks, Ann Hsiao, James Johnson, Kenneth Kramer, Julius Lewis, Marvin Lieberman, Lucy Ling, Nancy Luger, Pattie Magidson, Nancy Markison, and Ellen McFaul.

Others selected were William Miller, Michael Nusbbaum, William Oppenheim, Benjamin Petrie, Harold Ruben, Dale Robertson, Stanley Slinick, Cynthia Spindel, Emerson Taylor, Joyce Taylor, Barry Walker, Michael Weisfeld, Gretchen Whitaker, and Carol Alice Williams.

FACULTY FOOTNOTES

Math, Art, Science Teachers Earn Recognition

● Nine Blair mathematics teachers have been attending special seminars to keep up with vast changes in their field.

Miss Susan Aud, head of the department says, "The purpose of these two-monthly seminars is to study new materials which the department will present to students in the future."

Specifically under study is the "University of Maryland Math Project" which has developed new ways of teaching mathematics in the seventh and eighth grades. The new method stresses an understanding of basic principles rather than learning by rote.

By next year analytic geometry, statistics and calculus will be offered to the advanced mathematics students.

● Mrs. Faye Sherry, head of the Art Department, gives this account of how she came to paint a picture recently chosen for exhibition by the Smithsonian Institution.

"It was a bitter cold Sunday last December, and we were out for our last sail of the year. We sat by the mast sketching everything in sight, including the bundled-up guests in the cockpit."

Last summer her sketch became a painting on canvas.

She has previously exhibited at the Corcoran Art Gallery and at St. John's College in Annapolis.

● Everybody was a winner in the recent exchange between area scientists and two Blair science teachers. Mr. William Saunders and Mr. Stanley Kulakowski were

at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab attending an institute on radioactivity.

In their absence, Dr. Leon Horn, a physicist from the Diamond Ordnance Fuse Laboratory, taught Mr. Sanders' classes. Dr. Lyle C. Dearden, National Science Foundation and George Washington University Medical School, took over for Mr. Kulakowski.

Dr. Dearden told the classes, among other things, some of the principles of embalming.



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Band Performs Under Stress; Much Time Given For Practice

By Marilyn Dore

Those thousands of fans who sat through the Blair-Wharton football game in a dreking downpour realize that, like the U. S. mail, the band goes on.

Although the band members admittedly prefer to perform in crisp, autumn weather and to sit when they are not doing a half-time show, the lack of these conditions does not stop them from doing their loyal best.

No Seats at Game

At the Northwestern game, for instance, when the seats commonly reserved for the band were taken, the musicians stood from the kickoff to the final whistle.

During the football season, after-school marching practices often keep the band busy far into the twilight. Mr. Ernest H. Koch, Blair's bandmaster for 11 years, has given generously of his efforts, both after school and at the game.

This year for the first time, Mr. Paul Cuzeman, a former army drill master, contributed his experience by drilling the band in its marching formations.

To March in Parade

The end of the football season will not stop the band music, however. The Red and White will march Friday in the traditional pre-Christmas parade through the Silver Spring business area.

Smoking Can Cause Cancer of Lungs Chemist Warns

"Anyone who smokes is stupid. There seems no doubt that smoking is a major cause of lung cancer. It is not the only cause, but I think anyone who smokes is just plain stupid."

This was the warning of Dr. Howard W. Bond of the National Cancer Institute in his recent speech, "The Cure For Cancer," before the Chemistry Club.

Dr. Bond said that of all the deaths in this country, 40 per cent were due to cancer.

"We don't have a cure for cancer," he said, "but we have a number of drugs that are quite useful in prolonging survival in humans."

Since surgery and radiation treatment have now been developed almost as far as possible, hope for a cure lies with drugs and vaccines. The promising news that cancer may be caused by a virus means it therefore could be prevented by a vaccine. He said a 100 percent effective vaccine has already been tested on mice.

Dr. Bond said the reason that some drugs partially retard cancers is one person and not another is that no two living things are exactly alike. "Cancer is not one disease, it is hundreds or even thousands of types of diseases," he added.

Dr. Bond closed with, "I'm sorry, I don't have the cure for you, but I do have a number of very good drugs."



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Booters Show Good Record For Season

The soccer team with a record of five wins and three losses at presstime, had only to meet Suitland and Northwestern to finish their 1961 schedule.

The booters lost their first game with Suitland 2-0. This was Blair's second loss of the season. The seventh game of the season was played at Walkersville and was Blair's second loss in a row and third of the season. The booters lost 3-1, Gabor Zsebo scoring the only goal for Blair.

A determined squad exhibited full force as they defeated Wakefield 5-1. The entire front line scored one goal each. The scorers were: Ed Thompson, Mickey Olesner, Gabor Zsebo, Burt Bondy, and Steve Westin. This game gave Blair a 4-3 record for the season.

Blair Edges B-CC

Blair beat Bethesda-Chevy Chase 1-0, bringing its record to 5-3 with two games left in the season. The lone goal was scored by Mike Kentros.

Gabor Zsebo is far ahead of the rest of the team in scoring, with 10 goals. Mike Kentros and Burt Bondy are second, both having scored two goals.

By Sidney Aaronson and Carlton Beard

Girls' Sports News

Not to be outdone by the boys, the girls are now playing against B-CC, not in football, but in field hockey. This game ended, Blair 1 and B-CC 1.

Since the last issue of the paper the "varsity" honor hockey team has been chosen.

Members of Honor Team

Members of this team are: Margery Blanc, Mary Anne Buccio, Sue Calder, Cindy Commandeur, Audrey Hong, Linda Klein, Georgia Klutz, Sally Kraus, Judy Margolis, Nancy Mitchell, Emmy Lou Moke, Jo Ann Rieder, Barbara Schmidt, Nancy Search, and Carol Tenley.

In the other two honor games Blair has a record of 1-1. Blair beat Poolesville 3-0, but lost to Sherwood 2-0.

Sports Days Held

In addition to the honor games, several sports days are held. In the first of these Blair lost to Northwestern in an away game.

The difference between the two teams is made up of the most highly skilled girls participating in intramurals. The sports day team is not quite so skilled. These are comparable to the varsity and the J.V.

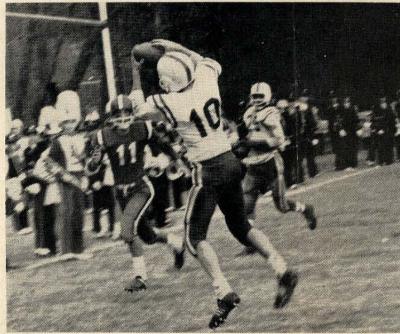
J.V. Finishes Great Season; Big Splash in Locker Room

For the past few years now, the J.V. football team, under the most competent guidance of Mr. Olie Brockdorff, has been getting better and better.

This year, with the assistance of Mr. Vernon T. Fox, the team won eight and tied one, going undefeated for the first time in its history.

The J.V. team gave Mr. Brockdorff a watch as a token of its appreciation for the time and effort he put in on their behalf.

State Championship Cage Squad to Launch '61 Season With Tilt Against Kenwood



Julian Rainwater takes a pass in the end zone for another Blair touchdown which led to a Northwood slaughter of 10-0. (Photo by Hall)

FIRST UNDEFEATED SEASON

Blazers Capture County Title; B.C.C. Is Second

by Allen Snyder

Sparked by two senior half-back, Jerry Ricciuci and Julian Rainwater, Blair closed out its 1961 season by beating B-CC, 25-7, and winning the Montgomery County League title.

The Blazers beat the Barons for the third straight year in a row and thus became the first champion of the new league which succeeded the old Bi-County.

Ricciuci Leads Scorers

Ricciuci and Rainwater solidified their positions as leading scorers for the Blazers by getting two touchdowns apiece in the first half. These scores gave Ricciuci a total of 12 touchdowns and Rainwater a sum of 9.

The Blazers received the opening kickoff and immediately marched downfield for a score. Ricciuci, who covered 26 yards of this drive himself, went over from the two-yard line to put Blair ahead 6-0.

This lead was short-lived, however, as Pat Flynn raced 88 yards with Blair's kickoff. Ron Cameron's extra point gave the Barons a 7-6 advantage.

Blair, not to be denied, then marched 60 yards, Rainwater getting the last 16, to go out in front for good, 13-7.

Blair Pads Margin

Late in the first period Blair Ricciuci scored from close in, again marching 69 yards with Sonny Jackson, Blair's quarterback, made several key calls keeping this drive going.

Julian Rainwater closed out the first half and the scoring with a

brilliant catch of a 30-yard Jackson pass.

Blair won the league championship with a 6-1 record, losing only to Wheaton. Right behind the Blazers was B-CC, with a 4-1-2 record. The Barons' two ties came with Walter Johnson and Wheaton. Richard Montgomery was third with a 5-2 mark, and Wheaton was right behind at 4-2-1.

by Jim Thompson

Coach Ed Moffat's basketball squad—not yet finally picked—begins the defense of its State Championship two weeks from Friday at Kenwood in Baltimore County.

The next night the Blazers return home to face the Knights

from Wheaton. Wheaton, which spent last year rebuilding, would like to make up for three basketball losses in a row by upsetting the Big Red.

Blair will take on Richard Montgomery December 11. That team, along with Walter Johnson, is expected to provide the main competition for the County Title and with it a berth in the State Finals.

Kenwood Due

Kenwood will come to Blair on Friday, December 18. And a perennially powerful Gonzaga squad will try to outdo the Blair five Saturday evening, December 19.

What are Blair's chances of repeating as State champs? Coach Moffat rightfully points out, "We've got to win the County first. We have five guys back, and we should be pretty good. If we get the breaks . . ."

Five Men Back

Those five men are Sonny Jackson and Jim Wendt, first stringers, last year. Jack Townsend, who at 6' 3" has the center's job pretty well sewn up; Bill Mason, who will probably hustle himself into a starting position; and Brian Tierney, who'll be fighting it out with George Patterson, Don and Walter Robertson, Jim Craig, and Stuart Windley for that fifth position.

Summer League Champs

For the second year in a row, the Montgomery County Summer Basketball League was won by Packett's Pharmacy—Montgomery Blair.

As Townsend points out, "We won the summer league, and we'll be playing the same guys."

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Li'l Abner Gets Under Way As Annual Show

"Li'l Abner" has been selected as this year's Annual Show, planned for presentation in March.

"Li'l Abner" was produced on Broadway by Norman Panama, Melvin Frank, and Michael Kidd. It was written by Norman Panama and Melvin Frank and based on characters created by Al Capp. The lyrics of the show are by Johnny Mercer and the music is by Gene de Paul.

Director Richard T. Pioli made the selection of the show after holding singing auditions. This enabled him to choose a musical comedy to fit available talent at Blair, rather than finding talent for one specific show.

Mr. Pioli reported that from the 128 students who auditioned for vocal parts, he found much more talent than he had expected. The entire cast, which includes over 100 students, had not been announced as of presstime.

Yule Charities Around Here

The Christmas season finds Blairians again participating in worthwhile charitable projects.

Parties being given include one for the Cerebral Palsy Association of Montgomery County by the Future Homemakers of America.

O'Dells will serve food and help Santa distribute presents at NIH.

Varisettes were hostesses at a recent party at the Walter Reed psychiatric ward.

Key Club members are having a party at the Home for Retarded Children in Berwin Heights, Md. Cartoons and refreshments will cheer the guests and "Santa" Hugh Eagleton will present the gifts.

Food, clothing, and toys will be distributed to needy families through the efforts of the Key Club, Welfare Committee, O'Dells, and Crests.

Keyettes accompanied orphans shopping at the Kensington Army Christmas Store.

Keyettes, Varisettes, and Crests will help shoppers at the Kensington store during the busy weeks before Christmas.

Carols will be sung at the Wheaton Nursing Home by the FHA, and at the Central Union Mission by the Varisettes.

11 Years as Campfire Girl Brings Reward

By Becky Cooper

Did you drop out of Campfire Girls when you entered high school—concluding that you had outgrown the excitement it offered?

Helen Coale, a senior, didn't drop out. "Now," she said, "I'm so glad I stuck with it for 11 years."

Why? Helen was chosen to represent all the Washington Area girls' organizations in the eighth annual Pageant of Peace tree-lighting ceremony Wednesday. She made a brief speech and

New Locked Door Policy Prohibits Entry Of Illegal Outsiders and Boosts Security



WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?—Santa Claus found that Cindy Commander, Bonnie Williams (both on Santa's lap), Neely Holmead, Cathy Fodren, Debby Davis, Emmy Lou Moke, and Donna Beach all want to be Christmas Queen. (Photo by Hall)

Finalists in the Christmas queen election are Donna Beach, Cindy Commander, Debby Davis, Cathy Fodren, Neely Holmead, Emmy Lou Moke, and Bonnie Williams.

Crowning of the queen will be the highlight of the Christmas formal, December 26, in the Boys' gym.

Bonnie, chairman of the Election Committee, was recently chosen to represent Blair on the Montgomery County Youth Council. She said she would like Santa to bring her a new formal.

When Santa was mentioned, most of the other finalists immediately wished for cars, ranging from a baby-blue '57 Chevy, to a little red Triumph.

Donna is art editor of Silver Quill, president of Masque and Gavel, and appeared in the Senior Class play, "The Matchmaker." After Blair, she plans to major in biology at the University of Maryland.

Foreign Correspondent, Pianist Brighten Future Assembly List

A foreign correspondent and a concert pianist are among the guests scheduled for second semester assemblies.

The probable schedule for next month as set by the Assembly Committee is as follows: a concert by the school orchestra; the annual Awards Assembly; and a lecture by foreign correspondent, Richard Thomas on world problems.

In Russia Recently

Mr. Thomas, a Harvard graduate, has been a reporter, editor, radio writer, television news-

caster, and teacher. He has traveled all over the world, including a trip to Russia last year.

Other topics of interest planned for future assemblies include a lecture on "composers" though, and "notes and harmony," by Mr. Louis Guastella in March.

Knows Popular Music

Mr. Guastella is a concert pianist. He received his early training in popular music, but has also performed on television's "Firestone Hour," and in the Metropolitan Opera House.

awful the way it happened. I found out after school one day when my tryout was 4:30 that afternoon. I hadn't finished memorizing my speech so I ad-libbed half of it."

In the program, Helen wore the uniform of the Horizon Club (older Campfire Girls), a blue skirt and white blazer.

Since she was chosen, Helen has received a letter from the National Campfire Girl Headquarters in New York. They would like her to come to New York and be on an NBC-TV

1962-63 Calendar

The calendar for the 1962-63 school year, recently released by the Board of Education, calls for 185 school days.

Election Day November 6 is the only unusual holiday. Highlights of the calendar follow:

September 4—Classes begin.

November 22, 23—Thanksgiving.

December 24-January 1—Christmas vacation.

February 22—Washington's birthday.

April 12-21—Easter recess.

May 30—Memorial Day.

June 19—Last day for students.

Visitors Required To Get Passes

An experiment in a new security precaution has been under way at Blair during December.

The object of the experiment is to make entering the school more difficult for persons who have no legitimate reason for being here.

Only a few main doors will remain open during the day.

"Blair has some 30 outside doors," explained Dr. Earl Hobbs, assistant principal, "which makes our security problem rather complicated."

Signs Posted

Signs have been posted on doors instructing visitors to secure passes at the main office. Students also have been urged to remind their friends and family to report to the office when coming to the school on business.

All doors, of course, may be opened from the inside for quick exit in emergencies.

It was pointed out that many schools in Prince George's County have been following the policy of locked doors for a number of years.

Student Accosted

The security issue came to a head last month when some hoodlums accosted a member of the Special Projects Committee who had asked to see their passes.

If the locked doors policy meets with success, it will be continued throughout the year.

The administration also has begun a new crack-down on students in the halls without passes signed by teachers. They are warned that violating this rule can result in suspension.

Richard Furr Gets Korean Art Award

Richard Furr, a Blair junior, has been notified that he won an award in the Second Exhibition of Art Education of the World. This exhibition was held in Seoul, Korea from June 10 through 30.

On December 12, Richard went to the State Department to receive the award.

Old Milk Boxes Return

Your next few slurps through that triangular-shaped milk carton may be your last.

The School Board recently announced the experiment in the old-shaped carton had proved unsatisfactory. As soon as the present supply on hand is exhausted, the triangles will be replaced by the conventional box-shaped cartons.

receive a plaque for his painting of three running horses. He was the only high school student in the county to receive such an award.

The contest was open to all elementary and secondary art students.

You Teens-Go Home, Grow Up

These days there is much talk about teenagers getting involved in trouble of all kinds—from committing sex crimes to stealing cars. The list of teenager violations is endless.

An interesting solution to teenage delinquency has been suggested by Judge Philip B. Gilliam of the juvenile court in Denver.

"Go Home," "The Employment Counselor," publication of the National Association of Personnel Consultants, quotes him as saying:

"Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teenager: 'What can we do? Where can we go?' The answer is: go home!"

"Hang the storm windows," continued Judge Gilliam, "paint the woodwork, rake the leaves, mow the lawn, shovel the walk, wash the car, learn to cook, scrub some floors, repair the sink, build a boat, get a job. Help the minister or priest or rabbi, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, visit the sick, assist the poor, study your lessons. And when you are through—and not too tired—read a book."

Blairites Test Age-Old Adage: Give Gifts on Their Birthdays

As soon as the word birthday is mentioned, a person immediately thinks to himself—"I wonder what I'll get." But did it ever occur to you how nice it would be to give something on your birthday?

The editors of *Silver Chips* and the president of the Student Council will celebrate their birthdays this month by giving \$2 apiece to the Library Book Fund.

If everyone put in just a quarter or 50 cents on his birthday, think how many new books it would buy for the library—what a wealth of knowledge he would be leaving behind for future Blair students to use!

The idea of giving a birthday book reportedly started in Israeli schools and has spread to several of the nation's schools.

A book is one of the most enduring of gifts. It doesn't bring joy or pleasure only once, but again and again throughout the years.

It has often been said, "The lovers of books have chosen wise friends."

On your next birthday try out the age-old adage, "It is better to give than receive." Leave a memorial to yourself in the Blair Library.

FIRST BY S.C., NOW BY DOG

Disturbing Elements At Hot Shoppes Curbed

"Any student creating a disturbance at school activities, or at any public places like the Hot Shoppes . . . will be excluded from all school dances, games, plays and other activities. If any excluded student tries to attend, he will be suspended."

Imagine the furor this regulation will cause! Of course, this furor will not occur, because the above regulation was enacted by the Student Council in February, 1942.

But it serves to show that the Silver Spring Hot Shoppes on Georgia Avenue has been a magnet for Blair students for at least 20 years. Further, it shows that in times past, the situation

at the Hot Shoppes has been worse than it is today—perhaps. At any rate, the S.C. is not now considering punitive action against Blairites "creating a disturbance" at that enticing spot.

For his part, the manager of the Hot Shoppes has taken steps to protect his restaurant and save the teenage customers from themselves. These measures include hiring deputy sheriffs (the so-called "rent-a-cops") and posting them outside and inside the restaurant—including the men's room—and having Montgomery County Police armed with a large police dog patrol the parking lot frequently.



Students mill at Hot Shoppes in usual fashion after football game. (Photo by Hall)

The judge attacked the special programs sponsored for teenagers.

Down With Teen Clubs

"Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war, in poverty, or sick or lonely again."

"In plain, simple words: Grow up! Quit being a cry-baby. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone and start acting like a man or woman."

"You're supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibilities your parents have carried for years," declared the judge. "They have nursed, protected, helped, begged, excused, tolerated and denied themselves needed comforts so that you could have every whim and fancy."

"In heaven's name," concluded Judge Gilliam, "grow up and go home!"



"Here she comes, Miss America."

That was just one of the greetings a life-size, plastic, human skeleton received when it made its grand entrance in Mr. Marner's third period biology class.

Another remark was "That shows what too much Metrecal will do!"

This \$329 addition to the Blair teaching staff is the only one of its kind here.

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On the second night of senior play, "The Matchmaker," Ace Warren (who plays Horace Vandergelder), was threatened with laryngitis. Many felt compelled to try their favorite remedies for the affliction.

Within five minutes salt water, cough drops, warm milk with butter, and a slice of lemon were administered to Ace.

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Students who are interested in art are invited to use Dabbler's Den's new "art library" located in the gallery on the first floor of C-Building.

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Shortly after the Russians announced their 50-megaton bomb, senior Judy Margolis announced her "Margolis Plan for the Continuation of America in Spite of Fallout." The plan involves split second timing.

This spring, on "S-Second" every one will face west, take a deep breath, and blow the fallout back over Russia.

Homemakers Take Betty Crocker Test

"Mary likes her beef well done and John likes his rare."

"In cooking which of the following kinds of beef is she most likely to be able to accommodate both tastes? (A) Braised steak, (B) Round steak, (C) Rib steak, or (D) Swiss steak."

This was a typical question on the annual knowledge and aptitude test—Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow—given recently at Blair.

All seniors taking Home Arts were eligible to take the exam. The national winner receives \$5,000, the state winner \$1,500.

A Blair student, Frances Colker, was a state winner two years ago.

Kelley Favors Prayer On PA; Pearson Attends State Chorus

Jackie Pearson, a school chorus participant since her elementary school days, and Jim Kelley, Blair's chaplain, have both been working as vigorously as Santa's elves preparing for the holiday assembly.

Jackie explains her enthusiasm for the chorus is enhanced by the inspiring direction of Mrs. Mary C. Huntley. "Even the same group with another director wouldn't be as good," she affirmed.

Despite a schedule of five majors, Jackie finds chorus—her sixth "major"—stimulating and gratifying. She was one of 10 students from the chorus chosen to represent Blair in the All-Maryland State High School Chorus last October in Baltimore.

Varied Activities

In her "spare time" Jackie is chairman of the Vocal Music Department, which entitles her to membership on the Executive Board of the Library Club. She's an active Keyette, a National Honor Society member, and a member of Mu Alpha Theta.

Jim Kelley's duties as chaplain require him to deliver the invocation at assemblies; make the daily PA announcements; represent the school at funerals; and send sympathy and get-well cards and flowers.

Favors PA Method

It is Jim's personal opinion that the recitation of the Lord's Prayer over the PA or a moment of silence and the flag salute should be delivered over the PA. Student Council voted to give the choice of silent meditation or the Lord's Prayer to the home-rooms, with a reading over the PA.

"Fiorello!" Lively Performance Despite Lead's Shortcomings

By Marilyn Dove

"Fiorello!" now playing at the National Theater is a spirited musical based on the political life and time of Fiorello LaGuardia, mayor of New York City during the thirties.

Highlights were the catchy musical numbers by the poker-playing, patronage-minded cronies who manipulated political action in LaGuardia's district.

Rudy Bond, playing Ben, is outstanding as their leader in questionable political tactics.

Unfortunately, Bob Carroll in the title role displayed many shortcomings in the opening night performance. His portrayal of the ambitious, fast-talking, self-confident LaGuardia too often becomes a caricature.

Fast Talker

In several scenes Carroll spoke too rapidly to be understood, and a murmur of protest arose from the audience.

Paul Lipson, as Morris, Fiorello's assistant, is superb. He plays a very humorous role with sufficient restraint to keep it from becoming ridiculous.

The best feminine performance was by Jayne Mylroie as a punky little lassie who is upset by her social dilemma. She "loves a cop!"

Wifely Love Week

Charlotte Fairchild as Marie arouses no sympathy for her unrequited love of Fiorello. Her complete lack of emotion in the role engenders the same in the audience.

To show LaGuardia's World War I aviation exploits, old film strips are used, and we see the



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN — Jackie Pearson interrupts her Christmas card addressing to help Jim Kelley tie a ribbon on his package. (Photo by Hall)

Jim, who went on the Abington, Pa., exchange last spring, said, "I definitely think exchanges promote understanding and friendship between schools, permit students to discover both the weaker and stronger points of their schools, and give students a chance to meet new and interesting people."

Works Part Time

Besides working at Batters, Jim still finds time to be the vice-president of the Key Club, captain of a Sunday League Basketball Team, a member of the cross country and track teams, the Varsity Club, and the Library Club.

Jackie hopes to major in math at Bucknell University and Jim plans to go to Frostberg State Teachers College as a physical education major.

"Fiorello!" boasts excellent supporting players, lively set designs, and intriguing group musical numbers which are superior to the solos.

This fortunate combination carries on the production despite some deficiencies in the leading characters.

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Barbara Livshin Will Be Snow Queen In 'The Nutcracker Suite', Dec. 27, 28

Dancing is a hobby to most teenagers—but it's the life work of Blair junior, Barbara Livshin. Barbara's eight years of study at the Washington School of Ballet will pay off this Christmas as she dances one of the leads in the company's performance of "The Nutcracker Suite."

Appearing as the Snow Queen, she has her first lead since joining the company in February, 1961.



BARBARA LIVSHIN

You Might See Yourself in New Driver Ed Text

Many Blair students will find themselves in the new driver education textbook "Sportsmanlike Driving," fourth edition, which will appear in January.

Mrs. C. E. Gieda, head of driver education here and one of the book's authors, hopes it will be in use at Blair by next fall. The textbook, which includes some of the 3,000 pictures taken at Blair, was introduced to prominent educators at a recent meeting at the Mayflower Hotel.

Two juniors, Sharon Gibson and Douglas Groselove, attempted to answer questions from the students' viewpoint.

Mrs. Gieda, who was the first certified driver teacher in Maryland, reports that "driver education is being expanded in every community."

She advocates some tightening of Maryland regulations: "The driving age should be raised to 18 except for persons who have taken driver education."

"The driver's test in Maryland is much too easy," Mrs. Gieda says. "Give me three weeks and I could train a chimpanzee to pass it. I would teach the chimp how to park half-way, how to make three turns, and to smile sweetly at the officer."

Mrs. Gieda urges all potential drivers to take the driver education course at school, and adds "a summer school course is offered for a fee."

"Blair's accommodations for driver education could be doubled in the next two years," Mrs. Gieda reports. "The increase in learner permit fees from \$1 to \$5 will finance this expansion."

Mrs. Gieda's device for building safe drivers is the tin can she keeps in her car. For every mistake made, the offender must deposit a penny.

The fourth youngest member of the group, she spends an incredible number of hours in dancing lessons at the Washington School of Ballet.

Rehearses Long Hours
Her normal schedule includes an hour class on Tuesday for chamber dancing—Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Italian style.

Wednesdays are spent in addition on toe shoes—dancing with partners—for an hour and a half. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays involve an hour and a half of regular dancing with ballet slippers, not toe shoes.

Saturday she also rehearses for four hours and she spends from 11 a.m. to 7:30 on Sundays dancing.

Barbara recalls the time she lost five pounds at a rehearsal but says, "It's not hard work, it's lots of fun!"

Dances Over Country
Her past history is impressive. She has appeared at the Carter Barron in Washington and in theatres in Pittsburgh, Wheeling, and Baltimore.

While her 1962 summer plans are indefinite, her long-range plans aren't.

The result has been offered jobs teaching ballet at summer camps. She could go ahead to appear with the Washington Company, and her parents have offered to send her any place she wants to study—including Europe.

In her many years of ballet, Barbara finds she likes "Hi-Spri" the best (The picture shows her

rehearsing for it). "Hi-Spri" does not tell a story, but shows the unbounding spirit of teenagers.

Barbara has no specific ballet company in mind, but would like to go to New York to dance.

College and Career
Before going to New York, however, she plans to attend college in Washington, most likely at Margery Webster.

But for the time, her activities are keeping her busy. With rehearsals, Blair's Bowling Club and teaching ballet on her own, she finds little time to do homework, but manages to maintain good grades.

Over-Average Feet Bring Author Luck

Phyllis Mudrick, one of Chipp's page editors, has learned to make big feet pay. She has written a personal essay for the January issue of Seventeen Magazine, for which she will get an emolument.

Her article, "Feet Don't Fit," tells the trials and tribulations of a girl with over-average-size feet. It was the result of countless day-long shopping sprees in search of a pair of shoes.

Phyllis' large feet do not seem out of proportion with her 5'10" height.

Wonder just how large Phyllis' feet are? Read all about them in the January Seventeen!

Library Gets 'Great Books' For 'It's Academic' Victories

Thanks to Carol Brimberg, Sheldon Green, and Bob Fleisher, Blair's team on the T.V. quiz show, "It's Academic," the Blair Library now has two 40-volume sets of the "Great Books of the Western World."

Miss Elizabeth Stickley, librarian, says she plans to break up one set and catalogue it so students may take the books out. The other will remain as a complete set in the Senior Corner of the Library.

The Great Books, or "Great Classics" as they are called, are supposed to be "the substance of a liberal education." They are published by Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc. with the editorial ad-

vice of the faculties of the University of Chicago.

The purpose of these books as stated in the introduction is not to provide hours of relaxation, but rather to bring to light the great authors of the world. It is felt that "reading and understanding great books will give him (the reader) a standard by which to judge all other books."

Books are arranged as far as possible according to the time sequence of the authors.

Although the Great Books cover 25 centuries, they end with the 19th Century due to the fact that the editors felt unqualified to judge the works of contemporary authors.

FACULTY FOOTNOTES

Mr. Marder Carries on from a Wheelchair

By Phyllis Mudrick

Once the cast is removed from Mr. Stuart Marders ankle, he can get back to his regular duties of managing the rifle team, conducting weekend camp-outs, calling square-dances for local groups, working on-and-off for United Press International, taking graduate courses, and, of course teaching biology at Blair.

Mr. Marder, a sports enthusiast, had his temporary fill of sports recently when he broke his fibula, the bone right above the ankle, in the annual faculty-students football game.

Mr. Marder now travels around school in a wheel chair and will for a total of six weeks.

This doesn't hinder his spirit or his enthusiasm for sports. He does admit, though, that he

"won't play again" in the annual contest.

His rifle team is faring much better than he did. Last year it was the top high school team in the state and this year he plans to double the number of regular matches to at least 20, including the Navy plebes, the Maryland Frosh, and many public and parochial high schools.

Mr. Marder's sports activities also include heading the fencing team at the University of North Carolina for two years.

His main enterprises have included being director for a summer camp and, together with his wife, leading 45 students across the United States and Mexico for 63 days last year.

In the summer of 1963 he plans to camp in Alaska. And in future years he hopes to open his own camp.

Blair Bank Kicks Off Drive To Increase Student Saving

By Phyllis Mudrick

Blair's bank next month will kick off a campaign to encourage more students to open savings accounts.

At present, some \$13,000 in savings are on deposit. According to Joyce Van Westenberg, who is in charge of the savings department, this is a poor showing for a school the size of Blair. The goal of the campaign she announced, will be \$30,000.

The bank is affiliated with Citizens Building and Loan Association in Silver Spring where business can be transacted when school is not in session. All deposits earn four percent interest semi-annually and are insured by the federal government.

"One of the troubles," Joyce cited, "in getting more people to use the bank is that few people are fully aware of its services." "Many sophomores don't even know there is a bank," she moaned.

College Pamphlet Gets Rave Notice In Official Guide

While thumbing through Lovejoy's official College Guide, Mrs. Elizabeth C. MacDonald, Blair's college counselor, was surprised to find her name mentioned.

The subject was "College-Bound Blairites," a manual she compiled.

Clarence E. Lovejoy, the author of the 1961-1962 edition of the book, declared:

"Excellent guidance bulletins are prepared occasionally in some public high schools. The Montgomery Blair High School of Silver Spring, Maryland, is typical."

Here the college counselor, Elizabeth C. MacDonald, has compiled the highly commendable 24-page "College-Bound Blairites" with the type of information students and parents need."

It continued, "the pamphlet has five sections covering the following: Who Should Go to College, Military Service and College, How to Choose a College, When and How to Apply for Admission to College, and Financial Aid."

Mrs. Priscilla Kline, also a college counselor at Blair, claims that many students come to her every day to ask the very questions that are clearly answered in "College-Bound Blairites."

"The students here don't realize how valuable this booklet is, and yet it has earned national acclaim," she said.

This is in keeping with Mr. Marder's adventuresome spirit which has taken him to every major city in North America and Europe.



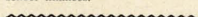
IN CAST—Even a broken ribula can't stop Mr. Stuart Marder.

Only \$1 is needed to start an account, at present, there are only about 500 savings accounts. Seniors have most accounts and girls appear to be more thrifty minded than boys.

What are most people saving for? "Every boy seems to be saving for a car," Joyce observed.

Girls," she said, are often beginning a nest egg for college."

In addition to the savings department, the bank handles all school finances.



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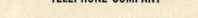
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Blazers Meet Kenwood Again Tonight

Cage Re-match Set for 8:30 pm

Blair will have a chance to clobber Kenwood again tonight when the Baltimore team meets the Blazers in a home game at 8:30. Blair won the first game on December 8, 57-34.

Besides two games each with B.C.C., Northwood, Richard Montgomery, Walter Johnson and Wheaton, the members of the Montgomery County Class AA Basketball League, Blair will play a number of District teams as Gonzaga, Wilson and St. Johns.

The complete schedule is:

December	22 Kenwood
	23 Gonzaga
	28 Alumni
January	5 Gaithersburg
	9 Cantonsville
	12 B.C.C.
	19 Northwood
	27 Walter Johnson
	27 Wheaton
February	2 Sherwood
	3 Richard Montgomery
	8 Wilson
	9 Mackin
	13 St. Johns
	16 B.C.C.
	21 Northwood
	23 Walter Johnson



TWO POINTS: Sonny Jackson, Number 21, goes for another Blair score during the Wheaton game. The Blazers defeated the Knights 57-16 after finishing off Kenwood four days before 57-34.



Allen's Alley By Allen Snyder

Coch Good—Coach of Year

Blair not only has the best football team in Montgomery County, but also the best coach.

Head Coach Joe Good, after guiding the Blazers to the first championship of the new Montgomery County League, has recently received the Coach of the Year Award from the Sentinel. He also received an award as County Coach of the Year from the Washington Football Officials Association.

Since becoming Head Coach in 1957, Coach Good has led the Blazers to a 39-9-1 record and two league championships.

Blair tied for the championship of the old Bi-County League in 1959 with Richard Montgomery. This year the Blazers won the first title of the new Montgomery County Circuit.

Following are some of Coach Good's random thoughts about the past season:

"Although last year's team had the same record as this year's, this team is undoubtedly stronger. We didn't have any real outstanding star this year, but all the boys were of the highest caliber."

"The biggest contributing fac-

tor to this team's success was its closeness. The morale was unusually high."

"Jerry Rienecki, Sonny Jackson, Albert Turner and Brian Tierney were probably the biggest individual contributors to this year's success with their fine performances."

"The most pleasing game of the year was the win over Richard Montgomery breaking their unbeaten string."

"We played our best offensive game against B.C.C. We were sharp and had determination for that game."

"Our defense, which gave up an average of only 3.7 points a game, was best against Richard Montgomery."

"Although most of this year's starting eleven are seniors, we should have a pretty good nucleus next year in Richard Brown, center, Ned Blackwell, fullback, and Corky Kenner, fullback, among others. John Roth, J.V. quarterback, and his ends, Kraft and Olson, should also help the team next year."

300 Fans Journey To Baltimore To Cheer Blair To 57-34 Victory

With much the same form that carried it to the Maryland State Championship last year, Blair easily defeated Kenwood High School 57-34 December 8 in the opening game of the season.

About 300 Blairites traveled to the Baltimore school to give the team a boost and were well rewarded as the Jayvees won also, 32-16.

Bowlers Sponsor Varied Activities For '61-'62 Season

Blair's Bowling Club, now in its second year, has recently formed a bowling team which will meet other schools in the D.C. area.

The team is made up of nine boys—Bill Mayer, Bob Shaw, Barry Dahl, Bill Jolley, Pete Washer, Ralph Seligman, John Harrington, Doug Benson, and George Wendel—five of whom will bowl in each match.

Blair's team is planning to start bowling a week after the Christmas vacation. The school in the City-wide scholastic league, now being planned, with the highest record will receive a trophy after the season.

"Although there are 47 members in the club right now," states John Olsen, president, "we will be accepting members for the second semester until January 20."

Bobbi Klein, secretary, and Eileen Axelrod, treasurer, are other officers of the club which meets every Monday at the Silver Spring Bowl.

Besides bowling each week and sponsoring a team to represent Blair, the members of the club are arranging for and sponsoring the bowling of 40 handicapped children.

Currently leading the league is Bill Mayer, who is averaging over 170. He is followed by Bob Shaw with a 166. Linda Smith has the highest average among the girls with a 130 mark.

Wendt, Townsend, Mason, Jackson and Tierney started for the Blazers. Wendt was high scorer with 23 followed by Jackson and Townsend with nine each. Harmel was high for Kenwood with nine points.

Blair opened the scoring with two foul shots and a field goal, but Manear tied the score for the Bluejays by sinking two shots in a row. After this one brief moment, however, Kenwood was never close.

Take Early Lead

The Blazers built up a 14-6 lead by the end of the first quarter and led 34-19 at the end of the first half, during which Wendt scored half of Blair's 34 points.

Coach Ed Moffatt left the first string in midday in the third quarter when Blair led by 20 points and then substituted freely. Even after he had omitted the bench, however, Blair continued to increase its lead and finally won by 23 points.

