

EAST OF BAYSHORE SECTION

East Palo Alto

Belle Haven

Clarence Cryer

Ravenswood Asks For Navy ROTC Program

Ravenswood High School recently applied for permission to offer a Navy junior ROTC program during the coming school year.

Clarence Cryer, the school's principal, said that he asked 10 per cent of the student body if such an addition to the curriculum would be a good idea.

Fifty per cent of the students approved of the idea. Many said that they would enter such a program; others said that though they would not take advantage of the ROTC option themselves, they believed other students should have the opportunity to do so.

Cryer felt that a significant number (14 per cent) of the people at Ravenswood also showed interest in adding vocational training courses in agriculture and animal husbandry. He plans to devote further study to this idea.

San Mateo County only has one school, located in Half Moon Bay, that offers an agricultural program. Cryer feels there may be a need for another one in this area.

Ravenswood, while offering some unusual courses (such as Scuba Diving), continues to assure its students a sound general education.

Just weeks ago, a team of educators representing the Western Association of Schools and colleges praised Ravenswood, granting it a full five-year accreditation.

In its report the team said that it was "struck by the quality of education offered at Ravenswood. The faculty was most impressive: it is innovative, aware, responsive and generally experienced and well-prepared. But more striking is its dedication to teaching and commitment to integration and the success of students."

"The faculty has been aided by administrative support both at the local and district levels. In addition, the Board has, through its policies, enabled the school to be supported at a considerably richer level than the rest of the district. As a result, Ravenswood truly serves as a 'Magnet School' within the district."

In a department-by-department analysis of the school, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges voiced high praise for the school's innovative programs, noting, for example, that nine foreign languages are offered, including Russian, Chinese, Hebrew, and Swahili.

Ravenswood was instituted as a "New School" by the Sequoia Union High School District in 1971-72. That year 53 per cent of its students were Black; the previous year 95 per cent were Black. During the coming school year, the figure will be 40 per cent for the ninth grade -- the first time minority enrollment in any grade has been below 50 per cent.

Ravenswood City School District Community Meetings

The schedule is as follows:

Mavis Knox -- Kavanaugh, Green Oaks (designated schools) August 13, 1973, 2254 Menalto at 7:30 p.m.

August 16, 1973, 2254 Menalto, 7:30 p.m.

Robert Hoover -- Flood, Willos, O'Connor (designated schools) August 16, 1973, 140 O'Connor (home of Nancy Reames) at 7:30 p.m.

August 30, 1973, O'Connor School, 275 Elliott Drive, 7:30 p.m.

August 28, 1973, 398 Menlo Oaks (home of Barbara Derbyshire) at 7:30 p.m.

Jmaes Daniels -- Garden Oaks, Brentwood, Runnymede (designated schools) August 21, 1973, 5 Camelia Court at 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Hatton -- Belle Haven, Costano, Menlo Oaks. Community Educational Meetings every Monday, 321 Bell Street, 7:30 p.m.

Parent Block Meetings, every Tuesday. Call 325-9756 for locations).

Recreation Director Resigns

I would like to submit my resignation from the Ravenswood Recreation and Park District, effective on or about August 31, 1973. I have accepted a position that will enable me to continue to grow professionally in the area of parks and recreation. I appreciate the opportunity the District gave me to extend my knowledge. I



Kendall Simmons

would like to express my sincere appreciation to the residents of East Palo Alto, to the Board of Directors and to the dedicated staff for their interest in recreation for the community.

I wish the District continue success for their recreational goal and objectives.

Kendall R. Simmons
Superintendent

Menlo Park

Girls' Club of Mid-Peninsula Offers Free Bus Ride

If you need a ride to the Girls' Club of the Mid-Peninsula from Menlo Park, there will be a bus leaving the Herbert Hoover Memorial Boys Club, 400 Market Place at 12:00 noon, Monday-Friday. The bus will leave the Girls' Club, 2400 Ralmar at 4:00

p.m. going back to Menlo Park. All you have to do is be on time and bring a sack lunch. Girls six (6) and over.

There is no fee!

For further information please call 325-8915.

Free Immunizations Available at Health Clinics

Free immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, measles and rubella (German measles) are available from the

Health Department for children to age 21 from families who cannot afford to obtain these services from private physicians. The once-a-month immunization clinics in each district office have been discontinued and the immunizations are now offered at 15 Child Health Conferences held at convenient neighborhood locations each month.

The location and date of the most convenient Child Health conference, where immunizations are available for children, can be obtained by calling the nearest Public Health Nursing Office: South San Francisco 873-1800; Half Moon Bay 726-5236; Redwood City 364-5600 Ext. 4484; East Palo Alto 364-5600 Ext. 2395.

A special immunization clinic will continue to be held on the second Monday of each month at the Public Health Clinic, 225 37th Ave., San Mateo, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. this will be an additional source of immunizations for school children who are required to have them for admission to school. Currently required for admission to California schools are immunizations against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis and measles.

Red Cross Swim Lessons

Ravenswood Pool in East Palo Alto will continue Red Cross Summer Swim lessons for two more sessions.

The fourth Summer Session, August 6-17, will offer lifesaving lessons Monday through Friday, 10:30 - 12:30. From 12:30 - 2:30, swimming lessons in Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate and Swimmer degrees will be provided. In addition to the instructions, recreational swimming will be offered from 2:30 - 4:30 each day.

Recreational swimming at Ravenswood will also be offered during the evening from 7 to 9:00 p.m.

And lessons will be given on Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7:30 - 8:30.

Kavanaugh School Adopts Theatre Arts Program

Theatre arts will become a part of the general kindergarten and first grade curriculum at the Kavanaugh School in East Palo Alto.

All state teacher training institutions are now required to include theatre arts in their general education studies.

Kavanaugh will take advantage of this innovation, hoping to develop each child's "dramatic imagination, problem-solving ability, and communicative potential."

It is expected that theatre arts will aid teachers in conveying to

students an understanding of their cultural heritage.

The following schedule is to announce the Community Meetings that will be held by each member of the Board of Trustees of the Ravenswood City School District.



Therisa Gamblin in 'Little Bird' playlet in Mrs. Phyllis Shutte's class at Kavanaugh School. Madaline Flamer played the role of 'Mother Bird' and Lisa Whately portrayed the butterfly.