

N.E. Supt. Resigns, Reagan Moves Up

Wood Wants Time For Family and Church

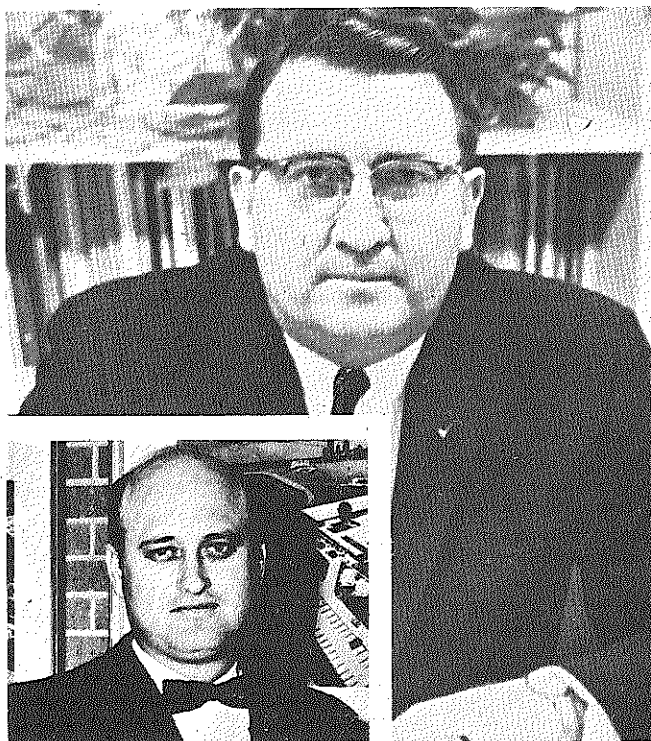
By Ellen Noble

In a letter presented to the Board of Trustees on February 9, Superintendent Joe P. Wood officially resigned as superintendent of the North East Independent School District. Mr. Wood asked that the extension of his contract not be considered beyond the date June 30, 1967, at which time Mr. Billy R. Reagan will take over as superintendent.

The resignation was for three main reasons, one of which involved the constant pressure and crisis entailed with such a job. Mr. Wood also wants to have more time to spend with family and church as he is a deacon in the North East Baptist Church. "This is all a question of values. When my job begins to take so much of me that there is no time for my family or church then a change is needed," stated Mr. Wood. The other reason for his resigning was the length of time he has spent in the district. Mr. Wood has actually grown along with the Class of '67 who were mere first graders when he assumed the job of assistant superintendent in 1956. After the death of Dr. Virgil T. Blossom, in 1965 Wood moved up to his present position.

In a district such as North East, the superintendent is under constant pressure working as an overseer of every crisis. "In an average two years we do more expanding out here than some school districts have to negotiate from the time of birth until they die," said Maxwell Higginbotham, president of the Board of Trustees. The district just recently completed a \$6 million improvement program which included Winston Churchill and Theodore Roosevelt High Schools as well as the Blossom Athletic Center and additions to other schools. Another triple headed program like the one completed is in sight already.

North East has grown from 4,000 students in 1956 to 23,000 in 1967 while Alamo Heights has a student load of about 7,000. In the meantime he plans working toward his degree and looking for the type of situation that will not be under the sustained pressure of a North East type district.



RESIGNED . . . Superintendent of the North East Independent School District for two years, Joe P. Wood will resign as of June 30, 1967. Taking his place will be Mr. Billy Reagan.

Reagan Foresees Rise of N.E.

By Dan Blodgett

The Northeast Independent School District superintendent for the next year is Mr. Bill Reagan, presently serving as curriculum director and assistant superintendent. Taking over just as North East has finished one large expansion program, Mr. Reagan plans no startling changes. He will continue to upgrade the present system and to insure that future facilities surpass those now in operation.

A teacher in Austin before becoming curriculum director at North East, Mr. Reagan is always investigating new teaching methods. He stated that North East will continually improve methods they know are good and will integrate new programs that prove sound. According to present plans, North East will be largely run by computers by 1970. Grade reports, finances, communications, personnel records and other aspects will be processed at the central office, streamlining the entire administrative process.