Wendt was high in rebounds with 14, followed by Townsend with 12.

J.V. Wins Also

The JV team, under student-teacher Bob Schwartzberg from Maryland, won going away also. Roth and Ruhling, sent down from the varsity just before the game led the scoring with 10 and 14 points respectively.

Many were surprised at the JV's easy victory after only four days of practice, but Coach Moffatt pointed out that many of the boys had practiced previously with the varsity and were in good shape.

Girls' Sports News

President Kennedy—who this month delivered a national speech in behalf of physical fitness—certainly would applaud the activities going on in the girls' gym.

Sophomore girls are being given an opportunity to increase their fitness.

According to Miss June E. Lippy, head of the girls' Physical Education Department, the new gymnastic program aids in body control and especially helps strengthen the shoulder area.

The need for such a program was dramatically illustrated in a recent test. In a class of 24 girls working on just "hand-walking" the parallel bars, six dropped to their feet on the first round, unable to support their own weight.

Due to complications in scheduling, only sophomores benefit from the four-week course. They are instructed on the trampoline, vaulting box, parallel bars, and horizontal bars. Tumbling and self-testing are also included.

FILL DIRT WANTED

Athletic Field To Get Fence, Maybe Track

Blairites returning to school next September will hardly recognize the athletic field if proposed renovations are accomplished as planned.

First and most definite is that a fence will be erected along the creek to keep out unwanted guests during the football games, outdoor assemblies, etc.

Then the football field will be reseeded and be given a turtle-back to aid drainage. This means that the middle of the field will be humped, like a turtle's back,

and given a gentle slope to the sides.

Track Planned

Last and most conditional is that Blair may finally be given its own track.

The field has already been surveyed, but it has been found that the slope of the field at present is too great for a track. If free fill dirt can be obtained this could help make the track a reality. If fill dirt has to be purchased, the cost may be prohibitive, it was explained.

The track will be one-fourth of a mile long (440 yards) and will encircle the football field.

This could, of course, interfere with baseball, but it is hoped that the JV baseball team will be able to find another field on which to practice and play.

The need for more area for track and baseball has long been felt as the two spring sports have often interfered with each other.

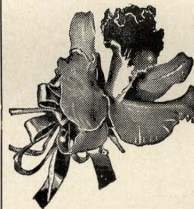
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'Mr. Mike' Ailing But Not Lonely

Mr. "Mike" Michaelson, biology teacher, cheerleaders' sponsor, faculty co-ordinating committee member, Annual Show Props' Committee sponsor, and Student Council sponsor and adviser, is finding that out of sight is by no means out of mind.

Operated on for a "pilonidal cyst" at the base of his spine, "Mr. Mike" was in the hospital 11 days, from December 21 to January 4.

He has been at home ever since with a "constant, dull, throbbing kind of pain," taking four hot baths a day.

And, since the incision opened up when it wasn't supposed to, "Mr. Mike" doesn't know when he'll be back riding herd on Student Council.

Meanwhile, as he lay on his back at the Washington Hospital Center and as he languishes at home, an endless procession of students have come in to pay their respects. Teachers and friends too have come, many bearing gifts.

Books were the most popular gifts. *The Decline and Fall of Practically Everybody*, *What Every Bachelor Should Know*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird* were some of the volumes he has received.

Flowers have come from the Student Council and the Faculty, and a plant from the Senior Class.

Student Council was even thoughtful enough to present "Mr. Mike" with a bed pan.

Job Parley At G. W.

Blairites are invited to secure up-to-date information on careers at the tenth annual George Washington University Career Conference Wednesday, February 14. Prominent speakers will discuss employment opportunities in their fields.

The sessions start at 7:30 p.m. at Lisner Auditorium.

Vocational areas discussed will be: Mathematics and physical sciences; literature and languages; journalism, public relations, and advertising; and education, home economics, and physical education.



POLITICIANS CHEER CONVALESCING "MR MIKE"—SC President Bob Strick, his famous F.D.R. pose for the benefit of Mr. Michaelson, shown at home where he is recovering from surgery. Other visitors are "Chico" Silverman, Cliff Arnaback and Glenn Barber.

(Photo by Hall)

'Dogpatch' Rapidly Rising On Bank of Old Sligo Creek

Dogpatch, USA—the most unnecessary, useless, but happiest town on the continent—is rapidly taking shape inside the sophisticated boundaries of Montgomery County.

The musical "Li'l Abner" will be presented in the Boys' Gym, March 15, 16, and 17.

Stars Chosen

Carol Curran and Frank Cummings will star as Daisy Mae and Li'l Abner.

Stage Manager Ernest Meekham and Assistant Stage Manager Judy Margolis will be responsible for maintaining order and taking charge of most backstage activities.

Dogpatchers will sing and dance under the baton of Mr. Ernest Koch and choreography of Miss Pat McDonald.

Directing the entire trail of Dogpatchers (and it is a long trail) is Mr. Richard T. Pliot.

Others in Cast

"Li'l Abner" brings to Blair a lovable (but often ornery) bunch

of critics that include Marrayn' Sam (Allen Music), Mammy Yokum (Sherry Michaelson), Pappy Yokum (Stanley Greenberg), Earthquake McGoon (Jim Johnston) and General Bullmoose (Leonard Levine).

Assisting with the technical aspects of the show are: Props Committee Co-chairmen Sue Hoffman and Iris Pinson; Business Manager Dee Jolles; Costume Co-chairmen Amy Schnapper and Kathy Francis; Wardrobe Mistress Judy Milano; and Stage Crew Chairman David Macurdy; Public Relations Chairman Susan Jacobs.

Technical Director Doug Siefert, and Make-up Chairman Gay Patlen are also working hard with them.

The entire production staff will include 400 students.

Some of the more familiar tunes of "Li'l Abner" are "Namey, You," "If I Had My Druthers," and "Jubilant T. Compone."

RECORD TO BE CALLED 'SILVER PLATTER'

Narrator Sought for New 1961-62 Disc

The year 1961-62 will be served up to Blairites on a "Silver Platter."

O'Debs and the Varsity Club have embarked on their annual project of preserving highlights of the school year on a special recording to be sold to the stu-

dent body.

Previously called the "Yearbook in Sound," the name has been changed to the "Silver Platter." This was done to coincide with Blair's other "Silver" publications—Silver Chips, Silverlog, Silver Quill.

Masque and Gavel, under the direction of Mr. Charles Gattning, will sponsor a contest, open to all students to find the right "voice" to narrate the Platter.

Try-outs Set

Try-outs will be held sometime in February, and all students, both boys and girls, are urged to try-out.

"Grandma and Grandpa," so humorously portrayed by Iris Benjamin and Charlie Shuttig last year will not be continued in the current version.

More Events Scheduled

By eliminating the continuous story it is hoped that more events can be included.

Larry Seifert, a junior, has been busy recording everything from Bob Long's address in September to the sophomores, to the Christmas formal, to the Senior Class Play. He will continue recording school highlights through June.



Debbie, Janet, and Cindy at work.

(Photo by Hall)

S.C., Rep. Assembly Clash on Bias Issue

By Ben Stein

A resolution to endorse the proposed county anti-discrimination bill has shattered the usual relative calm of Blair's student government operations.

The county ordinance in question would forbid discrimination in public places on the basis of race. A resolution, introduced in Student Council

Text of S. C. Resolution

The text of the Student Council resolution endorsing a County anti-discrimination ordinance is as follows:

"The Montgomery Blair High School Student Council, representing over 2,000 high school students in Montgomery County, goes on record as strongly supporting the proposed anti-discrimination ordinance.

"Montgomery Blair is the largest high school in the county and is privileged to have a student body composed of individuals from many different racial, religious, and ancestral backgrounds.

"The Student Council feels it represents the majority of Blair students when it expresses its indignation at the thought of any of its fellow students being denied service in a public place solely on the basis of their race.

"We cannot understand how Montgomery County residents can be so hypocritical as to preach democracy in their schools and then practice discrimination in their businesses. We strongly urge the County Council to support the anti-discrimination measures aimed at correcting this evil in our society."

that the students of Montgomery Blair found racial discrimination inconsistent with ideals of democracy and wished to support the county measure to end it.

On Friday, December 15, the Student Council adopted the resolution after brief debate.

On the following Monday, the Representatives Assembly, consisting of one delegate from each homeroom, defeated the measure by a vote of 21 to 20, with about 20 abstentions.

The S. C. resolution, nevertheless, was read to the County

Anti-Bias Bill Passed

The Montgomery County Council on January 16 passed the anti-discrimination ordinance by a 4-2 majority, with one abstention. Firms which do a major part of their business in alcohol are exempted from its provisions.

Council at a public hearing Monday night.

Two Points of Opposition

Opponents of the resolution in the Rep. Assembly cited one or two reasons for their stand. Some believed that such a measure pertaining as it did to out-of-school business, was out of the jurisdiction of student government. Others believed that forcing a

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SCORE ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

Reading Is Sophs' Specialty, According to Results of Tests

Great things should be forthcoming—academically—from the Sophomore Class. Since ability to succeed in school is based largely on proficiency in reading, the Sophomore Class is beginning its high school career with an excellent chance for success.

According to reading tests administered just before coming to Blair, the sophomores are reading far above the national level.

Score High on Tests

Last May every ninth grade student in Montgomery County was given the Gates Reading Survey, a test which measures the basic skills such as comprehension and vocabulary.

When the test results were determined, those students who ranked in the bottom 25 percentile were re-tested. The median of this group, it was discovered, was reading at or slightly above grade level in the various reading skills.

Helps Teacher

Mr. Charles Proctor, Blair's general supervisor, noted that one of the purposes of the tests is to provide each teacher with a list of meaningful and helpful scores. "This knowledge of how well students read," said Mr. Proctor, "helps the teacher formulate a better teaching program by providing specific information as to the reading level of his students."

Besides these diagnostic tests, the county has launched other programs geared to improve reading on all levels. A teachers' workshop held in the summer, for instance, is set up "to help teachers develop the knowledge and skills for improvement of any student's basic reading ability," noted Mr. Proctor.

Blair's faculty recently voted to recommend that a special remedial reading teacher be hired next year for students with reading problems.

As to the new interest in speed-reading, Mr. Proctor feels that it is of little aid in all the various types of reading required in high school and college by the average student. "Speed reading is most useful," he said, "for rapidly scanning work, rather than for careful, determined analysis."

5 Move Ahead In Scholarship

Five students have made the first round in the judging for the National Honor Society Scholarship.

They are: Jeff Burt, Robert Fleisher, Stephanie Sweda, Mike Teitelbaum, and Barry Walker.

Candidates were chosen on the basis of their PSAT scores.

CD Booklet Is a 'Must'

By Ben Stein

The new Civil Defense booklet, recently released to the public, may be the most important work of literature since World War II. For in its 46 pages, this booklet gives a concise, complete description of how to save lives in the event of a nuclear attack. The booklet cuts through the intellectuals' sob's about the "utter destruction of humanity" to reveal the truth: Atomic attacks would leave the United States devastated and decimated. But millions would survive, and if Americans follow the advice of the office of Civil Defense, millions more will live.

Strangely enough, critics of the Civil Defense pamphlet have sprung up like the grass all over the United States. Such an eminent newspaper as the Washington Post made the fantastic criticism that the booklet "lacked literary merit!" Alan Newman, the former mathematician wrote a jeremiad about it.

It is shocking indeed that Americans would sneer at a booklet the avowed purpose of which is to save lives. The criticism of the booklet is not that it contains faulty information about what to do in the event of attack. It is not that readers are told to stockpile the wrong provisions. It is not that directions for fallout shelters are misleading. It is not that millions merely die because of it. It is because it lacks literary merit! What neurotic thinking in the cold war.

The question of why so much criticism has arisen involves a complex answer. Probably it has something to do with the frustration engendered by years of living under a nuclear Damocles' sword. Some people have heard so much exaggerated propaganda about the "primitive" world which would exist after the bomb has fallen that they would rather die than live in such a world. Some argue that building shelters would be preparation for war and hence a provocation to the Soviets. Needless to say, such considerations do not deter the Soviets from fomenting their crises or building their missiles or testing their bombs.

In conclusion, the Office of Civil Defense has done a masterful job and deserves commendation for its booklet. To use a publisher's cliché, it is "must" reading for every American.

Mr. Gattng Didn't Twist at Peppermint Lounge

"Out of curiosity" Mr. Charles Gattng dropped in at the famed Peppermint Lounge on New Year's Eve. Mr. Gattng teaches public speaking at Blair.

The Lounge is a small night club with a peppermint-striped awning between New York Sixth Avenue and Broadway. Some say the twist craze originated there.

Four Musicians

The four musicians who comprise the band were dressed in red and white striped shirts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gattng, with another couple, waited in line outside for about 40 minutes. Inside the tariff was almost prohibitive and included a \$3 per person cover charge.

"The Lounge consists of a small L-shaped corner, mostly taken up by tables. There is a railing around the tiny dance area," Mr. Gattng continued. "About seven or eight couples can squeeze on the dance floor at one time."

His first impression of the twist was that it is ugly, but he was soon moved by the music and the mood. Everything was "fast and exciting."

He noticed that there are many different kinds of twists, and at different rates of speed. "In some,

the beat was too fast for the human ear to follow," he recalled.

Does a Samba

At one point, he recalls that a man of about 40 jumped up on the rail surrounding the dance area and started twisting.

Mr. Gattng did get the urge to twist, but "was too embarrassed to do it, since I had never tried it before."

"Once during the evening I recognized something that sounded like a samba, but still a twist. I mistook my courage and did the samba amid the twisters, but this song lasted only about two minutes," he laments.

A minimum age of 18 is enforced by state policemen who check credentials.

Mr. Gattng sums up his visit: "You laugh, have a good time, and never feel self-conscious there."

Twisted an Exhibition

Although he has been to the most famed house of the twist in the world, he doesn't dig the twist.

"In the Peppermint Lounge, the twist became acceptable, but now, in the cold world, I still think it is obnoxious. It is more of an exhibition than a dance," he

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NEW STUDY SAYS WE'RE SILLY, APATHETIC

Are Teens Members of 'Leisure Class'?

By Karen Margolis

"The Fun Worshipers," a caustic attack on that much-maligned creature called the teenager, was published in the December 11 issue of *Newweek*.

Teenagers "earn little income or prestige, but they are catered to, crooned to, criticized, and cajoled without letup. Their graceless bodies are not yet ripe, but their figures have become the cynosure of fashion," the article declared.

Superficial Outlook

It adds that teens "are more concerned with pimples than politics, virginity than divinity."

The *Newweek* article actually is a review of a recent study by Jessie Bernard, professor of sociology at Pennsylvania State University whose research findings on the American teen were published in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

She reports that "teenage culture is essentially the culture of a leisure class."

Affluent Society

American society, she points out, is "so affluent that it can afford a large population of unemployed consumers," meaning teens. The *Newweek* article points out that teen-agers spend more than 10 billion a year on such trivialities as cars (it apparently opposes teenage driving), deodorants (\$25 million worth), and records (\$75 million worth).

Professor Bernard neglects to charges.

He believes that "dancing should be relaxing, entertaining, and fun, but not strenuous."

He likes to waltz (especially to Strauss), samba, and rumba, for "these dances show style and grace." — By Karen Margolis



Mr. Cuzenman's mechanical drawing classes have a Snow Day in the form of a tin Indian bank. The boys contribute nickels and dimes to the idol whenever snow is predicted to encourage the weather. The money is eventually given to a needy family.

Blair was recently honored by a visit from Congressman "Mac" Mathias, from Maryland's 51st District. He spoke to American Civilization classes on congressional duties.

Allen Chauvenet, junior, recently tied for second place in the Maryland Junior Chess Championship held in Baltimore for chess enthusiasts under 20 years of age.

Of the five games he played, Allen lost only one—to the winner of the tournament.

Members of the Research and Development class apparently are planning to take top honors in the Science Fair again this year. Some of the projects they are working on include centrifuges, improving design in go-cart mufflers, and hereditary factors in mice.

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mention that many teens do hold some sort of job, as hundreds of Blairites can testify. She also overlooks the fact that, at present, over 6 per cent of America's labor force is unemployed.

6 Million Jobless

If all teen-agers held regular jobs, one wonders whether Mrs. Bernard would then condemn teenagers for the greedy way they push family men out of jobs.

Finally, she does not seem to realize the value of teen expenditures to the economy of the country.

Newweek is horrified that recalcitrant teenagers "reflect a gripping preoccupation with

SENIOR SPOT . . . BY JIM THOMPSON

Gretchen Plans Art For Quill; Walker Plans Assemblies

It may not seem that Gretchen Whitaker, Quill artist, and Barry Nixon Walker, Assembly Committee chairman, would have much in common. However, both have achieved enviable records at Blair both academically and in terms of service.

Gretchen, who has already been accepted at Sarah Lawrence, plans to become an artist. Dressed in a long blue sweater and sporting large gypsy earrings, the attractive senior announced that she was interested in such creative fields as art, literature, and dance.

Barry Has Legal Mind

In contrast, Barry's forte is current events, politics and history. He may go into the field of international law after college.

Barry, attired in a conservative ivy-league suit to match his college, he hopes), works during the school year, as does Gretchen. Barry owns and operates a string of Kleenex vending machines, "Gretch" works Saturdays at a Hilldale advertising firm.

Both are in the National Honor society.

Barry is a member of the Math

love." However, it is not logical that this, the most pleasant of all subjects, should also be the most popular?

In addition, the magazine admits that "the vast majority of teenagers are conservative and restrained in the area of premarital sex," so what harm is there in love songs?

More Space Required

Describing the points of view of this age group would have required a much lengthier article. Obviously *Newweek* just didn't have the space for such an article. Perhaps all those letters to the editor from irate teens will convince them they should show the other side of the coin.

BY JIM THOMPSON

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AIT STUDY—Gretchen Whitaker explains her study in clay of "Three Women," to Barry Walker.

Honor Society.

Quill and Scroll, Masque and Gavel, and the French Club are Gretchen's activities outside the basement art room where she spends most of her time.

Art Dept. Rates High

Both like Blair. Gretchen thinks the art department here is "the best of any high school."

Barry has "heeded up" the assembly program this year by adding special programs of high cultural and educational content.

LETTERS to EDITOR

Chips 'Censorship'

I would like to express my concern about the policies of Silver Chips. This newspaper maintains a reasonably high standard of journalism in its reporting of news, but appears to have adopted restrictive practices in its "Letters to the Editor."

In order to justify their existence, "Letters to the Editor" must have a well-defined purpose. I believe that it is reasonable to assume that the purpose is (1) to allow a student to publicly state his opinions on a matter of general student concern (2) to allow students with differing opinions to rebut.

Opposed to Controversy

Those who publish Silver Chips seem to disagree. By their actions, they have shown themselves to have a well-defined purpose. I believe that it is reasonable to assume that the purpose is (1) to allow a student to publicly state his opinions on a matter of general student concern (2) to allow students with differing opinions to rebut.

As an example, I cite the letter written to Silver Chips criticizing Mr. Cosmo Liberte for his "callous disregard" for human lives in his speech on Civil Defense. This letter was not printed in Chips.

Embarrass the Speaker

One must assume that it was not printed in Chips either because it was controversial, or because it might embarrass the speaker. In either case, the latter point, let me say that any speaker expressing controversial views

must expect disagreement and must also expect those who disagree to publicly state their opinions.

The Chips staff must understand that "Letters to the Editor" is not an editorial and does not reflect on either the staff or the school. It is simply a sounding board for the opinions of individual students.

Basis for Rejection

Only letters which should be barred from publication are those which are clearly obscene, obnoxious or poorly written. Any other basis for the rejection of a letter constitutes censorship of the worst kind — censorship of ideas.

Mike Teitelbaum, 12-19

(Editor's Note: All newspapers reserve the right to select those letters which they choose to run and to condense them. Silver Chips received the letter about Mr. Liberte after its deadline. It was thus impossible to print.)

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Tomorrow's Orchestras Face Stringed Instrument Shortage

Blair's orchestra started 11 years ago with only two strings and has since grown to its present size of 22 violins, two basses, and two cellos.

At a recent orchestra assembly, Mr. Ernest Koch, director, expressed concern that despite this rise in the number of string players at Blair, there is a dwindling number of people taking up stringed instruments as a career.

Today's colleges are recruiting musicians just as they do athletes. Because of the dwindling number of professional strings,

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PRIVATE vs. PUBLIC SCHOOLS Woodward Prep Takes On Chips Staff in Great Debate

Five members of the Chips staff recently visited Woodward Prep, a private boys' school, to defend the editorial, "Public vs. Private Schools," that appeared in the first issue of Chips.

In the editorial, Ben Stein, co-editor-in-chief, stated, in essence, that public schools are better than private ones because they afford better preparation for life in a democracy.

Woodward's Bob Lawler challenged Blair, in an answering editorial, to defend this statement.

Upon arrival at the downtown school, Chips staffers Sara Barber, Becky Cooper, Jim Hall, Ben Stein, and Allen Snyder, were introduced to the Student Council officers, and to the editor of the school paper, The Triangle.

Representatives from the Evening Star's Teen section also were on hand to record the great encounter.

During a tour of the school, the group discussed the many differences between the two schools. The main point of disagreement between Blair's Ben and Woodward's Bob was the composition of the student body.

Ben charged that private schools

choose their students not only by academic ability but by social status. Thus private school students usually represent only the highest social and economic levels. Conversely, a public school accepts anyone and students are consequently able to become familiar with the thinking of all types of people.

Bob disagreed: "Our student body is drawn from many places on the social, economic, and intellectual yardstick. Boys from very rich families are actually in the minority." Woodward's enrollment is 300 ranging from third through twelfth grade.

While visiting the classrooms the Blairites met Woodward's chemistry teacher, Dr. Peter Valer, a well-known chemist in the fields of narcotics and alcohol. In past days he was so helpful to the U. S. Government that he was shot at seven times by Al Capone's men.

The Blairites wound up their tour in the YMCA automat (Woodward is located in and run by the YMCA), where the boys often smoke.

Woodward students will make a return visit to Blair sometime in the future.

TV Bowling Show Enhanced By Photogenic Blair Senior

Senior Guy Pathlen has been named "Miss Bowling Teen" and is now score-keeper on the new duckpin bowling show "Bowling Teens."

Guy, who receives \$15 weekly for her weekly hour putting scores on a large board, described how she became "Miss Bowling Teen." "One day my good friend, Debbie Davis, called me and told me that there was a contest that I might be interested in. A few days later I went to the Silver Spring Bowling Alley with two other girls from Blair, Bob Peters and Linda Collier (both seniors) and we entered ourselves in the contest. The only requirements were they said that you had to be photogenic and know how to keep score. You didn't have to be a champion bowler."



GUY PATHLEN

Guy, 17, whom Chips readers will remember as the only girl who could do the "U. T.," is co-chairman of Powder Puffs.

— By Ben Stein

INQUIRING REPORTER

Opinions Vary on Anti-Bias Action

The Inquiring Reporter asked six students:

Do you think Student Council had the right to take a stand on the anti-discrimination ordinance?

Rick Villastrigo, 12-20—"I am strongly in favor of the proposed ordinance now being considered by the county. Such an ordinance is needed as long as there are establishments of public accommodation which commit the gross injustice of refusing service to a person because of his race. Our Student Council should be commended on the position it took in passing the resolution."

Margaret Hall, 12-8—"If the resolution was to fulfill its purpose, it was necessary for the Student Council to send it to the County Council without the consent of the Representatives As-

sembly. But in the future, any resolution concerning the entire student body should be taken to the homerooms and voted on by the students."

Dick May, 11-15—"I think the Representatives Assembly was mistaken in protesting the resolution. Time was an important factor and it was for this reason that the resolution was rushed. I believe that the Student Council's action in representing the school in the community was most commendable."

Holly Than, 11-22—"The Student Council is chosen by the entire school and its opinions are indicative of those held by a majority of Blair students whereas each member of the Representatives Assembly voices the opinion of only a small group. There-

Ricucci, Leibovici Make Kayak Journey in Icy Patuxent River

By Sara Barber

If Uncle Sam is looking for someone to serve on an icebreaker in the Arctic Ocean, Blair has two experienced seniors for the job.

Early one Saturday morning, as the mercury sank, Jerry Ricucci and Bill Leibovici braved the icy waters of the Patuxent River in a rubber kayak.

Icy Waters

When they reached the river, they found it ice-bound except for a strip along the shore.

As long as they had come that far, however, they decided they might as well go ahead and paddle down the river.

The kayak was inflated with a foot pump. It was decided that they would have to remain near shore if they expected to break through the ice.

Bill and Jerry started on their way very cautiously. Then they hit a strip that was clear of ice and paddled quickly along.

Hit Ice Floe

All of a sudden a piece of ice loomed in their path and they collided with it. Jerry felt water rushing in.

The two had made the trip for adventure, but this was just a bit too much. If they fell in the freezing water they'd be "goners" in a matter of minutes.

Jerry yelled to Bill and they both frantically began paddling towards shore. Meanwhile their vigorous motions were bringing a downpour of ice-cold water on one another's heads.

Then Jerry's glasses began fogging up and he didn't even see the shore until they had hit

it and bounced back into the river. Finally, after quite a struggle, the boys made it to shore, wet but full of spirit.



KAYAK KIDS—Bill Leibovici and Jerry Ricucci prepare to launch their rubber kayak.

Alumni in Ivy League Schools Have Fun -- Achieve Top Grades

by Karen Margolis

Blair alumni Steve Jordan and Tim Zwierling are maintaining outstanding grades at Princeton and Harvard, respectively.

Although Steve finds Russian difficult, he has time to participate in the band, orchestra, and glee club.

Tim reports that "everyone twists at Harvard."

Vivian Ling is a physics major at Swarthmore, where, she says, professors take a personal interest in each student. "They invite us to their homes for dinner every week," she said.

"You become interested in so many new subjects, you get confused about what to major in," Vivian declared. She claims that Blair prepares students so well that no one is really having trouble.

"Don't step off the curb," warns Allan Goldberg about GW. He is having no problems at the school, except with traffic. He has a full-tuition scholarship there and is earning excellent grades.

Susan Liebersohn is enthusiastic about the radical course of study at St. John's College in Annapolis. She finds that there is less "busy work" to do in college, and that most homework is really worthwhile.

Joanne Milani is enjoying herself at Vassar. Although "the campus is crawling with boys from Yale, Harvard, and Princeton," she finds some time for study.

Henry Hsiao, presently holding a scholarship at MIT, laments the facts that the work is rough and there are only 66 co-eds on campus.

Arlene Rosenberg is "having a ball" at Maryland U. where she is majoring in textile research.

Charlie Gross, who holds an honorary scholarship at Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio; Arlene also holds the "exalted position" of assistant manager of the varsity basketball team there.

"Yale is a really stimulating institution," declares Peter Lynn, "and a heck of a lot of fun." He plans to major in "English, history, or political science."

Dorita Sewell, Merit Scholarship winner, is also doing exceptionally well at Swarthmore. On a recent exam taken by all freshmen chemistry students, she received the highest grade.

CD Club Sets Program; Notchand Offered

Future topics for the Civil Defense Club include: first aid movies, a speaker on radiation, and instruction in home nursing. The club also is considering a showcase display of a miniature fallout shelter.

Another opportunity to learn notehand is offered Blair students starting with the second semester. Notehand is a skill particularly useful to college-bound students who find it increases their efficiency in taking notes on lectures and in extracting important points from reading.

Mrs. Katherine Gaasterland teaches the one-semester course.

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merchant to sell to anyone was a violation of the merchant's rights. To whom he sells was the merchant's concern, it was felt.

Long Likes Bill

Student Council President Bob Long had this to say on the subject: "The resolution endorsing the proposed ordinance was somewhat clumsily worded, but it had a fine spirit. Passing such a resolution is wholly within the province of student government."

"Incidentally," Bob continued, "any opportunity to get people thinking on public issues should be welcomed."

New Amendment Proposed

Those members of the Rep. Assembly who opposed such resolutions on jurisdictional grounds tried a new gambit to prevent similar proposals from being adopted at a meeting January 8. Tom Pulaski and Glen Morris offered a constitutional amendment the gist of which was the following:

No resolution not directly pertaining to Montgomery Blair High School may be passed by the Student, or political science."

Because the proposed amendment was not satisfactorily worded, it was referred to a committee of the bill's sponsors, Mike Tittlebaum, and Paul Saperstein, and was tabled.

President Long declared at a joint meeting of the S. C. and Rep. Assembly on January 15, that the proposal, while arising from "poor motives," had a good idea in it.

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Mat Triumph Against Laurel Raises Record

Blair's wrestling team meets South Hagerstown tomorrow in one of only two home matches of the year.

Blair will enter the match boasting a 3-2 record after a win over Laurel, 38-14. The team started the season with a loss to Wheaton, 22-19. Later wins over High Point, 28-18 and B-C-C, 27-16, gave Blair's squad a winning record.

Favorable Record

These victories followed by a loss to Northwood and the win over Laurel brought the record to its present 3-2 status.

Outstanding for Blair so far this season have been Dale Collis, who has five victories in as many matches, and Tom Axley with three victories and one tie in his four appearances.

Bethesda Loses; Streak Hits 30

Blair, with victories over Kenwood, the Alumni, Gaithersburg, Catonsville and B-C-C, pushed its win streak to 30 games and, at this writing, led the Montgomery County Class AA League with a 3-0 record.

In both the Catonsville and Bethesda games, the Blazers had their troubles but managed to win and showed why they are odds-on favorites in both the county and the state.

Costly Collision

During the warm-ups before the Catonsville contest Jack Townsend, after taking a lay-up, turned around and collided with Brian Tierney, who was coming up fast for the rebound.

Despite the loss of these two, however, the Blazers prevailed, 61-42, led by Jackson with 19 points and Wendt with 16.

BCC Victory Tough

Blair had an off night against B-C-C, but the Blazers defense and foul shooting was the difference as they prevailed, 47-30. Of Blair's eight victories so far this season, three have come in league play, which puts it on top. Tied for second with 2-1 records are Northwood, Wheaton and W.J. The Blazers played Northwood last Friday night and will play Walter Johnson tonight. Richard Montgomery and B-C-C are last with 0-3 records.

RICUCCI AND YEZER AMONG RECRUITS

Colleges Seek Football Talent at Blair

Several prominent Blair football players are being avidly courted—but not by co-eds.

Jerry Ricucci and George Washington University seem to be seeking out each other. It's the most likely match of the year.

Gettysburg and Delaware colleges are aiming their offers toward presently undecided Brian Tierney.

Tony Yezer, the scholarly fellow who as Coach Good says, "can take his pick of universities," seems to have chosen Dartmouth because of its fine chemical engineering program.

Sunny Jackson, highly qualified for college football, has decided his future lies in professional baseball or college basketball.

Julian Rainwater is another

Blair Faces Red-Hot Spartans Tonight In Montgomery County League Contest



HIGH JUMP—Jack Townsend reaches high for the jump ball to start the B-C-C game. Other Blazers, Sonny Jackson (21), Walter Robertson (25), and Jim Wendt (right), stand ready to take the ball. Blair went on to win, 47-30.

(Photo by Hall)



Blazer Trails

By Marvin Goldberg

According to Brian Tierney, Jack Townsend came out "best" in their collision before the Catonsville game. Tierney clipped his two front teeth and severely cut his lip while Townsend received a gash on the forehead which required five stitches to close, so decide for yourself who got a "better deal."

Adding to their woes, Townsend had part of one of Tierney's teeth imbedded in his forehead, while Tierney had to "eat it" through a straw for a while.

Townsend returned to action against B-C-C, wearing a soft-ball catcher's mask adapted for him by manager Milton Henry. The mask was a nuisance, however, and Jack was below his season's averages of 12.5 points and 13 rebounds with seven points and eight rebounds.

Speaking of averages, Wendt leads in scoring with 108 points in eight games for a 13.5 average followed by Jackson with a 12.5 average, Townsend with 10.5

and Mason with 7.5.

These averages may not be as high as some other area players, but it must be noted that Coach Moffatt, in giving some of his other boys needed experience, has played the first string just a little more than half of most of the games.

In rebounds Townsend leads with a 12.5 average followed by Wendt with eleven and Mason with 8.5. Wendt has the one-game high scoring so far with 22 points in the first Kenwood game and Mason has the high one-game rebounds with 23 against Catonsville.

In team statistics Blair has averaged 61 points a game while holding the opposition to about 36.5 points a game.

The team highs were the 69's against Kenwood and Richard Montgomery and the low was the 47 against Bethesda. The opposition's high was 46 by Wheaton and the low was 25 by Gaithersburg.

college-bound juniors: Richard Brown, Walter Robertson, Ned Blackwell and Cliff Arnebeck.

Blairites Prominent

"If we judge the future of these boys by looking at the performance of past Blairites, we can expect to be mighty proud," says Coach Good.

As an example he gave Tommy Brown, football star at Maryland University, who the coach predicts will be an All-American candidate this year.

Other successful Blair alumni include Fred Shirley of Virginia Military Institute and Don Jensen of V.P.I.

Future Stars

Looking way into the future, Mr. Good expects outstanding football performances from these



TOMMY BROWN

Blair's unbeaten basketball five meets Walter Johnson tonight in a crucial Montgomery County League contest.

The Spartans, who will be playing on their home court, had a 6-1 record at prestime as compared to Blair's 7-0 mark.

Walter Johnson's lone loss came at the hands of Wheaton, while they have beaten Wilson, High Point, Richard Montgomery, B-C-C, Northwood, and Gaithersburg.

Blair can expect to see a lot of scoring from Dave Yates, captain of the Spartans, Dean Kilpatrick and Buddy Borrer. John Lukens, Clint Newby, and Steve Nelson also have been scoring heavily and will see much action tonight. They found out the Spartans' starting five.

Tall Rebound Man

Pulling down most of the rebounds this year has been Borrer, who stands 6' 4".

At prestime Blair and W.J. had met three common opponents: Wheaton, Richard Montgomery,

Girls'

Sports

News

A number of Blair girls have been earnestly practicing games meant for six-year-olds! Where? In a recreational leadership course offered to all junior girls enrolled in physical education.

The main purpose of this useful unit is to help each student to perform as a leader. Since the girls are required to assemble a card file of at least 100 games for various ages, the course provides them with materials for future reference.

Another purpose is to provide opportunities for the girls to assume full responsibility for class instruction. They do all of the teaching. They must be prepared at all times to take charge of the class and teach either an active or quiet (no moving around) game.

Gym teachers note that this unit always increases the students' poise and confidence. Leadership becomes easier and the students become more adept at teaching.

Rifle Team Set For Good Year

"Shooting takes plenty of practice and concentration," asserts rifle team captain Charley Johnston. And it would seem that Blair's sharpshooters are well-endowed with both, judging by their record.

Every year Blair has one of the top teams in the Maryland area. In fact, last year the team won the U. S. sectional tournament for the Washington, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware area.

At this writing the squad has had matches only with Bladensburg and Wilson, but won both handsily by scores of 1818 to 1790 and 1303 to 1263.

How Scoring Works

Scoring is based on a total possible score of 300 for each man. In a match in which 10 men shoot for each team, the top five are usually counted and in a five-man match the top four are.

The next matches are against Mackin on January 31 and Washington-Lee on February 1. Both are at home and spectators are invited.

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Both Beat B.C.C.

W.J. did not fare so well, and they lost to the Knights.

Against the Rockets, Blair rallied to a 69-38 victory. The Spartans beat Montgomery by only four points, 75-71. Against B-C-C, Blair tallied a 47-30 margin while W.J. won, 60-58.

Although Blair will have a clear height advantage, the Spartans, who have scored as many as 80 points in a game this year, hope to give the defending Maryland Class AA champions a real battle tonight.

JV Shows 4-2 Log Despite 39-38 Loss

Blair's junior varsity, although almost non-existent because of the lack of a couple four days before their first game, has compiled a fairly good record so far this season.

In their first six games, the Jayvees have amassed a 4-2 record losing only to Wheaton and B-C-C.

The B-C-C contest was a combination of thrills and heartbreaks. Down by 11 points at the end of the third quarter, the Jayvees stormed back to come within one point of the Bears.

That was as close as they came, however, as a foul shot in the final seconds that would have thrown the game into overtime was missed, and the final score stood at 39-38.

Outstanding players so far this year have been sophomores Ray Ruhling, and excellent ball handler, Johnny Roth (John, a sophomore, played in the first few games and was moved up to the varsity), and Ricky Steckler, sharpshooter. Don Olson has also looked good.

The J.V. coach is Mr. Robert Schwartzburg, who volunteered his services when other coaching prospects failed to materialize. Coach Schwartzburg is mapping in Physical Education at Maryland U., where he is an All-American at lacrosse.

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Bob Long Plans S.C. Firsts- 28 Foreign Visitors Tour Blair; Budget and Code of Laws Admire Independent Research

For the first time in its history, Student Council will use formal budget-planning procedures to allocate funds.

Also planned is a codification of all existing legislation.

The budget idea came to Bob Long, president of Student Council, when he noticed that too little over-all planning went into the Council's deliberations on finances.

Planning Group Set Up
By Bob's plan, all Student Council members in a position to require money during the semester would file requests for this money at the beginning of the semester.

