

Junior ROTC Units Set For Sept. '68

Congressman O. C. Fisher in Washington, said the Army has announced that Douglas MacArthur High School has been approved for the establishment of a new Junior ROTC unit.

In announcing the receipt of Congressman Fisher's release, Mr. Billy R. Reagan, Superintendent of North East Independent School District, stated that tentative plans are already moving for the beginning of the Junior ROTC program to begin in September of this

year at MacArthur High. Included in the new Junior ROTC program with MacArthur, will be Winston Churchill, Robert E. Lee, and Theodore Roosevelt High Schools.

Surveys made in the autumn of last year, prior to applications for these units, indicated strong interest on each high school campus. Applications for instructor positions are being received by the Personnel Office at North East Independent School District.

Nimitz 8th Grader Muses On Career

The Greek philosopher Plato once said "All men by nature are created equal." Why did God place us on Earth? He placed each person on trial to see if he would make something of himself. Because every man has a place in the world, he has only to find it, work at it, and strive to do better to become the best in his field.

If you give a man something to work at, he will set his own personal goal and strive to reach it.

A lot of my friends are saying that they want to be doctors, nurses, chemists, teachers, ditch-diggers, and on and on. I haven't decided on my permanent goal yet, but I have a tentative one and it's simply this: finish school and go on to college.

I'm not worried about what I want to be and what others want to be. Sooner or later I'm going to do something, a math report, science project, or debate on a topic of interest and I'm going to become interested in it and I'll strive to learn more about the answer or subject. Possibly it might be my "career" for the rest of my life. It may not seem important to anybody else except to me. It's like a seed; nurture it and it grows and prospers.

Thomas Alva Edison once said, "There is no substitute for hard work." And so it is, for Paul said in his first letter to the Corinthians, "He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor."

Brahma Tales

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Mac Hosts N. E. Career Week, Professionals To Speak Friday

Haunting the minds of high school students is the familiar question, "What are you going to do after you graduate?"

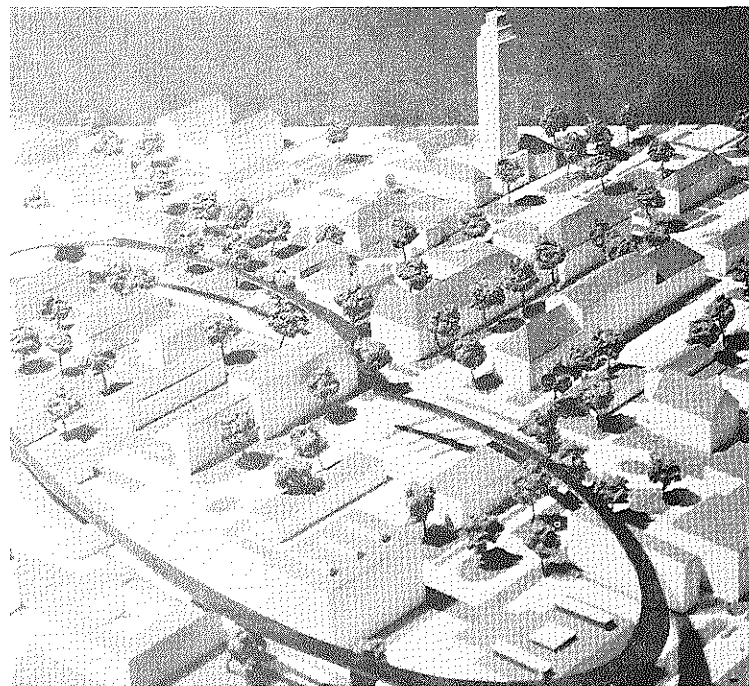
A public session devoted to enriching one's knowledge on opportunities in various fields of business is scheduled Friday, February 16, to highlight the completion of "Career Week."

Career Nite

The "Career Nite," sponsored by the North East Vocational Department under the guidance of Mr. James Oppelt, will begin at 7:15 in the MacArthur auditorium. After an opening ceremony, three 25 minute classroom discussions on professional and vocational careers will follow.