Mr. Reagan, realizing that his job is to serve the student, feels the most outstanding accomplishment of North East is that it meets the needs of every type of student. This is especially true in academics, where a student may take vocational, secretarial, and college preparatory training. Furthermore, the humanities are broadly represented, from speech and drama to art and music. Additional courses will be added whenever the need arises.

Although the state sets many minimum requirements, Mr. Reagan feels that North East has surpassed these and will strive to further improve the quality of education. North East has the greatest opportunity to develop into a large high-quality school district, according to Mr. Reagan.

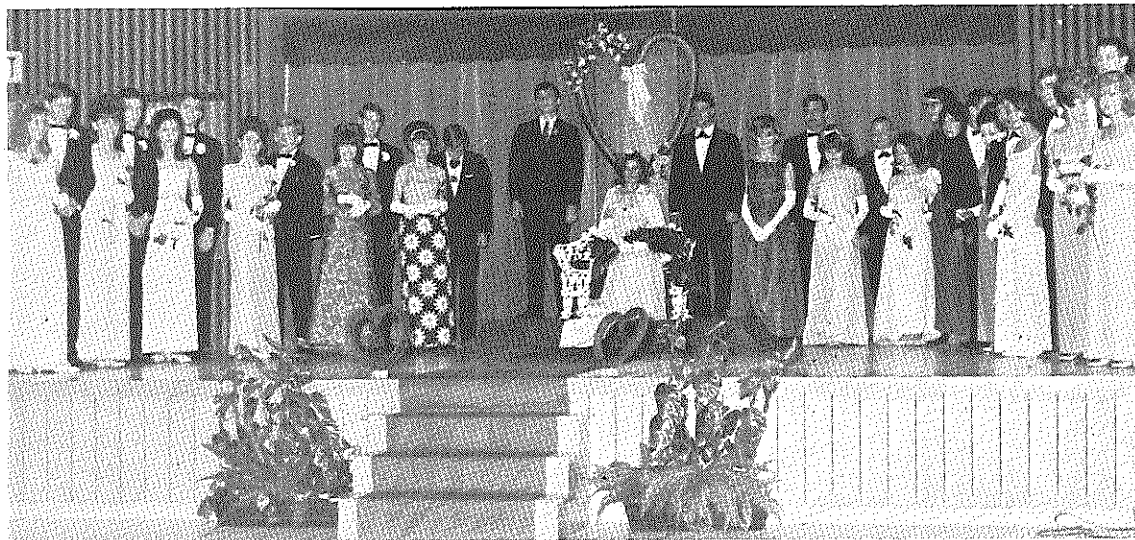
P.E. Department Recognized

The Physical Education Department, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Stapper, has been chosen as a demonstration center for the President's Council on Youth Physical Fitness. MacArthur was recommended for the council by the Texas Education Agency for its work in health and physical education. The purpose of the council and the demonstration centers is to stress higher standards in physical education. The program now employed at MacArthur is based on a progressive scale to keep the youth physically fit.

The demonstration centers are recognized by Governor Connally and the Texas Physical Fitness Council of which Mrs. Stapper is a member. Governor Connally recommends that other schools throughout the state be made aware of the demonstration centers.

SWIM TEAM SPLASHES TO VICTORIES

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SWEETHEART '67 . . . Members of the 1967 Sweetheart Court surround the new Sweetheart Bobby Jean Spence, escorted by Eddie Anderson. The dance was held February 17 at the Villita Assembly Hall.

Poetry Contest Pegged for Youth, Sponsored by S.A. Public Library

The 1967 Young Pegasus Poetry Contest sponsored by the Young People's Room of the San Antonio Public Library has opened to all San Antonio and Bexar County residents through the age of 18 years. Submitted poems are judged and the winning entries will appear in the 40th volume of Young Pegasus. The library offers, as an award, a copy of the book to the authors of the selected entries.

Poems will be judged by age group on subject matter, approach, style and poetic form, classes as secondary importance.

Under the regulations, each person may submit any number of poems, in any verse form, provided they are the individuals own work. The submitted poems become the property of the San Antonio Public Library.

On each page of each poem name of the author, home address, age, name of school, grade, home telephone number or 'no' phone must appear.

All entries must be mailed to the Young People's Room, San Antonio Public Library, 210 W. Market Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205 before the midnight deadline of March 31.