The new "Planning Committee" co-chaired "Brain Trust"—would then consider the requests and plan a budget which would then be approved by the entire Council.

The "Brain Trust" meets once a week.

Code of Laws
Bob also plans to compile all

USIA Expert To Speak Here

Charles T. Vetter, Jr., an expert in international affairs, will speak on communism at the annual Key Club assembly at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Mr. Vetter is training officer at the U.S. Information Agency. He obtained his A.B. at Hamilton College and subsequently attended the School of Advanced International Studies, Academy of International Law, at the Hague, and Georgetown Law School.

He received law degrees from National University Law School and George Washington University.

He has served as an information advisor to Pakistan.

Since 1956 Mr. Vetter has been responsible for training men at the U.S.I.A. in international communications and communism.

In 1959 he traveled in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Russia.

Outstanding Seniors Receive Monograms Under New System

The first monograms to be awarded since the new point system went into effect were presented at the awards assembly yesterday.

The 13 seniors who received their big red "B's" included: Andy Akeley, Sara Barber, Donna Beach, Carla Beck, Dana Beers, Jeff Burt, Pat Edwards, Cathy Fendren, Patti Magidson, Amy Maller, Karen Margolis, Cindy Spindel, and Ben Stein.

Points for the monogram are based on fewer activities this year. No points are given for

Take Science Honors

Blair seniors, Carl Barnhart and Jeff Ackerson were among 356 high school students in the nation chosen for the Honors Group in the Annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

"AMO-1618-A Plant Growth-Inhibiting Chemical" was the title of Jeff's project, while Carl's project was entitled "An Idea for a New Composite Transistor."

semester A's or dramatics, and a person can only receive points for one Student Council committee.

existing legislation into one directory of the laws. This, Bob admits, will mean a great deal of work. But "it's got to be done," he sighed.



"NAMELY YOU" sings Carol Curran as Daisy Mae to Frank Cummings who has the title role in Blair's "Li'l Abner." (Photo by Hall)

400 Pupils Write, Paint, Sew As Annual Show Wheels Turn

With just four short weeks before show time, the cast and crew of "Li'l Abner" are building up speed to meet the deadline.

The cast of Blair's Annual Show, directed by Mr. Richard T. Pioli, consists of approximately 100 Blairites, but this is just a fraction of the number of students that put all their efforts toward producing the musical comedy.

Three major aspects of the show, not counting the cast, are the Props, Costumes and Publicity Committees.

Props are headed by Sue Hoffman and Iris Pison. Among their main quarries have been a pig, a mattress, and the usual assortment of Sears catalogs, baby carriages, guns and exploding "Kickapoo Joy Juice."

Neat Rags for Costumes

Costumes for "Li'l Abner" are rags, literally, but they are neat rags. Chairman Amy Schnapper and Co-chairman Kathy Francis asked all cast members to bring in old clothing and shoes "that they never hoped to see again."

Publicity for the show is head-

The ability of Blair students to pursue independent research and to carry on instruction even in the absence of the teacher great-

ly impressed foreign visitors here. Twenty-eight international guests recently toured Blair to learn about the typical American high school.

Sponsored by the Washington International Center, they represented countries in the Near, Middle, and Far East, as well as Argentina and Mexico.

An area of particular interest to several guests were the machine, print, and wood shops, furnished with up-to-date equipment.

In the Industrial Research and Development class, an Indian physicist chatted with boys concerning their projects.

Since Mrs. Mary Huntley was absent on the visitation day, students directed her choruses—with beautiful results.

See Lab Session

The guests had an opportunity to see Mrs. Lillian Abramson's chemistry classes in labs. A meteorologist from Pakistan declared that, at first, he had been disappointed with the apparent confusion of the lab sessions, but left the room praising the method highly.

In Pakistan, the teacher will do a demonstration and the class will follow step by step, he explained. At Blair, though, students have a better chance to learn by themselves and to repeat any steps they do not understand, he concluded.

One visitor showed a chemistry student a novel way to fold filter paper—accordion style.

Advanced physics and Math IV classes were also included in the tours.

To the guests, perhaps the most impressive part of the entire expedition was the mature way in which students carried on without constant teacher supervision. The independence and power of the Student Government was also a point of great interest.

Visitors had been warned of the usual stampede during class changes, but watched this mass operation with fascination. Some commented on how free and aloof students were; they said that movements of Americans in school and even on the streets were living examples of liberty in action.

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Jackets, Ties, and Candle-Lit Tables Mark Senior Luncheon Club Meeting



HOW FORMAL CAN YOU GET?—Members of the new Senior Luncheon Club, dressed in their best sports coats and ties, listen politely as guest speaker Neely Holmead outlines some problems affecting school cheering. School leaders are invited to address the Friday gathering in the cafeteria. The club has no officers and sprang up spontaneously. (Photo by Hall)

Senior "Luncheonism" was started a month ago by 40 boys who ate together the first semester and who decided to incorporate. They called it the SLC and drafted a constitution calling for absolute democracy in the club, no officers, and the improvement of eating conditions in the cafeteria.

Cheeleader Speaks
Neely Holmead spoke last week, continuing the editorial tradition established in the preceding two weeks by Ace Warren and Jack Townsend.

Roots of Club
The formal organization had its roots in the tables traditional massive retaliation policy. If somebody ate at another table care-

Time Contest Winners
Winners in the Time Magazine current events contest are: Don Greifman, first place; Allen Chauvenet, second; and James Thompson, third.

lessly heaved a lunch bag toward the senior table, that other hapless table would be blitzed by a shower of poison-tipped milk cartons, apple sauce, sour tangerines and the like.

With the introduction of new artillery from Hadley's Dairy, the table by January 3 had developed into the largest, strongest, most closely knit fighting unit in the cafeteria.

Sharply contrasted with the picture of a month ago, we see 40 gentlemen in Sunday finery take their appointed place at a covered candlelit table.

But by the time the toasting starts and a couple of speakers are hooted down, the cafeteria has once again been reassured that the Senior Luncheon Club still eats there.

Woodward Prep Sees Blair On Guided Tour

It has often been said that one never sees the sights of Washington until relations with him from out-of-state. The same might be true of life at Blair.

The recent visit from five boys of Woodward Prep proved almost as interesting to the three Blair guides—Sara Barber and Ben Stein, co-editors of Chips, and Rita Brickman, welcoming committee members as it did to the visitors.

Diversified Program
It was generally agreed that

Blair has quite a diversified program.

The Woodward Prep boys—Max Balotin, John Diehl, Bob Lawler, Lester Siedel, and Bill Speizman—were returning a visit Blair made to their school a few weeks ago. They challenged Ben's editorial PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE SCHOOLS printed in the first issue of Chips.

Senior Corner of the Library was the starting point of the tour. Some of the highlights of the day's activities included a

peek at the team-teaching class, American Civilization on a trip back to Ancient Rome with Miss Hazel Bratt's toga-clad Latin III class.

Our own Council President Bob Long, and Les Siedel, Woodward's president, compared the government structures in the two schools during the Student Council meeting sixth period.

And as if the day weren't interesting enough already, it began to snow about noon, just in time for Groundhog Day.

Freedom of Speech

Editor's Note—Sweepstakes winner in the Editorial Division of the Quill and Scroll and A.N.P.A. Writing Contest last year was Evan Hammond of Hale High School, Louisville, Ky. Hammond's prize-winning editorial is reprinted here.

Freedom of thought—to inquire and study and to express oneself freely—is the meaning behind the words of the First Amendment: freedom of speech, freedom of press, the right to assemble peacefully.

Our country is unique in that at every turn we govern ourselves by majority decision. How, then, can we make sound decisions if freedom of inquiry and expression are not available?

Without free expression, those in power wield their influence freely to suit their own whims and devices.

Without free expression, the majority loses its voice and also any constructive criticism that may arise from it; and the balance of government could fall heavily to one side or the other.

"They said it couldn't be done."

But through freedom of inquiry and expression we now have electric lights, rockets, wonder drugs, and a government based on the "consent of the governed."

And how does this apply to you, John Jones?

• You are free to study as you wish, not restricted to the wishes of your government.

• You may speak freely in opposition to, or in favor of, your government.

You are given the opportunity to air your views in discussion and in your student publication.

The best way to safeguard your freedoms is to use them.

RECRUITING TEAM AT BLAIR

Secretaries Play Vital Roles with Space Team

"Scientific agencies have been assigned top priority by President Kennedy, and they need adequate and capable staffs. The secretary is a vital part of any scientific team."

This statement was made by a spokesman of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in a recent speech to a group of senior girls in the Blair library.

Other speakers represented the National Security Agency and the Department of Agriculture.

They were here to recruit capable young secretaries.

N.A.S.A. works with programs to conquer outerpace. All workers are sworn to secrecy, "but top secret documents are seen only by a few special workers," reported Mr. Donald Smith.

"Secretarial jobs at N.A.S.A. start at Civil Service grades 3,

4, and 5. The highest secretarial grade is 12 and these secretaries are usually classified as special assistants. N.A.S.A. offers the best secretarial opportunities in the Washington area," Mr. Smith concluded.

AND HOW ARE YOUR BUS MANNERS?

Drivers Differ on Student Behavior

"Blairites as a whole are not as friendly as students from other schools," declared a new school bus driver at Blair.

"Many of the rude, uncooperative boys on my bus resent me and go out of their way to find fault with me," agreed another driver.

Too Noisy

"Blairites," a third driver



BOB FAUVER AND SUE PEPPER check on the day's totals at the school bank. (Photo by Hall)

SENIOR SPOT By SARA BARBER

Work in Bank Helps Future, Shapes Values, Say Cashiers

"Working in Blair's bank has given me a large sense of responsibility," declared Sue Peper, assistant head cashier.

"The job has also given me more of an idea of the value of money," she added.

As for Bob Fauver, head cashier, work in the school bank has helped prepare him for his future career. He plans to major in economics at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Bob explained that the students couldn't carry on the operation of one of the largest high school banks in the nation without the help of Mr. Walker Keilber.

"Mr. Keilber has been an immense help to all of us at Blair through his faithful support of the banking program. He's helped me out with many problems."

Attend Same Church

Sue and Bob seem to have a lot in common. Both attend the same church where they are active in

the youth group. It was at the church activity that they met, and apparently they, too, thought they had a lot in common because they were going steady for a time in tenth grade.

Bob ushers at church every Sunday, and Sue teaches a first grade Sunday School class.

Banking Career

Sue, like Bob, plans to do something in the banking field. She hopes to take secretarial and accounting courses at Virginia Intermont College on the Virginia-Tennessee border.

Both Bob and Sue will work in Silver Spring banks this summer. Last summer Bob was proof-machine operator at Suburban Trust Company. In his spare time, he taught himself bookkeeping.

The summer before that, he taught water-skiing on Lake Erie in Ohio for \$5 an hour. He had his own 14-foot outboard with 45-power Mercury engine.

Having been a police officer for 23 years and a motorist for 35 years, Mr. Davis boasts over a million accident-free miles.

Each of the drivers is carefully tested and trained. The minimum age limit is 23.

Safety meetings are held quarterly for small groups of drivers from a particular area. Here they discuss and attempt to solve any problems pertaining to their routes.

In Montgomery County alone, there are 253 bus routes, and 270 buses in the fleet.

21st Century Luncheonrats Suppress Movement's Origin

By J. Thomas Sin, Duke of Earl
(Reprinted from the January 25, 1962, *Manchester Guardian*)

The Luncheonratic Party of England has gone to considerable trouble to trace the origins of the Luncheonistic movement. It has been forced to suppress its findings.

It seems that Luncheonism began as a militant group of secondary school students in 20th century America who banded together for protection (presumably from other students or the food).

Documents Discovered

Excavations at the site of Montgomery Blair H.S., near the capitol city of Washington once stood, have turned up luncheonistic documents dated 1962, ten years before the movement spread to this country.

A printed sign—"Senior Lun-

cheon Club meets Here"—and a primitive constitution have convinced reluctant Luncheonists that they owe their name and philosophy to this 20th century gang of juvenile delinquents.

Strange Constitution

Its constitution, granting membership regardless of "race, religion, social disease, state of sobriety, or sterility," embraces the basic luncheonistic doctrine of today, the last category having taken on increased importance since World War II.

Hugh Latestill, Luncheonratic M.P., denies any connection with the early Senior Luncheon Club of Montgomery Blair. He is secretly afraid that the revelation of rowdy origins will hurt the party in the upcoming elections, to the benefit of the Breakfast and Dinnerate Parties.



● The Inter-school Relations Committee has been corresponding with Wellesley High School in Massachusetts, inviting it to be Blair's partner in the spring exchange.

This was the school which refused to send a contestant to a D.A.R.-sponsored contest because it disapproved of the racial policies of the D.A.R.

● Aboy, seniors. Your prom is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, at the Shoreham Hotel.

● Many teachers have been known to complain about the inadequacy of this and that textbook, but Mr. David L. Bridges, history teacher at Blair, has started doing something about it.

For two years he has been collecting pictures, graphs, and charts to illustrate the history manuscript he is now working on. He hopes to find a collaborator for the geography chapters of the text.

● Blair sophomore, Vicky Vernon, has left Blair to move with her family to Paraguay. Vicky plans to return after her high school graduation and attend the University of Maryland.

Blair Custodian W. Moore Retires

Mr. William Moore, who has been a custodian here for the past 13 years, has recently retired.

Student Council presented him with a plaque in remembrance of the service has given to Blair.

Mr. Moore was in charge of maintaining the Boys' Gym. He helped get the gym ready for dances, games, and plays.

"Blair students have lots of talent," remarked Mr. Moore. He says he really enjoyed all the plays.

Before coming to Blair Mr. Moore worked at Blair's rival school, B.C.C., for four years.

"I liked Blair much better," he declared. "The students and I seemed to get along pretty well." He was especially interested in the basketball team and still closely watches the progress of "Mr. Moffat's boys."

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LETTERS to EDITOR

Civil Defense Pamphlet

We strongly disagree with the position expressed in the Chips editorial of January 25 entitled "CD Booklet is a 'Must'".

Criticism of the booklet is not limited to the belief that it "lacks literary merit," as the author of the editorial would have us believe. Rather, we feel that "critics have sprung up like the grass all over the United States" because people are realizing that a national preoccupation with bomb shelters tends to make one think that "peaceful means of ending world tensions are futile because a nuclear attack is inevitable.

The CD booklet even goes so far as to say that "if effective precautions have been taken in advance," the post-attack period "need not be a time of despair." No matter what individuals, communities, states, or indeed the nation may do, it surely will be a time of despair for the survivors.

The devastation after a nuclear

war would be so great that even if anyone survived, it would be virtually impossible for the stunned and radiation-damaged survivors to re-establish a democratic society or a great, productive economy. The rights and freedoms we are pledged to defend would be non-existent.

Young people like us want to have a chance to grow up and make our contribution to society, not bury ourselves in mass tombs because of some mistaken hope that shelters will solve man's problems. Rather than accept a fallout shelter program and thus the belief that nuclear war is inevitable, we wish to put our time and effort into initiatives for peace.

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Chorus Offers Wide Range of Activities

American National Bank, W.M.A.L. Radio, Silver Spring Board of Trade, National Association of Secondary-School Principals, Kiwanis Club, and Walter Reed—what Blair group could possibly have any connection with these and many other organizations? Of course, it's the Advanced Chorus.

Six Programs
Eight highly efficient choir of 86 juniors and seniors, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Cross Huntley, has entertained widely in the community as well as in the school for many years.

Each of these highly polished programs is the result of concentrated classwork, plus extra rehearsals, morning and evening.

The Chorus of 1961-62 has given six programs thus far. Among the coming programs it expects than an exchange program with the junior highs that feed into Blair will be held at Blair. The various groups will sing for each other and possibly do a combined number with about 400 voices.

Also on the agenda are several possible programs, plus a spring concert, a record, and the traditional graduation exercises.

Rich Curriculum

"Aside from the satisfaction we get from good performances, we want to give people in the community an idea of the music curriculum the schools offer," explained Hal Reuben, a senior ten-

Dabblers Den Has One-Man Art Show

A one-man art show, the first in Blair's history, is now on display in the Art Gallery in C-Building.

Sponsored by Dabblers Den, it features the works of Bob Tie-mann, a Chips page editor.

Bob has on display 32 paintings in water colors, charcoals, and pastels.

Marvin Liberman, Dabblers' president, hopes this is only the first of many one-man shows. It will run for two and a half weeks. Bob was chosen for his great talent, says Marv, and his productivity. Since September he has created over 60 paintings.

FACULTY FACTS . . . By PHYLLIS MUDRICK

Miss Cotten Perfected Accent By Living With French Family

Miss Rebecca Cotten's love of French travel, and adventure have led her to France and a European tour, a seven-weeks period of speaking only French, and courses in painting, ice skating, and soon to come—skiing.

Miss Cotten, faculty sponsor of the Keyettes and teacher of French at Blair for four years, has let her interests take her to varied corners of the world and fascinating learning experiences.

After obtaining her BA at Washington University, Miss Cotten earned her master's degree at the Middlebury College Graduate Language School.

Middlebury has one of the outstanding programs in the country for increasing one's speaking facility in French, Spanish, German, Italian or Russian.

At Middlebury students sign an oath to speak only the language they sign up for at all times. This means no English newspapers, no radio, speaking no English in town or to guests, unless the student has special permission.

Probably the outstanding recognition for the chorus came in 1958 when it received a standing invitation to tour Europe as a group representative of American youth.

Busy Committees

All Advanced Chorus members are encouraged to belong to at least one of the ten committees that make possible the efficiency and organization of the group.

A branch of the Library Club, the librarians' committee, has about 25 members, plus Jackie Pearson, chairman.

They are responsible for counting, stamping, filing, mending and issuing 16,241 pieces of octavo music per year. It also serves as a large collection of records, mostly old 78's.

The robe committee, guided by co-chairmen, Helen Coale and Betty Whalen, puts in more man-hours than any other committee. It is responsible for the fitting, pressing, and repairing of all robes. Each fall, hundreds of outside hours are spent fitting and re-hemming robes for all the chorus.

Another committee vital to programs is the all-male Riser committee, under the leadership of Roger Pitt. It arranges for the transporting and setting up of the risers.

Smaller committees include: scrapbook, transportation, welfare, social, program, welcoming, and publicity.

In addition to the many opportunities to serve on committees, chorus members can gain experience as student teachers. Each

beginning chorus class has a teacher, a senior, who takes over when Mrs. Huntley is otherwise occupied.

Many former Blairites have majored in music and several are now teaching it in Montgomery County schools.

With such a range of activity, one might say, "How does a person join the chorus?" The requirements are few—have one year of beginning chorus, and be interested in singing.



CHORUS ROBES—Helen Coale fits Bob White's robe, while Jackie Pearson mends music.

SWISS FOOD PRESENTS PROBLEMS

Sharon Ellis Finds Touches of Home

American television programs, such as Perry Mason, with German dubbed in, and the "Swiss equivalent of the Silver Spring Hot Shoppe" bring a touch of home to Sharon Ellis, Blair's foreign exchange student in Switzerland.

Sharon, who has been carrying on a busy correspondence with friends at Blair, will return home this spring.

Wine at all occasions is the rule, Sharon learned, remarking, "My poor old stomach, just can't take it."

High Calorie Diet

Swiss chocolate and rich foods present a problem for calorie-conscious American girls. "It's impossible to lose," says Sharon, "because my Swiss family insists that I eat and can't understand that I worry about my weight."

The school year in Solothurn,

where Sharon and three other Americans attend, extends from April to April. School is in session six days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 11 noon on Thursday and Saturday.

Sharon, who had only brief tutoring in German before she left in August, finds she can "understand almost everything now."

She admits having difficulty speaking and writing, but adds,

Home Arts Pupils See New Fashions

"See yourself some clothes that make you look like a 'modern miss' and not a 'modern mess,'" began Miss Echo, Simplicity fashion moderator at a recent fashion show presented to all Home Arts students.

On the fashion scene this year are "buttons and bows," longer skirts, and a more relaxed look. Ruffles Fad

And something new will be the widespread use of ruffles, not only at the cuffs, but also at the waist.

The ease with which you can transform a simple, basic pattern to that "special outfit" was emphasized. The trick to this quick change is rick-rack, fake collars of braid, decorative buttons, and matching accessories quickly made out of left-over scraps of material.

It was pointed out that a new outfit could be made in one day without much trouble.

White for Luxury

White is supposed to give the feel of luxury, while black denotes a sophisticated person, pointed out Miss Echo.

The people who wear a lot of red are supposedly vivacious, full of energy, and always on the go. Blue, on the other hand, signifies an easy temperament, while the pastels and gold show an artistic nature.

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Help Blair Lift Sportsmanship, Asks Bill Miller

Trophies for good sportsmanship will be presented to two Montgomery County high schools this March—and this is one time when Blair fans hope history will not repeat itself.

Blair has received the lowest sportsmanship rating in the county both last year and the year before.

Individual Effort

"The only way for a school to improve its sportsmanship is for each student to try to improve himself," said senior Bill Miller. Bill is Blair's representative on the Sportsmanship Committee of the Montgomery County Association of Student Councils.

Members of this committee evaluate schools' sportsmanship at basketball games. Bill said the committee was created "to get students to have better behavior at games."

How Rated

School's sportsmanship is rated on the following points:

Behavior before and after the game, 15 points maximum; behavior of the team, 15 points; referees' opinion of the game, 15 points; throwing things in the stands, 15 points; noise during foul shots, 10 points; noising of referee or other team, 15 points; evaluators' opinion of general overall sportsmanship, 15 points. The total is 100 points.

Trophies Given

At the end of the basketball season each team's average rating is computed. A trophy goes to the team with the highest rating in upper Montgomery County and the team with the highest rating in lower Montgomery County.

Ex-Mousketeer Nancy Recalls Fun and Work at Disneyland

By Steve Perin

Remember the Mousketeers?

Sophomore Nancy Druckenbrod has good reason to recall the kiddie program. She performed in six of the shows.

Nancy, ten at the time, took first honors in the Washington Area Mickey Mouse Talent Round-Up Contest. Doing a modern jazz acrobatic dance, she won out of 335 contestants. Walt Disney personally picked her as one of four Washington winners from films of a local show.

Trip to Hollywood

The contest culminated eight years of previous dance training. During the free six-week trip to Hollywood with her parents, Nancy spent three hours a day rehearsing for the six shows. The remaining time was spent touring Disneyland and swimming.

"We rode all the rides free for



NANCY DRUCKENBROD

publicity," she recalls. "They drove us around Hollywood in a baby-blue Cadillac."

Modern jazz is still Nancy's specialty, with some tap dancing on the side. Within the past few years she has been in *Carousel*, *Annin Get Your Gun*, and *Showboat*, at the Carter Barron, and *Bad Angel*, and *My Heart's in the Highland* at the Arena Stage.

Join Easter Trip To New Orleans April 19 - 29

A ten-day Civil War Centennial Tour, including meals, motels (with swimming), transportation and insurance, for \$150. Limit—30 students, preferably seniors, but juniors will be accepted. Numerous battlefields as well as the Old French Quarter of New Orleans will be included. For information call Student Vacation Tours, Inc.

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or

See Mr. Jones in C 303



MISS REBBECA COTTEN

Four-way Tie In Sunday League

After five weeks of mostly basketball, Chuck Whitney's Purple Pumpkins look like the top team in the Montgomery County Department of Recreation Sunday League.

Mr. Brockdorff supervises the action, which began on January 7 and ends this Sunday. The winner will meet the faculty in the annual game which will be held sometime in March.

Besides the Purple Pumpkins, the Celtics, Sophomores and Red Devils have a 4-1 record, followed by the Toad Hoppers 2-3, the Trojans and Nothings 1-4 and the Bouncers 0-5.



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Blair Takes on Bethesda Barons Tonight

Blazer Trails

By Marvin Goldberg



Mr. Moffat is a firm believer that one of the keys to success in basketball is the physical shape of the team.

It's obvious that in a close game the first string may have to go the whole way—and, as a result, calisthenics play an important part in the team's conditioning.

Some coaches around the country recently have adopted some highly unusual training procedures which they claim bring quicker results. Butler Hennon, for instance, is the father of the "school of gimmick users." He is the principal and coach of Wampum High School in Pennsylvania.

Play In Galoshes

Wampum High, which has less than 100 boys, attributes its fantastic court success, which over one three-year span reached 113 wins against three losses, to Hennon and his gimmicks.

One of these is to have his boys run in galoshes during practice. Others include dribbling through chairs with blinders on, wearing vests with sand bags in them, tying weights onto the shoes, and playing with gloves on.

Moffat's Methods

Each of these is designed to condition the boy or improve some basic skill. Mr. Moffat admits he has employed some of these methods to improve skills—such as having the boys practice passes with first a bench ball, then a softball, then a golf ball—but he finds it tends to cause fooling around.

As for conditioning, though, Coach Moffat has always held to the more natural way of calisthenics and running. He feels that the gimmicks may make the boy play better, but could be detrimental in the long run.

Well, it would be pretty hard to find fault with Mr. Moffat's methods. After all, you can't knock success.

Spring Brings Big Challenge To Green Track, Golf Teams

by Mike Suser

It's nearing that time of year when an athlete's fancy turns to thoughts of—well—baseball, track, tennis and golf.

Coach Gerard Reynolds does not seem too optimistic about another state track championship, which Blair has captured for the last two years.

"We don't usually do it three years in a row," he said. "With a real good crop of sophomores coming up, this could be our rebuilding year."

Some of the sophomores he noted specifically as promising are Tommy Crum, 100-yard dash; Glenn Barber, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile; and Silas Craft, shotput and discus.

Bright spots in the junior-senior category are Bill Miles, the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile; Steve Padgett, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile; Julian Rainwater, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and polevault; Al Caron, high and low hurdles; and Albert Turner, high jump.

Mr. Stanley Kulakowski, whose last year's varsity baseball team won the Bi-County, says his brightest spot is the outfield.

Tennis Up-Coming

Tennis Coach Ed Moffat notes that the team has not fared so well in the winter tennis league, which plays on the Sligo Courts during the cold months to keep in shape.

This doesn't blacken the outlook for the future team performance, however. "If Ned Blackwell gets cut from baseball," asserts Mr. Moffat, "we'll have a real good team."

Golf Coach Ollie Brockdorff observes "We've never been this thin on talent—this is the first time so much material has been lost to graduation," he said.

Mr. Brockdorff added that any boys who play a decent game of golf should come out for the golf team.

Cheerleaders Applaud Spirit; Encourage Attendance

"School spirit is increasing with every game," Neely Holmead, cheerleading captain stated enthusiastically, adding with a smile, "We've been getting tremendous support at away games."

"We get much more support than other teams," agrees co-captain Cathy Fendren.

Large crowds and championship teams make the cheerleaders' work a gratifying experience for these ten girls.

During the school year the cheerleaders practice twice weekly. Summer also finds the hard at work, intent on learning new cheers to teach the student body in the fall.

The cheerleaders all agree that spirit is more feverish at football games than at basketball. This is due primarily to the presence of the band, they believe. "However," remarked Cathy,

"at those basketball games where the pep band plays, there is a definite improvement in the spirit of the crowd."

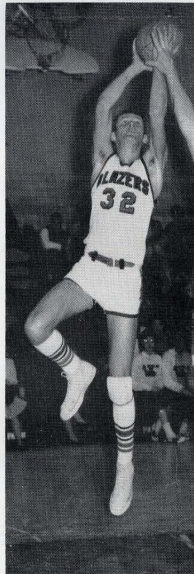
The cheerleaders have several requests to make to the students: Karen Thompson suggests that everybody try to sit together at away games so that the crowd can keep together more easily while cheering.

"Listen for the short cheers," requests Linda Golden, "and yell them while you're sitting down. This lets the players know you're really behind them."

The cheerleaders feel that there should be a stop to booing of referees and the like, pointing out that Blair usually rates first in sports, but always last in sportsmanship.

"Come to all pep rallies before school," reminds Neely. "And don't forget the J.V. games. They need your support too."

Mary Chechik asks the fans to "focus your attention on the game. When the crowd's right out front, the team's sure to win."



Jack Townsend shoots for two more Blair points (Photo by Hall)

Junior Varsity Raises Log to 8-3

Beating Sherwood and Richard Montgomery, Blair's Junior Varsity now sports an 8-3 record for the season.

Led by Ray Ruhling, a sophomore, Blair beat Sherwood, 42-22. The Blazers then added a 52-26 win over Richard Montgomery.

In the game against the Rockets, Blair jumped out to a large lead at the half. They added to their margin in the second half to easily down the Rockets.

Ruhling, known usually for his excellent ball-handling, has begun to score heavily in recent games, first giving Blair a lift. In the Northwood game, Blair held a lead late in the fourth quarter. However, Northwood rallied to tie the score, and they managed to win the game in overtime.

Games With W.J. And Indians Left

Blair travels to B.C.C. tonight to start its final three games—all league matches.

The Barons, who have only a 1-4 league record, will probably be playing without their top player, Ed McBulle.

B.C.C. has a short team. Frank Rothchild is their tallest man at 6'2". He also is their top rebounder. Other starters will probably be Brian Agnew, Charley Fox, Dave Wilson, and John Adams.

Following the B.C.C. game, Blair meets Northwood and Walter Johnson, two teams with good records.

Northwood will be led by their sensational scorer, Fred Hauff, and Mike Farmer, a good outside shooter.

Walter Johnson has been hot lately. One of their victories was a 74-72 decision over always-tough Wheaton.

Blair Displays 373 - 233 Log

In 28 years of Varsity basketball competition, Blair has sustained losing records only seven times. The worst record was compiled in the 1940-1941 season when the Blazers won only five games and lost 12. The total score record at press time is 373 wins, 233 losses, and one tie.

In this span, Blair has scored 23,245 points to her opponent's 20,147. Last year's team accumulated the most points in any one season with 1,574. This contrasts sharply with the 1935-1936 team which scored only 405 points.

Bob Windsor holds the record for the most points scored by a Blair in one game—38, achieved last year. The highest team effort was 85 points, racked up twice in defeating B.C.C. and Northwood. In 1943, however, Blair scored only four points in a game against Gonzaga.

Blair's best season in total games came in 1954-1955, when the team compiled a 22-0 record. That season was one of the four in which Blair won the state championship. The other years were 1951-1952, 1952-1953, and, of course, last season.



WHOOPIE! IT UP—School spirit is the full-time job of these young ladies.



LIGHTS GOING UP!—The months of preparation are coming to an end as "L'il Abner" will be presented in the Boys' Gym next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Shown at left are Amy Schnapper, Costume Chairman, Mrs. Richard T. Pioli, faculty costume advisor, and Mr. Pioli, director of the Annual Show. In the center are the Dogpatch dancers showing off their sparkling new (?) attire. At right are Don Rhodes and Dave McCurdy, Stage Crew Chairman, working on the sets. —Staff Photos by Hall

Silver Chips

'L'il Abner' to Open In Gym Thursday

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Officials of 12 Midwestern Colleges to Speak At Blair Thursday; Seek Students From East Coast

Blairites will be able to meet next week with high-level representatives of 12 different Midwestern colleges.

Six college presidents and six admissions directors will be here Thursday to explain the advantages of their schools.

A meeting has been set for 8 p.m. in the Girl's Gym for students from all area schools and their parents. Students interested in a particular college can later

talk with the official from that college to learn more details.

The presidents and admissions directors are representing the schools of the Midwestern College Council. They are visiting high schools in the East because they want more geographical diversification in their student bodies.

Entitled "New Horizons in College Selections," the meetings will explain the educational, cultural, and recreational opportu-

nities of their various schools.

Colleges to be represented are Heidelberg and Hiram of Ohio; Lake Forest, Monmouth, and Rockford of Illinois; Hanover of Indiana; Albion, Hope, and Kalamazoo of Michigan; and Beloit, and Ripon of Wisconsin; and Hamline of Minnesota.

"All have excellent academic standards," said Mrs. Priscilla Kline.

13 Blairites Named As Merit Finalists

Thirteen Blairites were recently named as finalists for the National Merit Scholarships.

They are: Carol A. Brimberg, Ann L. Cooley, Robert L. Fleisher, Marvin E. Goldberg, Sheldon J. Green.

Howard M. Levin, Kenneth G. Levin, Edwin T. Pulaski, Stephanie M. Sweda, Michael S. Teitelbaum, Barry N. Walker, Michael W. Weisfield, and Anthony M. Yezer.

Science Fair Plans Shape Up; Open to Public March 20 and 21

As the Science Fair deadline approaches, Blair's junior scientists are getting an inkling of what life must be like at zero-hour on Cape Canaveral.

Experimental mice come down with flu, vacuum pumps break, and many a project never "gets off the pad."

Somehow, though, Blair manages to put together an exceptional display of student research and experimentation to exhibit to the public. This year's fair will be open on March 21 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Registration is March 20.

Follow Rules

David Frome, the Fair student chairman, reminds all prospective grand prize winners to follow registration and exhibit rules carefully. "To a large extent, the success of the Fair will depend on people following the rules," he warns.

Chairmen and their committees are: Mitchell Sherr, assistant Fair chairman; William B. Oppenheim, judges; Kenneth Kramer, tables and electrical; Sherry Michaelson, booklet; Richard Vilastrigo and David Frome, publicity; Mitchell Sherr, prizes; and D. Frome, M. Sherr, B. Oppenheim, and K. Kramer, registration.

Basis for Judging

Projects are judged on scientific thought, creative ability, thoroughness and clarity, and skill and neatness. Advises David, "It is a good idea to complete your exhibit ahead of time and show

it to your classmates and teachers for suggestions on how it can be improved."

The Fair is judged in 11 categories. They are agricultural sciences, architecture, botany, chemistry, earth and astronomical sciences, electronics, engineering, mathematics, medical sciences, physics, and zoology.

121 Seniors Listed On Honor Roll

Out of 760 seniors 121 made the semester honor roll with all A's and B's.

The 11 seniors who earned all A's were: Jeffrey Burt, Arlene Carpenter, Stephen Dement, Sheldon Green, Cornelia Holmead, James Johnston, Howard Levin, Benjamin Stein, Stephanie Sweda, Alvin Warren, and Carol Williams.

Those seniors with A's and B's are: Catherine Abel, Jeffrey Ackerson, Margot Astran, Andrea Akoley, Jerome Akman, David Barton, Dana Beers, Michael Berkus, Judy Blatt, Carolyn Blicher, Robert Bogley, Caroline Bush, Marcia Bromer, Carol Brimberg.

Jane Brady, Tim Brenton, Joyce Cohen, Frank Conner, Shirley Childress, Helen Coale, Ann Cooley, Cindy Commander, Rebecca Copper, Carol Crawford, Priscilla Cummings, Judy deSimone, Barbara Duras, Robert Dworkin, Susan Dehart, Marcia Eiduson, Harriet Evans, Kathy Farrell, Dorothy Ellis, Robert Fleisher, Janet Forsberg, David

Frome, Jenny Gable, Tony Gendel, Paula Garfinkle, Mary Gately, Marvin Goldberg, Christina Gooding, Joan Green.

Susan Goodman, Laura Gualino, Felicia Guerra, James Hall, Margaret Hall, Mary Hall, Diane Hantman, Sharon Higgins, Harriet Hinden, Phyllis Houston, Ann Hsiao, John Klingbiel, Kenneth Kramer, Nancy Krebill, Joyce Landis.

Roberta Lancy, Karen Larson, Kenneth Levey, Leonard Levey, Maxine Lewis, Marvin Liberman, Linette Locke, Irvin Losman, Amy Muller, Nancy Lugar, Susan Goodman, Laura Gualino, Felicia Guerra, James Hall, Margaret Hall, Mary Hall, Diane Hantman, Sharon Higgins, Harriet Hinden, Phyllis Houston, Ann Hsiao, John Klingbiel, Kenneth Kramer, Nancy Krebill, Joyce Landis.

SC Sign-ups Set

Signups for next year's Student Council officers will be held April 2-5. Then on April 9, a semi-final election will be held. Final elections won't be until May 2-4.

To qualify for any office, a student must have at least a "C" average, a good attendance and discipline record, and be recommended by two teachers and his counselor.

By Phyllis Mudrick

A real-life jigsaw puzzle — the picture of peaceful, contented, and atomic bomb-threatened Dogpatch, USA — is being put together by 400 Blairites.

The results will be seen Thursday with the production of "L'il Abner" in the Boys' Gym.

Double Production This Year

Rehearsals and costume production were slightly held in abeyance two weeks ago with the arrival of the show's second production, Martin Beckman Pioli, the first child of Director and Mrs. Richard T. Pioli.

Mrs. Pioli was faculty advisor to the Costumes Committee, headed by Amy Schnapper, and her absence momentarily upset the planned schedule for completion of costumes for the 100-member cast by March 1.

Final Stages Brought Together

Until the last two weeks, most of the varied aspects of the show worked separately. It was just recently that the orchestra, dancers and singers began working together.

The stage and lighting crews will join them this week.

The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Koch, had been rehearsing two nights a week and is now rehearsing more

frequently with the cast to polish timing.

The 32-member musical corps was chosen from the band and orchestra classes according to a student's instrument, talent, and ability to attend after-school rehearsals.

Little or no practicing is done during the school day in classes since most music students are not in the show.