Career Trek-Start Date

"Psychology of Career Choice" will be delivered by Dr. Will Rogers at the general assembly, while Principal George Vakey and Assistant Superintendent Ed West will perform the welcoming functions for "Career Trek-Start Date '68," the program's theme. Representatives from thirty different business areas



ENGINEERING EXHIBITS . . . Students observed, among other exhibits, an architect's model of The University of Texas campus in the Engineering van which was on display Feb. 16.

will speak in assigned classrooms while employers from local companies and schools will be situated in the cafeteria.

Mr. Roy Gabryl, MacArthur's vocational counselor and co-ordinator of this endeavor, encourages all par-

ents and students to attend. He also suggests that students desiring summer employment may have this yearn fulfilled through contract with the attending local business promoters that evening.

Poster and Essay Contest

Promotion of "Career Week" was initiated by a poster contest in the elementary schools, and an essay contest in the junior high schools. Through the support of businesses in the community, prizes for winning participants will be awarded Friday night.

During this week, a study in depth of the opportunities provided by individual school courses will be pursued through talks, displays, films, projects, and other resources arranged by each respective instructor.

Ricci Ware for Radio

Noted personality Ricci Ware will be the Radio Broadcasting field's envoy. Besides vocational trades, careers in modeling, commercial art, law enforcement, professional sports, flying, banking, and music will highlight this informative occasion.

Refreshments for the "Career Nite", will be furnished by PTA's from each of the district's schools.

'The Sweetheart Tree' Leaf's Memories

Nancy Reed Receives Carnation Tiara

Reigning as Queen of the Sweetheart Court was Nancy Reed.

Junior court members were Kristy Short, Duchess, Barbara Weyel and Laurie Langston, Ladies-in-Waiting.

Dutchess Cindy Jacobs and Ladies-in-Waiting Diana Carr and Suzie Bibb represented the Sophomore Class.

Coming from the Freshman class Denise O'Connor, Scarlet Boykin and Diane Alred honored the court as respectively, Duchess and Ladies-in-Waiting.

The decorum of the dance reflected "The Sweetheart Tree". Heading the decoration committee was Becky Bailey and Margaret McCracken. Great strides were taken in presenting the table decorations and because of their value could only be a keepsake.

The semi-formal dance was held February 8 at Villita Assembly Hall. Lord August and the Visions of Lite provided the music and entertainment.



SWEETHEART QUEEN NANCY REED poses above with the traditional royalty bouquet. Her escort for the Thursday night affair was Mike Bunger.

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Come and Get It!

By G. A. WILSON

All was quiet.

A soft spring breeze coaxed some early shoots into waving at the wispy clouds above. That expanse of grass and asphalt between the 300 wing and the cafeteria was deserted, or nearly so.

Five Minutes and Counting
A small brown dog, probably a cocker spaniel, lay basking in the intermittent sunlight, the grass tickling her belly. An instructor in a nearby classroom

raised his voice and the dog responded with a brief, lazy wag of her tail. The sun beat down warmly now, causing the animal to yawn, stretch and fall happily asleep.

Four Minutes and Counting
Two fat doves plummeted from the sky and touched gently to the turf a safe distance from the sleeping dog. After a few feather rufflings and a cooing correspondence, the birds began to forage the humid grass

for insects.

Three Minutes and Counting
A lithe, green lizard could be seen crawling along the ragged edge of the asphalt pavement. One of the doves cast an interested glance in the lizard's direction, but apparently deeming the reptile too difficult to catch, resumed his plunder amid the foliage.

Two Minutes and Counting
A whiff of brewing coffee from the Journalism Room wafted its way to the dormant dog. The pup's nose twitched twice and she opened her eyes; she was hungry.

One Minute and Counting
The lizard froze instinctively. It sensed an unusual quiet, that type of stillness which often precedes a storm.

Zero, Lift-Off!

A buzzer shattered the stillness.

The doves flew away with a panicky whistle of wings.

The dog had been on the point of drowsing again when the buzzer sounded. She pricked up her ears and shakily brought herself to stand up.

Seconds passed.

Empty corridor doors amplified the rumble and conversational roar of dismissed students, soon to emerge for the feast.

Wide-eyed, the dog stood frozen with terror. Hundreds of humans stampeded across the asphalt in a screaming frenzy. The din was unbearable. The mob was rushing straight at her from all directions!

Tail between legs, yelping in pure horror, she raced for the protection of a small cane patch.