Mirror the Face of Vietnam

By Dan Blodgett

Before forming an opinion about the Vietnam war, objectivity dictates that we have a sound knowledge of its past history. The French colonists were driven out in the mid-fifties. North Vietnam was headed by a strong Communist government. South Vietnam, known as the Republic of Viet Nam, was controlled by a military dictatorship.

In the late 1950's, natives of RVN began subversive activities. Although led by North Vietnamese Communists, the guerilla warfare was essentially a civil war. The U.S. began sending military advisors and increased defense aid to help the RVN fight the Viet Cong, as the rebel natives are called.

As the increased aid poured in, the North Vietnamese escalated and began sending their own troops south. The tide turned against the RVN, especially when the Diem regime fell and one military coup followed another. In 1965, President Johnson began to send American troops into the RVN before that country fell to Communism. The reasoning behind this action has been called the 'domino' theory. Military and political experts predict that every Southeastern Asian country will fall one after the other, if the RVN falls.

Since this action, there has been a steady escalation on both sides. The U.S. now has leveled its forces off at half a million men. The North Vietnamese have sent many of their crack regiments south to join in the action. The U.S. is using selective bombing of the North to hinder troop and supply movement south.

The U.S. is much too deeply committed to withdraw without a truce. We have repeatedly assured the RVN that we will not pull out. In addition, billions of dollars and thousands of lives have been spent to halt the aggression.

Many people clamor for all-out bombing of the North, but this is only a partial answer. While the North would be under a terrible strain, few believe they would stop fighting. The only solution, other than a negotiated truce, is one few Americans want to accept. The South must be pacified, the natives won over to our side, and the VC squeezed out. This will take years to completely accomplish, but once done, the RVN will be secure against a Communist takeover.

By Walt Kerwin

In a civilization molded to transform man into a modern peace-loving animal, it seems senseless to realize our fellow Americans are spilling their blood, in a country of primitive people, halfway across the world. But you and I know it's a startling fact. The never ending struggle to preserve world peace, probably bores you, because you're positive they're talking about somebody else! You probably know nothing about our little "hell on earth", Vietnam, or want to. I'm lucky. My dad, Lt. Col. Bernard F. Kerwin, is over there, in command of the 32nd Medical Supply Depot. He supplies every American and foreign branch of service, with the exception of our own Navy. I know pretty much what Vietnam is like. Each day my dad sends more than seven tons of medical supplies to wherever they are needed. He sees the good and bad of this undeclared war. His job is such that he is in a position to see the real face of what the public thinks is a land of contrast. He tells me as best he can of the hardships of our fighting soldiers, the struggle of the Vietnamese people to achieve peace, and the hopes of our soldiers in terminating this bitter conflict. I'm told quite often that there's hardly a soldier over there that doesn't know almost exactly when he returns to good old U.S.A. While visiting a hospital he notices the severe casualties and sometimes death of our boys, and asks me if what we're doing is really any good.

In a land where no stranger can be trusted, where the enemy is among the crowd, and where the terrain is unfit for the lowest of beasts. I know my dad is one of hundreds of thousands that is doing a job that must be done.

Sounds corny? Next time you hear the term, "the never ending struggle to preserve world peace," remember what it means, before you pass judgment.

By PFC Roger Scott Sawtelle
United States Marines

Since I'm over here serving my country I guess I'm expected to say something about our commitment in Vietnam and my patriotism. I never even thought about patriotism, and surely, if I never thought about it, none of my ignorant associates ever thought about it. Patriotism went out with Patrick Henry. I'm not the patriotic type—I'm the "constantly scared to death" type of being sent out into the field to fight the V.C. I'm a typist and that's where I want to stay—right in the Battalion office for 13 months, just typing my

heart out. I'm too smart to be "brave".

Living conditions are horrible. I feel like a pig, mud all over the place, too cold to take a shower. This place has the weirdest weather. It rains for months and months and it's also colder than anywhere I've ever been. In the summer the temperature gets up to 130 degrees.

Who ever heard of a Viet Cong? I saw my first V.C. yesterday and he was a prisoner. Half the guys around here have never seen a V.C.

Would you like to be garbage man for the day? (Say

it like Queen for a Day). Only I was garbage man for a week. Can you believe it? Me! Type 60 words a minute and they put me on regimental garbage detail. Was it horrible! I can't bear to describe it.