The 12-foot statue of Jubilation T. Comstock promises to be one of the highlights of the show.

One of many of the projects of the stage crew, it was built entirely by the students.

David Macurdy heads this 60-man (and girl) team, with Hank May as his assistant.

Stage crew is divided into several small groups, each one in charge of a separate project. On performance nights only, 30 of these will work since many scenery changes will be made by the cast.

Plans for the sets—including the statue, an underground cave, two log cabins, and several trees — were made in Mr. Bernard Lipscomb's sixth period stage design class, and produced after school with meetings four times a week.

Final Lighting Practices

Although Dogpatch will appear as the most relaxed, unplanned hick town on the continent, every detail of this carefully laid out landscape will be carefully pointed out by the expert lighting and audio work headed by Lauren Seifert.

Under the guidance of Mr. Joseph Hartly, the mass of lights, tapes, and signals will be controlled performance nights by the technical committee.

Rick King is in charge of audio work, and John Thorn is in charge of lighting up to performance night. However, on March 15, 16, and 17, everything will be in the hands of Lauren Seifert.

Let's Dance

The Spring Dance, sponsored by Student Council, is set for March 24. April 7 is the date of the Sophomore Class Party, while the Vice-Versa Dance will be on April 14.

The Vice-Versa Dance is the chance for the some 1,200 females at Blair to turn into Sadie Hawkins—and pounce on the hapless males of their choice. The gals not only ask the boys to the dance, but they also foot the bills.

Free World Follows Glenn

Mr. Joseph Hartly and everyone concerned with the school-wide broadcast of astronaut John Glenn's orbital flight should be commended for an excellent job.

County school officials also deserve praise for permitting students to be excused February 26 to help salute Lt. Col. Glenn in his welcoming parade here.

Students who followed Glenn's flight as it was piped in over the P. A. system were once again made proud to be Americans.

Although America wasn't the first country to accomplish this feat, at least the American public knew where our country stood every minute.

The coverage given to this event in schools all over the country was only a small part of the total coverage given. T.V. stations spent roughly \$16,000 a day just to keep cameras standing by for the memorable moment when the man was finally sent into orbit.

If a mistake were made, it would be recorded on T.V. cameras for millions of Americans to see the moment it happened. The Americans weren't afraid though. They had enough confidence in themselves to make sure they would be right, and they were willing to take the blame if they were wrong.

Nothing was done behind the public's back as is the case in many other countries across the globe. In countries behind the Iron Curtain, who knows how many times they have tried and failed? Did they use a hit-or-miss system day after day until one man finally got up? We'll never know. The people in those countries find out about such a flight a few days, even a week, later.

Here, Americans were glued to their radios throughout the five hours of Glenn's flight anxiously following his progress.

When you were listening to the story of John Glenn's historic flight, did you stop to think what a privilege it was to be an American?

LETTERS to EDITOR

Religion in Schools

Religion, in such forms as daily Bible readings, prayers at assemblies, holiday assemblies of a religious nature, and the reciting of the Lord's Prayer in homeroom, definitely has no place in the public school system. The very fact that religion is in the system detracts from the contemplation that religion deserves, of a school with its hundreds of people too busy to concentrate on aught but their work and extra-curricular activities, is a poor environment in which to present words of religion.

Perhaps the greatest argument against religion in the public schools was stated almost two hundred years ago in the Constitution. The framers of this immortal document took pains to declare church and state separate, yet the school system constantly flings them together. The Constitution goes further to guarantee religious as well as

personal freedom. Religion in the schools, as outlined above, infringes upon these rights, as it supports a belief and a way of thinking not shared by the entire school population.

It should be pointed out that the prayers and passages read from the Bible are usually those presenting precepts for daily living. When one reviews the purposes of an institution of learning, it is found that religious training of any kind is not one of them.

The schools, therefore, have no right to keep in their curriculum religious programs; religion, being an individual question, has no place in public education. Dogmas expressed in this program should be learned elsewhere than in a public institution. We must transfer all religion from the schools where it does not belong, to the church and home, where it does.

Cindy Spindel

BLASTS BIRCHERS IN SPEECH

Losman Wins A.L. Oratorical Contest

"Conservatism is good, but when it explodes it is a menace. It erupts in times of national uncertainty and is used to cover up bigotry, racism, and intolerance."

These were the words of Irving Losman as he spoke on the "radical right" during his prize-winning speech at the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Winning oratorical contests is not new to Irv, since he also won the Legion contest last year. In this year's contest, which was organized on short notice, each contestant gave a prepared ten-minute oration on anything dealing with the Constitution. Afterwards, they were all given a different portion of the Constitution and had to make a short extemporaneous talk on it.

Placing second and third this year were Carol Bashoor and

William Oppenheim.

Irv's speech, dealing with the menace of the radical right and how it may actually be aiding communism, centered on the issue of freedom of speech. Citing the main difference between democracy and dictatorship as the right to say what one pleases, he then cited the handbook of the Birch Society saying that it would take action against members who disagreed on policy.

In his speech, Losman hammered on the point that if freedom of speech were destroyed, democracy would suffer. He cited various rightist leaders as saying: "Democracy is the weapon of demagoguery." "Integration is communism." "Welfare and social security are socialism."

Irving said that the spying, changing of voting records, plus the muzzling of thought, plus the



Profits taken in by the German Club, are being donated to Radio Free Europe at the end of the year.

Former Blair basketball and football star Bob Windsor is currently averaging 25 points per game at Bulls Prep.

Ronald Goldsmith, a 1959 Blair graduate, is studying and working in France this year under Antioch College's Education Abroad program.

Thanks to Friendly Formal Wear for providing the yearbook with a tuxedo for their Senior Prom picture.

MONOGRAM AWARD

The name of Marvin Liberman was inadvertently omitted from the list of seniors in the last issue who received monograms. Chips regrets this error.

'NO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING'

4 Blairite Peace Marchers Seek Way Out of Arms Race

By Bob Tiemann

What are the true motives of the young people who have been picketing in front of the White House, hearing placards against nuclear testing?

"We believe in peace and disarmament," explains Joyce Thompson, one of four Blairites who participated in the picketing on February 26 and 27.

"But we believe in action for peace instead of only words," she declared.

Kathy Farrell, Grace Fields, and Ricky Villastrigo of Blair were also among the more than 4,000 high school and college students picketing.

"The Peace Race"

Their purpose was to initiate what they call "the peace race"—as an alternative to the atomic arms race.

The immediate aim of the march was to urge the Kennedy Administration "not to resume atmosphere testing of nuclear weapons."

In addition, they hoped the U.S. government would invite the United Nations to establish a test monitoring system to prove to the world our good faith—at

Europeans Question Blairite About Civil Rights, Shelters

"A European can always recognize an American by the great number of questions he asks," observed senior Bruce Cohen, who has recently returned from a year in Europe.

Bruce accompanied his father, who went to Europe to attend the International Social Security Conference. His father is Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Such cities as Athens, Istanbul, Rome, Paris and London were among his stopping-off places.

Civil Rights Questions

"The two questions Europeans asked me the most were about the civil rights for Negroes and the problem of fallout shelters," comments Bruce.

"The Europeans," explains Bruce, "especially fear that the U.S. might become unconcerned with the progress of peace if ever they feel secure by building bomb shelters."

Carried Sketching Pad

Unlike many "typical American tourists," Bruce was not interested in loading himself with souvenirs.

The same time urging the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and France to follow suit.

Concrete Proposals

"Our purpose," comments Grace Fields, "was not merely to protest and complain but to present concrete proposals."

"We wanted to bring the whole matter of nuclear testing, war, and disarmament before the eyes of the public," adds Kathy Farrell. "When the newspapers covered the demonstration, the public read about these problems."

"The march also had individual meaning to the participants," observes Ricky Vallastrigo, "because we were fulfilling our legal and moral right to protest."

Not Sporadic Effort

All the Blairite marchers wholeheartedly agreed that peace organizations such as SANE and the many church peace organizations were serious and here to stay.

"This is not a sporadic, temporary movement," asserts Grace, "but a growing concern."

"It is not a movement of solely the left or right," commented Joyce.

"The marchers were all individuals," interjected Kathy. "So many people wrongly link us to such groups as pacifists, socialists, and even communists. If they would look into our cause further, they would find it just isn't so."

All-State Band Concert Fashioned By 6 Blair Musicians in Top Roles

Six Blair musicians provided leadership at the recent All-State Band concert at Frederick.

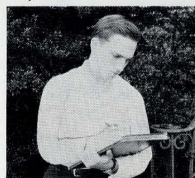
Blair not only had more students to qualify for the highly competitive spots in the band, but three were chosen for "first positions" in the 110-piece band.

The local delegation included: John Gent, first saxophone; Lewis Lipnick, first bassoon; Ann Diserens, first flute; Bob Seligman, English horn; Leon Josowitz, clarinet; and Alan Music, trumpet.

"We auditioned last November," explained Ann Diserens. "We were judged on the basis of ability to sight read, to play a solo, and to play a scale."

They were auditioned again at Frederick to determine seats of honor in the band.

"Playing in the All-State Band is a wonderful experience," said Ann, "because you get to play challenging music with people who are really serious about it all."



Bruce Cohen

"I was interested more in the people," he says. "What I was unable to photograph, I sketched." While in Turkey, Bruce had the challenging task of sketching the inside of an ancient Roman underground reservoir and a ceremony which included the slaughtering of sheep.

Traffic Jams

But for those who believe Europe to be completely different from the United States, there might be a rude awakening. Many things are the same.

"The traffic situation there is terrible!" exclaims Bruce. "Even though they have small cars, the traffic jams are fantastic."

While the stay overseas was invigorating and exciting, it was not without its penalties. "While I was in Turkey," says Bruce sadly, "I became ill and had to fly back to the States immediately. I was in bed for over two months."

Vetter Delivers Stirring Talk

By Karen Margolis

Mr. Carl Vetter's outstanding talk at the recent Key Club Assembly should have cured many Blairites' apathy and complacency.

Mr. Vetter, of the United States Information Agency, demonstrated how naive Americans are.

After elaborating on the need for good communications between countries, he delineated communist ideas on the future of civilization. Mr. Vetter, speaking with an accent, brilliantly portrayed a typical Russian answering American queries. The questions were eagerly supplied by the student body.

Exclusive Party

When asked how Communist Party members are chosen, he responded, "It's a damn hard party to get into—just like the Blair Key Club!"

He explained that East Berliners try to escape to the West "because they are confused," and that the Berlin wall was built to promote "peaceful co-existence."

We're Unprepared

Besides pointing out that Russians seem to have an answer for everything, the talk should have made students realize how unprepared they are to answer questions about U.S. policies, or to tear down a Russian's confident remarks about his government.

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Mr. Rubens' Bridge Skill Earns Him Mims Trophy

Mr. Calvin Rubens has an interesting avocation quite apart from his full-time job as head of the Blair Commercial Department. He wins bridge contests.

Last month Mr. Rubens won his tenth trophy. He and a New York friend came out first in the Annual Moses Mims Duplicate Bridge Contest. The matches were held in New York City.

Mr. Rubens is proud of his trophies and feels that they justify the time and money he has spent on the game. (His bridge library includes some 20 books.

He also teaches a weekly bridge class in Rockville, and in addition, plays cards one or two other times a week.

Mr. Rubens does not compete in professional ranks, though he says, "I've been in so many tournaments I couldn't guess just how many."

His ambition is to earn the

Life Master status, an award made for a certain number of points won in tournament play.



BRIDGE EXPERT—Mr. Calvin Rubens, head of the Commercial Department, displays one of the recent acquisitions to his growing collection of bridge trophies.

Margolis, Pinson, Fisher Take Extemporaneous Speaking Honors in First Forensic Tournament

Judy Margolis, Marty Pinson, and Michael Fisher won the extemporaneous speaking contest—the first leg of the Bi-County Forensic League Tournament recently held at Blair.

Contest were also held in debate and original oration. Blair won a number of debates, but Walter Johnson took first place. The topic was "Federal Aid to Education."

The original oration event was

entered by Carol Bashoor, Irv Losman, and Leslie Wilcox. They all placed in the rounds, but not in the finals.

A County First

This tournament was the first to include individual speaking with the team debates, thus making it a true forensic tournament rather than a debating match.

Mr. Charles E. Gitting, sponsor of the Masque and Gavel Society, the host group, said, "This is just the beginning.

There has never been a league of this sort in the county and there were understandably some mistakes. By next year we hope to have regular tournaments and more equalization of debaters and

Girls Urged to Take Ind. Arts

By Hollace Goldberg

"Belief of 'Building' is the term applied to those co-eds participating in the industrial arts program.

Contrary to general belief, Montgomery County has no regulations prohibiting girls from taking any of the industrial arts subjects.

"So far as the county's concerned," states Dr. Earl Hobbs, "girls are not restricted from taking any course except boys' phys. ed. After all, girls are equal citizens."

If a girl wants to be a carpenter, he continued, she's quite welcome to take wood shop. However, if she merely wants to be "where the boys are," that's another matter.

Girls in Electronics

Mr. Joseph A. Hart, head of the Industrial Arts Department, encourages girls to enroll in the various courses, stressing that the new electronics courses are open to women.

Five years ago, recalls Mr.

Albert Fiorel, a girl was enrolled in his printshop. "I like girls," he says, "but in the printshop one girl and 25 boys isn't exactly the ideal classroom situation."

Many Take Metal Shop

In the metal shop, Mr. Robert Meier has 40 girls and 50 boys enrolled. The students learn a basic knowledge of metals and apply this knowledge to jewelry making. Mr. Meier feels this course will benefit many of his pupils in years to come.

female students, two in mechanical drawing and one in architectural drawing. He cites the application of these courses in later life for girls who do not wish to pursue that particular field.

"You can learn to redecorate the living room without moving the furniture," he explained, "by merely drawing a sketch to scale. It saves time and energy," he added.



GRINDING A STONE—Metal shop is one of the most popular industrial arts courses with the girls. Jan Milner shows Judy Soberman how to grind a stone to be used in a piece of jewelry.

(Staff Photo)

TECHNICAL ELECTRONICS ALSO OFFERED

American Civilization Course Explained at Sophs' Assembly

"How and why do we Americans develop into the kind of people we are today? This is one of the main questions which we attempt to answer through the American Civilization course," explained Mrs. Helen Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson is one of six team teachers of the Blair American Civilization course who spoke at an assembly of college-bound sophomores. The other five teachers were Mr. Leonard Orloff, Mrs. Peggy Fess, Mr. Phillip Jones, Mr. Paul Gantz, and Mr. Jim Hagey.

Mr. Joseph Hart addressed sophomores on the subject of the new Electronic Technology course. It is a two-year course (11th and 12th grade) which takes two periods a day.

"This country needs top-notch technicians," said Mr. Hart. "The time to start learning is in high school."

The American Civilization course is a combination eleventh grade C.P. English and history. Mrs. Wilson explained that while pupils study literary works of a certain era they also study the political science and other phrases of the history of those times.

Mr. Ganz explained the Interest Groups. Examples of group interest projects are in the fields of photography, poetry, plays, or American music.

Mr. Orloff summed up the many activities of this course by saying, "If you don't like to work, don't sign up. This course puts you more on your own and the more liberty you have the more responsibility you have."

Sign-ups will be next week in sophomore English classes.

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Latin Scholars Study For National Exam

On April 10, Blair Latin students will again participate in the annual APSL National Latin Exam.

Blair already holds six trophies for having had 18 winners in the contest in past years. For every three winners the school is given a beautiful gold trophy.

For the first time last year, Blair had four winners in the contest, which means that the seventh trophy will be awarded in June.

Supt. Whittier To Be Inducted Into Library Club

Dr. C. Taylor Whittier, superintendent of schools, will be inducted as an honorary member of the Blair Library Club at the annual banquet April 12 at the Naval Ordnance Lab.

Another high point of the banquet will be the announcement of next year's officers. The chorus will perform, sophomores will put on a skit, and awards will be given to seniors who have served in the club for three years.

The club traditionally inducts teachers who have been at Blair at least two years. These teachers must undergo a humorous initiation and wear a lollipop around their necks all day following the ceremony.

Among the staff members to be initiated are: Mrs. Zeigler, Mrs. Matson, Mr. Craft, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Cuzeman Mr. Eddy.

Mrs. Ogus, Mr. Gitting, Mr. Kohlen, Mr. Hagey, Miss Kokiki, Mr. Kopera, Mrs. Loeffel, Mr. Marder, Mrs. Schneider, and Mr. Wick.

8 Seniors Seek 'Ugly Man' Title

"Now I know what it's like to be a specimen for plastic surgery," said Ace Warren, Keyette candidate for the Ugly Man Contest, sponsored by the Varsities.

Make-up, plaster, clay, paint, and clown-white are only a few of the items used to make-up the eight boys. Other popular materials were tape, paper, masks and fake hair pieces.

Goal of Contest

Connie Gerardi, president of Varsities, remarked, "It was the goal of each girl to make her candidate as ugly and foolish looking as possible."

The make-up girls' general

opinion of the contest may be summed up as: "It was a real experience to dress up the boys, but the funniest part was to see the reactions of several students who saw the boys being photographed."

Applying the make-up was fun for all, but the real job came in cleaning up. Ace comments jokingly, "It only took four baths, five showers, three boxes of sandpaper, and three hair-cuts to completely remove the make-up."

Voting will take place in the middle of March, and will continue for approximately three weeks. A vote will cost one cent.

Each picture will be numbered and placed in the school store window. Small boxes with respective numbers will be located under the window for the votes.

"The money received will be donated to a worthwhile Montgom-

School a Ghost Town

Some 2,142 Blair students helped give a hero's welcome to Lt. Col. Glenn when his triumphant parade was staged on Pennsylvania Avenue February 26.

Fewer than 350 students were left in the building to attend classes. One lunch period was held at 12:30.

erry County charity," said Mary Ann Buccico, chairman of the Ugly Man Contest Committee.

Eight Seniors

The eight senior boys were chosen because they had done honor to Blair in some way. The following clubs have selected these boys: O'Deb's, Bob Bogley; Dabblers' Den, Lee Fewell; Chorus, Doug Flynn; Library Club, Sonny Jackson; Key Club, Jim Kerkley, Varsity Club, Brian Tierney; Keyettes, Ace Warren and Crests, Chuck Whitney.

"We hope Blairites will not make this a popularity contest, but rather to make this a fair choice for the ugliest," Connie said.

She also hopes that the students will support the contest since the returns will go towards a good cause.



MAKE UP: Pat McGuckian, Debbie Davis, and Linda Miller prepare the O'Deb's entry, Bob Bogley, for the Ugly Man Contest.

(Staff photo by Hall)



THAT'S TWO—Jack Townsend shoots for two Blair points while Bill Mason (22) and Mark Kromer (42) stand ready to take the rebounding. The Blazers travel to the University of Maryland this weekend for the state championship play-offs. (Photo by Hall)



Allen's Alley

By Allen Snyder

Blairites, long accustomed to cheering the exploits of Sonny Jackson, will be able to continue to do so now that he has decided to accept a scholarship to the University of Maryland.

Sonny asserts that his main reason was that "Maryland plays in a good league and meets stiff competition." Jackson also said that he has wanted to go to school close to home.

Although Maryland has never had Negroes on any of its athletic teams, Sonny states that "this factor did not influence me too much."

The four-year scholarship which Sonny has been offered is a combination basketball-baseball scholarship which covers his tuition, room and board.

He was contacted by Terrapins' baseball coach "Jack" Jackson personally.

Although Sonny has always been a brilliant ball-handler and team leader in basketball, until recently he rarely scored more than 10-15 points a game. Since Jim Wendt has been out of the lineup, however, Sonny's scoring has gone way up.

"With Jim out I knew I had to try to take up the slack. Therefore, I was shooting more," he explained. "I've been working on my jump shot, too. I jump a little bit higher and it helps a lot," he added.

Regarding the Blazers' chances in the state finals, Jackson feels that "if our team is healthy, we have a real good chance."

Spring Teams Preparing Early for Season

Although the calendar hints it's not officially spring, a casual observer of the Blair athletic field any day after school would be forced to disagree.

The spring sport competitors, showing their usual cautious disregard for the seasons, have been working out for the last two weeks.

Baseball Chances

Mr. Stanley Kulakowski, Varsity Baseball Coach, had this to say about his team's chances this spring: "We should hold our own, and win a few more games than we lose."

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Blazers Try Tonight To Repeat As Maryland Class AA Champs

Attempting to duplicate last year's Maryland Class AA championship, Blair plays in the State Finals tonight against South Hagerstown.

The Rebels were the winners of a series of elimination matches. The other schools fighting for the berth were: Fort Hill, Allegheeny, Annapolis, Frederick, and Wicomico.

The winner of tonight's game will face the winner of the Towson-Bladensburg struggle to determine the state championship.

Towson Tough

Towson High School, a Baltimore school, appears to be one of the strongest teams this year. It has accumulated an unbeaten record to reach the semifinals.

The Blazers have been hurt with injuries all year. Walter Robertson's broken arm, Jim Wendt's broken foot, and the pregame collision of Jack Townsend and Brian Tierney all have prevented Blair from reaching top form. However, it is possible that both Wendt and Robertson will be able to play tonight.

Rebounding Problem

If Wendt does return to the line-up tonight, he may solve Blair's rebounding problem. Although Blair was beating teams earlier in the year largely due to its control of the backboards, without Wendt, and with Townsend not in top shape until recently, the Blazers have had difficulties in rebounding.

Morale Good

The morale for tonight's game at Cole Field House should be excellent according to Blair Coach Ed Moffatt.

"The team has really been working hard. They've been practicing better than ever," he declares.

Jackson High Man in Scoring; Townsend Has Most Rebounds

With only one game left on the Blazers' slate, at this writing, it looks like Sonny Jackson has taken top honors in still another department, scoring.

Not counting the Alumni and Mackin games, Sonny ran up 279 points in 18 games for a 15.5 average. His high game was the 27 he made against B.C.C. three weeks ago.

Wendt Second

Right behind Jackson, however, was Jim Wendt with 187 points in 13 games for a 14.5 average. Jack Townsend scored more total points than Wendt, 192, but played in three more games for a 12 point average.

Wendt's high mark for the year was 25 and Townsend's 23.

12 Points Per Game

In rebounds, it was Townsend who, with exactly the number of rebounds as he had points, had the top average with 12 per game. His outstanding performance of the season was 26 against Wheaton.

Following him were Wendt with a 9.8 average and Bill Mason with an average of 8.

In team statistics Blair outscored its opponents by a margin of 1093-809, averaging 60.7 points per game to the oppositions 45. The high game was the 70 scored against Wilson and the low was the 36 in the Mackin game. The highest amount scored against the Blazers was Walter Johnson's 74 while Blair held Gaithersburg to a total of 25.

Reynolds Hits on Jump Shot To Give Faculty Win-Or Tie

With two seconds to go, Coach "Wimpy" Reynolds swished a one-hand jump shot from about 25 feet out to either win or tie the student-faculty game for the faculty on February 23.

The question lies in the scoring of the game. Mr. Hartly had the score on the scoreboard 30-29 in favor of the faculty after Coach Reynolds' shot. But in checking the official records kept by Milton Henry, it was found that the individual scoring totaled up to 29-29.

At any rate it appeared that the faculty was outmatched from the beginning, but overcame great odds to emerge victorious, if they won.

Mr. Smith was the only member of the faculty to play the entire game and got help most noticeably from Mr. Vince Pagnese. Other members of the faculty team included Mr. Johnson, Mr. Good and Mr. Kramp.

Meanwhile the Purple Pumpkins, who played in the game by virtue of their championship in the Sunday League, showed what a

colorful team they were.

In the voting of Chips' sportswriters who attended the game, all ten members of the Purple Pumpkins—which includes C. Whitney, J. Rieucci, J. Frankenstein, A. Turner, J. Rainwater, H. Eagleton, M. Waghelestein, G. Lundy, E. Howell and M. Goldberg—tied for first place in the most valuable player competition.

It has been announced that the varsity would like to play the Pumpkins, who are now accepting bids from any team which wishes to play them.

Pumpkins: Whitney 5, Rainwater 4, Rieucci and Frankenstein 4, Waghelestein 3, Turner and Goldberg 2 and Howell 1 for a total of 29.

Faculty: Brockdorff 9, Harder 7, Reynolds 4, Schwartzberg 3 and Krohn, Pagnese and Eddy 2 for a total of 29.

Girls' Sports

Some 145 girls have turned out for intramural volleyball, the sport now in full swing after school in the Girls' Gym.

In the only volleyball Sports' Day so far, Blair lost to Northwood. Another Sports' Day involving sophomores rather than seniors, will be held March 14 at Sherwood.

Recently, the honor team was chosen. Those girls are: Rena Search, Carol Tenley, Judy Sarkin, Frances Edolovitch, Honey Vilation, Emmy Lou Moke, Diane Ward, Carolyn Fliegel, and Sally Kraus.

Three honor games will be held, but the dates have not been set because of complications in scheduling.

The "Dillies" and the "Troikas" recently captured the junior and senior girls' basketball intramurals.

Another winning intramural team was the "Sleepers," who placed first in tonpin bowling with a total pinfall of 7066.

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Tenn. Williams Comedy Coming May 14 & 15

Tickets will go one sale next Friday for the musical, "Suddenly Next Summer," to be presented May 14 & 15 in the new 10,999 seat Blair auditorium.

Mrs. Travesty Hillboy, former Blair teacher and star of the motion picture "The Blob," will return to direct the riotous masquerade by Tennessee Ernie Williams.

Lerner and Lowe have written the music for "Suddenly Next Summer," a riotous comedy about life in Ocean City. The play was adapted for Blair by Walt Disney. Because of the goings-on after L/I Abner, in which 472 students were arrested, Mrs. Hillboy has announced there will be no cast party. Sign-ups for the new play are reported unusually low.

Ex-Cheerleaders Vow to Do Bit to Restore 'Republic'

"We are ashamed of the way we've been. We're convinced that the Young Americans for the Restoration of the Republic Austerity is the wave of the future. We'll change. We swear we will! For the sake of the Republic, we'll change!"

So spoke Mealy Molemeat, captain of the Girls' Austerity Brigade. (Formerly of the cheerleaders) at a surprise press conference called last Friday several hours after the lightning coup of the Y.A.R.R., Mealy and her brigade appeared in severe black dresses, with no makeup. Behind Mealy, the G.A.B. stood at parade rest with interlocked arms.

Standing in front of the G.A.B. in four rows about two yards apart stood the Service Sues, with their leader Gala Hatlen in front at rigid attention. The Service Sues (S.S.) had formerly been known as the Powder Puffs.

Miss Hatlen had a short release to give out. Attired in a blue uniform with no makeup, of course, Miss Hatlen announced:

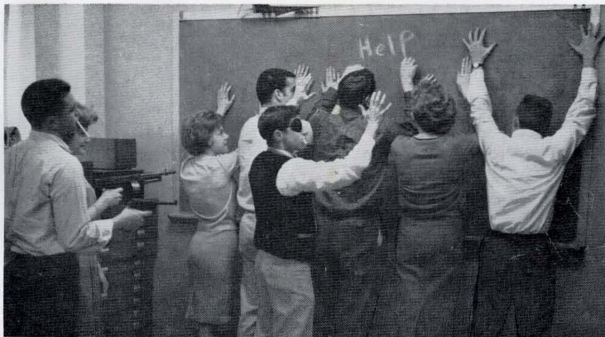
"Formerly, we didn't care about what contribution we made to the fight against communism. In fact, we may have" (at this point she almost broke down, but suddenly got possession of herself) "actually been helping to subvert this great country by doing such superficial things as putting on (shudder) make-up! We actually tried to make innocent American girls into (blush) painted women. We are all going to join the women's auxiliary of the Y.A.R.R., she concluded.

Faculty Swings Behind New Student Regime.

Principal Al Vote opened the regular Monday faculty melee with a statement of the Administration's policy toward the new student government.

"The new Council President has assured me that the student homework production quotas will be met. Council also has inaugurated its new five-year conservation program—20,000 eucalyptus trees in the grove by 1967."

After informing Vincible Pugnistic that his carrying of firearms will not be permitted, Mr. Vote continued:



Mealie Molemeat and Stevedore Minutes prepare to administer the coup de grace to various leaders of the old regime. From left to right, in breathless anticipation of a new thrill are Dana Beers (this one didn't need changing), Marvin Goldbrick, Pablo, "Maryland Fats" ("The Hustler"), confidential secretary J.B., whose name couldn't be revealed, and Harry Rothschild, international banker.

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April Fool's Day

Text of Daily Bulletin . . .

There has been an innovation in daily bulletins at Blair. An example follows:

Bulletin No. 204206378A

1. "B" Ball scheduled today. First period will be substituted for sixth period. Third period will be held during fourth and sixth periods, and junior lunch will take place during second period.

2. If there is a game today, students who are going will be excused upon the ringing of the bell at 3:15. If this bell doesn't ring, students with tickets will be excused at 3:00.

3. A demonstration of cannibalism will be given during the lunch period today in the cafeteria. Volunteers please report to the kitchen.

5. Will the person who took the grass from the quadrangle please return it?

6. Congratulations to the persons who successfully defended the sacred Blair plaque from 2 groups of flamingo dancers.

Notices for teachers . . .

1. NoDox is now being sold in the school store.

2. Teachers will now serve detention if they are caught interrupting the private conversations of students during a test.

"I was shocked to see the March report cards—failing marks were off 96 percent! With the assurances the new student government has given me regarding the safety of faculty members, I see no reason your flunk quotas can not be met next report card."

Student Teachers

"On a happier note," Mr. Vote commented, "I am happy to say that the quality of student teachers from Maryland has been excellent on the whole, but I do hope that we can get a few more red-heads next year."

Y.A.R.R. Mushrooms At Blair, Demands End of Communism In American "Way of Life"

"Sweep Out the State Department," "Graduated Income Tax Is Communistic," "Algerie Francaise."

With slogans such as these, a burgeoning new group at Blair rioted after its first meeting last week at the National Guard Armory.

The Young Americans for the Restoration of the Republic (Y.A.R.R.) claims that it has over 400 members in Montgomery Blair, ranging from the lowest to the most important student. Several faculty members, it was hinted, were also members.

The Grand Decanter of the Y.A.R.R., who granted an exclusive interview to a Slips reporter, called for the return of individual liberty.

"I'm sorry I can't speak to you a little more intimately," said the G. D. through the loudspeaker which ran from his sealed office to the building across the street where the reporter had to sit.

When asked about the objection of the Y.A.R.R. to the graduated income tax, the Decanter answered thus: "How is it fair for

the President of General Motors to pay more income tax than the commonest rod carrier? Are they not equal before the law? This business of compulsory spreading the wealth is communistic."

The G. D. said he had no plans for any specific things to be done at Blair, then gave an enigmatic chuckle.

Clean-Up Day

Ever wonder what flotsam and jetsam rises to the surface in a Blair "locker clean-out" day?

A Slips reporter assigned the locker caper discovered the following:

In the locker of Stanley Stingo—two dissected crayfish and an electro-magnet locker theft alarm system run on dry cell batteries. A smashed-up heap of 32 lunch bags with the words "Joey's Lunch, love Mother," written on each one.

A stack of 50 missing books from the Keyette book store.

Everyone made a big stink about Clyde Clod's locker mainly because it stunk. It seems that he hadn't washed his gym clothes for two years.

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Rubber Plant

The last speaker was Mrs. Stickey, who runs the livery. She said, "I think all that stuff about Pokey Bare has gone too far."

The meeting abruptly ended as Mrs. Stickey determined that the rubber tree plant needed polishing, and the faculty assiduously bent to the task.

Tyranny, Treason Cited As Reasons For Sudden Coup

Black-shirted Citizenship Corps soldiers marched into the Student Council room last Thursday at 2:35 P.M. and placed everyone under arrest. Members were herded across the hall into the Caucus Room where they have been held without bond.

Blairites first heard of Council's overthrow when gunfire interrupted the 3:25 announcements and a voice declared that "The tyrannical reign of the corrupt Council has been ended."

Identifying himself as Geribaldi Ficochet, the tough Citizenship commandant continued, "A Student Provisional Government will rule until elections can be held. Long live Blair!"

Ricochet asked support of all students, requested that they report "all un-Blairlike activities" to the leaders of their homeroom communes.

Today Ricochet will review his troops in an April Day parade. He is expected to announce the conviction of all Student Council members of treason. If convicted, they stand to lose all Monogram points.

Ex-President Huey Long who was not in Council last Thursday, was not captured with the rest. Long is operating a government-in-exile from a popular establishment on Georgia Avenue. Asked by Slips about future plans, Long replied with a phrase that may become famous: "I shall return!"

Hey Kids! A Contest!

We know all our readers will Attention readers!! We would like to announce our new Silver Slips give-away contest. Grand prize is a year's vacation from school.

It seems that a subversive group of soporifics have banded together to overthrow an age-old, time-honored Blair tradition. As everyone knows, the oldest and most popular tradition at Blair next to Pokey Bear is Silver Slips.

Copies of Silver Slips are seen all over Blair. They are especially popular on days of book checks. They make quick and cheap book covers. On other days they may be used as paper bachelors, in making paper bombs, or be used to line a garbage can.

Can any of the upperclassmen imagine Blair without Silver Slips? Then arise!! It is reported by our spies on the opponents' staff that they plan to start a circulation war in the next few days.

You sure support us, but because you're been so good to us, we would like to give an added incentive to our friends.

You can choose either a running trip to Chile, or a stimulating swimming vacation to Rome. If you choose the latter we are sorry but you must provide your own bath towel and swim trunks. Other prizes include a lifetime supply of comic books, a season ticket to the Annual Show, 100 slugs (50 used and 50 new), a Cuban rebel outfit complete with beard, and many other fine prizes.

Tote That Sugar Cane . . . Pluck Those Chickens . . .

A nasty situation is now beneath Florida about, say, 70 miles. There are Communists there in Cuba. By and large, they are rather unfriendly to the United States. Many people say that the United States should attack this Communist regime and maybe work it over a little. But we hadn't ought to do it, Why?

Well, how would you like it if some big, imperialistic, blood-sucking, heartless, cruel, sadistic monster of a nation attacked you? Huh? How would you like it?

Besides, maybe Castro and his Commies aren't so bad after all! Many times and often has he declared his love and concern for Cuban people. After all, Batista was a dictator, too. Get my point or don't you? But Batista was clever. He tried to trick the Cubans into thinking they were being cared for. He kept enough food in the country to feed the people. That way, the people thought there was enough to eat. But under good old Castro, no tricks! There is not sufficient food, and hence it must be rationed, but after all, this seems to be a fairer way.

Under Batista, some had plenty to eat, some had not enough. Now, everybody doesn't have enough to eat. Equality above all!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, sir: Since I'm gettin set for a colleague edgokation the new compishun program I no will be a help in helping to get me in. I'm gettin' learnt so much in this knew clas that I betche I mite even get to miss the 1st yr. of eng. like sum of those there smartest people you're all ways hearing of frum the colleague counsellors same that lady Whatsersname, Mack or Donald or sumthin or other. We've all

been learnt stuf like punctual marks caplets spellin and sent. struet, an all sorts of butful eng. this is my 2nd yr. in this hear program and so i jus think i should thank all ya eng. teacher's cause afur i took the coarse I was reely truble in eng.

X
(i just cant not be learnt to right my nam like there's a mentel bloc or some such thing like that.)

PRISCILLA'S PEARLS

'Resting Ring from Reluctant Male Takes Real Know-how

Dear Priscilla,

I am perfect. I have a younger sister who is constantly mimicking me. I know she could never possibly do anything as well as I do. How can I tell her that she's wasting her time trying to be as good as I am?

Infalible

Dear Infalible,
Please identify yourself. I would be sincerely interested in meeting someone more perfect than I.

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Dar Priscilla,

My boyfriend is a wonderful person. He is what I consider the ideal mate, considerate—faithful, good personality, and very handsome. My only problem is whenever he kisses me, his teeth fall out. I've developed a complex about this and feel that perhaps I am at fault.

Guilty

Dear Guilty,

Have you suggested to your boyfriend, a new product called "poligrip"?

Another Letter to Editor:

C.O.M.S.Y.P.'s Gnash Teeth —

Dear Editor:

The President of the United States, Lieutenant Jack Kennedy, has decreed that unless the Soviets promise on something more than their word of honor, the U. S. will resume nuclear tests in the atmosphere. Horrors!

How would you like it if you were a tiny little atoll in the Pacific and some big, bloodsucking, imperialistic monster of a country up and dropped a bomb on you and ripped the CENSOR-ED right out of you? Huh? How would you like it?

Besides, we mothers of America don't want our children to grow

Dear Priscilla,

I've been going with a boy for nearly a year now. We like each other very much. He has a ring, but he's too scared to give it to me. What can I do to make him give it to me?

Impatient

Dear Impatient,

Well, I'll tell ya. Invite him to dinner. Then accept his offer to help wash the dishes. But, tell him he'd better take off his ring first. As soon as he puts it down, grab it! Put it on your finger! Then throw your arms around him and shout: "For me?"

