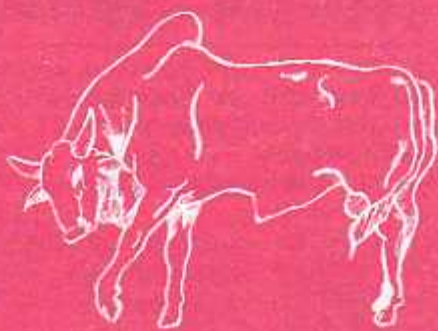


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I wish there were something
You would do or say
To make me change my mind
And stay
We never did too much talking, anyway,
But don't think twice, it's all right.
— Bob Dylan

King, Seipel, Wood, Cox, And Boykin Win

1970-71 Council Officers Chosen

Despite loud calls of rancor and distress among the candidates, final election results in the Student Council Officer's race have been tabulated.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors selected David King, Patti Cox, Scarlett Boykin, Wayne Seipel, and Steve Wood to head next year's student government at MacArthur.

Pulling ahead to cap top honors in the Presidential election, junior David King defeated present Sophomore Class President Hank Green, 846-488.

Recording Secretary-elect Patti Cox succeeded her sister senior Connie by defeating Deneice O'Connor

815-517.

The closest final result's involved a 743-583 tally in first round votes which left Scarlett Boykin ahead of Julie Pollock for Corresponding Secretary.

The two most disputed offices, Vice-President and Treasurer, required run-offs to insure fair results to the candidates.

Surprises surrounded the election of vice-president, first results showed Wayne Seipel with 597 votes to Howard Hancock's 498 votes. Hector Mendez trailed with 215 votes.

In the run-off election yesterday, Seipel pulled the victory out of the fire by 21 votes, 565 to Hancock's 544.

The underdog in the treasury runoff won. Steve Wood, who received 345 in the original election, received 676 votes to Walter Thorman's 415 votes. Thor-

man got 445 in the first election. Mike Murray and Chris Richardson finished with 270 and 268 respectively in the initial balloting.

Considering comments on election participation, approximately 84.2% of three classes (excluding seniors) indicated an interest by voting for their choice of candidates.

Mr. Sidney King, administrative assistant, commented on the figure: "We hope this percentage indicates a renewed interest in

the functions and workings of the Council at MacArthur."

Another encouraging statistic cites only 5 write-ins in a total of 1580 votes, hopefully indicating more careful thought and analysis before casting votes.



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HAPPINESS IS FIRST PLACE — Liz Luedeman and Steve Williams show what happiness is as Mr. Vakey and Mrs. Pat Gartman present their first place awards in poetry at the UIL competition Saturday, April 18. Liz and Steve will advance to regional competition in Corpus Christi this weekend.

Mac Takes District UIL Academics Again

Another outstanding one-act play, a victorious debate team, two journalism standouts, and three first place speakers in individual events led to another smashing UIL academic District victory Saturday, April 18.

MacArthur won the District UIL sweepstakes trophy for the second year in a row by compiling 113 hard fought points, 24 points in front of second place Churchill. Lee was third and Roosevelt fourth.

It started with the victorious one-act play, "The Great Cross Country Race", which repeated the first place District finish of last years state bound one act. Cast members Lynn McIntyre, Billy Bolch, Joetta Hall Steve Williams, Nancy Hamby, Steve Morris, Debbie Stewart, Jeff Harmon, and "All Star Cast" member Mark Mitchell led the race for first place.

Last Saturday the big race started. MacArthur was already in the lead with 20 points from the play. In Poetry Interpretation, Steve Williams and Liz Leudemann captured first place in boys and girls divisions.

Both finishes in Poetry were interesting surprises. Because of a UIL rule which disqualified the initial entrant, Steve Williams was Brahma Tales

notified that he was to compete an hour beforehand. For Liz, this was the first time that she placed first in any Poetry competition.

In Prose Reading, Norman Thomas won first, and Claudia Erving took a sec-

ond place in her category. Extemporaneous Speaking placed three MacArthur students in the point totals. Doug Coffey and Ann Bragg placed third in persuasive extemp, while Peggy Cheson obtained third in informative extemp.

The Boys Debate team of Mark Mitchell and Ron Zimmerman captured first in their specialty beating Jefferson in finals.

Journalism had their pen-filled hand in the victory as well. Brenda Speert finished first in both News Writing and Editorial Writing. Sara Jane Hawthorne scribbled her way into a

third place finish in Ready Writing and third in Headlining.

MacArthur's point totals were restricted to Speech and Journalism activities, as our entries in Number Sense Sliderule, Typing, Shorthand, Science, and Spelling, did not place in the competition.

Last year's District sweep was the first time MacArthur had accomplished the feat since 1961. This year's "second in a row" win points to what could become the Age of MacArthur in U.I.L. Competition.

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Senior Exemptions Tentatively OK'ed

Continuing campus discussion of the right of seniors to senior privileges has brought about a new privilege.