So you want to hear my daily routine? I get up at 6:50 a.m. and get to work by 7:00. I read a book until lunch unless I'm interrupted and have to type something. After lunch, I go back to the 'office' and do the same thing. Then I go to dinner, to the 'club' and grab a few beers, then take them to the tent and drink them. I sleep in a tent under a mosquito net, just like in the movies.

What is communism? Ask that question to the average Marine and he would hardly know where to begin. Of course we all realize we are fighting to stop the communist aggression to prevent another free (?) country from falling into the treacherous communist bloc—that invisible imaginary line called the Bamboo Curtain. It is my opinion that there should be further escalation in the war, increased bombing of North Vietnam. But, as I'm sure everyone has read, the only way to win the war is to beat the V.C. and the best way to beat the V.C. is by winning the people over to the American side.

Brahma Tales

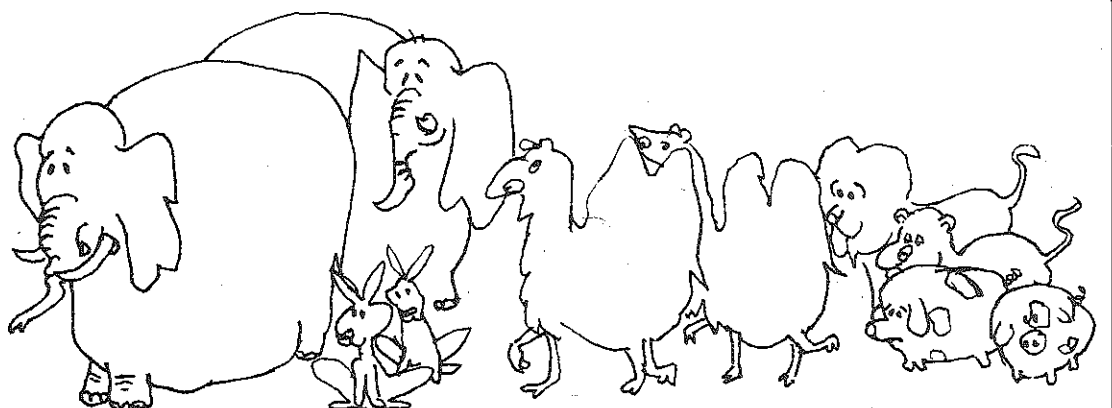
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Just WHO gave this Noah fellow his license?

Health Classes Give Note . . .

Results of a recent survey given to senior health classes produced some rather startling conclusions. The answers the seniors gave would appear decadent and immoral to most people but seniors often believe one way and practice another.

The survey dealt with dating, sex, drinking, and morals in general and was given by Tri-Iota. The boy's replies were more liberal than the girl's, although the girls were no prudes. Twenty-seven per cent of the girls smoked against nineteen per cent of the boys. Over 80 per cent of both groups thought the high school curriculum should include sex education.

Seventy per cent of the boys and sixty-five per cent of the girls were of the opinion that liquor should be available to eighteen year olds. Nearly the same percentages have drunk liquor on a date before.

One apparent contradiction dealt with contraceptives and birth control pills. Only one third of the girls thought pills should be readily available to them. Slightly over half the boys thought they should have access to such devices.

Fascinating though answers to the rest of the questions were, I can't help wondering if a survey was given at the start of the year and the end of it. "The Decline and Fall of the Senior Class" might be a good title or "Where We Went Wrong (Seniors '67)" or . . .

Exciting Nighting

By Walt Kerwin

The cold winter nights have begun to vanish, and the warm spring nights have swooped upon us. Suddenly most Macsters have started swarming to drive-ins, because it's cheap and you can take advantage of the nice weather.

Believe it or not, March 4, the fabulous James Brown will appear at Joe Freeman Coliseum. To be truly suave take your date and make the big impression.

Want to rise above the crowd? Go to Brackenridge Park and jump on the sky-ride. While at the park, go through the Sunken Gardens.