* * *

Dear Priscilla,

I have a necking problem to end all necking problems. My steady won't. Oh, sure, he'll give me a little kiss now and then, but as soon as I put my arms around him he freezes up like an iceberg. He won't even let me pinch his cheeks or pull his ears or muss up his hair! What can I do?

Hugless

Dear Hugless,

Still sit for a change.

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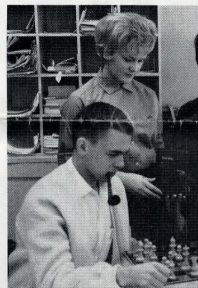
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Track Stars Available

If you have an errand to run, ask one of the boys on the Blair track team. Their record for the circuit of Blair's hallowed halls is three minutes flat.

This record is held by Al Caron, Jim Kelley, Bill Miller, and Julian Rainwater, running as a four-man team.



Shown here is one of the many offenses which were charged to S.C. President Ob Fong. He thought so little of his subjects as to play chess with the devil (here in the guise of an angel) for them. The devil has already won Xina Lose and is about to win Patsy "Sassy Pat" Jones.

BBGB Offers Its Suggestions For Improved Study Habits

Among the high school set, pondering the ways to good grades is "out," while enforcing proper study habits is "in."

Through interviews and soul-searching thought, several helpful tips on study habits have been compiled for student use by the Bureau for Better Grade Bungs.

First, a student, eager to study, well, should draw the shades and lock all doors. No self-respecting student wants his neighbors to misunderstand his actions and think that he works on his homework.

Now, to set the mood, a correct atmosphere is vital. A lively television show and the latest Little Richard album are a great help.

The BBGB has found that posture is very important and the brain works better if the feet are elevated. They say that reclining in a contour chair, assuming an upside-down position is the perfect solution. Also, this arrangement places the head nearer the record player so the mood

Seniors Granted More Privileges Than Ever

With bigger and better football, basketball, wrestling, and Latin Scramble teams at Blair come more senior privileges.

This year's seniors have enjoyed more special license than they have in any previous years at Blair.

Perhaps the most memorable of these was Senior Ink Day last September. At this time, the twelfth graders were allowed to fill their water pistols with permanent red or blue ink (no black ink, because it's too hard to wash off) and squirt at underclassmen and vice-principals.

All Seniors Present

Attendance officers are still lamenting over November's Senior Ship Day. They were prepared to suspend about 500 seniors, but on that day all seniors were present. This was the first time in Blair's history that all seniors were present in one day!

And who can forget Senior Orange Day? On this day, in December, seniors were allowed to carve holes in oranges and squirt teachers. However, this plan backfired because oranges were out of season in December.

Twelfth graders thought it was too good to be true that the ad-

ministration declared, of its own free volition, Senior Pedal Pusher Day. Sadly enough, though, this was promoted on January 1, which was not a school day. It has been whispered around that the unhappy attendance officers decided this plan.

Hopscotch a Fiasco

However, Senior Hopscotch Day compensated for this fiasco. This was in the second week of February, at which time seniors could hopscotch whenever and wherever in the school they pleased. Although no hopscotch blocks had been painted on the floors and seniors were unable to carry through this activity, they were happy. "It's the principle of the thing. If the blocks had been painted, we wouldn't have been painted," commented Blair senior Isaac Bickelstorf, 12-16.

Presently, seniors are looking forward to more and better privileges.

Simple Rules For Unbalancing Subs

Of all the domestic animals the substitute teacher is the easiest to train. It is so simple a child can do it—in fact, they do!

The substitute teacher is usually a middle-aged woman with a tendency to scream, "I'm not here just as a babysitter!"

As in training any other creature, the most important thing you must do is to break her spirit by showing her you are the boss. This can be done in several easy ways:

a. As soon as the sub enters the room, all students are to switch seats. In answering roll, respond to any name that suits your fancy. (It is recommended that boys answer to boys' names and girls to girls'. An advantage of this system is that whatever antics you may now pull, it will be harder for the sub to identify you).

b. Spitalbs are always nice. They are giving up part of yourself to the beautification of the room.

c. The shouting of insults and remarks, generally obscene, provides a nice release from tension—for you, not her. If movies are being shown, the making of shadow pictures is considered proper.

d. This last method often proves to be the straw that breaks the camel's back. Although it is simple, it often sends the poor creatures into fits of screaming. At a pre-arranged signal, everyone in the room drop a heavy object. Repeat if necessary. This method has suffered a handicap in these days of cartridge pens since few people carry ink bottles to school.

Although you may occasionally run across a sub who tries to teach, humor her until she interferes with your fun, then cut your foot down.

The rules are finished; it's up to you. Good luck and happy hunting.

Kennedy To Speak

Miss Caroline Kennedy will address the Civil Defense Club April 10 at 3:45 in the Girls' Gym. In what is billed a major policy speech, she will relate the interesting tale of how she got out of the job of whitewashing the White House.

Blair Closes!

2,500 Join Peace Corps

Following the heroic return of the first member of the U.S. Peace Corps, 2,500 Blair students joined the Corps.

Mr. All Vote and Dr. Witty Whirley decided to temporarily close the school beginning Monday.

The mass enlistment came as no shock to several of the teachers as it is rumored that several have been encouraging their students to do something for their country. Others took the exit less calmly.

For example, even-tempered, Mr. Vinyenny Pugeashy, a Universe History teacher, was heard lecturing to himself, saying:

"Education makes students easy to lead, difficult to drive, easy to govern, but it was never this hard to enslave them. How did I say to make them break

the chain and join the Peace Corps?"

Why did the students leave? A typical answer would be something like this,

"I love Blair's social life and all it stands for—the cheating on exams, the faking of book reports, and the getting past the citizenship committee without a note. But a few shipments of GSA Mugs and Blair Bumper stickers just arrived in Outer Mongolia and I am needed to go and teach the people how to use them."

Following his sudden announcement, Mr. Vote added that teachers' salaries would be cut so as to provide for more comfortable lodgings abroad for Blair students.

Dr. Witty tried to calm the teachers by saying, "Fellow educators, treat this little vacation as an extended snow day."

Senior Detention Club Formed

Motivated by a sincere desire to devote to Blair as much of their time as humanly possible, a select group of senior boys has bandaged together to form the Senior Detention Club.

The S.D.C., to clarify any misconceptions, is made up of voluntary members, all desirous of being detained at Blair daily for one half hour to an hour. The initials also stand for Self Detention Club.

Time and Place

The club meets daily at 3:35 p.m. in various rooms throughout the school. Rooms on the second floor of C-Building are the most popular because of the extreme ease and sentimentality attached to the building.

Hirum Von Flunk, recently voted the outstanding member of the club, stated the reason for the transient meeting place as, "We want to get a good look at each room so we will remember them always." Hirum holds the longest perfect attendance record for the S.D.C.

In addition to a desire to remain at school, a prospective member must show a specified degree of punctuality. The constitution of the club demands that a candidate must show proof of tardiness to no less than one class per day for a period of three weeks.

No Other Interests

The final requirement is that the boy must show proof of no other pressing extra-curricular activities. The most common way to prove this is to point out one's name on the ineligible list.

Like most clubs, a member missing more than a certain number of meetings without a valid excuse is taken off the roll. Re-

admission, however, is easier than in most clubs.

No Speakers

In an effort not to conform to other clubs, the S.D.C. agreed not to have a regular speaker. Instead, following a roll call, they continue the meeting in complete silence, allowing each member to broaden his mind through regular, concentrated thinking. Weekly a teacher is chosen to encourage this thinking and to keep out all non-members.

Due to an over abundant supply of lost articles that have been turned into the office, the administration is asking for the cooperation of all students. The room in "C" Building that has been chosen for such articles is crowded.

How To Succeed In Baby Sitting Without Really Trying

As a public service, *Silver Slips* is publishing for the first time, a list of babysitting tips put out by the S.F.P.C.B.S. (The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Babysitters).

● 1. To get off to a good start, be sure to be a few minutes late. You'll help your employers to be fashionable (It's always fashionable to arrive at a party late) and save them a few cents salary at the same time.

● 2. Start out immediately to let the kids know who is boss. If they get out of hand, it's a good idea to carry a whip.

● 3. To keep the kids in good physical shape, let them run around the house on errands for you. They can bring your pillows, food, the latest magazines, etc.

● 4. Make sure your employers don't miss any important phone calls while they're away by keep-

MISS STICK-UP HORRIFIED

Pokey Bear Is Named in Romantic Liaison with Caroline's Teddy

The White House was rocked recently by the disclosure that Blair's Pokey Bear has been carrying on a backstairs affair with one of the nursery's playmates.

Robert Pokey was invited to dine in the nursery with Caroline's brown teddy bear, Lilibet, a present from the Queen of England.

After tea, Caroline held her first news conference. "Lilibet has hinted to me," she declared, "that she has a crush on Pokey. I think it has his handsome red and white sweater that won her over."

"Pokey's only comment was, 'How can anyone resist those big blue eyes?'"

Valuable Articles In Lost and Found

Following through on a suggestion offered by the Student Council, the administration plans on a "Lost Sale" in order to find articles.

Listed below are a number of articles to be sold. A Richard Montgomery Banner, Manny You-kun's cornob pipe, a book entitled, *How to Cheat Without Getting Caught*, a teeny, weeny, yellow polka dot bikini, a record entitled "Sixteen Tons," and 1945 *Silverlogie*, and a can of paint that may have been left here by Wheaton.

If all lost articles are not sold, Mr. All Vote has moved that everything be put in hock in order to acquire the funds for a co-educational swimming pool, tennis court, an hockey field.

Miss Stick-up, head librarian, reported that she was shocked by Pokey's sudden infidelity.

With tears in her eyes, Miss Stick-up reminded Pokey of his one true mate, Thursa Bear, who has locked herself in Miss Stick-up's office and has buried herself in those nursery books, to find solace for her sorrow. She has threatened to break all Pokey's lollipops if he doesn't return to her.

"I believe Pokey's fame has gone to his head," Miss Stick-up sobbed. She plans to retire Pokey from the public limelight to the safety of Blair's vault for the next few weeks.

It is imperative, however, that he come back in time for the annual Library Club Feast. Here

Club members will dine on delicious fried book worms mixed with overdue dates.

Plot Uncovered

It is rumored that Miss Stick-up has devised a plot to get B.C.C. to kidnap the siren Lilibet by making them think Pokey will pay a ransom.

She expects they will ship her over to the "Big Bear" across the sea. Since Lilibet is a distant relative of the only remaining Hamus Alabamus, it is very likely that Mr. Kerchoo-ker-chef will desire her to marry his pet bear.

With this plan in mind, Romantic Roberta, president of the Library Club, hopes to announce the banns of Pokey and Thursa at the April 12th Banquet.

Blairites Adopt Code of Action For All Future Snow Days

The advance weather forecast that wintery January night said, "Heavy snow tonight and tomorrow in suburbs only, with 18½" accumulation expected. Fair and mild in city. Give blood."

The average Blairite hearing this prediction felt a surge of peace and tranquility, for it could only mean one thing—no school in Montgomery County. Not that Blairites mind getting up at the crack of dawn for learning, but if Nature must interfere—

It starts to snow on schedule, and unknown Blairites slept in angelic peace, the snow kept quite awake. At the weather bureau,

for instance, orgy was being held in honor of the first correct prediction in a century. And Mr. I. M. Frustrated, the man who decides whether or not the schools close, wasn't sleeping either. He had to dart outside in the snowfall and measure the snowfall with a ruler on the hour.

At the very moment poor Fred gave his decision for the schools to close, it stopped snowing. The sun then rose faster than usual, and was shining with great warmth when alarm clocks began to ring. But the decision had been made.

Harry Blairite woke up, heard the announcement, and went right back to sleep without asking any questions. When he woke again that mid-afternoon, he realized that this was a golden opportunity to hit the books. But he also realized it was an even more golden opportunity to catch up on his pool game.

Tempus Fugit

by Hollace Goldberg

"Time waits for no man" Except at Montgomery Blair. For all the clocks are out of order And the students in despair. Each clock tells a different time, And none of them is right. This indeed is not a matter To be taken light. Students are late to classes, If they should heed the clocks. To detention hall they go Literally in flocks. Teachers are late to meetings, Visitors are in a tizzy. If you walk through Montgomery Blair

The clocks will make you dizzy. This is a problem that warrants immediate correction. Whoever heard of the clocks in a school

Going in different directions? By minutes or by hours The clocks are either slow or fast Is it quarter to the hour Or is it quarter past? Mr. Vogt do us a favor, Unless you're lacking ways And means

Call up an electrician And rush him to the scene. March him through the building, Show him every clock, Have him fix the hands & faces, Make them go "tick-tock." Then, once more at Montgomery Blair On time the clocks shall run, Confusion will be gone at last And time will wait for None.

Blair Has 8 Real 'April Fools' All Born on First of April

There are certain dates in the year which don't have the best birth-days. The first of April—April Fools' Day—is one of these.

Blairites born on April Fools' Day were asked if they had any special problems as a result of their birthdate. The replies:

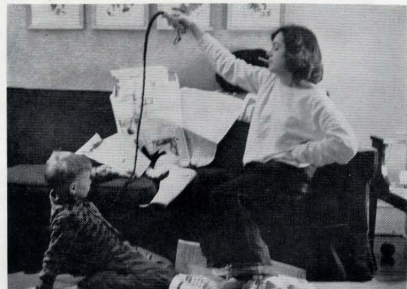
Frank Gatchell—"Nothing much except that I get kidded."

William Dunbar—"The main thing is April Fool, you know, the biggest fool of all."

Martha Weiss—"I have no problem at all."

Mona Miller—"It's terrible. You always get kidded. I wish I could change it to March 31 or April 2 or any day but April 1."

Other Blairites born on April 1 are: Timothy Brenton, Sharon Crowell, Don Robertson and Charles McCrea.



Baby-sitter Danny Barber. Danny will baby-sit any evening until 6 p.m. Call him at JU 9-876543210.

ing the phone tied up with your personal calls.

● 5. Take little naps every one in awhile so you'll awake refreshed and more alert to your duties.

● 6. Too much sleep is bad for anyone. Keep the T.V. nice and loud so the kids don't get too much of a bad thing.

● 7. Don't spoil the baby by changing his diapers or heating his bottle. He'll grow up thinking he's privileged or something.

● 8. Be sure to leave the refrigerator empty so the lady of the house won't have to clean it out the next time she defrosts. But don't wash any dishes. After all, you were hired as a baby-sitter, not a scullery maid.

● 9. Demand your pay in advance. Then if your employers aren't back exactly on time, you can leave anyway.

SAYING OF THE WEEK

HAVE REPORT CARD, MUST TRAVEL

Blair Finishes On Top in Poll

In a poll recently released to **Silver Slips**, Montgomery Blair finished first out of eight high schools rated in sportsmanship. Blair, although previously considered poor in the area of sportsmanship, received a total of 98 points out of a possible 100. A distant second to Blair was Sherwood with 52 points. The school that finished last in the survey was Wheaton with a total of only 17 points.

New Criteria
"Schools were judged according to many factors," stated one of the judges. "Not only volume of cheering and regular courtesy were considered, but also little things the students did were counted," he said.

He added, "That is how Blair picked up many of its points—the little extra things. For instance, when cheerleaders from other schools came over to the Blair section to lead a cheer, Blairites would burst out laughing and screaming, apparently in appreciation of the other schools' cheerleaders."

"And when the other school would give a cheer, Blairites would all make 'thumbs down' gestures, which were interpreted as encouraging their opponents' efforts," he added.

Oh, by the way, the people who made this survey were members of the Blair student body.



Members of a new Blair varsity sports team, hopscotch, are shown during a recent practice. While George Lundy (left) is readying himself for his next hop, Don Williams, Bob Tompkins, Jack Townsend, and Jim Wendt are watching. (Photo by Holly Hall)

Novel Practices to Be Tried Track Coach Alters Methods; Team Aims for Another Title

Using many new techniques and approaches, Blair's track team will soon begin its '62 season, trying for its third straight Maryland Championship.

Blair's Coach, Jerry Rednose, has come up with some new methods for training which he feels will revolutionize track and field.

Like Rabbits

To improve distance running, Coach Rednose has a scheme which is foolproof. He ties a piece of rabbit meat to each runner in practice. Then, fifty yards in back of the runners, he unleashes a pack of dogs.

According to the coach, "This method has done wonders for building up the wind, speed, and stamina of the runners. Of course I have just about the most chwed-up squad in the country, but like I always say, the end justifies the means (unless, of course, it's me who's getting chewed up)."

New Pole

In pole vaulting, Coach Rednose also seems assured of success. The fiberglass pole, which John Uelses used to break the 16-foot barrier, will soon be forgotten when Blair polevaulters start breaking records using the new "pogo-stick pole."

These and many other innovations should assure Coach Rednose and the track team of their third straight Maryland State Championship.

Alvin's Gutter By Alvin Cider



Blair's sports scene is about to receive two new members. A yachting club and a varsity tidwinks team are the two additions.

The founder of the yachting club is Len Stein, one of the wealthiest boys at Blair. "We rich need some diversion," he said, "besides the brawling of football and other such common amusements."

"Actually," Len added, "the club is open to anyone who wishes to join, not just rich people. The admission fee is just \$225, and a yacht can be bought for only \$25,000."

When asked where the yachts would be used, Len replied, "Why, Sligo Creek, of course."

Blair's other new activity, the tidwinks team, is headed by Herman Zorch.

"We tidwinks players are

always so misunderstood," Herman complained. "Tiddlywinks is a good game," he continued. "It takes coordination and many hours of practice. We hope that by having this team, Blairites will soon begin to appreciate the game."

Vince Pugnalesco, a coach of the Blazers' Montgomery County Champion football team, recently granted an exclusive (no one else wanted it) interview to **Silver Slips**.

He said, "I think Blair's sports records this year stinks. All you guys are always saying how great it is. Well, what about those losses to Wheaton and Northwestern in football? There ain't no excuse for that stuff. If they had me in there, you can be damn sure we would have won all our games."

Secret of Basketball Victories Brought to Light by Silver Slips

Now that Blair has successfully completed its '62 season by winning its second state championship in a row, Coach Ed McFoot has given **Silver Slips** the privilege of being first with the news of how the championship was won.

"At the beginning of the season, I hired a ballet instructor. I felt this would help the boys' agility and coordination," the coach explained.

The instructor, Leonid Brezhnev, had this to say about the team: "On the whole, they all did remarkably well. Some, like Bob Tompkins and Jim Wendt are very agile and dance excellently. Of course, some don't do quite as well. Sonny Jackson was hampered considerably by his tremendous size and is extremely clumsy."

When asked about Coach McFoot's ballet ability, Mr. Brezhnev had simply this to say: "Ugh!"

Don Willman, Jack Townsend, Jim Wendt and Bob Tompkins are caught during one of their recent ballet lessons (see story). (Photo by Holly Hall)

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Blair Baseball to Be Aided by Recruiting

By I. M. A. Lire

"Due to the fact that the e has not been enough interest in high school baseball in the past, the administration has decided to try to help the team, thereby increasing student interest," relates Blair baseball coach, Stonely Kil-jakovski.

"Since the Montgomery County League has waived the age limit for players, we have started a serious recruiting program."

Recently Steve Barber and Johnny Klippstein, two Blair alumni who are now playing professional baseball, were contacted by representatives from Blair. Coach was offered a three-year, no-cut contract calling for \$10,000 a year with a \$15,000 bonus if they would sign on to play for Blair this season.

The Coach often affectionately referred to as KKK, explained that with the added interest in baseball, the Blair stadium won't hold everyone.

He stated that a new 21-million dollar stadium is being planned,

however. The stadium will be located in the business section of Wheaton.

One of the first players out was Sonny Jackson. "The kid is only about 5' 8", the coach explained. "He's real skinny, too. No one with any sense could mistake him for a good athlete. One look at him and you can see that he probably wouldn't even last it through he rigors of training."



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Star Athlete and O'Deb Win Citizenship Award



Sonny Jackson

Debbie Davis

Debbie Davis and Sonny Jackson are Blair's two top citizens in the opinion of the Senior Class. They were elected by their classmates to receive the annual Civitan Award.

"The Civitan Award is a high citizenship award," said Principal Allan Vogt. "Students are elected for good citizenship and service to the school."

To win an award of this type, "You've got to make real contributions," he said.

The library has a plaque with the names of past Blair Civitan Award winners on it. The first winners were Anne Swavese and Robert Alexander in 1949.

As president of Blair O'Deb, Debbie has a busy schedule. She is also the Senior Class Banquet chairman. Other extra-curricular activities are the Election Committee, the Safety Committee, and the Powder Puffs.

Going to Maryland Univ., Maryland University is Debbie's

Campaign Fever Again Overcomes Students

Campaign fever will be rampant at Blair when students return from the Easter holiday. Chips plans a special election issue which will appear May 2.

On May 2, the official campaign speeches will be delivered at a school-wide assembly, and voting will begin.

Polls will be set up in the Girls' Gym. Voting will begin Wednesday, May 2, after school and continue Thursday, before school, during lunch, and after school. Final voting will take place Friday morning, May 4.

Honor Society Takes in 37 New Members at Friday's Assembly

Twenty-nine juniors and eight seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society in the Spring Honors Awards Assembly held Friday.

Members are chosen on the basis of character, service to the school, and high academic standing.

However, there were many qualified juniors who did not get in due to the fact that only 3% of the junior class may be taken in at the spring induction. These who got applications but didn't make it this time will be the first to be considered in the fall.

Seniors inducted included: Frank Connor, David Segal, Charles

New Officers Announced At Library Feast

Sue Singleton is the newly elected president of the Library Club. Other officers as announced at the annual Library Club Banquet held at N.O.L. April 12 are: Andy Michaels, vice-president; Emily Bailey, secretary; and Lynn Blana, treasurer.

The banquet was in honor of Mrs. Louise Harmon, Blair home economics teacher and national president of the Home Economics Division of N.E.A. Present at the banquet to honor her were her husband and two of her three daughters. She was introduced by Miss Julia Watkins, Supervisor of Home Economics for Montgomery County.

One of the highlights of the evening's activities was the induction of C. Taylor Whittier, head of the Montgomery County Board of Education, and Mr. Murray Andrews, Library Supervisor of Montgomery County.

Senior Banquet Set for May 3; Free Prom Likely, Says Barton

The Senior Class—760 strong—is putting on a burst of activity in its final two months at Blair.

May 3, the Senior Banquet will be held at the Naval Ordnance Lab. "Since the Senior Class finds itself in such a good financial condition," said Class President Dave Barton, "the cost per person will be only \$2 instead of the usual \$2.75."

The speaker will be Mr. Morris B. Schnapper, father of Keyette president Amy Schnapper. Mr. Schnapper is publisher of the Public Affairs Press, and an editor and writer. He has traveled in Europe, Russia, Japan, and all over North America. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The "Devrons" will play at the Senior Prom set for May 25 at the Shoreham Hotel from 9 to 12 p.m. The prom probably will be free because of money brought in by the Senior Class play and other successful fund-raising efforts.

Dates for final exams, baccalaureate, and graduation have not been definitely scheduled as yet.

Three-part Cabinet

"I made the three cabinet parts (the waist, base, and hood) out of Philippine mahogany, but I haven't put a finish on the wood yet," he explained. "The clock is one and a half feet wide at the base, 14 inches wide at the top, and one foot wide at the waist."

Kirby said that he made this gigantic clock because it was a "challenge" but mainly because he wanted one. He's been at it since October.

Praises Machinery
Kirby has high praise for the new woodshop equipment. "We're using some of the best machinery the Blair shop has ever had, especially the new radial arm saw and the jointed," he said.

\$1,500 Still Needed For C.A.R.E. Pledge

Blair's annual spring welfare project for 1962 is the "Grow More Food Program," designed to help the starving people of India to become self-sufficient.

The Welfare Committee has voted to allocate \$2,000 toward the Indian project.

"So far about \$500 has been raised," explained Meryl Pearlman, welfare chairman. "If the remaining \$1,500 is to be raised, we will need the support of every student in meeting—and even increasing—his individual welfare pledge."

Blair students, on a voluntary basis, pledge to contribute a certain sum to the school's welfare projects. The collections are made by student welfare representatives.

Silver Chips Wins Top Press Award

Silver Chips has been awarded the All-American Honor Rating by the National Scholastic Press Association.

This is the highest rating a paper can receive, and Silver Chips holds the distinction of being the only one in its class—2,000 or more enrollment, published once a month—to receive this honor.

The judges especially commended Chips for its thorough and well-balanced news coverage and high quality of writing.

They singled out for praise the story on the new stock-buying club, the Civil Defense series, and the presentation of pro's and con's on the Activity Participation Point System.

To Buy Tools
Specifically, the "Grow More Food Program" will help buy agricultural tools for Indian villages and instruct farmers in improved agriculture techniques. It is sponsored by CARE.

"Eighty per cent of India's people are farmers who earn about \$60 a year," said Meryl. "CARE cannot help these people without the assistance of organizations such as Blair's Welfare Committee."

CARE has chosen seven project areas in India and plans to set up 54 villages as models for the surrounding farming communities to see and emulate. One model village costs approximately \$4,000 to equip, Meryl said.

Help for Panama
Last year Blair's spring welfare project was a gift of \$1,000 to buy equipment for a school in Panama. The American ambassador to Panama last week held a reception for Blair delegates to express his appreciation.

SENIOR MAKES GIANT CLOCK

Cabinet-making Artistry Pays Off

Remember the day—probably back in junior high—when you breathlessly presented Mom with your very first pair of bookends, made with your own grubby little hands?

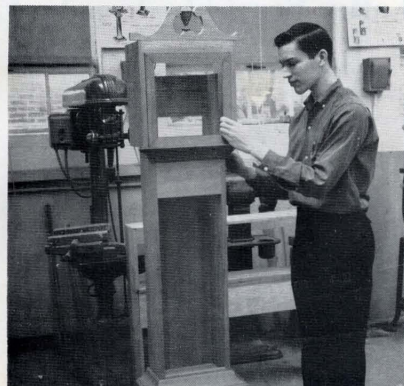
Kirby Barger, after three years in Blair's woodshop classes, has come a long way since those days. When he graduates this June, he'll have the problem of lugging home a six-foot-three-inch grandfather's clock.

"Actually," says Kirby, "because it's only 6' 3" tall, it's called a grandmother's clock. An authentic grandfather's clock is eight feet tall."

The Barger family, which is understandably enthusiastic about Kirby's project, plans to set up his huge timepiece in the living room. They expect to pay about \$50 for the intricate clock works. The wood from which Kirby made

the clock's cabinet cost approximately \$10.

Other furniture pieces which Kirby has made include an early American bench, which his family keeps in the den, and a "handy-dandy-what-not" shelf.



(Staff photo by Hal)

TIME ON HIS HANDS—Kirby Barger is nearing the end of his year-long project in Cabinetmaking II—the construction of a grandfather's clock. Mr. Eddie Brakus teaches the class.

Sheep or Goats?

High school students who have recently sweated through College Board examinations should be thankful. Had they been born perhaps five years later, they might have encountered this test long before they reached senior high.

"The time may be coming," reports a recent article in Newsweek Magazine, "when this trial will be laid upon students as early as the seventh grade." The purpose of such a radical addition to the testing calendar would be to prepare for the increasing number of college applicants.

College entrance tests administered on a junior high level would not be sound. Since few students are then mature, the early test would give no more than a slight indication of a student's capabilities. Consequently, no useful information to aid a college in student selection would be provided.

More valid criteria than a seventh-grade college entrance exam is a student's achievement—both in scholarship and in character development. And even achievement records often fail to reveal many talented "late bloomers."

Lets not slavishly follow the European pattern of separating the "sheep" from the "goats" in the seventh grade—when many intelligent "lambs" are still masquerading as devilish "kids."

Letter to the Editor

(In reply to Cindy Spindel's letter of March 9, 1962.)

The people who settled our country came from countries in which there were state religions, where one must be a member of a state church or be denied the right to worship. They were trying to establish a nation where one might be free to worship as one pleased, but they were not trying to build a nation in which religion had no place.

They wanted each to have his own church, synagogue, or temple where he could go for the specific teachings of his own faith, but they did not want all mention of religion erased from our national life. To that separation of church and state did not mean a state devoid of religion, but a state not dominated by any one religion.

This is a democracy within a republic and the rule of the majority is one of our basic political philosophies. If all religious observance is cut from schools, it is the binding of the majority to the will of the minority and this will breed misunderstanding instead of harmony.

I think that people who claim to be God's children should come to some agreement in which God will be exalted, not excluded from American life. In the Old Testament God said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

It was intended that America be a place where all men could find God, as can be seen in the description "nation under God."

In conclusion it should be clearly understood that I do not advocate the teaching of a religion in the public schools, but I do advocate oral acknowledgement that ours is a nation whose trust has been placed in God. The home-room would seem to be the most suitable place for the children of the Christian principles of our country—man's dependence on God.

—Doug Groseclose, 11-9

Band Concert Set For PTA Meeting

A concert by the Blair band will be featured at the PTA meeting Friday, May 11, in the Girls' Gym.

New PTA officers also will be installed.

Election of PTA officers had not been held at presstime. Names proposed by the nominating committee were: Mr. Charles Horskey, the current president, who was nominated for another term; Mr. John Chapman, vice president; Mrs. LeRoy Walters, treasurer; and Mrs. George Huff, corresponding secretary. Nominations also were to be accepted from the floor.

Troubled Pig 'Hogs' Show Limelight

Without reciting a line, singing a stanza, or dancing a step, one small pink pig captured the hearts of several thousand playgrounders who viewed "Li'l Abner."

Striving for realism, the producers of "Li'l Abner" decided to get a real animal for the part of Salome—the Yokum's unusual pet pig. So they borrowed a swine named Christopher from Maryland University, and that's when the trouble began.

To say Christopher "hogged" the limelight purposely would be an injustice. His squeals—which came at inopportune moments during the play—were his way of voicing displeasure at some of the "training" he was getting. The pig's caretakers tried everything from diapers and rubber pants to tranquilizers.

All attempts were to no avail, however, as Christopher let out a chorus of squeals that brought laughter from the audience and caused confusion among the actors.

Janie Lewis, as Dogpatch's Moonbeam McSwine, perhaps got to know the pig more intimately than the rest. For it was her duty to tote Chris back and forth during the three nights of

the show.

"He really put up a struggle," said Jane, "and I've got the scars to prove it."

She also discovered that, contrary to popular opinion, pigs aren't slippery. They're covered with bristles.



THIS LITTLE PIG WENT TO DOG PATCH—The little pig who was featured among the cast of "Li'l Abner" presented some problems for his chief caretaker, Janie Lewis.

Experimental Math Class Introduces Advanced Trig to Talented Blairites

What a game of bridge is to card friends higher mathematics is to four talented Blairites.

Arthur Ogus, Larry Kaufman, Phyllis Teitelbaum, and Paul Kitchener make up a special experimental math class which meets for one hour every Wednesday.

Directed by Dr. Roberta Keiter, county "resource teacher," the class is primarily a seminar of trigonometry. At present, it is studying the inverse relationship of trig functions. Dr. Keiter delivers a presentation in class, giving her students a background on which to develop ideas.

Although this math class is chiefly devoted to lectures and discussions, students take time out to solve various puzzles extracted from Scientific American magazine. This select group uses

a college level textbook and covers a chapter or more a week.

The four students receive no credit for their weekly sessions. During the remaining four days of the school week, when they do not go to their special math class, they attend their regular Math II class which includes plane and solid geometry.

Miss Fitez's Students Commemorate Her With Library Planter

Miss Geraldine M. Fitez, commercial teacher at Blair who died March 18, will be long remembered by her many friends among the students and faculty. A brass planter has been placed in the library by her students as a memorial.

She received her bachelor's degree from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, and her master's from George Washington University. For several years she attended summer education courses at Columbia University.

Principal Allan Vogt, in a tribute to Miss Fitez, said "Miss Geraldine M. Fitez had been a shorthand and typing teacher at Blair since September, 1958. She was also recording secretary for the Montgomery Blair P.T.A. Miss Fitez was a faithful, conscientious and dedicated teacher and will be missed by the students and the faculty."

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SURPRISE AT A.F.S. ASSEMBLY

Latin Scrabble Coach Earns Her Varsity Jacket

Miss Hazel M. Bratt, was honored in a surprise ceremony at a recent assembly for her work as one of Blair's most "unique" coaches.

As coach of Blair's crack Latin Scrabble Team, Miss Bratt was presented with a red and white varsity jacket by football coach Vincent Pugliese. Inscribed on

the back of the coat in big white letters are the words "Latin Scrabble."

Miss Bratt has been sporting her jacket regularly in class.

A.F.S. Speakers

Preceding the jacket presentation was the main feature of the assembly—speeches by three foreign exchange students who are attending Blair. The speakers—Alex Otengui of Spain, Laura Gualino of Italy, and Francoise Warnery of France—related some problems created by their new environment.

"I like to laugh," said Francoise, "but I couldn't understand the jokes." Laura said she constantly bungled telephone messages at first, adding that "teens talk too fast."

The students brought out some striking differences between European and American schools. They noted, for instance, that school is generally attended on Saturdays in Europe, and the teachers

change from class to class instead of the students.

No Short Skirts

"In Italy, school is school," mused Laura. "There are no extracurricular activities, and girls must wear unattractive black smocks. But at least there is no problem with short skirts."

Laura's first impressions of Blair were noteworthy. "Blair seemed more like a small town than a school—with stores, snack bars, a bank, and a police corps (the Citizenship Committee)."

Despite the minor problems and irritations, which are to be expected, the A.F.S. exchange has worked out well. "Now I really feel at home," said Laura. "Time is passing quickly due to your friendship and hospitality, and I thank you."

Carol Jordan and Phyllis Teitelbaum were announced as semifinalists in the A.F.S. "Americans Abroad" program for the coming year.



GIFT FOR A 'DESERVING' COACH—Miss Hazel M. Bratt, coach of Blair's Latin Scrabble Team, gets fitted with her new varsity jacket by Mr. Vincent Pugliese. (Staff photo by Hall)

Jeff Ackerson Top Scientist

"Four-hydroxyl-5-isopropyl-2-methylphenyl trimethylammonium chloride, 1-piperidine carbonylate"—or more commonly known as AMO-1618—was the chemical Jeffrey Ackerson worked with to receive the Grand Prize in Blair's Annual Science Fair.

Spark Plug Project

"How Piezoelectricity Fires Spark Plugs" was the title of John Schnobly's project which took Second Grand Prize honors.

"This is a form of electricity that comes from squeezing, bending, or twisting certain kinds of natural and man-made crystals," explains John.

Arthur Ogus and Larry Kaufman, sophomores, worked jointly on an original calculus proof.

Originality was displayed in Sue Larson's project, "The Probability of Character Detection in the Human Face." Bewildered onlookers seized mirrors to discover what characteristics were hidden in their faces.

The eight first place winners in the fair are as follows: Richard Noffsinger, agriculture; Jeffrey Ackerson, botany; Robert Carol, chemistry; Steve Luber, electronics; John Schnobly, engineering; Arthur Ogus and Larry Kaufman, mathematics; Allen Goldberg, medical sciences; and Ronnie Yeager and Mike Lofton, zoology.



THANKS FROM PANAMA—Joseph S. Farland, this country's ambassador to Panama, thanks Meryl Pearlman and Bob Long for Blair's \$1,000 gift of equipment to a Panama school. The gift was made through C.A.R.E. (See related story on Page 1.)

Blair on 'Voice of America' As Typical U. S. High School

Blair will be featured as a typical American high school on "Voice of America."

The primary intent of this program, to be broadcast in June, is to illustrate to peoples of the world how an American high school prepares its students for the future.

Representatives of "Voice of America" recently toured Blair, observing students in classrooms and at extra-curricular activities.

Bogley Captures 'Ugly' Title; Varsettes Donate to Charity



MAGIC OF MAKE-UP—Bob Bogley underwent quite a transformation to win the Varsettes' "Ugliest Man" contest.

Who is really the ugliest boy at Blair? According to the results of the Varsettes' Ugly Man Contest, Bob Bogley wins the "Non-Beauty" title.

His election was a painless way of collecting close to \$25 which will be sent to the March of Dimes. It is doubtful, however, that the organization will find any use for the sock, the pen and cartridge, and the broken mirror collected from the O'Deb candidates.

box. Anyone identifying these may call at the Lost and Found.

Mary Anne Buccio, chairman of the contest, calls the contest a success. "The amount was not too large, but it weighed a lot since most of it was in pennies," she commented.

When the contest is repeated next year it will be emphasized that the cost of voting is not limited to pennies, but any loose silver will be most welcome.

TOP LIST WITH ALL A'S

79 Juniors on Honor Roll

Among 869 juniors, 79 have qualified for the six weeks honor roll. The eight who received straight A's are Vera Lynn Blama, Marilyn Danner, Susan Gatzke, Virginia Irving, Susan Kaminsky, Paul Kitchener, Anne Rothman and Phyllis Teitelbaum. Lited on the B honor roll with all As and Bs are Susan Anderson, Susan Baker, Susan Beck, Judy Bryant, Joan Burns, Charles Cocherel, Edward Cohen, Leslie Derow, Pamela Duke, Mike Fisher, Eileen Gendel, Rita Gentry, Eric Gold, Lawrence Gorman, Ellen Gordon.