Minutes later it was over. The dog left her sanctuary in the cane and wandered towards the 300 wing.

As she passed the boundary of the grass and the asphalt, she observed the squashed lizard. Digestive organs protruded from the dead reptile's mouth. It had been trampled.

The small brown dog cautiously sniffed the carcass and trotted away, disgusted.

Student Projects Plan To Ease Career Conflict

By RAY GENTRY

Band contests, speech festivals, sports events and club and organization conventions are all important parts of the overall educational program. Also of utmost importance are the battery of national tests which include the College Boards, ACT, National Merit Tests and others.

Often these extra curricular activities on the state-wide level conflict with national tests or with each other. This year National Merit and NEDT tests are on the same day as the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. Also that day is the Brownwood Stage Band Contest. The Future Teachers and the Future Business Leaders conventions will conflict with a UIL Band Contest later this year. Something is definitely lacking in our state educational system when students must face such conflicts.

A logical way to avoid these situations would be a state clearing house to coordinate the dates of all state conventions and activities with national tests and activities. The best way to do this would be some sort of central educational agency like the Texas Educational Agency or even the Southern Association of Secondary Schools.

Scores from national tests and participation in extra curricular activities are of ever increasing importance as the colleges become more selective and admission requirements become tougher. These conflicts in the state and national activities can no longer be tolerated. It is about time for something to be done!

The Atomic Plague

By MEL COHEN

It was shortly after atomic destruction
The world in flaming chaos raged;
The leaders, safe underground, were hiding
While common people in danger stayed.

Radiation quickly brought sickness and death
Causing panic to spread throughout the land.
The pain and death were a piteous sight
But not one soul offered a helping hand.

The leaders looked outside on TV screens.
And saw all the people there suffering their plight.
They inwardly laughed, not realizing that out there
They too, could be fighting this blight.

Years passed and the radiation subsided
But only a handful of "commoners" survived;
Each one had now started his life over
And daily thanked God that he had not died.

In the underground shelters, the food had run low,
And yet the cowardly leaders continued to hide;
They were too scared of mutants they might find outside,
So they stayed in safety and one by one died.

'Split-Level' Teachers Widen Professional Gap

By MARK MAXFIELD

With the coming of "Career Week" to MacArthur High School, it is interesting to note that when choosing a future occupation, a great many students tend to ignore the profession with which they have been associated for most of their lives.

This line of work is, of course, the teaching profession. Why do so few college bound high school graduates think of teaching as a career? A frequently offered answer to this question is that teachers are underpaid. This is true, but does a person who is genuinely interested in educating students really consider the pay check to be an all-important factor?

If the pay rate is small, will teachers be inclined to teach in accordance with the amount of their salaries? Will students therefore receive an education that fluctuates in quality from one school system to another?

Teachers whose "teaching" capabilities are regulated by their earnings are generally regarded by their associates to be the "unsuccessful ones", that can be found in every profession. But is teaching "just another" profession? Isn't it somehow even *more* unique than all the other professions? Can responsible teachers allow within their ranks the "unsuccessful ones" who exert such a strong influence on the formative years of a person's life? Can these "responsible" teachers have any professional pride in allowing the "unsuccessful ones" to weaken their profession?

When confronted with these questions, it is a small wonder that the prospective teacher is, to say the least, discouraged.

Four MacArthur Seniors To Receive Financial Aid

Four different organizations in San Antonio are sponsoring Scholarships to MacArthur Seniors.

The George W. Brackenridge Foundation established the Brackenridge Scholar Program in 1963. The Foundation is offering the MacArthur counselors a chance to recommend four students for the four year, \$2500 scholarship to any college.

The Randolph Air Force Base Officer's Wives' Club is offering two scholarships of \$500 and two scholarships of \$250 to eligible seniors of the class of 1968.

The scholarship tests will be given at Randolph High School on Saturday morning, March 16, at 8:00 o'clock. The deadline for applications is March 9.

mother was an active member of the Randolph Officer's Wives' Club and has continued as an associate member since the father's retirement.

Any student who is interested should sign up in the Counselor's office.

The Kelly Officer's Wives' Club will award a scholarship grant of \$500 to a deserving high school senior.