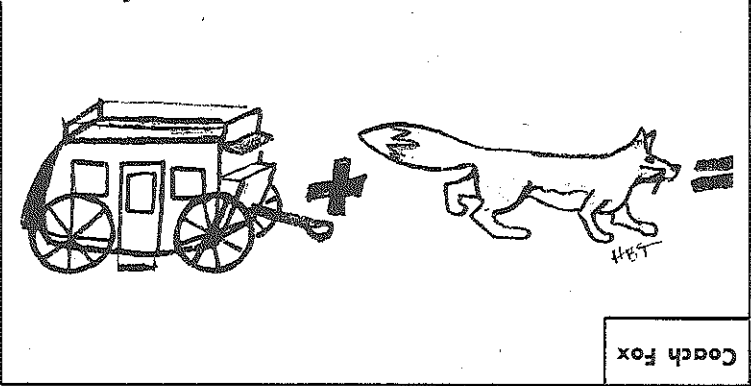
You guys better hurry and grab a date because

March 9, the currently number one band in San Antonio, the "Laughing Kind", will rock on at a dance sponsored by the Student Council.

Of course if you go crazy for Rhythm and Blues, why not venture out to Holiday Inn on Lake McQueeney. Listen to the radio, and keep informed on who's playing on Friday and Saturday nights. It's not uncommon to hear such bands as the Five Americans, the Zachary Thaks, and the Commands.

Last but not least, go to the Mac swim meets, it's inexpensive and what's more worthwhile than being school spirited? Your date will admire you for thinking of such a manly idea.

Faculty Funnies



Ten Most Despised Persons List

Senior Honored in Popularity Contest

Since I always considered myself perfect, I was understandably shocked when I made the Ten Most Despised Persons List at school. Furthermore, a check of my dating activity since the start of the year revealed that I had been refused a date 37 times and accepted on one blind date.

Careful reasoning indicated that a revision of bad habits was essential. Clean speech was replaced by other words in order that I would sound like everybody else. Expert advice started me to slugging girls, because it is supposed to be quite masculine. Going 'Dutch' on dates is essential because the girl then feels she is contributing something meaningful to the relationship.

I began to take an active interest in others as all the experts say to do this. Be sure to correct anyone who makes a mistake and point out how they can correct all their personality flaws. To be sure that everyone is as well informed as you, tell them when they have an incorrect opinion. Encourage anyone who flunks to try harder (be very cheerful about the whole thing).

To my wonder and amazement, I was voted most popular at the end of the year, proving that a person can still lose all his friends and get somewhere in this world.

Chisholm Trail Travels MacArthur

The Four State Chisholm Trail, a book written by Fannie G. Chisholm, was donated to the MacArthur library by its author in the name of her son, Thomas D. Hurst, one of the first to graduate from MacArthur in 1952.

It contains a factual account of the origin of the Old Chisholm Trail and other stories of the Chisholm family in early days in Texas.

The author is the great granddaughter of Thornton Chisholm who is the founder of the famous Chisholm Trail. She was Queen of Chisholm Trail for 21 years, and rode in the April 26, 1963 Battle of Flowers Parade.

Reverend Pat McGreal Armstrong, Secretary and Treasurer of the Old Trail Drivers Association of Texas says of Fannie Chisholm, "... she is without equal in preserving the ideals and sustaining the traditional courage, vision and venturesome adventuring of our Women of the Old West."

Miss Chisholm resides in San Antonio.

Honor Roll

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Bayliss, James
Beilin, Ronald
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Elliott, Cindy
Lepick, Mark
Luby, Ellen
McFarland, Kandi
McGee, Richard
Mize, Molly
Pond, Jayni
Smith, Kathy
Stewart, Blinn
Tips, Georgeanne
Turner, Dennis

JUNIORS

Bartlett, Rebecca
Beebe, Susan Celeste
Bibb, James
Cohen, Melvin
Denman, Richard
Essmyer, Michael
Fry, Dorelyn
Hollingsworth, Charles
Newton, Martha
Senske, Charles

SOPHOMORES

Brown, Carolyn
Carlson, Pat
Hine, Cecily
Smith, Kim
Whittington, William

FRESHMEN

Boerner, Jack
Huffman, Rick
Geller, David
Oreans, Steve

Brahma Briefs

A new club formed recently at MacArthur is the Camera Club, sponsored by Mr. Joe Finch. The purpose of the club is to provide instruction in the taking and developing of pictures . . . MacArthur French students took third place in the third annual Texas State French Symposium, which they tri-hosted . . . Members of the FBLA will travel to Denton for the state convention. Kathy Flanagan and Roy Cook will compete for the positions of Miss and Mr. FBLA . . . Twenty-five members of the MacArthur FTA participated in the annual student teaching program. Students went to Northwood, Oak Grove, Serna, Wilshire and Krueger Jr. High to teach for a full day the grade of their choice . . . Members of the Art Club attended a basketball game recently for the purpose of action life drawing. The next club trip is tentatively planned for an outing to the Witte Museum.