Robert C. Gray, Richard E. Gordon, Sharon Gray, Dan Greifman, Alan Hais, Susan Hedrick, Dave Heller, Kay Hober, Donna Hurlburt, Barbara Jacobson, Carol Jordan, Fred Karp, John

Kelly, Joan Kilsheimer. Steve Kopec, Pat Keuper, Shirley Koenig, Mary Linceer, Mark Lee, Michael Marvin, Elaine Mastura, Donald Margolis, Jyll Martin, Maura Middleton, Phyllis Mudrick, Janneke Nauta, Lester Neede, Donald Owens.

Pam Pasquale, Michael Phillips, Mary Ann Podolak, Marilyn Quinn, Glenn Raney, Geraldine Robach, Carol Rosenthal, Eileen Rubin, Larry Schultz, Laura Shubin, Jerry Siegel, Kathryn Simpson, Sue Singleton, Sue F. Smith, Ann Snow, and Allen Snyder. Judy Tatal, Michael Suser, Virginia Surles, Karen Thompson, Holly Thau, Carole Vieth, Susan Wechler, Mark Weinberg, Leslie Wolin, Madeline Worton, Judith Zwierding, David Weiss, and Leslie Westbrook.

Registration in Electronics Remains Open to Sophomores

If you're interested in electronics, it's still not too late to change your schedule and enroll for next year.

"Electrical Technology," explained Mr. Joseph Harty, is a two-year course designed primarily to give the student a comprehensive knowledge of the basic fundamentals of electricity, applied math, and science.

Due to an error in the course description bulletin, many students who think they are ineligible for the course really can enroll.

Prerequisites Listed

The only prerequisite is that the student has satisfactorily completed the tenth grade, have average mental ability, and a high level of interest in the technical and theoretical "why" of things.

Planned laboratory experiments are held to allow students to combine theoretical knowledge with practical experience and application. This includes the building of specific units, testing, troubleshooting, adjusting, and wiring up various projects.

The Electrical Technology course was instituted at Blair for the first time this year. It stems from an urgent need in industries producing equipment and materials

for national defense, among others.

The average industrial plant needs five technicians for each engineer or research scientist. Because of the shortage of trained technicians, many industries are forced to use graduate engineers and scientists to perform the technician's duties.

"It's our job to develop and train the technicians," Mr. Harty claims, "to be vital third member of the industrial team of engineer or scientist and skilled craftsman."



Bus Leaves Today For New Orleans

A busload of adventurous Blairites will set out at 4:30 today on their own sentimental journey to New Orleans—their way of observing the Civil War Centennial.

Mr. Phillip Jones, Blair geography teacher, has formed a non-profit corporation to make low cost vacation tours available to high school students. The sojourn, which runs through April 22, includes stops at historic shrines and battlefields, as well as the two-day stay in New Orleans, and a night each in a number of other major Southern cities.

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MODELS WEAR OWN CREATIONS

Fashion Show Set for May 11

"The Best of Blair"—highlights wears to homecoming weekend, the theme of the annual Home Arts Fashion Show May 11.

Student models, attired in their own creations, will demonstrate what the well-dressed Blairite wears to Homecoming weekend, the Christmas formal, "L'il Abner," and graduation.

Original outfits range from sporty slacks and play suits through tailored costumes and elegant formals.

A string group from the orchestra and three members of the marching band will provide background music. The chorus will also sing.

"It is hoped that the show will be in arena style this year," commented Mrs. Louise Harmon, home economics chairman. "But this will be up to Mr. Bernard Lipscomb, supervisor of stage design. The programs will be designed by Mrs. Faye Sherry's art classes."

The fashion show will be open to all girls at Blair and tickets will be sold at 35 cents. A special showing will be held, at no charge, for the various junior high schools in the area. Parents are invited to attend.

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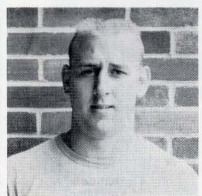
DO IT YOURSELF — Cathy Fondren models the ensemble she will wear in the fashion show. With this outfit, Cathy recently took first place in the Silver Spring area Vogue Contest.

Title-Hungry Blazers Hope To Blast Rockets Today

Terp Football Player, Hacker Practice Teaching at Blair

"Football," says Bob Hacker, center on the Maryland team who is now practice teaching at Blair, "is a contact sport. When you see another player on the field, you go after him with all you've got."

To back up his point, Mr. Hacker owns a list of injuries which reading from the top down—includes everything from a concussion to a broken leg.



Bob Hacker

Native of Pennsylvania

Mr. Hacker, who stands six-foot-one and weighs 215 pounds, was born in 1940 in a small town 30 miles north of Pittsburgh. After a year and a half of football in high school, he received 18 offers of football scholarships from colleges.

He chose Maryland, he says, because he liked the campus and, being from a school that graduated a class of only 96, he was much impressed by the size of Cole Fieldhouse. He also wrestled at Maryland.

Praise Course

Mr. Hacker, who is naturally teaching in physical education, says that the Blair gym program is "a real good course." He finds the locker facilities somewhat short of ideal.

The blond athlete recently signed as a free agent with the Redskins where he hopes to play middle linebacker. He considers himself too tight for a pro center.

ARE FEMALE SPORTS A FARCE?

Girls Defend Their Sports; 'Gym a Good Way to Relax'

Girls' sports—farce or favorable fact of Blair?

Most Blair girls stop taking physical education after the sophomore year. "Your hair gets all messed up in gym," said Annette Dorf, 11-5. "And you don't have enough time to get dressed." Annette's view is representative of those girls who drop gym after it becomes an elective.

What about the brave souls who endure the lockerroom rush? "I usually get put back together," stated Linda Bedsworth, 11-1. "My hair is a mess anyway."

"After five straight periods in a classroom, I like to relax. Gym is the way to do it," said Theresa Tyson, 12-20.

Attitude of Boys

"Boys underestimate girls' sports," said Linda Sparshott, 12-19. "They think our sports are silly because we can't play as well as they can."

Boys who look down on girls' sports should look again because as Nancy Mitchell, 12-14, points out, "Boys wouldn't want their girls' friends to be fat and flabby."

Why do girls go out for the intramural program held after school? "I like them, and besides you need your daily exercise," said Maria Whitaker, 11-23.

FIRST TIME AT BLAIR

Gym Classes Hold Wrestling Tourney

True "amateur" sports reigned supreme at Blair recently when the 660 boys in the physical education classes competed in the first intramural wrestling tournament.

The tournament, which excluded members of the varsity or junior varsity squads, was held under the direction of Mr. George Gienger, who is also wrestling coach.

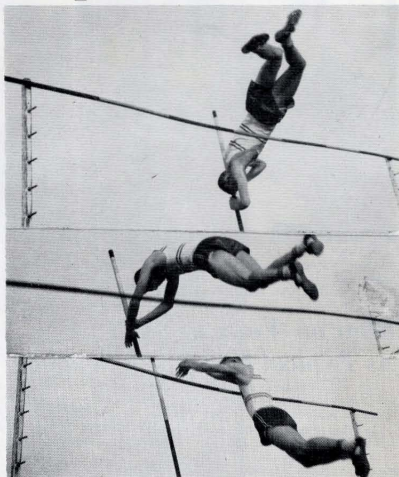
J.V. Squad Thin

In addition to recreation, one of the purposes of the tournament was to find prospects for the

wrestling team and to get them interested in wrestling. Last season, response was so poor that the junior varsity schedule has to be cancelled after only one match because there was only one man on the J.V.

Mr. Gienger is working towards a first-place in the metro tourney and a full J.V. schedule for next year.

The tournament was held under regular rules, not like the "wrestling" you see on television.



UP AND OVER—Julian Rainwater was easily high man at the recent four-way track meet. He vaulted 11' 4". (Staff photos by Hall)

Competition Stiffens In League Track Meet

By Marvin Goldberg

Blair's trackmen face an uphill struggle if they are to repeat as Maryland State champs for the third straight year. In fact, the Blazers will be hard pressed to hang onto the Montgomery County title since some of their toughest competition comes from reinvigorated Northwood and B.C.C. squads.

Winning its first meet of the year easily against Gonzaga at American University, the cindermen ran into trouble against Northwood in a four-way meet.

They finished second, beating High Point and Northwestern. Northwood had 117 3/5 points to Blair's 86 7/10, followed by High Point with 61½ and Northwestern with 38 1/5.

Look Six Events

Of seven events Blair took six first places. Gone, however, was the tremendous depth of the last two years which enabled Blair to take two or three places in many events.

Al Caron, no longer performing in the shadow of the 1961 star Jim O'Neil, continued Blair's dominance in the hurdles, taking first place in both the high and low hurdles. Bill Miller won the 880,

and Albert Turner captured the high jump.

Rainwater Shines

But the big man of the meet was Julian Rainwater who took first place in the pole vault with a leap of 12' 2", second place in the broad jump and hop, skip, and jump, and tied for fourth in the low hurdles.

Northwood showed an abundance of fine runners and took many places in most of the dashes and relays. Blair won the mile relay, however, with Jerry Frankendorf, Bill Leibovich, Caron, and Miller. "Leibo" also took a second in the 440.



Washington area sports writers are predicting that the Blair alumnus Tommy Brown has the makings of an All-American centerfielder. The Maryland ballhawk, who starred for Blair in the same capacity from 1955 through 1957, was voted as All-Conference centerfielder last year as a sophomore.

'62ChampsPicked

Chips sticks its neck out and herewith predicts the final standings this year in the professional baseball leagues:

American League	Nat'l League
Detroit	Los Angeles
New York	Sap Francisco
Baltimore	Milwaukee
Chicago	Pittsburgh
Cleveland	Cincinnati
Minnesota	St. Louis
Boston	Philadelphia
Washington	New York
Los Angeles	Houston
Kansas City	Chicago

Riccuci Pitching Paces Team Wins

Blair meets Richard Montgomery today in what it hopes will be another giant step toward a county baseball championship. The game start at 2 p.m. at Rockville.

After the first two games the Blazers had allowed only one run to be scored on them, while scoring 16 of their own.

While the Blair squad deserves the credit for its performance as a whole, the pitching of Jerry Riccuci has been the backbone of the team. At prestime the left-hander had tossed 11 scoreless innings.

Riccuci won the opener against Western of the West Interhigh, but not without the help of junior catcher Ned Blackwell, who hit a three-run homer to pace the Blair attack.

Long-ball Hitters

Homers were also cause for elation in the second game against Northwood, when Blackwell contributed a solo job, and first basemen-turned-rightfielder Steve Ness pounded out a three-run shot. Northwood was unable to score due to a stout defense and the tight pitching of Riccuci and soph Bob LaRocca.

Outfield Talent

Bill Mason, used sparingly until now, has also come up with some solid hitting, and is a first-rate candidate for the left field job. This leaves Colin Waters, member of the varsity since his soph season, and Riccuci, who seems to be good at everything, going for the centerfield position.

The Blair squad appears stronger in the hitting department than it has been in recent years, having several longball hitters on the club. Blackwell, Ness, Riccuci, and Waters all have the power to reach the outfielders.

The infield has been hurt by the loss of second baseman Wally Voight, who was injured in the Northwood game. Wally is one of the best glove men in the infield, possibly only second to Sonny Jackson. It is not known exactly how long Voight will be out.

Time Out

By Arty Broughton

The batting ability of Steve Ness has gained him the name "The Untouchable." Who invented the monicker is not known, but it appears in parentheses on the list of Blair baseball statistics in the locker room.

Congratulations to pole-vaulter Mr. George Gienger. The big, graying coach has outdone most of the boys in Blair by clearing the pole-vault bar at eight feet, six inches.

A blow to the track squad this year was Jimmy Craig's decision to go out for baseball instead of track. The track team, which lost many of its members to graduation, is in need of the speed and endurance of Craig, who last year was part of the record-breaking relay team of Copeland, Rainwater, Burt, and Craig.

SILVER CHIPS

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Ned Urges Lessening
Of Point Limitations

Before one goes to the polls to vote, there are several things which he ought to know about any and all of the candidates. Of course, when voting for a president, he should know the duties and qualities of a good president, in addition to knowing the qualifications and aims of each candidate.

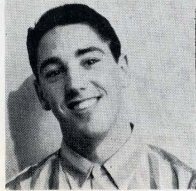
As far as ideas are concerned, there are many issues present in our school today which may be discussed—argumentatively or not—but to no avail. But generally, each student has his own ideas about the different points of conflict. Here are only some of the conflicting measures brought before Student Council during this school year:

Closer Ties with Students
(1) For years there has been a great gap between Student Council and the student body. Of course, throughout that time there have been many suggestions for overcoming this problem, but none has proved completely successful.

Two methods which have been used include the publishing of a Student Council Handbook which helps to tell about the different parts of Council, and also a visitation program whereby a few students from every homework could visit Council and observe its meetings.

Each of these I would like to see continued, and the latter, especially, I would like to see exercised more extensively.

A stronger union between the Representative Assembly and Student Council could also prove very effective in keeping the student body better informed about its government. Each and every student in the school should feel that he is an active and important part of his student government, and it is the job of Student Council to try to produce



NED BLACKWELL

this feeling.

Activity Point System

(2) Another point of dispute, which arose last year, concerns the Activity Point System, a method of limiting the number of activities of each individual. This is also something which should be looked into by the next Student Council, and possible revisions which slightly lessen the limitations would, I feel, be beneficial to the student body.

(3) Money is always an important issue. And this year the price of the Activity Ticket was a point of much concern. If, in future years, the cost were not as great, this would probably encourage more students to purchase a ticket, and thus would help to increase student participation and school spirit.

The above are only a few of the problems encountered in a student government. But through my work as treasurer of Student Council this year, and thus being a member of the executive committee, in addition to having served as a member-at-large in my sophomore year, I feel that I have become acquainted with such problems and have formulated several ideas concerning their solutions.

— Ned Blackwell

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Don Margolis Cites Four-Point
Plan For Ground Beautification

I would like to be elected to the office of vice-president of the Student Council for I have many ideas and projects which I feel would be beneficial to the school and its student body.

As you know the grove and the quadrangle are not the beauty spots which they ought to be. Therefore, one of my proposed projects would be an extensive grounds beautification. This project

would include such improvements as (1) cleaning of the grove; (2) supplying benches for the grove and quadrangle; (3) planting grass in the grove and quadrangle; and (4) planting more shrubs in these two places.

Another proposed project might be to improve or replace the tombstone-like Montgomery Blair High School sign at the intersection of Wayne Avenue and Dale Drive. This sign could be improved by either planting shrubs around the present sign and placing floodlights in front of it or by replacing the sign with a more modern one.

Representative Assembly

Since the Representative Assembly would be under my jurisdiction, I would definitely try to strengthen the body by holding Representative Assembly meetings more often. Thus, the Assembly would have more to say

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Voters Begin
S.C. Balloting
At Noon Today

The campaigns for officers of the Student Council will be climaxed today by the annual election assembly.

After the assembly the polls will open, closing Friday after junior lunch.

This year Blairites will choose from only two candidates for president, Cliff Arnebeck and Ned Blackwell. Running for vice president are Don Margolis, Bob White, and Dennis Wool.

Candidates for treasurer are Glenn Barber and Mike Jenkins. Bridgett Bunch, Chris Walker, and Sue Willis are running for secretary.

Silver Chips has asked the candidates to prepare statements of their policies for the guidance of voters. This is the first time Chips has published a special issue devoted entirely to a Student Council election.

Blairites will thus be able to make decisions based on issues, not simply popularity.

CAND. FOR V.P.

White Supports
Idea Exchange

I would like to thank you, the students, for supporting me in the primary elections. I realize that if elected vice-president I will be representing over 2,500 students, not only as a group but also each student individually.

In the past I have served on several Student Council committees at Blair and also as a representative to council in junior high. I feel that I have had valuable experience in council procedure, and my services could benefit the Blair student body.

I have prepared as my platform a four-point program but I will elaborate on only two of these propositions in this article.

The first point is the need for greater interchange of ideas and effective communication between student councils of other schools through more frequent visitations of council members.

The second point of the program is to create more interest of the student body in their Student Council. I hope to achieve this by presenting the highlights of discussions, proposals, and decisions of the Student Council over the public address system each Monday during extended

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Arnebeck Advocates
A Stronger Assembly

The Student Council President's purpose is to provide imaginative leadership to the student government. His primary aim is a more active and more representative student government, one which more accurately reflects the views and better meets the needs of the Student Body.

The following are my views for progressing toward these goals:

1. Give Representative Assembly legislative powers equal to those of the Student Council in matters of great significance to the school. This would give all students better representation and eliminate discord and friction which has existed in the past between the Representative Assembly and Student Council.

2. Maintain a constant self evaluation of procedures and operations in our Student Government, and always seek the best means of allowing the most students to participate and benefit from that participation.

3. Establish active and responsible committees in the Representative Assembly to facilitate it assuming a more important and active role in student government.

Annual Budget

4. Prepare an annual budget to avoid a deficit or the accumulation of large surpluses.

5. Set prices for activity ticket, dances, and items sold at School Store as nearly as possible according to budgetary needs.

6. Revitalize the Activity Council, which is supposed to schedule school activities and club projects, and the Coordinating Council, which would promote better cooperation and exchange of



CLIFF ARNEBECK

views between the class organizations.

7. Improve election procedures to facilitate a more objective evaluation of candidates for Student Council, Representative Assembly and class officers.

Qualifications for Chairmen

8. Appoint committee chairmen on the basis of ability and qualifications. Permanently adopt the procedure of interviewing applicants and keep these positions open to all students.

9. Reevaluate the Activity Participation Point System. Student Council should not limit individuals in their activities in clubs and other independent organization outside the Student Government. The purpose of the Activity Point System is to stimulate interest and increase participation in extra curricular activities, not to hinder individual initiative and enthusiasm.

10. Revise the Monogram so that it also recognizes service in one area and stresses quality rather than quantity. Devise a new method for recognition of service in the Student Government if a fair point system can't be determined.

— Cliff Arnebeck

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Dennis Wool Wants to See
Wider Student Participation

This year's Student Council, under the direction of the Long Administration, has made a step, I believe, in the right direction. It has looked into the future and set up standards for student activities which have and will prove to be effective with an ever-increasing student body.

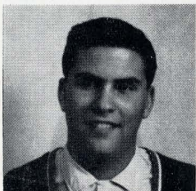
It is my opinion that several precedents have been set this year and that they should be followed in the future. The policy of limiting the number of activities in which a student may participate enables more students to become active and interested in making Blair the outstanding school it is and will continue to be.

Explain Point System

The revision of the monogram system has been significant, yet, I feel that this program has not sufficiently been explained to the

student body, and for this reason many do not understand it. I would like to see greater participation in Student Council and class activities in the future, for in this way we will develop a more closely knit and enthusiastic student body.

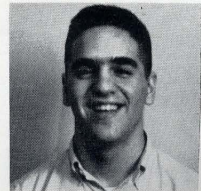
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DON MARGOLIS



BOB WHITE



DENNIS WOOL

2 Students Vie For Treasurer, 3 For Secretary

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Barber Emphasizes Importance Of Communications To Students

An individual who seeks elective office is confronted with the responsibilities of candidacy. To be a candidate is an honor and a privilege; to be an officer entails' humbling responsibility.

Experience is necessary for an officer to serve effectively. Previously I have served as seventh and eighth grade class president, Student Council president, and a Sophomore Class president.

It is necessary that a Student Council officer possess proper attitudes towards that position he holds. It is his duty to be a proud member of his student body, always upholding its purposes, representing its ideals, and establishing proper precedents of action and thought. A Student Council officer should be a leader determined to arouse interest in his school and a diligent worker towards establishing standards and principles as befit an educational institution of superior standing.

An elected official must display integrity, not only in a material sense, but also in his actions representing the student body. He serves to educate and guide those being governed. He serves to represent their ideas and to present to them various attitudes and opinions of others, in order that they exert active, intelligent influence in student government affairs.

Better Communications
I favor and support stronger student government-student body relations. The maintenance of communications is necessitated for effective student government.

Most important in the area of improvement of Montgomery Blair High School communications is a program for stimulating



GLENN BARBER

ing sophomore interest by more expansive explanation of school organizations, functions, and traditions.

Next is better representation in the Council by allowing for speeches of candidates for membership-at-large.

Furthermore, I consider direct reports of Council activities through increased assemblies and initiation of bi-monthly Student Council public address reports to be of necessity.

In direct respect to the office of treasurer, I believe more thorough and more widely publicized accounts of finances are required.

Communication is vastly important and it is my aspirations that proper measures of correction be executed in those areas which have been previously outlined.

— Glenn Barber

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

Sue Wills Feels Ability to Plan And Organize Essential for Sec.

With full realization that the position of secretary of the Student Council is an extremely difficult and demanding job, I eagerly look forward to the upcoming elections and my prospective position as secretary. I am well aware that all of the candidates for this position as secretary are well qualified. I held a secretarial office in junior high school and had the opportunity of learning the procedures of such a position.

In order to efficiently carry out these duties, one must be able to plan and organize effectively. In addition to my junior high secretarial position, my membership in Keyettes this year has taught me to plan and organize as well as to carry out effectively the duties assigned me. I believe that I can devote the time required to fulfill this position since I have above-average grades.

Reasons For Running

I would like to be elected to this position because it will afford me the opportunity to serve my school; to work for the good of the entire student body; and to learn about the Student Council and the school as a whole. If this opportunity is mine, I am sure I will have a deeper, fuller understanding of the problems of a school the size of ours and will in turn become a more thoughtful, sincere person.

Attendance at all Student Council functions is a mandatory requirement of this office. Since

I have attended school all but one day this year, I feel that I can fulfill this requirement.

— Sue Wills



SUE WILLS

MARGOLIS (Cont.)

over school affairs. This should be done since each member of the Assembly represents fewer people than the members of Student Council.

Due to my two years' experience in student government, I feel that I am qualified to carry out the preceding plus many other projects.

— Don Margolis

WHITE (Cont.)

homeroom.

In closing I would like to urge all students to show their interest in the important affairs of their school by voting on May 2. Remember, vote for the four people you think will make efficient representatives of you and Montgomery Blair. — Bob White

Qualifications

1. Cliff Arnebeck—President of S.C. in Jr. High, Soph. and Jr. member-at-large, Treasurer of Key Club.

2. Ned Blackwell—S.C. treasurer, Soph. member-at-large, 7th & 8th grade pres., Key Club.

3. Don Margolis—Soph. class pres., Jr. member-at-large, Rep. Assembly, Key Club.

4. Bob White—Jr. High rep. to S.C., Citizenship Comm., Chaplins' Comm., Varsity Club, Key Club.

5. Dennis Wool—Jr. High S.C. Pres., Masque & Gavel, Thespians, Dance Comm., Varsity & Key Clubs.

6. Glenn Barber—7th and 8th grade pres. S.C. Pres., Soph. Class Pres., Key Club.

7. Mike Jenkins—Jr. High S.C. Pres., Soph. member-at-large.

8. Bridgett Bunch—8th grade pres., 9th grade V.P., Pres. of girls' athletic council, Soph. member-at-large.

9. Chris Walker—Pres. of homeroom, Homeroom sec. and Veep in Jr. High.

10. Sue Wills—Sec. of Library Club in Jr. High, Jr. High Capt. of Patrols, V.P. of homeroom.

CAND. FOR SEC.

Bridgett Wants News Bulletin



BRIDGETT BUNCH

I would like to become secretary of Student Council because, during the past year, while being a sophomore-member-at-large and meeting with Student Council sixth period every day, I realize and know what is expected of the secretary and would be expected of me—and I am willing to work to fulfill these duties and responsibilities.

My past experiences in student government have stimulated my interests in having effective government organizations. I feel I can assist the council through my sincere desire to work and my knowledge of council procedure.

I advocate publishing a bulletin of student council news to promote greater enthusiasm among the students. The promotion of publicity of inter-high is another advance to be made.

I further am aware of the fact that if I should be elected to the office of secretary, a great amount of work and time would have to be put into maintaining the efficiency of the job, as it is now.

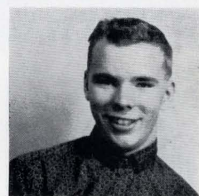
I hope that when each student is casting his vote, he will remember he is voting for a fellow "Blairite" and not someone from a certain junior high.

— Bridgett Bunch

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Mike Jenkins Wants Budget And Publicity on Finances

I am seeking the office of Treasurer of the Student Council at Montgomery Blair. I believe I am qualified for this office because I have been active in stu-



MIKE JENKINS

dent government, last year serving as Student Council president and this year as a sophomore member-at-large.

I have picked up valuable experience in how the Montgomery Blair Student Council functions and how to speak in front of a group as I was required to do, making my rounds of the homerooms.

Ideas Listed

If elected to the office of treasurer, I have a few ideas that I think may make it a more efficient one.

First, there would be a budget at the beginning of the year based on how much Student Council probably will spend and earn, and there should be an effort to try to balance this.

Second, I think the bank bal-

ance should be published to the whole school, so they may know what condition our finances are in and let the students know what their money (such as the extra Activity Ticket money) is being used for.

And thirdly, I think there should be more communication between the students and Student Council and this could be accomplished by the members-at-large doing a more efficient job and the students stating their grievances when the members-at-large come to their homeroom instead of just remaining silent.

Student Council depends mainly on the co-operation of all the students to increase its effectiveness, and really represent all the school.

— Mike Jenkins

Candidates Followed List Of Rules and Regulations

Candidates for Student Council office this year were bound by certain rules to keep the election from getting out of hand. Violation of these rules would mean the disqualification of the candidate in question.

Only 25 posters and 3 runners were allowed each candidate.

These were checked by the proper authorities at 7 a.m. Monday, after which they could be put up. The deadline for taking them down was yesterday at 4 p.m. These posters could be displayed just on raw brick or tile.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

Chris Walker Sees Individualism As Necessary as Cooperation

I have found that writing 300 words about yourself is far from easy! I am very grateful to be in the finals of this election for secretary of the Student Council and I would greatly appreciate

a desire and an interest in serving the student body as secretary of the Student Council. Being an active member of a hard working organization such as the Keyettes has also given me experience in working efficiently and in expressing my own opinions and yet cooperating with the group as a whole.

I feel that this background would help me a great deal in the job of Secretary of the Student Council because it is very important to be an individualist and yet cooperate with others in getting things done.

I sincerely hope you will give me the opportunity to serve you!

— Chris Walker



CHRIS WALKER

the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

I am running for this office because I have a sincere desire to better serve the student government and the student body and because I feel I am capable of carrying out the responsibilities of the job of secretary. I believe that being an officer in the Student Council would give me an opportunity to associate with many more students and teachers in the school and would help me to develop characteristics which would be of help to me in later life.

I have had previous experience as secretary, both in my homeroom and in clubs to which I have belonged. This year I am president of my homeroom and this has helped me to develop

WOOL (Cont.)

My activities and attitudes exemplify my intentions and interests in serving Blair. I am a member of the Key Club, the Dance Committee, and the Varsity Club. I have been in the cast of two annual shows, "Carousel" and "I'll Abner." As a member of this year's varsity football team, I received a letter for bench-warming.

Most important of all, however, is that I have served my homeroom for two years as their representative to the Representative Assembly. Since the vice-president presides over this body, I feel that I have obtained ample experience in observing and working with this group. Thanks for your support and votes and remember: Win With Wool.

— Dennis Wool

Silver Chips Is Named One of Five Top Papers

Silver Chips was recently given the highest accolade a high school newspaper can receive.

Blair's paper was selected as one of the top five newspapers in the country by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. The award was for "general excellence."

The other four winners in the United States include two from Illinois, one from Arizona, and one from Utah.

Ceremony in Chicago

The winners' plaques will be presented at the N.S.P.A. convention, to be held in Chicago next November 22 to 24. Sara Barber and Ben Stein, *Chips'* co-editors, are invited to attend.

The story of the award recipients was carried in some of the nation's leading newspapers, including the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times. *Chips* has been honored by many other awards this year.

Took State Honors

The paper took a first place award at a recent Maryland Scholastic Press Association convention. This is the highest rating a high school newspaper can receive in the state.

At the same convention, Sara

Barber won a second place award for her performance in a news-writing contest.

In addition, the National Scholastic Press Association rated *Chips* as an All-American high school paper. This is not only the most coveted award N.S.P.A. gives, but *Chips* was the only entry in its category to win. Competitors were from all parts of the country.

Barber Given Moler Award

Sara Barber, co-editor-in-chief of *Silver Chips*, has been presented the Lucile Moler Memorial Award for outstanding service on Blair's newspaper.

It was established two years ago by the Montgomery County Press Association in honor of the late Mrs. Moler, who taught journalism and sponsored *Silver Chips* at Blair for 15 years.

A plaque bearing the winner's name is on display in the library. The award also includes a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond donated by Mrs. Moler's husband, Mr. Henry I. Moler, and a gold chain.

Last year's winner was editor Liz Neebe.

Carol Brimberg, Merit Scholarship Winner, Will Major In Biology At Radcliffe College

Carol Brimberg has brought to Blair the honor of having a Merit Scholarship winner for two years in a row.

One of 18 students in the area to win this honor, Carol will study biology at Radcliffe College.

Dorita Sewell, last year's Merit Scholar, is at Swarthmore. Honors aren't new to Carol. She is co-editor-in-chief of *Silver Quill*, Blair's literary magazine, president of the Latin Honor Society, a treasurer of Mr. Alpha Theta, and a member of the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, and Masque and Gavel.

Also, Carol recently won second prize in the Civitan essay contest. She has been a Latin Nationwide winner, and last year was winner of the National Latin and Greek Verse Writing contest.



CAROL BRIMBERG

As the only fourth-year Latin student Carol exclaims, "Anyone who doesn't go to Vergil after having finished Cicero will really regret it later on."

Last summer Carol represented Blair at Maryland Girls' State where she was elected "mayor." "It was certainly an honor to be chosen as a delegate

to Girls' State. Not only did it give me an opportunity to meet girls from all over the state, but through lectures given by important political figures, we were able to learn a great deal about our state and local government. I think it would be a good idea to teach all high school students a little more about the government of their state," says Carol.

Jr. Prom Set For June 2

"Fantasia" has been selected as the theme for this year's junior prom.

The dance will be held at the Presidential Arms Hotel on June 2, and music will be by the Collegians. Admission is \$3.50.

NEW HEADS OF CHIPS, QUILL, LOGUE

Snyder, Podolak, Tatel Are Named Blair Editors

Blair's three main publications, *Silver Chips*, *Silver Quill*, and *Silver Logue*, will be under the editorship of Allen Snyder, Mary Ann Podolak, and Judy Tatel, respectively.

Allen hopes to improve the newspaper by adding more book

and play reviews. "I also hope to bring about a closer relationship between the students and their governing body," he asserts.

Assisting Allen will be Phyllis Mudrick, whose duties as managing editor include overseeing

all four pages of *Chips*. Allen was sports editor this year, and Phyllis was in charge of page three.

Mary Ann Podolak, to be editor-in-chief of next year's literary-art magazine, has been working for Quill for two years.

"Our greatest aim is to earn a Medallist rating from the Columbus Scholastic Press Association next year," she declares.

She claims that many students have suggested that Quill publish a greater variety of articles "This," she said, "would be possible only if we receive more contributions from more students."

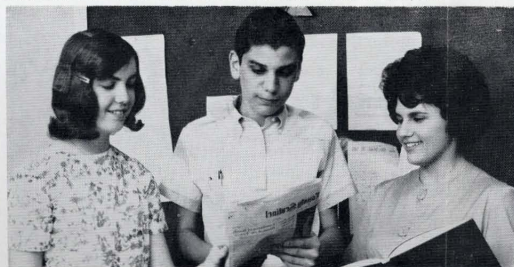
Silverlogue, under Judy Tatel, will undergo some changes next year, but right now they're all secrets.

Judy remarks, "Next year's staff will be the largest in Blair's history, so the yearbook ought to be one of the best."

She adds, "The staff, under Mrs. Ruth A. Miller's direction, will have to face many new problems, the greatest being how to deal with the record enrollment without substantially decreasing the size of the senior section."

Logue's assistant editor is Holly Thau.

Mary Ann Allen, and Judy discuss Blair publications.



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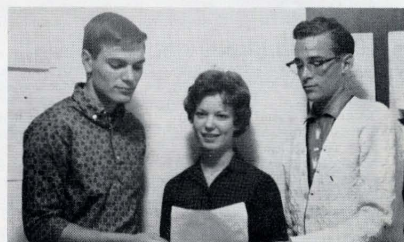
'S.C. Can't Be A Clique' States Cliff Arnbeck, New President

"Student Council can't be a clique and it can't sit off in an ivory tower," declared Clifford Arnbeck, newly-elected president of Student Council in his campaign speech.

Cliff will head the 1962-63 council with the assistance of Don Margolis, vice-president-elect; Glenn Barber, treasurer-elect; and Bridgett Bunch, newly-elected secretary.

A stronger Representative Assembly will be the number one topic of discussion under the new administration. Cliff also feels the Activity Participation Point System should be re-evaluated and that a way could be found to lower the price of Activity Tickets or to add more activities to increase its value.

"An accumulation of vast surpluses is almost as bad as deficit spending," explained Cliff as he recalled the surplus from this



NEW OFFICERS—Cliff Arnbeck goes over year's plans with Bridgett Bunch and Glenn Barber. Don Margolis was absent.

Year's Activity Ticket Sale.

Arnbeck's administration will be one of experience. He was president of his junior high school Student Council as was the treasurer-elect, Glenn Barber. Cliff has served on the Blair Student Council as member-at-large for two years.

Don Margolis and Bridgett Bunch have also been members-

at-large.

Better communication between Council and the student body is a point strongly emphasized by the new officers.

The vice president plans to strive for beautification of the school grounds. He also concurs with the president's idea of strengthening the Representative Assembly.

Twist May Be 'In' - But It's 'Out' At Senior Prom Slated May 25

Twisting may have been the dance craze of 1962-but there'll be none of its hip-swivelling gyrations on the dance floor when the class of '62 holds its Senior Prom May 25.

Mr. Albert Chakan, Senior Class advisor, said the band will not play any twists as that type of dance is out of place at a traditional affair such as a prom.

Ted Alexander and his band will provide the music.

"Moonlight Memories" has been chosen as the theme.

The prom, to be held at the Shoreham Hotel, runs from 9 p.m. until midnight.

Free Admission

Because of the success of Senior

Class fund-raising activities, admission will be free.

Elissa Blumenthal, chairman of the prom, remarked that the prom pictures are a good bargain this year. For \$2.00 one will get one color slide, two 5x7 black and white pictures, and four wallet-sized pictures.

Tentatively, a grand march is planned for 9:30 p.m.

Dress for the affair will be traditional prom attire: tuxedos and formal.

SENIOR SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 6-Baccalaureate practice 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Awards Assembly (1:30), optional to seniors; if it rains, practice will be Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13-Commencement practice 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, June 14-Commencement 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, June 15-Commencement 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Exams will be given on June 7, 11, and 12. They will be two-hour exams as usual.

Teitelbaum Chosen To Attend Science Meet in London

Senior Mike Teitelbaum is one of 14 students chosen to represent the United States at the Fourth International Youth Science Fortnight in London this summer.

The American participants were chosen by the National Science Teachers' Association from 56 semi-finalists. Mike was selected on the basis of his research project experimenting with the effects of increased gravity on animals.

Blair A Beauty Spot?

"Grounds beautification" was a plank in many platforms during the recent election. Suggestions ranged from replacing the "tombstone-like" Blair sign with a more modern one to creating a garden spot of the eroded quadrangle.

President-elect Cliff Arnebeck's new regime promises to pursue this program with vigor. But the Student Council can not permanently solve the problem.

Cleaning up Blair's campus and making it beautiful is a job for the entire student body, not for a handful of students.

Areas that need the most work seem to be the quadrangle and the grove.

The problem in the quadrangle is the tendency of students to avoid sidewalks at all costs. To solve the problem, the Student Council has two alternatives. It can either pave the entire quadrangle or put barbed wire fences around all grassy areas.

There is an easier solution open to students: stick to the sidewalks and let the grass grow. The only new sidewalk that is needed is one coming up the hill from the lowest C-building exit.

The grove problem is, in a word, trash. If students would start picking up trash instead of dropping it, there would be no grove problem.

Students don't usually beat paths or drop trash on their own front lawns. The school campus is another "front lawn" that belongs to them. They should take pride in it in the same way. Why must they treat it like a city dump?



Blaired Around

Die-hard Washington Senators baseball fans may be interested to know that shortstop Bob Johnson, catcher Bob Schmidt, and pitchers Joe McClain and Ed Ho- baugh are staying for the summer months in a local apartment.

There are now only 28 days until the end of school. This is approximately one-ninth as much time as we spent in school this year. This is only one-tenth of the time that has elapsed since the seniors began kindergarten. It is also about one-25,567th of the time since the birth of Christ. It doesn't seem so long to wait now, does it?

Michael Fischer, a junior, was the only Blair student to place in the Science and Technical Writing Contest sponsored by the Washington, D. C. Chapter of the Society of Technical Writers and Publishers. His paper, "The Figure of the Earth," won second place and a collection of \$20 worth of scientific books.