Graduating seniors will have the opportunity to be exempt from the May exams if they meet an extensive list of requirements.

The requirements include: the student must be passing the course for the last six-weeks period, the semester, and the year, and must have satisfactory citi-

zenship. Seniors referred to the school administration for disciplinary action are ineligible.

The teacher must approve the exemption and exemption may be revoked at any time. Student and parents must sign a form approving exemption.

If the students choose to take the exam, the grade must be counted.

Seniors may not have more than two absences be-

tween April 13 and May 15. School field trips, interscholastic meets, or other school approved absences are not counted as absences.

Students must be in attendance in all classes during the final six senior school days.

This experimental procedure will be subject to further study next year. It has not yet become a permanent policy. Much depends on how the seniors of 1970 use or abuse this privilege.

SEEN HER?



Jane Bexten

Lassie Colonel Jane Bexten is seen on campus as the Vice President of the French Club and as Junior Editor in the Annual.

Jane can be found on the campus of MacArthur High School this year and you can bet her wardrobe for back-to-school wear is from Terri Jr.

The outlook for campus wear '70 is the young colorful witty look that is shaping things to come this season. For fashion know-how drop by Terri Jr. and see the cool selection of styles for wear on the sport scene.



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VICA Captures 18 Individual Awards

by Diane Shisk

Designated as one of four outstanding chapters in the state, the MacArthur VICA club triumphantly returned from the 22nd annual Vocational Industrial Clubs of America state meet April 17-18 in Austin.

In addition to 18 individual awards, the Health Occupation Department was awarded the honor of "Outstanding Health Occupation Chapter in the State of Texas," an honor encompassing a plaque and a \$250 cash award.

MacArthur placed first in photo panels of chapter activities and business note books, second in the ceremonies contest, and fourth in job application.

Individual students placing in technical information were Liz Doyle, first place Medical Office Assistant and Gerald Flanagan, third place x-ray technician.

Five students received ribbons for student occupation notebooks: Marilyn Bradley, first place nurses aide; Debby Wylie, second place nurses aide; Gary Schultz, third place physi-

cal therapy assistant; Patty Moeller, second place dental assistant; and Suzanne Brown, fourth place dental assistant.

In the student select job category, Karin Williford was awarded first in dental assistant; Alfred Eckhardt, second in inhalation therapy; Debbie Wylie, second in nurses aide; Gerald Flanagan, second in x-ray technician assistant; Sally Barnes, third place nurses aide; Gary Schultz, third place physical therapy assistant; and Tessa Madere, fourth place Medical Lab assistant.

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BOY, AM I SEXY — Shawn Dunken imitates a little girl at the Student Council Talent Show April 18 at the MacArthur Auditorium. One of the Council's money making projects, the Talent Show grossed \$313. According to Mr. Sidney King, the stormy weather kept away a lot of people.

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Records, Jumping, Relays Highlight District Title

Record finishes in the 30-AAAA District track meet April 17 employed fast footwork from Mac tracksters, snaring the team title by a slim eight point advantage over tied runner-ups Highlands and Lee.

Highlighting Brahma action were: Hal Vagtborg's first place effort and new district record of 1:55.1 in the 880, Bill Spence's second place finish which tied the old record established by Mac's Robert Alexander of 1:55.8 in the same event, and six other regional qualifying performances.

The two 880 speed demons, Vagtborg and Spence, then paired with David Williams and Gary Fischer to capture the mile relay in 3:23.9. In the 330 intermediate hurdles, Ronnie Duvall flashed to a :39.9 second position.

High jumpers Charles Forney, Rick Celaya, and Danny Armstrong swept the division respectively. The latter two leapers cleared 5'11", but fewer misses by Celaya secured him the second place regional berth. Forney topped competition with a 6'1" soar.

Another dual height, occurring in pole vaulting, caused a vault-off which resulted in Norman Thomas' 12' mark to be the second place finish.

The remaining Big Blue's 114 points were accrued as follows: 440-3 David Williams, 5-Gary Fischer; Pole Vault-3 Steve Wilson; 440 Relay-3 Gary Fischer, David Williams, Ronnie Duvall, Bill Cook; 330 Intermediate Hurdles-6 Chad McHugh; Mile-5 Jim Benson; Long jump-4 Jimmy Johnson, 6-Richard Armstrong; 880-6 Robert Worley; 120 High Hurdles-6 Jay Collins.

In view of the obvious statistical standings, the Brahma's five star energies were significant. Yet, the results neglected to illustrate several key participators.

Spence who had been competing in the 440 two weeks before changed to the 880 and cut his clocking by four seconds. Danny Armstrong produced his initial qualifying jump this year by mastering third in the high jump.

It was all around effort according to Coach Jim Smith which made MacArthur Champion. As he explained, "It was tougher than any other meet this year to win, but the boys came up with it. They made up their minds and went out and took it away from Highlands and Lee. They just made up their minds."