Next six-weeks Mrs. Virginia Peak's 6th period Junior enriched English class will try a new class situation.

Working on periods of literature, romanticism, realism, and impressionism, the students will meet only once a week as a class, and then they will come only on the days their section is meeting. They will be free to do research in any of the city libraries the days when their section is not meeting.

The MacArthur library, as of March 1, will extend its hours of operation. The purpose is to give Mac students more opportunity to use its facilities. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the library will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays it will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. then open again from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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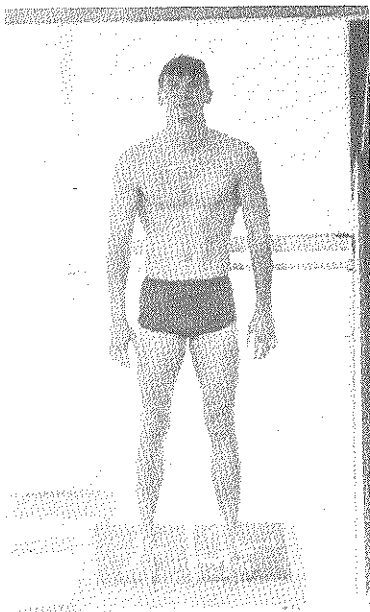
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Swimmers Surge for District



Co-Captain Don Beck

Baseball Team Starts Season

The 1966-67 baseball team, under the direction of Coach John Porter, has begun what hopes to be a winning season. The Big Blue, last year's AAAA-State finalists, are looking forward to an even better season this round. With six returning lettermen in the lineup, and the addition of many fast rising squad members, the Brahmas have good depth and balance. What the future holds in store for the Brahmas can be brought out in what one senior veteran stated, "We have great depth, our pitching staff is real strong, and we have an airtight defense, now all we have to do is win games."

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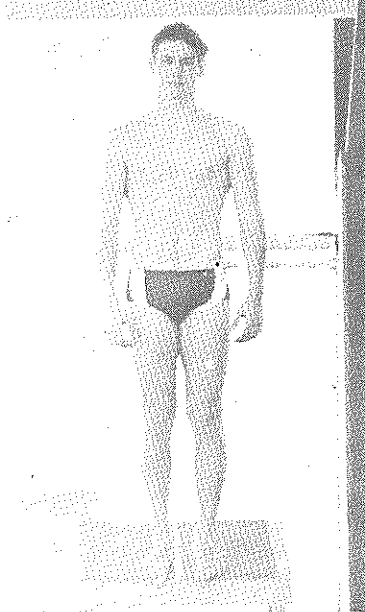
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The Mac swim team, going unnoticed by the student body, has fast become a leading contender to take the district title. Sporting the return of two all-staters and two other returning lettermen, the Big Blue have enjoyed the privilege of stroking down victory lane, as they have won every individual and triangular meet in their outings thus far. Among their string of victories are previous wins over arch-rival Lee and neighboring Alamo Heights. Odessa High and Midland Lee have also felt the strength of the Brahmas, both being shutout in a recent triangular meet. At the University of Texas Invitational Meet the Big Blue placed eleventh out of all competing teams in the state.

Under the leadership of senior co-captains Bob Burson and Don Beck the Mac swimmers are constantly under rigorous training to maintain their current status. Supervised by Coach George Smith, the Brahmas are heading in the area of their district title meet.

When asked about the chances of taking district, Bob Burson quipped, "We're real strong, and if things stay as they are, we have no sweat." Among those who contribute to the Brahmas surge for district, are Seniors Tom Shaw, Tad Dunham, Greg Smith, Junior Rick Denman, freshman Ray Ince, and sophomore Bill Barnhill.

Two weeks ago the Big Blue placed a strong third place in the Alamo Heights Invitational Meet. Placing no less than third in any individual event, the Brahmas bowed to winner Houston Westbury and runner-up Alamo Heights. The event, which took place at San Antonio College saw good representation from over fourteen out of town high schools. The results of the meet placed Ray Ince, 200-yard freestyle; Greg Smith, 50-yard freestyle; Rick Denman, 200-yard individual butterfly; Bill Barnhill, 200-yard freestyle; Greg Smith 100-yard freestyle; and Rick Denman, 100-yard backstroke.