Girls, you're missing out on a great sport here in the U.S.A.—serenading! Vicki Vernon, sophomore who recently moved to Paraguay, writes how it works: "A boy gets a group together to serenade you at about 3 a.m., but of course you feed them afterwards."

WORLD WAR II DAYS AT BLAIR

Russia Was Ally — Girls

The upcoming Memorial Day led Chips reporters Ed Cohen and Lucie Duval on a research project into the back files of Silver Chips. What was life at Blair like in the grim days of World War II?

"Russia has sent to America much publicity and many posters to advertise that nation's great need," a Chip's staffer wrote. "All Russia's time and labor must go toward winning the war."

This was the plight of the Russians in December, 1944. Any Blairite reading one of today's newspapers, however, can readily see how the times have changed.

During the war, special first aid classes were offered, as were special math and science courses designed for boys going to war upon graduation.

Girls enlisted in the Victory Corps which provided community service such as nurses' aids. Boys planted victory gardens and drilled with wooden guns.

Graduation of 1942 wasn't in June as it usually is. Classes were speeded up, vacations cut short, and regular sessions were held on Saturdays.

All this was done so seniors could graduate on May 10. These graduates would then replace factory and farm workers, among others, who had gone overseas to war.

MOVIE REVIEW

Russian Film Depicts Horror Of World War

By Bob Tieman

The Russian exchange film, "Ballad of a Soldier," is exactly what its title indicates; it is a poem on film.

Briefly, it tells the story of a young Russian soldier, who after somewhat disabling two Nazi tanks gets a three-day pass for home. He hitchhikes and walks for miles, and finally gets on a military freight train speeding across the Soviet Union.

On his journey the 19-year-old youth encounters a cross-section of the Soviet population in the epic years of the war—a soldier with one leg, a faithless wife, a crazy railroad guard, a strict—but kindly—commander, and a smiling beautiful girl with long hair.

The vivid photography contrasts the beauty of landscape with the horrors of war. The human panorama and the beautiful background music all contribute to make an artistic success of the "Ballad."

Despite its artistry, it is obvious that this film was made in the Communist Soviet Union. The directors apparently were under orders to make intermittent bits of propaganda.

It is the implication, that out of millions of hard working, tough, happy, moral workers—guided by equally "God-like" leaders—there are only one or two shirkers. No country is that utopian.

Letter to the Editor

C.D. Not Waste of Time

If living is a waste of time, then so is Civil Defense, because the purpose of Civil Defense is to save lives in time of natural or man-made disaster. Civil Defense training has saved millions of lives during floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes. In event of war, millions of people could survive because of Civil Defense training and the will to live.

Civil Defense is like an insurance policy. People take out insurance to protect themselves against unforeseen disasters. A person who takes out a fire insurance policy does not want to see his house burn down, but if it does, it is reassuring to know there is insurance to help him reestablish himself. In this way, Civil Defense is like insurance. No one wants war. But if war comes, Civil Defense could save many lives.

Not Cowards

The students who wrote in the February 16 issue of Silver Chips said in so many words that Civil Defense is cowardly. This is not so. If people are willing to die for their country, they should be willing to live for it. It is true that conditions following a nuclear war would be devastating and millions of people would be dead or dying. The people surviving the initial shock of the attack would be facing a situation which has never been faced by man before. It would be easier to die than to try to survive such a terrible ordeal.

Shouldn't those people surviving have the benefit of a help

and training possible, such as Civil Defense can give them?

Not Defeatist

Another misconception about Civil Defense is that its supporters believe that war is inevitable. No one wants war and everyone should live with the hope that one will not occur. However, let's stop looking at the world through rose-colored glasses.

Nuclear weapons and long range missiles do exist and there has never been a weapon in the history of man that was not used to destroy people.

By preparing for Civil Defense, it is argued, we are showing Russia that we are expecting war. Certainly we do not want war, but let's be ready for it if it comes. Actually Russia is no different from the United States in Civil Defense protection. Contrary to the common belief, they have a more extensive plan of Civil Defense than the United States does. They would not be so fool-hardy as to cultivate nuclear weapons without preparations for Civil Defense.

Civil Defense is only for people who want to live no matter what happens, and these people deserve to know all they can about it.

—Don Margolis, Ned Blackwell, Barry Walker, Bonnie Williams, Neely Holmed, Clifford Arnebeck, and Marian Siskind.

Bob Long Lauded

Bob Long has performed his responsibilities as president with great distinction. His imaginative leadership has sparked many new ideas, some of which will be materializing in the near future. His broad understanding of student government and its philosophical aspects has served as a basis for the general policies of our new administration — namely greater student participation and more progressive action.

Cliff Arnebeck

Sara Barber

SENIOR SPOT

Roberta, Tony Criticize Grade-Seekers

"I think that too many students are working for a grade rather than knowledge. Teachers are even beginning to stress grades more than knowledge," declared Roberta Laney, president of Blair's Library Club and a member of the National and French Honor Societies and the National Thespian Society.

"The thing that can be most improved in the students' attitude towards the course, I'm also disappointed that the program of advanced courses often includes more students than are capable of doing really advanced work," added Tony Yezer, also a member of National Honor Society, Masque and Gavel and the Math Honor Society, and a guard on Blair's champion football team.

Roberta and Tony, both winners of the National Merit Letter of Commendation, will attend college at opposite ends of the country next year.

country next year.

Tony will major in chemistry at Dartmouth College, while Roberta will participate in the honors program for outstanding students at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Roberta has a scholarship that covers full tuition and fees.

This summer Tony will work in the Department of Spectro-Chemistry in the National Bureau of Standards, where he worked last summer.

Roberta will work for the government this summer. Last summer she got her hair cut for the first time in her life. It was 50 inches long.

Tony, as a senior, feels there could be certain improvements made at Blair.

"The school needs a publication in which student opinion can be presented. The Silver Chips editorial staff controls this opinion too much," he stated.

Looking to the future rather than the past, Roberta explains, "A good primary goal (my goal) is to try to gain happiness and all secondary goals will lead toward this."



MATCHES ANYONE?—At the Honor Society induction, Tony couldn't seem to find any. Roberta happily produces one and Tony rushes for the fire extinguisher.

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Girls Chartered Sinatra Club

There was the auditorium urged by the P.T.A. Apparently the School Board didn't think the one-building school house needed one. Skirts, of course, were on the up and up, and the "Boogie Woogie" was sweeping the country. This must have caused the "oldest" generation to do some thinking about the "older" generation.

Blair's tag name, "Blazers," came in 1940 when suggestions were asked. For the devil's head soon followed and this symbol adorned such feature columns in Chips as "Hot Air" and "Bl(a)ir Facts." On the political front, the Student Council abolished its bicameral legislature for a single body.

Blair even had its version of "welfare money" 15 to 20 years ago. There was a slight difference, though in how the money was spent—such as the tank purchased in 1944 by student war bonds.

Sinatra Club Formed

And who are these people criticizing the attitude of today's teens! Back in '45, girl students were clated when Blair's Frank Sinatra Fan Club received its school charter.

In the latter war years in sports, Blair's basketball team was sweeping the cellar fairly often. That's a far cry from today's state champions.

EARLY PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Top Students May Enroll For College Courses in Fall

Top Blair seniors next September will have an opportunity to combine college courses at Montgomery Junior College with their regular high school activities.

Students who may have accumulated at least 14 credits in major subjects at the end of their senior year may participate in the "Early Placement Program" at M.J.C.

They must also be in the upper fifth of their class, and be approved by their principal and guidance counselor.

Advantages Cited

The advantages of the program, according to M.J.C. Dean Donald E. Deyo, are:

"The junior college makes available courses not offered in the high school curriculum. Students become acquainted with college atmosphere and procedures. Their academic progress is speeded up and they are offered additional intellectual challenge."

Band, Chorus Have an Active Spring; Blair Plays in Lions' Festival Today

Music will literally fill the air between now and graduation day as the band and chorus fill a wide range of engagements.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Koch, today is participating in the Lions' Club Annual Band Festival at Maryland University's Cole Fieldhouse.

The Band Boosters Banquet for all members of the orchestra, band and their guests, is set for May 29.

Play Advanced Music

At Maryland the band will be rated, along with B-C-C, DuVal, High Point, Walter Johnson, and Oxon Hill on its rendition of Grade 6 music. Other schools will be evaluated on lower grades of music.

Highlight of the Boosters' banquet will be presentation of the John Phillip Sousa Award which goes to the band member with good scholastic achievement who has made the best musical contribution as chosen by the band members. The winner does not have to be a senior.

Any band member who has given years of satisfactory service automatically receives a band letter from the Blair Boosters. Band and orchestra members do

These students must first fulfill their high school graduation requirements. The combined high school and college load must not be used toward the high school diploma.

No College Activities

All Early Placement students must maintain their identity with their high school and may not participate in extra-curricular or athletic activities on the junior college campus. This will allow them to devote more time to high school activities.

A pre-admissions interview will be held at M.J.C. to discuss course preferences. The Early Placement students must take the entrance exams.

These students will provide their own transportation to and from M.J.C. Schedules will be worked out to permit the student to meet classes in both areas with time provided for transportation.

not receive monogram points.

Choral Day

The chorus recently held an exchange choral day with Takoma and Montgomery Hills Junior Highs. This was a valuable experience for both groups because in singing for each other they heard the changes in the maturing voice and noted the degree of polish that went into each exhibition.

Mrs. Mary C. Huntley, director, stated that it is hoped that such an exchange will be an annual affair as it will strengthen the bond between grade levels.

In Maryland Choral Day, similar to the Lions' Club Festival, the chorus received outstanding ratings and evaluations from all three evaluators.

One wrote, "Superb!" across the page and signed his name.

The chorus is planning a spring concert open to the public on the evening of May 29. In it a wide variety of the types of music will be presented.

Closely following the concert, the group must prepare for graduation and baccalaureate. Several difficult numbers will be presented along with the traditional ones, including the Alma Mater.

PLAY PENS GALORE

Teachers Face 2 A.M. Feedings

"Where the boys are"—in the homes of four Blair teachers. Mr. Vincent Pugliese, Mr. Leonard Orloff, Mr. Philip Jones, and Mr. Richard T. Pioli, all history and English teachers, have recently become fathers of baby boys.

Strangely enough, two of the four babies have the same name: Martin Francis Jones, and Martin Francis Beckman Pioli.

The prize for size goes to Vincent Joseph Pugliese, who weighed in at 10 lbs. 2 oz., at 8:11 a.m. on April 9, 1962.

The Jones baby is a close second, weighing in at just below 10 lbs., on Nov. 29, 1961. He was a long-anticipated bundle, as he was six weeks overdue.

Although the Pioli baby was the smallest of the lot at birth (5 lbs., 11 oz.), he's gained weight rapidly since his birthday. Feb. 29, 1962, the same day John Glenn made his orbital flight. He now weighs 11 lbs.

Mr. Orloff claims that Pugliese's baby is almost as big as his one and one half year old son, Alan

Scott. Alan has challenged little Vince to a fight.

"Pork Chops," as Vincent is nicknamed, has already received his first football from his father, coach on Blair's championship team.

"My boy has a good throwing arm," declared Mr. Orloff, "and a very good sense of humor."

The Pioli's are already pleased with the thoughtfulness of their child. "He was scheduled to arrive on March 17, the last night of the annual show, and since my wife was wardrobe directress, it was good he came three weeks early." However, for a while costume plans had to be carried on by telephone.

"I'm an old hand at babies," explained Mr. Jones. "This is my fifth child. You don't see me pulling out a whole string of pictures like those other fathers." He added that his baby was very happy and sometimes never cries for days.

Honor Societies Induct Blairites

Seven honor societies have inducted new members, tapped for excellence in various academic fields.

Among the new National Honor Society members, listed in the last issue of Chips, the name of Tom Pulaski and Fred Karp were inadvertently omitted.

New members of the French Honor Society are Marilyn Dove, Marcia Eiduson, Larry Glick, Jim Johnston, Susan Kantor, Paul Kitchener, and Joy Martin.

Also, Mary Ann Podolak, Frederic Rosen, Carol Rosenthal, Arthur Ogas, Phyllis Teitelbaum, Holly Thaus, David Weiss, and Judy Zverling.

Latin Honor Society

Latin scholars must maintain straight A's in that subject all year. Members this year are Carol Brimberg, Phyllis Teitelbaum, Joy Chappier, Susan Sklar, and Susan Larson.

New members of Masque and Gavel, the speech honor group, are Louis Bashoor, Jim Benson,

Bob Bogley, Ed Cohen, Ann Cooley, Carol Curran, Judy DeSimon.

Pam Duke, Richard Farber, Pam Geiger, Sandy Goldfine, Rosemary Leventhal, Mary Lincer, Bonnie Loughrey, Joy Martin.

Glenn Morris, Phyllis Mudrick, Arthur Ogas, Bill Oppenheim, Tom Pulaski, Holly Thaus, Karen Thompson.

Mark Weinberg, Bert Wolfe, Leslie Wolen, Richard Wood, and Dennis Wool.

Writing Honor Society

New Quill and Scroll members include Richard Byer, Leslie Dewore, Florence Gilbard, Maria Kasey, Amy Maller, Linda Millman, Mary Ann Podolak, Karen Steele, Judy Tatel and Holly Thaus.

Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society, announced its new members as: Amelia Arazu, Paul Axelrod, James Axley, Don Bailey, Charles Bookoff, Norman Craley, and Marcia Eiduson.

Also, Ann Hsiao, Donna Hurlburt, John Jett, Paul Kitchener, Steven Koper, Steve Kurtz, Eric Meyers, Phyllis Mudrick and Tom Pulaski.

Laura Shaskan, Larry Shultz, Ann Snow, Beth Spiegelberg, Sandra Walder, Mark Weinberg and David Weiss.

Thespians

New Thespians are Phyllis Ankeny, Bob Bogley, Cindy Commander, Rena Deekelbaum, Kathy Francis, Ernie Gassman, Jim Johnston, and Roberta Laney.

Also, Ernest Meekham, Judy Milano, Gay Patlin, Iris Pinson, Ace Warren, Hank May, and Dennis Wool.

450 STUDENTS TO EXHIBIT

Paintings To Be Sold

Need a painting for your living room? Students' artistic creations will be on sale this year at Blair's annual Art Show June 1.

The art show, to be held from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., will cover the entire basement of C Building. Refreshments will be served after 6 p.m.

A wide range of paintings probably will range from 50 cents to \$25. A committee of three art teachers, plus two officers of Dabblers' Den, will set the prices before the show.

Not everything will be on sale. A second period art class is working on a display that will be a permanent feature at Washington Center. First, however, it will appear in the Blair Art Show.

Some of the "L'il Abner" sets will be displayed by the stage design class.

Musical will be piped into all of the show rooms. Special lighting



GETTING SET—Marvin Liberman, president of Dabblers' Den, hangs a picture by Margaret Hall in preparation for the exhibit June 1.

is another feature that is planned. All classes are invited to visit the show.

Six Sophomores Achieve All A's; 85 Qualify for Honor Rating

Among 850 sophomores, 91 have qualified for the fourth marking period honor roll. Rating special mention are the six students who received all A's: Arthur Ogas, Steve Meltzer, Richard Noffsinger, Jeff Pearl, Lynne Sendejo, and Stephen Winters.

Those on the B Honor Roll with all A's and B's are James Alt, Andrea Begab, Eleanor Barney, Patricia Baran, Elizabeth Banes, Michael Baer, Paula Belodock.

David Becken, Thomas Bennett, Judith Berkowitz, Stephen Berlin, Kathleen Black, Bruce Booberg,

Honor Bray, Joyce Carney, John Chaffin, Leland Cheski, Everett Childs.

Don Chirieleison, Connie Chang, Gale Clister, Betsy Cohen, Barbara Crawford, Deborah Davenport, Thomas Crum, Nancy Druckenbrod, Henry Eden, Rosalind Einbinder.

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758 To Graduate At Commencement

Some 758 seniors will terminate 12 years of study at Blair's 27th annual commencement, to be held on Friday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m.

The 388 girls in white caps and gowns and 370 boys in crimson will receive diplomas in the stadium.

Judy Margolis and Jeff Burt were chosen by public speaking teachers to deliver graduation speeches. They will speak on "The Means to Maturity," Judy concentrating on "Realism," and Jeff discussing "Responsibility."

Class president Dave Barton will give the welcome and farewell addresses.

Senior class officers and commencement speakers will receive their diplomas first, followed by the girls, then the boys, in alphabetical order.

Other officers of the senior class are: Julian Rainwater, vice president; Cathy Fondren, secretary; and Jayne Thornburg, treasurer.

Michael Berkus and Michael Teitelbaum were named chairmen of the commencement by Mr. Chakem.

The Baccalaureate, a non-denominational religious gathering, will be held Sunday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boys' Gym. It will include a procession and the singing of hymns. Clergymen of three different faiths will give messages.

Helen Coale is Baccalaureate chairman. By tradition, each senior class presents the school with a gift. The Class of 1962 will donate a sum of money to be used for grounds beautification.

Past gifts have been an organ for the school and money donated toward stage lights for Blair productions.

The graduating class this year is the first in Blair's history to decrease in size from the year before. Last year's graduating class had 766 members.

Only 455, or 60 percent of this year's seniors plan now to attend college next year. This is eight percent fewer than last year's college-bound group.

Rehearsals for graduation will be held on June 13, 14, and 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all who wish to graduate.

In case of rain, commencement will be held in the Boys' Gym.

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REFERENDUM TO BE HELD—

New Constitution Will Grant More Power to Rep. Assembly

A new constitution may be presented to Blairites for referendum sometime before the end of this year. This is the hope of Student Council members who have drafted the new document.

"The reason for the new constitution," explains Student Council president-elect Cliff Arnebeck, "is to discard old sections that are not effective, such as the provision for a Counseling Board, and to reinforce the constitutionality of such new programs as the Activity Participation Point System. We also want to provide a legal basis for the new powers to be granted to the Representative Assembly."

Assembly Powers

Next year the Assembly will have concurrent powers with Student Council in five areas: appropriations exceeding \$100, approval of club charters, constitutional amendments, the monogram system, and the Activity Participation System.

This is in line with Arnebeck's campaign promises for as much concurrent power as possible between the two legislative bodies. "One way to improve the efficiency of the Representative As-

sembly would be to have it meet every week instead of bi-monthly," Arnebeck suggested.

Sometime during the summer next year's Student Council will have a workshop.

Blackwell Follows Brother as Head Of Senior Class

Ned Blackwell, following an old family tradition, has been elected president of the 1962 Senior Class. His brother Pete, now at Cornell, headed the Class of 1961.

Dick May is vice president; Susan Baker, secretary; and Patsey Jones, treasurer.

Next year's Junior Class officers are: Terry Boettner, president; Connie Chung, vice president; Grace Rowell, secretary; and Earl Schubert, treasurer.

Members-at-large representing next year's Senior Class are: Walter Robertson, Barbara Schmidt, Michael Weichbrod, Peggy Whitcomb, and Bob White.

Junior Class members-at-large will be: Tom Crum, Tricia Deming, Bob LaRocca, Mike Jenkins, and Chris Walker.

Keep Point System To Halt Cliques, Pleads Silverman

"The Activity Participation Point System was established to get the largest possible number of people active in student government," emphasized Student Council Vice President Bill "Chico" Silverman in his farewell speech to the Representative Assembly.

"This does not necessarily mean the most popular, but rather the best qualified," he continued.

"Chico," who presides over Assembly sessions, was one of the original proponents of the Point System, along with Council President Bob Long. Silverman feels that the program got off to a good start, but, like all actions of Student Council, will not be effective if not backed by the student body.

Keep Cliques Out

"If the system is torn down, it will be torn down by a clique, for the benefit of the clique," warned the fast-talking vesp. He cautioned against any changes in the system after the present administration graduates.

"The Activity Participation Point System," he stressed, "is not based on time consumed, nor the difficulty of the job, nor the prestige it accrues, but only on opportunities for leadership and participation that the position offers."

Students can accumulate a total of five points over one year. There are a specified number of points for each activity covered.

Blair's New Principal Is Former Teacher Here

By Sara Barber

One of Montgomery County's top administrators—and an old Blairite himself—will be taking over as principal here next year.

Mr. Richard Wagner, who has been serving as Director of Secondary Education, is the newly appointed principal. He taught English at Blair from 1952-1956.

"It's like returning home," Mr. Wagner said. "I know at least half of the teachers there already."

Mr. Wagner succeeds Mr. Allan Vogt, who has been serving as acting principal this year.

Mr. Vogt decided to become assistant principal at the new Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda which opens this September. At Walt Whitman, he will be resuming his old post as chief lieutenant to Mr. Daryl W. Shaw, new principal at Whitman.

Mr. Shaw served as principal at Blair for many years before going on leave this year to work on his doctorate at George Washington University.

Mr. Ivan W. Fitzwater, present assistant principal at North Bethesda Jr. High, will be one of Blair's new vice principals.

A native of Washington, Mr. Wagner graduated from what is now D. C. Teachers College. He taught in a private military school

before coming to Blair. After four years at Blair he became superintendent of secondary schools, the position he held until 1959 when he became Director of Secondary Education.

"I'm extremely happy about this new position. I think Blair one of the finest schools a person could be assigned to," declared Mr. Wagner.

He explained that no immediate changes would be made at Blair and expressed the hope that Blairites would "keep up the fine things they've been doing."

Mr. Wagner, who has a ten-year-old son, has a special interest in the student government. He strongly favors the creation of a student-faculty committee. He explained, "I hope we could get some participation on a regular basis

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RICHARD WAGNER

Summer School Opens July 2; History Pilot Course Offered

On July 2 several hundred students will begin summer school classes at Blair for make-up work or original credit. They will attend for 33 days, with approximately 100 hours of instruction.

The dates for the summer session are from July 2 through August 16, with a lone holiday, July 4.

A pilot course in U. S. History will be held at Blair from 8 a.m. to noon from July 2 through August 3. This amounts to 24 days with 96 hours of instruction, which still entitles the student to one credit.

Regular History Also

U. S. History will also be given as an offering for the regular seven-week period.

Students presently enrolled in grades seven through 12 are eligible to take the summer courses, which range from \$30 to \$50.

Adults may take Typing I and Driver Education.

Class will be held in 14 Montgomery County schools, seven of which offer courses on the junior high level.

Only Two Credits

A student may earn a maximum of two credits, but only one course can be taken for original credit.

Since courses are so highly concentrated, full attendance is important, and credit will not be given if a student has had more than two unexcused absences per class.

Courses given at Blair include languages, social studies, math, commercial subjects, science and Driver Education. A non-credit course will be given in speed reading.

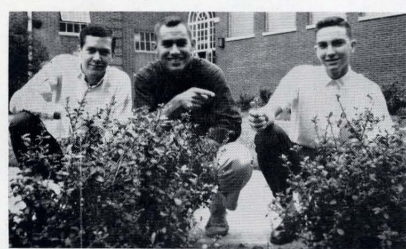
The last day for registration is June 22.

\$850 Raised To Plant Trees, Shrubs In Quad

The quadrangle is about to blossom into one of Silver Spring's beauty spots.

Key Club is in charge of the

Sixteen azalea bushes already



KEYCLUB LANDSCAPE ARTISTS — Shown among newly planted azaleas are Bob Bogley, Key Club president; Mike Wagelstein, president-elect, and Jim Kelley, vice-president and head of the project.

project, for which \$850 has been appropriated by three different organizations.

Building entrance in the quadrangle.

Sixty-five shrubs will soon be planted along the newly-installed railing by the cafeteria.

Next year two dogwood trees, two crab apple trees, and three Japanese cherry trees will beautify the quadrangle.

S.C. and P.T.A. Help

Of the \$850 used for this project, the Key Club has donated \$300, the P.T.A., \$100; and Student Council, the balance of \$550.

Jim Kelley, vice president of the Key Club, is in charge of the project.

Cooperation Asked

"The administration and the Key Club would greatly appreciate the cooperation of the student body in taking care of Blair's investment," he asserts.

Plants are being supplied for the project at a 20 per cent discount by the Arbor Nursery.

Spirit of '62 . . .

"This is a world of madness, absurd, stupid." The May 25 issue of *Life* thus quotes a senior about to graduate from one of the country's leading prep schools.

How many of Blair's graduating seniors are burdened by the same pessimistic view of life? Are Blair seniors also victims of what the *Life* writer calls "neogism"?

"A nego," says Barbara Cummiskey, author of the article, "is a young man who cannot find any basis for the standards of morality most adults take for granted: faith in life, religion, ethics, judgments of right and wrong."

The "nego" sees a foolish world. He is disillusioned by "corruption in business, bribery in high places, and cheating—from income taxes to T.V. quizzes."

Says one boy, "The machine is becoming the arbiter of our lives. We are just numbers." Says another, "Conformity is mandatory for success."

The article is restricted in scope since it bases its conclusions on interviews with boys at exclusive Ivy League prep schools. The implication, however, is that the same deep pessimism is prevalent in youth all over America.

Looking around Blair to determine how prevalent this attitude is—with special concentration on the seniors who will be stepping out into the world next week—one is reassured.

If anything, the majority of upperclassmen here seem to view their tomorrows with optimism.

One of the tools with which they are equipped is a growing ability to think for themselves. Even the writers of the *Life* article found solace in this fact—that young people today are not accepting blindly the old shibboleths of past generations.

Many seniors in their three years here have bemoaned the "mess" the world is in. But it is encouraging that many seniors have found ways to help correct a few of these wrongs. For instance, members of the Class of '62 were leaders in the movement to endorse the Montgomery County anti-discrimination law; girls' clubs in the school have spent hundreds of hours working in homes for unfortunate children; the school's welfare fund, made up of small contributions from most of the student body, is helping the hospital ship HOPE and assisting a poverty-stricken Indian village; students on their own initiative organized a civil defense club.

Blair's seniors know the world's problems are serious. But they have already begun to do something about them.



Blaired Around . . .

In our last issue, Tony Yezer was quoted as objecting to "grade seekers." Tony never said this. He feels that such a statement would be sheer hypocrisy because he is a grade seeker himself.

Mid-May's soaring temperatures sent Blairites scampering in all directions for relief. Typical were Miss Cotten's French classes, who did their parlez-vous by the cool banks of the Silgo.

The temperatures in the top floor of "C" Building—tropical heaven of the American Civilization classes—got so unbearable that Mr. Jones let his students migrate to the quadrangle. Mr. Orloff, another "Civilization" teacher, bombarded the office with fantastic hourly readings from his thermometer.

Up in the bandroom, Mr. Koch's players went through an extra "hot" jam session.

It's not very pretty by modern standards—the "Tank" that is. That's the nickname of the new addition to the driver education family of cars. Tank's a standard transmission ('56) Chevy that was obtained from Sherwood to give students practice in driving a "stick shift" car.

On the first day at Blair, "Tank" played temperamental and got a flat tire several blocks from school. To complicate matters, it doesn't

have a jack or a spare, so both students and teacher had to "hoof it" back to class.

Whether or not they were in the pursuit of knowledge is questionable, but, Pat Mullendore, Linda Feinberg, and Judy Margolis could recently be seen running up and down the stairs of "D" building at a feverish rate. The girls claim they were merely exercising so they could take a respiration rate reading for a Biology II class.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Student Council Lauded; Not a Clique

A Blair student has much to be thankful for. He is attending a high school that is like America, at its best, in miniature.

In its extracurricular activities, Blair is almost too good to believe. There is something for everyone. For the athlete, boy or girl, there are teams for almost every sport. For the artist, there is Dabblers' Den. For the aspiring intellectual, there is the U.N. Club or the Debate Club. For the writer, there are publications in four languages.

Student Council at Hub And at the hub of these, for the student who is interested in people, is the Student Council.

Every Blair student should be able to look in on the Student Council for a few days. How many false impressions would clear up. One soon discovers, while

SENIOR SPOT

Ben and Sara Abandon Journalistic Careers for Fields of History, Nursing

By Phyllis Mudrick

Sara Barber and Ben Stein are so characteristically different, yet alike in many other aspects that they have worked well together this year to make Silver Chips an outstanding high school paper.

Both very active and energetic students, Ben and Sara plan to work this summer before attending college. Ben will enroll at Columbia University and Sara will begin a nursing course at the University of Michigan.

This year Sara and Ben, working as co-editors of Silver Chips, have worked for better writing style and better organization. This was the first year that Chips has had co-editors.

Wider Coverage

With a staff about one-third the size of last year's, Ben and Sara tried to cover a broader field of news in Chips with a higher concentration on academic activities.

Commenting on other aspects of Blair, Sara and Ben Both agree that the Student Council has made great advances this year. They feel that the Activity Point System is essentially a good idea but needs revision as does the Representative Assembly.

Praise for D. O.

Sara also feels that one of

'MUSIC FOR YOUNG AMERICA'

15-Year-Old Violinist Plays Difficult Scores

By Karen Margolis

A small cherubic lad—no older than the average Blair sophomore—held his audience spellbound at a recent Music for Young America concert in the Commerce Department auditorium.

James Oliver Buswell, 15, was the artist. He is the winner of the 1962 Merriweather Post Contest, and, consequently, the recipient of \$2,000.

This annual contest honors Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post for making possible the National Symphony "Music for Young America" four-week series of concerts. The competition is open to pianists, violinists, and cellists under the age of 19.

Blair's academic achievements is the D. O. program.

"In this way," says Sara, "students can learn a valuable vocation, earn some money, and

in the last issue of Chips, Sara was this year's recipient of the Lucille Moler Journalism Award.

Ben's Activities

Ben is a member of Student



PRIZE-WINNING EDITORS — Sara Barber and Ben Stein look back over this year's editions of Silver Chips, which recently was chosen one of the nation's five top school papers. (Staff photo by Jim Hall)

will get their high school diplomas while working."

Sara, aside from being co-editor, is co-chairman of the Date Due Committee of the Library Club and is a member of Quill and Scroll and Council.

She also spends about 15 hours weekly tutoring students in math and English. As reported

Council, Quill and Scroll, and the National Latin Honor Society.

Also, for the past two years, Ben has won the Time News Contest.

At Columbia, Ben plans to major in history.

"I feel it's a good foundation for any career except for the sciences," says Ben.

thunderous applause after each of the three movements.

His stage presence was polished and professional. He played with deep emotion, often rising to his toes as the notes got higher.

The beautiful dissonance typical of Sergei Prokofiev was even more so in James' hands. He produced a rich, brilliant tone, in spite of the rapidly-changing positions of the piece.

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is remarkable.

Act for Good of All

If there is ever a conflict between interests of the Student Council and those of any club, however small, the S.C. always gives in. Not once, in the whole year I sat in Council did the self-interest of the Council or its members assert itself.

Thus, it is sad to see how mistaken most Blairites are about their government. It is to be hoped that this situation will speedily be changed. An increased program of visitation would perhaps help. But no great enlargement of Council is necessary. The problem exists not in the Student Council, but in the minds of the students.

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talking to students here, that the image of the Student Council is that of a tight group of about 30 wheels, who look laughingly down on anyone outside their "clique."

Not a Clique

How wrong this idea is. True, the Student Council members are often seen together in the Student Council office, before and after school, but that is natural. It is a central spot in the school plant, and for the non-smokers who can by-pass the grove, it is a good place to see friends pass by.

Many Student Council members date each other, but that is also natural. Thrown together in an informal situation for one hour every day, friendships are quickly made. On the contrary, where one expects a clique to be extremely self-interested, the Student Council shows a concern for Blair that



MOMENTS TO REMEMBER — "Bernarda Day" was the comic highlight of senior activities. Shown in their short trousers are Karen Margolis and David Barton.

president of the Senior Class. Romantic highlight of the senior year is the Senior Prom, to which Judy Caskey and Lowell Bailey are about to depart. In the

final picture, attired in cape and gowns, are Margaret Hall and Dave Green. (Staff photo by Jim Hall)

Seniors' Plans Include Work.. Marriage.. and College

Sidney Aaronson, Md. U.; Elaine Adine, Abel, U. of Wis.; Catharine Roth Abbott, Md. U.; Jeffrey T. Ackerson, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Rena Adelman, work; Louis Adorian, Md. U.; Jerry Akman, Northwestern, Md. U.; Judy Alexander, work; Suzanne Allen, business school; Michael Alper, Md. U.; Phyllis Ankeny, work; John Arena, M.J.C.; Lennie Armstrong, work; Margo Astran, Md. U.

Mary Ellen Avrick, Md. U.; Eileen Axelrod, M.J.C.; Tom Axley, U. S. Air Force Academy; Susan Ann Ayres, Iowa U.; Susan Bablin, Md. U.; Andrew Backus, Johns Hopkins; Lowell Bailey, V.P.I.; James Baisey, Md. U.; Barbara Baker, Business School; John Bangor, working; Diana Banks, work; George Banville, Md. U.; Thomas Barbee, work; Sara Ann Barber, U. of Mich.; Kirby Barger, Md. U.; Sandra Barr, work; Dave Barlow, Dartmouth; Carl Barnhart, Cornell U.; Carol Bashour, work and night school; Julie Bauer, G.W.U.; Donna Beach, Md. U.; Carlton Bagd, armed forces.

Carla Beck, Md. U.; Dana Beers, Md. U.; Dale Allen Bennett, work; Gayla Belcher, work; Beverly Bell, M.J.C.; John Bell, M.J.C.; Douglas Benson, Md. U.; Barbara Benson, Gardner Bus. Sch.; Mike Berkus, Antioch College; Eric Berg, Md. U.; John Bernard, armed forces; Bill Bianco, Grand View College; Kathy Black, M.J.C.; George Bland, Md. U.; Bob Blanken, Md. U.; William Blankenship, work; Judy Blatt, Bucknell U.; Carolyn Blicher, Md. U.; Elissa Blumenthal, Rollins College; Robert Bogley, Frostburg State Teachers Coll.; David Bolt, M.J.C.; Ruth Bondy, Md. U.; Charles Bookoff, G.W.U.; Charlotte Bookoff, Md. U.; Diana Borras, work; Judy Bowers, M.J.C.; Nancy Bowers, M.J.C.

J. A. Bowman, work; Paul Boyer, work; Jean Boyles, Columbia C.; Jane Boyd, work; Jerry Brandt, M.J.C.; Bill Bragg; Colleen Trenton, work; Richard Brickson, Md. U.; Carol Brimble, Radcliffe; Justine Brockett, St. Joseph's; Marcia Bromer, Md. U.; Barbara Brown, M.J.C.

Ann Buss, Md. U.; Mary Ann Buccio, college; Benny Bunting, work; Gary Bunting, armed forces; Joseph Andrew Burns, G.W.U.; Jeffrey Buttr, Princeton U.; Don Busch, armed forces; Carol Bush, Denison U.; Carol Butts, M.J.C.; Richard Byron, work; Mary Cain, Md. U.; Susan Calder, M.J.C.; Constance Cannon, work; Al Caron, Md. U.; Ruth Carmichael, work; Arlene Carpenter, Md. U.; Gary Carter, work; Judy Caskey, Md. U.

Harvey Casper, trade school; Robert Casper, armed forces; Noel Castle, M.J.C.; Donna Carmello, Md. U.

U.; Susan Cohen, Md. U.; Bill Collins, M.J.C.; Virginia Collins, work; Cindy Commander, Md. U.; William Conlin, III, armed forces; Frank Connor, Md. U.; Sandra Cook, Frostburg State Teachers College; Ann Cooley, Md. U.; Michael Cornfield, Md. U.; Bill Cox, M.J.C.; Rebecca Craft, Morgan State College

Carol Crawford, Gettysburg; Randy Crockett, work; Dorothy Crook, work; Mary Ellen Croom, Md. U.; Thomas Crosswhite, M.J.C.; Sharon Crowell, Md. U.; Priscilla Cummings, work and marriage; David Currens, Sterling College; Jean Curn, college; Sarah Curran, work

Barry Dahl, Md. U.; William O. Daily, Jr., work; Rhoda Deckerbaum, work; Susan De Hart, Frostburg; Karen De Judd, work; Margaret Daniels, work; Carolyn Davis, marriage; Debbie Davis, Md. U.; Karen Davis, Towson; Amy De Benedictis, work and marriage; Rena Deckelbaum, Md. U.; Jack De Jong, work and Capitol Radio Engineering Institute; Stephen W. Dement, work; Judy de Simon, Md. U.; Carolyn Dickerman, Md. U.; Katherine Dickerson, work and marriage; Daniel M. Dickinson, M.J.C.; Susan Diehl, Md. U.; Ann Disserna, Md. U.; Paye Dixon, work and marriage; Joan Doran, Maryland Medical Secretarial School;

Elizabeth Ann Duran, Wash. Hospital Center School of Nursing; Thomas X. Dunn, M.J.C.; Barbara M. Duran, work; Linda Durham, work; Bob Dworkin, work and navy

David Dyer, Md. U.; Clyde Easer, M.J.C.; Hugh Eagleton, N. C. U.; Eric L. Eaton, Md. U.; Margo Edson, M.J.C.; Joyce Edwards, work; Pat Edwards, college; Marcia Edison, U. of Mich.; Elaine Elliott, Univ. of Fla.; David Elliot, armed forces; Dottie Ellen Wheeler, work

Danny Estrada, M.J.C.; Harriet Evans, M.J.C.; Sue Evans, work; Lewis Eyr, armed forces; Steven Fager, Ohio U.; Doug Fagan, Wis. U.; Jack Fanning, M.J.C.; Cathy Farrell, University of Chicago; John Fawcett, work; Kevin Fay, G. W. U.; Jackie Ferrell, work and marriage; Arlene N. Ferrell, Md. U.