Boys Doubles Cops District Net Crown

Having overcome a first set deficit, MacArthur netters Dough Vanderploeg and Jack Boerner whaloped Alamo Heights' second doubles team 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, to win the district title.

From the competition which included participation of the six varsity girls and six boys, MacArthur finished in a three-way tie for third.

Regional net action begins Friday, April 24.

Warmin The Bench



With Ron Zimmerman

WHERE HAVE ALL THE COACHES GONE?
FOX, PRICE, DAVIS, PORTER, KRAMER, GENE SMITH, EAGON, DILL, STACY. . . MCMANUS, MOSELEY.

A good athletic program requires, even demands stability. Stability puts the physical and psychological development of athletes on an even keel.

Yet with the turnover of 11 coaches in four years, an average of three a year, half of them head coaches in their respective sports, very little stability or security can be claimed.


Some change — slow, justifiable evolution is good, perhaps even necessary. But continuous drastic change, like the kind MacArthur has experienced in the last four years, only produces confusion.

Contemporary philosopher Eric Hoffer wrote that "a population undergoing drastic change is a population of misfits." In other words, continuous drastic change, like the kind MacArthur has experienced in the past four years, only produces confusion and does little for the development of athletes.

Certainly some of the drastic change experienced could not have been foreseen, — health conditions, promotions, personal problems — but unless stable leadership is established, Hoffer's predictions of a population of athletic misfits could come true.

In the interim, during spring training and until the gaps of the athletic program are filled, the athletes are going to have to find stability within themselves.

Interpret this, then, as a cry in behalf of athletes for stability and for competent mature leadership.




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McManus, Moseley Resign Posts

The MacArthur athletic department and campus were shocked twice within the last week as head football coach Vernon McManus and head basketball coach Bill Moseley announced their resignations.

McManus Leaves After 4 Years

Coach Vernon McManus, 26, resigned his head coach position at MacArthur Monday.

Mr. McManus first came to MacArthur in 1966 as freshmen football coach. Following the advancement of Coach Joe Bill Fox into the district administration, Mr. McManus assumed the responsibility of assistant head coach to Bobby Jack Price. Price suffered a heart attack in the summer of 1968 and the logical choice for his replacement was Vernon McManus.

Mr. McManus, little All-American linebacker two years in a row at Lamar Tech, compiled a 9-11 record in his two seasons as head coach.

Under his supervision, the athletic programs were greatly expanded. In 1968, the athletic program was re-situated in the all-new field house. The Universal Weight Machine, the new pitching machine, a whirlpool bath,

an ice machine, and a sonic vibrator made the Brahma field house the most well-equipped home of any south Texas athletic program.

Mr. McManus had inquired about college coaching positions and found that almost all required a master's degree. So in order to continue to advance, McManus had to return to college. He is presently assisting district athletic director Kelly Horn with administrative affairs until the end of the year, when he will enroll in either the University of Houston or Lamar Tech.

To complete his master degree, Mr. McManus needs approximately two summers and one year of work. After he completes his degree, he will be qualified to hold the administrative and college coaching positions he is seeking.

This position is open at this time for application for replacements. Coach Jerald Martin is acting head coach in the interim.

Moseley Leaves After 5 Years

"There ain't no way. . . That is poor. . . Let's get on the stick. . ." There are the euphemisms of former basketball Coach Bill Moseley. He is leaving us. Those are the cold, hard facts. Leaving us for the benefits of time and money. Coach feels that he needs to spend more time with his wife and three small children. And money. . . more of it.

To coach a basketball team requires a great deal of time. And as we all know the teaching is not the most lucrative of professions.

Coach Moseley arrived at MacArthur in the fall of 1965. He transferred from a 4 year teaching stint at Lec. Coach opened and closed his career at MacArthur with two fantastic seasons.

1965-66 was a very good year with 22 wins and 7 losses. 1966-67 resulted in 15 wins and 15 losses. The 1967-68 team scooted by with 18 wins and 10 losses. 1968-69 fell upon hard times winning 10 and losing 18.

But 1969-70 was the year to shine for the Brahma

with 26 victories and only 9 losses. His five year record thus being 91-59.

Coach Moseley teaches a better-than-fair class of Health on the side of his numerous coaching duties. Though Coach warns that the student will not leave his class a Medical wizard, he does promise that student will know where his latis-simus dorsi is located.

And who will miss Coach Bill Moseley? His boys. . . the basketball team, students who laughed and exchanged jokes and experiences with him. . . who cringed over his Health tests, and term papers. The Student - Faculty Basketball Game will feel the lack of his talent. And who will help Tom Romo find his lost contact on the court floor?

With the departure of Bill Moseley there will be a void in the ranks of MacArthur's teaching staff, on the basketball court, in his 400 wing health classes, and in the minds of those who have known and respected him.



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