Co-Captain Bob Burson

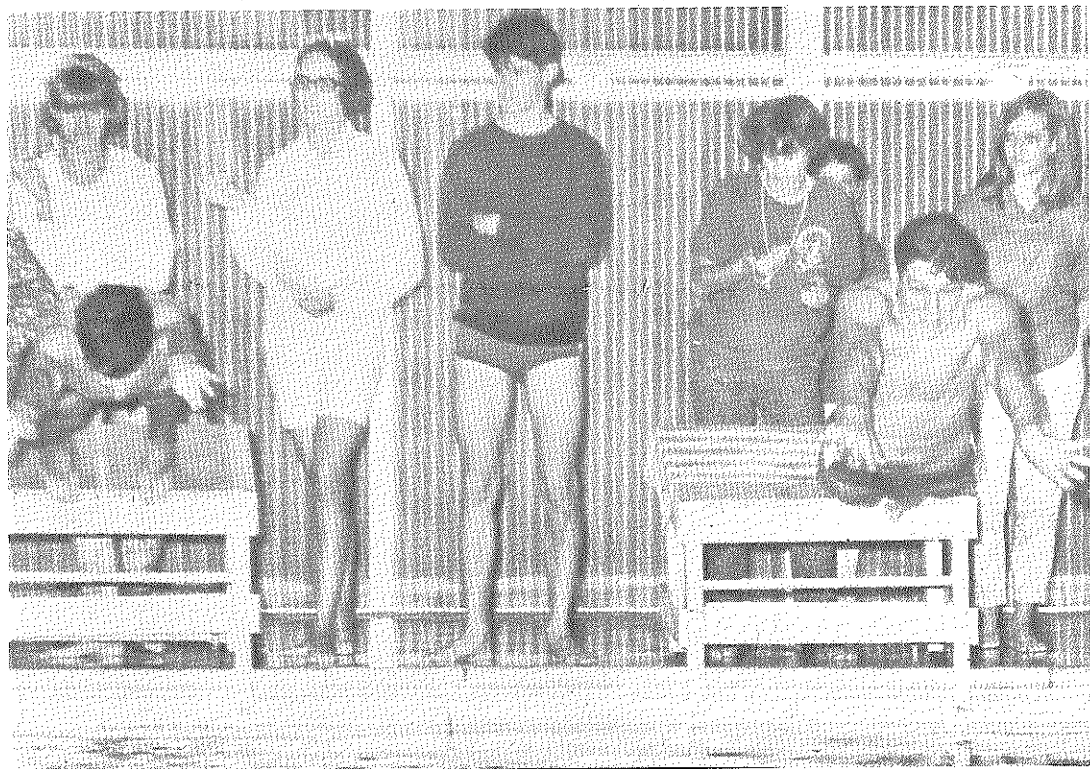
Tennis Team Nets Honors

The MacArthur Tennis team is well into the beginning of a successful season under the coaching of Bobby Jack Price and captained by Ron Beilin and Beth Pyndus. They recently competed in the North East Invitational Meet, where they racked up many first and second place cups. The Mac netters placed an overall second place at the meet. Though the team is very young, they show potential, as evidenced by this meet.

The boys' team results were as follows: Ron Beilin and Everett Travis took first place in boys' eighteen doubles, Travis also took second place in boys' eighteen singles. Junior Jim Polka placed second in the sixteen singles, John Biggs and Doug Vanderploeg teamed up to take second in the sixteen doubles. Vanderploeg went on to take the fourteen singles.

Looking at the feminine side, Beth Pyndus placed second in the girls' eighteen singles. Brenda Speert repeated second place finish in the fourteen singles. This time Brenda Speert and Wendy Smothers teamworked to take first place for fourteen doubles.

The week-end of February 24-26, the Brahma netters ventured to San Angelo, while the next meet will be in Austin March 3-5. Dual district meets will begin sometime in March.



OFF YOUR BLOCK . . . Bob Burson (right) lunges off starting block to insure a good time in 160 yard individual medley. The meet, which took place at Blossom Swimming Center, saw the Mac swimmers bring home a victory from the arch-rival Lee Volunteers.

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