To be eligible, the Student must be a son or daughter of a regular or associate member of the Officer's Wives' Club or a son or daughter of an Airman assigned to Kelly Air Force Base.

Any interested student should contact Miss Boyle in the Counselor's office.

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And in spite of the never-stopping schedule of events, starting at four o'clock a.m. Saturday, February 3 to one-thirty Sunday, February 4, the French Club symposiums came home from Killeen with the overall sweepstakes.

Working throughout the

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Teacher Moonlights

By MARCY PRINCE

It was a typical MacArthur school day, with the typical Mac Arthur students, going to their typical MacArthur classes, feeling the same typical MacArthur boredom.

Students carrying their elementary analysis books entered Mr. King's room with an air of resolution. This day would be the same as the day before, and the day before that, and the day before that!

Oddly enough, Mr. King entered the class minus the usual look of ponderous intelligence.

He was different. His eyes gleamed with sinister foreboding. His hands passed swiftly and nervously over the desk and books. Glancing furtively from one student to another, he instructed them in a growling voice, to open their books to the assignment.

Turning to the board, Mr. King breathed heavily, causing the class the glance up at his heaving figure.

To their utter surprise and horror, the class noticed an unusual growth of hair, or maybe fur, upon his hand as he steadied himself for the lesson.

Turning to the class, as usual, Mr. King viewed with hazy eyes the terrified and horror-stricken pupils, most of whom were rising from their desks and running from the room.

Catching a vague reflection of himself in the window glass, Mr. King stumbled back, rationalizing that his five o'clock shadow must be early!

Oblivious of the screaming pupils and the glass reflecting his wolf-like visage, Mr. King steadied himself with his - - paw!

"Well King," he thought "this is what happens when you stay

day with more than 800 other participants, the Mac competitors were awarded the sweepstakes in an evening banquet in the Killeen High School cafeteria.

MacArthur took in a bundle of first place awards. First place in 3rd year Poetry went to Kathy Couser. Marcia De Berry received a first in Prepared Speech.

with horror movies too long!"

In reality this imaginative bit of prose is a little off the beaten track. Actually, Mr. King played an important part on Channel Five's "5 Star Shock" in 1958. Yes! Our Mr. King with his hairy hand, opened the horror book to many an exciting episode for the wide-eyed observers in T.V. land.

No doubt he has continued to open, hairy hand and all, equally exciting episodes in his teaching career at MacArthur High School!

Feb. 14 -- I Love You

By SALLIE WHEELER and PHYLLIS SWARTZ

Valentines' Day to me is a nice time to give your Mom some candy so she will offer you a piece first.

Valentines' Day is a tide-over from Christmas to Easter.

Valentines' Day is something which if February did not have March would, probably!

Valentines' Day is a good day for remembering memories.

If it weren't for Valentines' Day, Cupid would be out of a job.

Did you ever stop to think about Cupid? He reminds me of a mixed-up Indian.

Another thing about Valentines' Day is that if it weren't around, nobody would have an excuse to send mushy cards.

Valentines' Day is the time when even little boys like girls.

Valentines' Day is a day when you can be with your boyfriend all day and your parents understand.

Cupid is a long lost soul looking for his long lost clothes.

If it weren't for Valentines' Day—nobody would have invented Chocolate Covered Cherries.

But most of all Valentines' Day to me is the very best time of the year to say "I Love You."

Linda Fink obtained a first in third year Vocabulary. In third year Dramatic and Prose, Monique O'Brien was awarded a first place. Anna Armstrong received a first in second year Poetry. In the Choral Music competition, Zia Gibson, Carolyn Walker, Mary Ann Nowland, Marcia DeBerry, Janice Kennedy, George Gardner, Robert Audry and Judy Shaffer received the much vied for first place award.

Second place awards went to Linda Fink, Kathy Couser, Roxie Anderson, Joan Whitmore, Judy Moore, and Pat Carlson in their respective fields of competition and third place awards were obtained by Monique O'Brien, Joan Whitmore, Marcia DeBerry, Anna Armstrong, Duzie Gordon, Carolyn Lehwald and Carolyn Walker.

In viewing the numerous awards received by these students, French Club sponsor, Mrs. Monihan said, "Throughout the entire day, the MacArthur group displayed the best of Brahma spirit!"