Grace E. Fields, Univ. of Calif.; Harry Flagers, work; Elizabeth Frankfield, undecided; Razelze Fleming, Mod. School; Robert Fleisher, Amherst College; Patricia Fleming, work; Carolyn Florig, Ohio U.; Doug Flynn, Md. U.; Cathy Fondren, Md. U.; Gail Ford, work; Glenn Forster, work; Janet Foster, Maryland U.; Dick Foster, M.J.C.; Marilyn Frenck, work; Ruth Frenck, work; Kathleen Francis, Md. U.; John Frank, Bridgewater College; Mary Frankel, Md. U.

Barbara Frankel, undecided; Judy Freitag, work; Carol French, M.J.C.; Jennifer French, Ohio U.; Tony French, Md. U.; David Funk, Md. U.; Jenny Gable, Md. U.; Emily Gail, work; Tony Gander, Md. U.; Dave Gardner, Md. U.; Donald Gardner, work; Paula Garfinkle, Md. U.; Bud Garner, Md. U.; Ernest Garman, M.J.C.; Frank Gatchell, Md. U.; Mary Ellen Gately, Md. U.

Margit George, work; Nancy Gerach, work; Caroline Gernan, M.J.C.; Charles Gibb, Penn State; Sandy Glaze, work; Larry Glick, Md. U.; Richard Godbout, armed forces; Sandra Gold, Md. U.; Marvin Goldberg, Md. U.; Susan Goldberg, Md. U.; Linda Golden, work; Marilyn Goldman, Md. U.; Sandy Golden, M.J.C.; Rita Goldberg, Md. U.; Frank R. Gordon, work; David Gotkin, M.J.C.; John P. Green, U. of Cincinnati;

Dennis Green, armed forces; Albert H. Greenlaw, Jr., M.J.C.; Barbara Greenstone, Fairleigh Dickinson; Donald Greer, M.J.C.; Jill Groce, Md. U.; Susan Grobman, Peabody Institute; Barbra Gross, work; Robert Grover, marriage; work

Judith Grubb, marriage; Laura Gudino, college; Pelicia Guerra, Maryland; College; Mary Lee Gurick, Strayer Business College; Jill Hall, West Virginia Wesleyan; Mary Hall, Md. U.; Margaret Hall, Md. U.; Diane Haseloup, Md. U.; Ken Hampton, work; JoAnn B. Hanley, Frostburg State Teachers' College;

Diane Hanman, Md. U.; Richard Harford, work; Charles Harse III, Md. U.; Brian Harrington, Md. U.; Butch Harris, work; Carolyn Hart, work; Robert Hassett, Md. U.; Michael Heft, Penn State; Roberta Helmlinger, M.J.C.; Stephen Helvig, M.J.C.; Martha Hendricks, Miami U. in Ohio;

James Henning, work; Helen Henry, Frostburg; Tamara Horvitz, work; Wes Hewitt, Md. U.; Betty Hiesdon, marriage; Shari Higgins, Md. U.; John Hilgers, Ohio Wesleyan; Harriette Hinder, work; Doug Hines, Georgia Tech; Harry Hoagland, Corcoran S. of Art; Mike Hofort, work; Renee Honaker, work

Andre Hong, M.J.C.; Wayne Hooks, work; Don Hordes, Md. U.; Michael Horwitz, Md. U.; Ruth Asa House, work; Phyllis Hough, Md. U.; and marriage; Hank Howe, M.J.C.; Ann Howard, work; Robert Howarth, M.J.C.; Steve Howell, M.J.C.; Ann Hsiao, Gonchar College; Bill Hughes, work; George Hunt, U. of Idaho; Douglas Hynsion, work; John Higen, Munich American; Germany; John Hines, Md.; Jack Indolevich, work; Buddy Ingessoll, marriage; Susan Jackson, U. of Wis.; Lynn M. Jacobson, U. of Wis.

Sandy Jaffe, Harcum Jr. College; Dick Jackson, M.J.C.; Alan Jaffe, work; John Johnson, work; Diane Jessie, U. of Mich.; Beverly Johnson, work; Edith John, work; Mary Jo Johnson, Jr., Maryland U.; Pat Johnson, M.J.C.; Dee Joffes, George Washington; Ed Korenec, M.J.C.; Barbara Kerner, M.J.C.; Buddy Jordan, marriage; Leon Jowitsky, Peabody Conservatory; work

Mary Karline Kabacny, work; Patrene Kaufman, work, marriage; Larry Kaufman, American College; Fred Kay, work, marriage; Margaret Kent, work; Pete Keresztes, M.J.C.; Bob Keener, undecided; Rick King, Md. U.; Steven King, M.J.C.; Laurie Klein, International Institute of Interior Design; Linda Klein, Eastern Baptist C.; Cooke Klein, M.J.C.; Judith Kline, Md. U.; Ernest Klingebiel, M.J.C.; Georgia Klutz, work; Robert Kullans, M.J.C.

Bonnie Mary Knoss, other immaculata Junior Col. or M.J.C.; Helen Knuppel, work; Kenneth Edward Kramer, Md. U.; Sally Kraus, Md. U.; Karen Kreamer, M.J.C.; Nancy Krebill, Gettysburg;

Henry David Kroll, Parsons College; Roy Kutner, M.J.C.; Gail Lagin, work; Richard Lamb, armed forces; Joyce Landis, Md. U.; Roberta Lanny, Brigham Young U. (Utah); June Lang, M.J.C.; John Lapp, armed forces; Karen Larson, M.J.C.

Judith Leadbetter, undecided; Katherine Lee, Bishops' Sewing School; Alan Lehman, Md. U.; William Leibovich, Gettysburg College; Charles Teddy Lempe Jr., Davis & Elkins College; Charl Leonard, Bonington College; Rose Mary Leventhal, Md. U.; Howard Levin, Brandeis U.; Kenneth Levin, Brandeis U.; Leonard Levitt, in Mass. Institute of Tech.; Steve R. Levin, M.J.C.; Linette Locke, undecided; Robert Long, undecided; David Levine, Md. U.; Adrienne Lewis, work; Julius Lewis, V.P.I.; Maxine Lewis, Md. U.; Richard Lewis, work; Ray Lineberry, work;

Marvin Lohman, Univ. of Mich.; Lucy Ling, Md. U.; Mary Lippman, Fairleigh Dickinson, University; Richard Lippman, Md. U.; Jack Lissauer, reside in Israel and then attend Md. U.; Barry A. Long, Western Maryland; Joann K. Long, work; George Lundy, Penn. State; Marsha Macklin, work; David Macurdy, reside in Switzerland and attend school; Patti Macdonin, Pennsylvania U.; Amy Muller, Boston U.

Judy Margolis, Md. U.; Karen Margolis, Univ. of Michigan; Phyllis Margulies, Md. U.; Nancy Markison, Sophie Newcomb College; Patricia Marshburn, undecided; Sue Marston, College of Wooster; Walter Marion, Ohio; Lennie Martin, work; Robert Martin, work; Mary Jean Marvin, Md. U.; Judy Maslar, work; Bill Mason, American U.; George Mason, work; Robin Lynn May, Brevard College, Brevard, North Carolina.

John May, George Washington U.; Robert H. Mayer, Univ. of Miami; Jordan Mayor, Univ. of Miami; William Claire McGraw, M.J.C.; Ellen McPain, McPain Valley; Patricia McCuckinan, Md. U.; and work; Esther Moore, work; Helen McLaughlin, Md. U.; Joel Mead, work; Ernest McElham, Parsons College; Fairbank, Iowa; Elsie Merritt, work and getting married in June; Andy Meyer, work; Bill Miller, M.J.C.; Kay Meyer, M.J.C.; James M. Meyer, work and M.J.C.; Cliff Michaud, M.J.C.; Sherry Michelson, U. of Penn.; Hilda Mihalek, work; Judith Ann Milano, Md. U. and work;

Alvin Miller, Md. U.; Donna Miller, work; Joel Miller, Md. U.; Linda Miller, Md. U.; Bill Mills, College Tech; Marilyn Miller, Md. U.

Marjorie Mills, M.J.C.; Roger Mindel, M.J.C.; Nancy Mitchell, Md. U.; Daniel Mockus, Md. U.

Donny Lou Moke, Md. U.; Pauline Moore, Md. U.; G. Warren Morgan, Jr., Md. U.; Kathy Moss, Bucknell University; Pat Mullendore, Md. U.; Nancy Mullins, work; Klaudia Mutjan, M.J.C.

Pat Murphy, work; Allen H. Mushinsky, M.J.C.; Richard Namm, M.J.C.; Linda Ness, work; Steven Ness, M.J.C.; Bob Nichols, Lake Forest; David Nishimoto, M.J.C.; Tom Norris, Md. U. or Frostburg; Armand Ronald Nunez, M.J.C.; Mary Offutt, work; Rhonda Oliver, work.

Gay Patton, Md. U.; Iris Pinnon, college; Roger Prince, college; Carol Peebles, work; Diane Pearsall, work; Benjamin Daniel Petrie, Kansas St. U.; Al Partlow, work; John J. Politz, Md. U. or nursing school; William L. Opeheim, Franklin— and Marshall College; Jenni Paris Orleans, Md. U.; Alec Jani Ogden, U. of Michigan; George Polegas, marriage;

Sally Patterson, M.J.C.; Thomas Park, M.J.C. and marriage; Meryl Pearlman, Md. U.; Bob Petrlik, Md. U.; Norma Pence, Frostburg St. Teachers College; Bobbie Peters, Davis and Elkins; Jackie Pearson, Bucknell U.; Donna Pisapia, work; Ronald Picolo, work; Neil Pototsky, Md. U.; Roger W. Pitt, Mississippi St. U.; Gail Pullisher, work; Charles Polinger, Md. U.; Wendy Prichard, M.J.C.; Paula Ann Paterstrom, Md. U.; Diane Preis, N.Y.U.; Paul Pavlovsky, college; Richard Pollard, Md. U.; Susan Peper, work;

Shirley Reid, Gardner School of Business; Chris Prinz, work; Diane Proias, Md. U.; Norman Pursdick, Md. U.; Daniel Rabenhorst, Md. U.; Sterling Radcliff, M.J.C.; Sue Rader, Md. U.; Marcia Radin, M.J.C.; Hodi Rahama, college; Waverly Rainey, Md. U.; Julian Rainwater, Wake Forest; George Rankin, M.J.C.; Ted Rankin, Md. U.; Mike Ratkin, M.J.C.; Steve Rauson, M.J.C.; James Raymond, work; Ted Reagan, M.J.C.; Pete Reman, work; Harold Reuben, Syracuse Univ.; Elaine Reynolds, Md. U.; George Richardson, work; Barry Richter, Md. U.; Bruce Rickard, Md. U.

Thomas Ridgely, work; JoAnn Rieder, Frostburg State Teachers; Dorothy Riley, Gardner School of Business; Ann Robbins, Md. U.; David Robinson, work; Dale Robertson, Md. U.; Tom Robertson, work; Margaret L. Robinson, work; Harold Rothen, M.J.C.; Jeffrey Rosen, U. of Mich.; Jeffrey Rosenberg, Md. U.; Garry Bourke, M.J.C.; Lois Rosenberg, marriage;

Burt Rosenberg, M.J.C.; Sandra Rosenblatt, U. Md.; Karen Rosenblatt, work; Mary Rose, work; Margaret Ross, M.J.C.; Michael Roy, Md. U.; Ruth Ross, marriage; Stanley Rubin, M.J.C.; G. W. Ruff, work; Eddie Sacks, M.J.C.; Judy Sattias, Md. U.; Arlene Sager, work; Lavinia Sager, work; Kathryn Samuels, M.J.C.; Adrienne Sana, Md. U.; Judith Saxe, work; Larry Savage, M.J.C.; Janet Schaffer, Md. U.

Winning State Title Was Top Thrill

Out of the swirl of impressions left by three years of high school life—which memories stand out?

A representative group of seniors was polled on that question. Here are their answers:

Barbara Willett, 12-22: "I won't forget study hall in the top of C-building. We were cooking, it was so hot."

Sally Kraus, 12-11: "Winning the state basketball finals was my most memorable experience. Nothing else was quite so big as having the whole school involved in something."

Lois Adorian, 12-1: "I remember the soccer game in the tenth grade when Aronow lost a diamond ring worth several hundred dollars."

Buddy Jordan, 12-10: "I'll never forget the time I bleached my hair and it came out red. Everybody cut me up about it."

Sharon Crowell, 12-5: "Though it wasn't very exciting to anyone but me, I won't forget the time I got an A on my chemistry lab, the only time this year."

Bill Bragg, 12-3: "The funniest and most enjoyable time in my three years at Blair was participating in the 1961 Homecoming Weekend. When you get together with nuts like John Dunn and Woody Cohen, and have to dress like girls, the end result can be nothing less than a hilarious mess."

Seniors Reveal Plans for Future (Continued from Page 3)

Nancy Schoenmaker, work: Theresa Schriber, work; Riston Walsh, M.J.C.; and work together with nuts like John Dunn and Woody Cohen, and have to dress like girls, the end result can be nothing less than a hilarious mess."

David Seigel, M. U.; Thomas Senko, M.J.C.; Sally Shattell, M. U.; Gabe Shanks, work; Marion Shanon, M. U.; Michael Sherr, M. U.; Michael Sheridan, M. U.; Elaine Siegel, M. U.; Leigh Silverman, North Central College; Michael Silverman, M. U.; Andrew Simanov, M. U.; Donald Simon, M. U.; Richard Singleton, M.J.C.; Irene Sisk, M. U.; Washington, D.C.; Stanley Slinkin, Georgetown U.;

Fred Smith, work; Harley Smith, M. U.; Joyce Smith, work; Mary Smith, Emory and Henry College;

Richard Smith, work; Betty Smithers, Ambler Campus of Temple U.; Lynne Smith, Lucy Webb Hayes School, Nurelberg; Denise Solberman, Corcoran School of Art; Robert Sokoloff, M.J.C.; Kelsey Soper, M. U.; Linda Sparshott, M. U.; Beth Spiegelsberg, Bethany College; Linda Spindel, University of Chicago; Eugenia Starbuck, Earlham College; Riley Steesy, M. U.; John Stein, Colum. U.; John Steiner, Corcoran Art School; Michael Stephenson, M. U.; Mary Stevenson, moving; Phyllis Stewart, work; Ted Stewart, M.J.C.; Mike Stottiemeyer, M.J.C.

Ronald Stone, Tech. School; Wayne Strasser, M.J.C.; Charles Strickland, M. U.; Mary Strimberg, travel; Mary Ann Sullivan, Rhode Seminary & Junior College; Betty Lou Sutton, M.J.C.; Ray Swartz, work; Steve Tarkington, M.J.C.; Emerson Taylor, Colorado State U.; Kay Taylor, M. U.; Mike Teitelbaum, Reed College; Carol Tenley, armed forces (waves); Bill Thompson, M.J.C.; Joyce Thompson, Boston U.; Sandy Thompson, M.J.C.; Jonathan Thron, M. U.; Tom Thornburg, V.P.L.; Jayne Thornburg, M.J.C.; Robert Tiemann, overseas; Bob Tompkins, M. U.; Gene Tompkins, work; Jack Townsend, M. U.; Janet Tracy, M. U.; Bob Triple, M.J.C.; Danny Tullis, M.J.C.; Harry Tuckman, M. U.;

Albert Turner, Howard U.; Theresa Laverne Turner, work; Eleanor Utton, Grandview College; Judy Van Gilder, work; Jane Viscello, Davis and Elkins College; Helen Villalobos, M. U.; Ricky Villalobos, U. of Pa.; Janet Voelker, M.J.C.; Barbara Wagnan, M.J.C.; Tim Wagner, M. U.; Walter Walker, U. of Pa.; Jane Utman, N.C.U. or Wisconsin; Steve Walker, M. U.; Freida Wampler, work; Steven Ward, University of Oklahoma; Linda Warren, work; Linda Warren, M.J.C.; Janann Warye, Corcoran Art School; Colin Waters, M.J.C.; Bob Watts, work; William Wegner, M. U.; Arnie Weinstein, M. U.; Michael Weinstein, M.J.C.; Nancy Weiner, M. U.; Jackie Wells, work.

Jim Wendt, A.U.; Roy Wells, armed forces; Ken Welch, M. U.; Frances Welly, Denver U.; George Wendal, M.J.C.; Daniel Weppner, work; Margaret Werner, work; Robert Westberg, Hanzell Harrison School of Nursing; Steve Westlin, M. U.; Connie Westphal, M. U.; Betty Whalin, M.J.C.; Bill Whiddon, M. U.; Gretchen Whitaker, Sarah Lawrence College; Charles Whitney, M. U.; Lorraine Whitt, M. U.; Sandi Whittemore, M.J.C.;

Leslie Wilcox, M. U.; Barbara Willett, M.J.C.; Bonnie Williams, college; Linda Williams, Heidelberg College; Dave Willis, work; Donald Lewis Wilman, Marine Corps; Bob Willis, work, armed forces, marriage; Jennifer Wilrog, George Washington U.; Ford Wilson, work, M.J.C.; Tom Wilson, M. U.; Robert Windan, M. U.; Treva Ann Wingo, Catawba College; Eugene Wishnie, M. U.; S. Wishnow, M.J.C.; Sally Ann Wolf, Montgomery Junior College;

Paullet Wolner, business school; Kathleen Wood, M.J.C.; Nellie Wu, M. U.; Stewart Yaffe, M. U.; James Yates, M. U.; Mary Kay Yeager, M. U.; Anthony M. Yezer, Dartmouth College; Paul Youmans, work; Mary Lee Young, work; Janet Zelenik, work; Mike Zettlin, M. U.; Sharon Zellers, work, marriage; Allen Zimberg, M. U.; Gailor Zeebo, M. U.; Lance Zuesse, U. of Chicago.

ADVANCED PHYSICS STUDENTS CHOSEN

Five Advanced Physics Students Chosen 'Scientists for A Day'

Five members of Blair's Advanced Physics class recently had an opportunity to put their knowledge to work. The David Taylor Model Basin sponsored a "Scientists for a Day" program with 33 students from Montgomery County high schools participating.

Students worked side-by-side with scientists and engineers in the four laboratories and the Industrial Department of the Navy's test facility at Carderock.

Those participating from Blair were Leonard Levin, Mike Weisfeld, Mike Teitelbaum, Ben Petrie and Bob Fleisher.

Technical Projects Among the interesting projects these budding young scientists and engineers worked on were: Testing of the A2F airplane after model in the Subsonic Wind Tunnel to determine the critical flutter for various configurations;

Pat Mullendore, 12-14: "My most vivid memory of Blair is the fun I had and the knowledge I gained working on the production of 'L'il Abner.'"

George Bland, 12-2: "It's not just one thing about Blair that I'll remember, it's everything—the football games, homecoming, Christmas Formal, the Annual Show, and June 15, 1962. These are the things I'll never forget."

Bob Blanken, 12-2: "How could I ever forget running five laps around the field after baseball practice for two whole weeks?"

Sonny Jackson, 12-10: "I'll never forget the thrill of breaking Richard Montgomery's 28-game winning streak. I couldn't believe we had done it!"

Doug Flynn, 12-7: "I'll always remember the practices for last year's graduation, especially our chorus director, Mrs. Huntley's big straw hat."

Mike Ratkin, 12-16: "I recall making many new and fabulous friendships in the grove."

Judy Blatt, 12-2: "I'll always remember our terrific basketball team winning the State championship. I was really proud of Blair then—but all of the team and all the students who really supported them."

Neely Holmead, Wake Forest; James Johnston, M. U.; Steve Mintz, U. of N. C.; Jerry Blonick, G.W.U.; Stephanie Sweda, Cornell; Harry Miller, work; Andy Akelley, Hood Coll.; Bob Adams, M. U.; Eddie Thompson, Duke; Carl Treiter, M. U.; Joyce Van Westenberg, nursing school; Carol Williams, M. U.;

Chips Staff Chosen From Journalism

Seven members of the journalism class have been selected as members of the Silver Chips staff for next year.

Page one co-editors will be Margery Blanc and Steve Perrin. On page two will be Ellen Kurtz and Mike Suser. Marilyn Dove this year's advertising manager, will edit page three along with newcomer Jane Rudin.

Handling sports will be Robert Greenspan and Hollace Goldberg, Blair's first female sports writer.

Business and advertising manager will be Sue Hedrick.

Previously announced were the appointments of Allen Snyder, this year's sports editor, as editor-in-chief, and Phyllis Mudrick, as managing editor.

Wagner (continued)

between students and administration rather than consultation when a problem arises."

As Mr. Wagner said returning to Blair is like "returning home," Mr. Vogt said, "It's just like leaving home. You get to know people and work with them and then you have to be separated."

Although he explained that he and Mr. Shaw will have to remain loyal to Walt Whitman in all competitive activities, Mr. Vogt said they will always have many fine memories of Blair.

"I appreciated the opportunity to be here at Blair. I enjoyed the associations with students, faculty, and administration," declared Mr. Vogt.

"One thing which stands out in my mind is the extreme loyalty of Blair students to school and teachers. Blairites have a reputation for this throughout the county—more so than any other school I've been at. However, now I feel it is my responsibility to the county to make this move," he added.

"Another reason I was willing to leave Blair," remarked Mr. Vogt, "is that I've never experienced the opening of a new school before."

Europe, Israel Will be 'Homes' Of 5 Blairites

Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, and Israel will be the homes of five Blair students as participants in youth exchanges and business.

Phyllis Teitelbaum and Carol Jordan, juniors, will be Blair's American Field Service participants.

Carol is going to Kilmach, Germany, from mid-June to the end of August. She will live in the family of a high government official there with a "brother" and "sister," ages 17 and 16.

Kilmach is situated 25 miles from East Germany and is the location for the famous Wagnerian Music Festivals.

Phyllis will live in Denmark from mid-June until January and will be attending school for one semester there.

Her town will be Kolding, about 120 miles from Copenhagen.

She will also spend four weeks in a language camp to learn Danish since she will have to have command of the language for school. This will bring up her language total to five: English, Latin, French, Hebrew and Danish.

Phyllis and Carol both urge all interested sophomores to try out for AFS next year. Sign-ups are held early in the year for any junior who has taken at least two years of any language.

Israel will be the temporary family home of two other Blair students, Bob Tiemann and Jack Lisauer, both seniors.

As members of the Haherem Labor Zionist Youth Organization, they will be among 64 young adults from America and Canada going to live in Israel for a year.

They will live on a co-operative settlement, or a kibbutz, helping to rebuild the land.

David Macurdy, another traveler, will go to Zurich, Switzerland, with his family for a year.

Dave's father is a physicist with a Swiss-American firm and recently received notice of a transfer to Switzerland.

Dave will go to learn German for the Swiss city he will live in, as did Sharon Ellis, this year's AFS student from Blair to Switzerland.

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JUNIOR EXECUTIVES — Distributive education students Benny Baunting, Rick Smith, and Brent Faulkner discuss their afternoon jobs. All have recently been promoted to higher positions. (Photo by Hall).

3 GET EXECUTIVE JOBS

Distributive Education Students Progress in Business World

While students sit in their afternoon classes mastering the three "R's" of education, a handful of Blairites, under the distributive education program, are out in the community learning the ropes of business.

"All of the students are doing well at their jobs," reports Mr. Samuel Egenbaum, coordinator of distributive education, "and several have made significant advancements."

Evaluated Regularly

All students in the work programs receive regular wages and are treated like any other employee. Many of the students work week nights and Saturdays. They are evaluated every

six weeks by their employers and receive 2½ credits toward high school graduation, for technically they are in school from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

"The students value their work," states Mr. Egenbaum, "for they realize that their jobs are meaningful in terms of training and responsibility. The experience they are receiving now will put them ahead one or two years, for when a student graduates, he starts at the bottom."

Blair is a leader in Montgomery County, having originated work experience programs at Blair 20 years ago. At present five schools in the county carry work experience, but only Blair offers all three programs.

13 Local Schools Send Delegates To Meeting Here

Some 150 student government leaders from all over Montgomery County recently spent a day at Blair at the monthly Inter-High Meeting. One Blairite is a newly elected officer of the group.

Thirteen schools were represented including: Blair, Northwood, Walter Johnson, B.C.C., Wheaton, Richard Montgomery, Sherwood, Academy of Holy Names, Perry, Springbrook, Gaithersburg, Poolesville, and Damascus.

Representatives to the regional association visited classes, were honored at a tea, and ate lunch in a cafeteria furnished with crepe paper and flowers.

Music and speeches were provided by the Senior Luncheon Club, while waitresses from O'Dells, Keyettes, and Varsettes cleared the table.

At the general assembly meeting, next year's officers were introduced. They are: Dave Cooper from Walter Johnson, president; Steve Daniels from Wheaton, vice-president; Bonnie Towels, from Walter Johnson, secretary; Marilyn Quinn from Blair, treasurer; and Bill Redkey from Richard Montgomery, chaplain.

This year, Ace Warren and Neely Holmead of Blair were president and secretary of the association, respectively.

A constitutional amendment giving the president of the association veto power and the general assembly power to override the veto by a two-thirds majority was passed.

FACULTY FACTS

Summertime Occupations Vary From Forest Ranger to Florist

A Montana forest ranger is the summer role of Mr. Robert Meier, Blair metal shop instructor.

"My job is very enjoyable," states Mr. Meier, "It includes fighting fires and lots of hiking. I get into a lot of primitive areas of Montana and Idaho."

Silver Run, Maryland, is the location of Coach Edward Moffatt's 120-acre farm, which he is converting into a summer basketball camp. Seventy-five junior high school boys will be attending the three-week session. For the remainder of the summer the coach will farm his acreage.

Theatre Agent

Mr. Richard Pioli keeps up with drama during the summer. He is public relations man for the Olney Theatre, a job which includes advertising and writing press releases.

Mr. Pioli will also be attending Catholic University for his master's degree in speech and drama.

Many Pursue Education

Mr. Joseph Harty plans to go to summer school in Wisconsin, and Mr. Stuart Marder will continue work for his master's at American University.

"The Clergy in Joseph Andrew's Time" is the subject of Mr. Jim De Catur's master's thesis which he will be completing this summer.

Mr. Myron B. Michelson spent last summer working in a florist's

shop, and the previous summer as a jeweler. "If I can get a job," says Mr. Mike, "I'll be working again this summer."

Bridge expert, Mr. Calvin Reubens, will travel to Minneapolis and Detroit during the latter part of the summer to compete in several bridge tournaments.

Summer Job Picture Takes Upward Turn

"As a whole, so far this year employment doesn't seem to be as bright as last year, but lately the upward trend has been encouraging," declared Mr. Ernest Rhodes, Blair's vocational counselor.

Mr. Rhodes, in his quest for new ways to help students get jobs, has started a card file on students who are looking for work.

Each card contains the type of work the student is looking for, age, special skills and type of work he won't accept.

Since Mr. Rhodes expects to be in his office this summer, he can call students as opportunities arise.

However, Mr. Rhodes urged each student to make a special effort on his own to get a job. He added that if students know of an available job that they don't wish to fill, he would appreciate it if they would let him know.

SENIOR SPOT BY SARA BARBER Schnapper, Burt Stress Studies, Cite Values of Extra Activities

"It's a shame that some Blairites ignore many opportunities and activities available here and waste their time," declared Jeff Burt, member of National, Math, and Latin Honor Societies, Masque and Gavel, and Quill and Scroll.

Amy Schnapper, president of Keyettes added, "Blair lacks the leadership training necessary to harness the potential of Blairites in the variety of clubs and organizations that exist."

Stress Studies

Both agreed that too few students realize that the main effort of a student should be devoted to his studies.

"Extracurricular activities are merely another valuable aspect of high school, not the main purpose," emphasized Jeff.

"Students must learn to limit themselves when they join clubs and accept leadership positions."

Logue Experience

As editor-in-chief of Blair's yearbook, Jeff said, "I feel the student body should be grateful to Mrs. Ruth Miller who guided the Silverlogue staff in putting out this year's yearbook."

"Unquestionably, my position as editor has been the most valuable and rewarding experience in high school. I feel I acquired a sense of organization and an important understanding of working with other people," Jeff declared.

Amy, who worked as a staff member on Logue this year, was also chairman of the costume committee for the annual show for the past two years. She felt this work gave her valuable ex-

perience and an added sense of responsibility.



Amy and Jeff

She went on Mr. Jones' Western trip last summer and on the New Orleans trip this year. She also plans to go out West again this summer.

"Mr. Jones' trips offer an excellent opportunity for students to develop the hobby of traveling," stated Amy.

She has traveled throughout the West with her family and accompanied them to Canada and Mexico.

Next year Amy will continue her travels as she goes to the University of Wisconsin.

This summer, Jeff will do research work for the Army for the second time. In the fall he will attend Princeton on a national scholarship.

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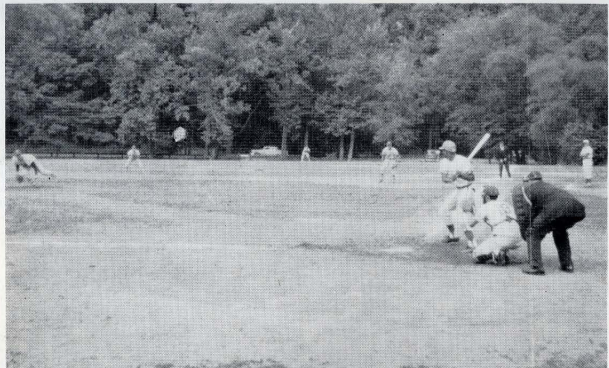
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BATTER-UP — Sonny Jackson, star Blair shortstop, swings against Wheaton pitcher Hiram Smith. The Blazers won 5-3.

Blazers Take Third Place in State Track Meet with Only Six Entrants

Although it entered only six men, Blair still placed third in the recent Maryland Class AA track meet.

The title was won by Frederick High School, which nipped Northwood, 75-73. Blair scored 62½ points.

To compete in a certain event in the state meet, it is necessary to qualify in that event in a district meet. At Walter Johnson, where the meet was held for Blair's district, the Blazers had only six trackmen who qualified.

Despite this small number, there were many outstanding individual performances by Blairites.

Record in Mile

Blair's mile relay team clipped

three seconds off the state record, winning the event with a time of 3:27.3. The team is comprised of Bill Liebovici, Julian Rainwater, Albert Turner, and Jimmy Craig.

Turner also competed in the high jump and broad jump. He placed first in the high jump with a school record of 6'1½". In the broad jump placed second.

Rainwater also set a school record with a pole vault of 12'1¼". He placed third in that event.

Low Hurdles

Al Caron placed first in the low hurdles with a state record clocking of 20.3. He also broke a school record in the high hurdles, finishing second in the meet with a time of 14.8.

The winner of the meet, which was witnessed by a crowd of 2500, was not determined until the last event.

Northwood had been leading throughout most of the meet. However, George Cramer of Frederick placed second in the pole vault to give his school a three-point lead with only one event to go—the mile relay.

To win the meet, Frederick had to place no more than one place behind Northwood in this event. And that is exactly what happened as Northwood came in fifth and Frederick placed sixth.

Highlights of Sports Year Bring Memories to Victorious Blazers

By Robert Greenspan

In sports this year Blair has battled its way to the top in football and basketball and is now fighting for first place in baseball.

Amid this abundance of athletic glory, it's difficult to pick out the top moments on the Blair playing field. The following, however, must rank among the greatest:

80-Yard Run

In the Richard Montgomery game James Craig and Sonny Jackson teamed up to break the Rockets' winning streak at 28 games. Craig took the ball on the Blair 20 with the Blazers down 7-0 and galloped 80 yards around right end to a tally.

Later in the game Jackson bootlegged the ball to his right and scampered eight yards to win the game for the Blazers. Blackwell made good both extra points.

That Defense

Also notable in football was the Blair defense, "The Untouchables" who went four games before being scored upon.

Julian Rainwater's fine diving catch in the end zone of a Sonny Jackson pass as the gun at the half went off in the Northwood game is one that few will forget.

In basketball, the average of 15.5 points per game earned by Sonny Jackson set the team pace. Tall Blazer eagles won their second consecutive state championship, breaking the school scoring record in the process.

Mr. Girard Reynolds, coach of the track team, says, "Any time you break a school record it is a great performance."

Track Records Fall

Five school records have topped this year on five great performances. Julian Rainwater pole vaulted 12'1¼", Albert Turner high jumped 6'1½", Bill Miller ran the 880 in 2:01.2, and the mile relay team of Liebovici, Rainwater, Turner, and Craig ran the mile in 3:27.3, and Al Caron set a new scoring record for one meet at 26 points.

In baseball this year, the best performance is thought to have been that of pitcher Jerry Rieucci who has a 5-1 record and an e.r.a. of 1.1907. The best game for both the team and Rieucci is thought to be the 6-0 victory over Richard Montgomery.

When asked about the 29-2 rout of Walter Johnson, Coach Stan Kulakowski said, "I wouldn't even talk about it."

These are the performances that have carried the Blazers forward to victory in 1961-62.



BLAZER TRAILS By Marvin Goldberg

It's perhaps a bit early for us to start waxing nostalgic about high school memories and the "good old days," but many of the 758 seniors who will graduate in just one week, have begun a review of their big moments at Blair.

Many of these reminiscences have to do with athletic events like the Blair-Richard Montgomery game or the basketball championships. The heroes we yelled our lungs out for will not soon be forgotten.

What Makes a Hero?

Of course, these events will always be deeply imbedded in our minds and hearts and the places they occupy are ones of distinction, but perhaps a more important aspect of these reflections is what made us worship our heroes.

What qualities did these people have that set them apart from others, just as our scholars are so honored and admired? With a little reflection, we think you'll find that our athletes and scholars have many of the same attributes. And certainly, we feel, you'll see that many of the lessons high school has to offer—lessons that we'll find throughout our lives—can be found in the stories of our heroes' successes, and their failures.

First and foremost, an athlete must have ambition: a goal to

JACKSON INJURES BACK

Rieucci's Pitching Leads Blazers Over Wheaton

Led by the pitching of Jerry Rieucci and the batting of league-leading hitter Bill Mason, the Blazer baseball team has squeaked in front with a prestate league record of eight wins and two losses.

Although victorious over Wheaton, 5-3, the Blazers will suffer due to Sonny Jackson's injury. In his unsuccessful attempt to steal second base in the second inning, Jackson hurt his back. The injury may put him out the rest of the season. The coach has pulled in second baseman, Bill Mason, to cover the shortstop position.

Seventh Win

The Wheaton game was Jerry Rieucci's seventh win of the season. Rieucci pitched four shut-out innings before allowing two hits in the fifth inning, which drove in the Knight's three runs. John Bell reached first base in the third inning on a base hit. He rounded the bases on successive errors to score Blair's first run.

Buddy Garner, George Lundy, Sonny Jackson and Hank Bland crossed home plate in the fourth inning to bring the total to five

runs. The pitchers fought the remaining innings, yielding no runs.

Championship Hopes

"If we beat Sherwood," predicted team manager Harvey Casper three days before the decisive game, "we'll have the county championship all sewed up."

But Coach Kulakowski has his doubts. "I've grown pessimistic," says the coach. "We lost to Sherwood and Northwood in succession, so the championship could go either way. We're just doing the best we can each game and hope we come out on top."

Defense Counts

The coach feels that the strength of the team lies in the defense. "Most high school teams have few good hitters," stated the coach. "The team that makes the least errors usually wins. It's the defense that counts."

The Blair's most impressive win of the season was 20-2 over Walter Johnson. "Our runs were due mainly to Spartan errors," confessed Captain Sonny Jackson.

How Vital Was Loud Cheering To Blair's String of Victories?

By Karen Margolis

At most of Blair's major sports competitions, girls comprise at least half of the audience. Therefore, Chips believes a girl should have some say on the sports page

at least every once in a while. Hence these comments by Karen Margolis.

One of Blair's most colorful institutions is the annual pre-football season pep rally. When leaves are orange and yellow and the grass is brown, vivid red and white uniforms of the cheerleaders and team members and the wildly excited student body, cheering with rosy cheeks aglow, are really something to behold.

Cheering is vitally important to victory, the students are told by coaches and team members. Cheering has helped to produce Blair's fine teams. And these fine teams cause more cheering. It's a vicious circle.

In this discussion, perhaps it would be indiscreet to mention that the only two Blair teams which had undefeated seasons this year were the football JV and the varsity Latin Scrabble—teams which seldom have a handful of spectators cheering them on.

Speaking of the importance of cheering, isn't it about time that cheerleaders get spring uniforms? Then they could lead the spectators at baseball games, thereby encouraging more people to attend.

Although Blair's competitive athletic program is extraordinarily complete, it is lacking in one popular sport—gymnastics. When done with the required strength, equilibrium, and masculine grace, this sport is truly unparallelled.

Inter-school competition could be set up with a few events and gradually expand and become a county or bi-county league.

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