JUNIORS EYE RINGS . . . "It's a little too soon to be giving someone your senior ring, Roger."

Journalism Classes Plant Great Valentine

By SALLY GARRISON and LYNN CHRISMAS

. . . and out of the heart Manly Crushes.

patch rose the Great Valentine spreading joy and love throughout the world . . .

You mean you haven't heard! The journalism department has been secretly cultivating their very own "love-in" . . . a heart patch. All year long they have been taking tender loving care of their patch, hoping and planning for the great event.

The department is hoping it will receive this year's coveted award of "Most Loving Heart Patch." A beautiful heart-shaped "loving" cup will be presented at midnight February 14 by Cupid's own right-hand man, "The Great Valentine."

Besides the award, the best patch will also receive many gifts to further brotherly-love, sisterly-love or L O V E in general, whatever the case may be. Some of the gifts might include: Love Potion #9 for Ursula Ugly, track shoes for Cathy Curves, and Hai-Karate for

One of the problems that the department has had to face is those mean, slimy, black, obnoxious, SLUGS. These "creatures" were found eating the heart plants and gave the department a case of high blood pressure. They even found it necessary to call in the "bugsperts" who decided to fumigate with a combination of ammonia and English Leather. This immediately repelled the bugs and solved the problem.

Another of their problems is trying to find a suitable couple to wait all night for the great event. Some of the contenders for this honored position are Romeo and Juliet, Bonnie and Clyde, Tom and Jerry, Sears and Roebuck, and Benson and Hedges.

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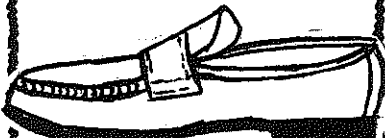
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The North East Council of Parent Teacher Associations will award several scholarships to deserving graduating seniors of the North East District.

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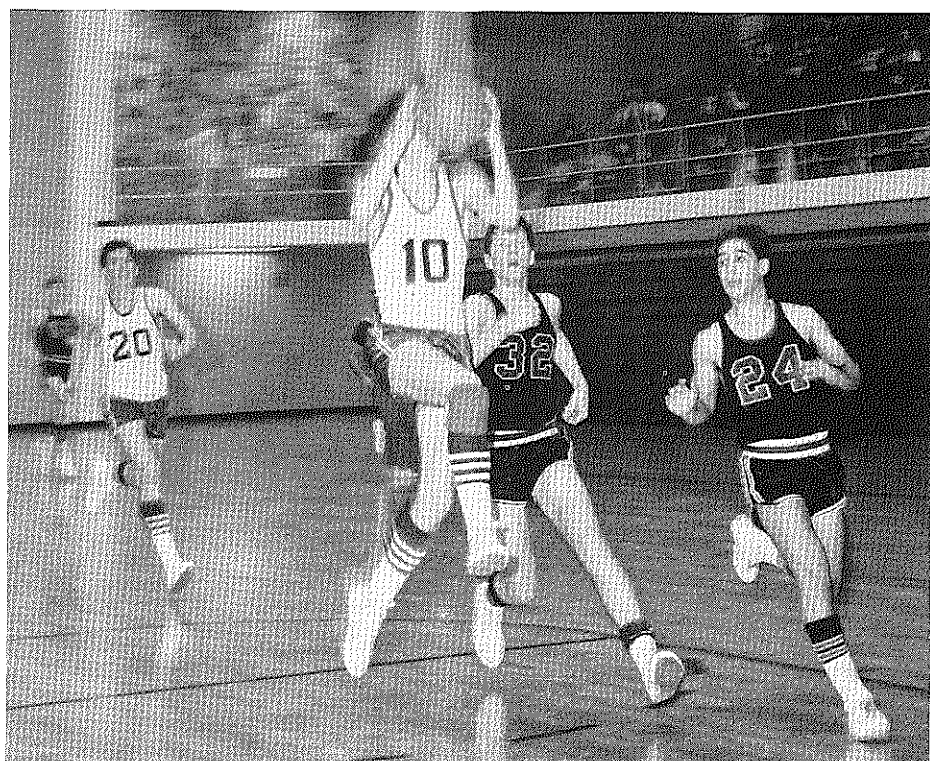
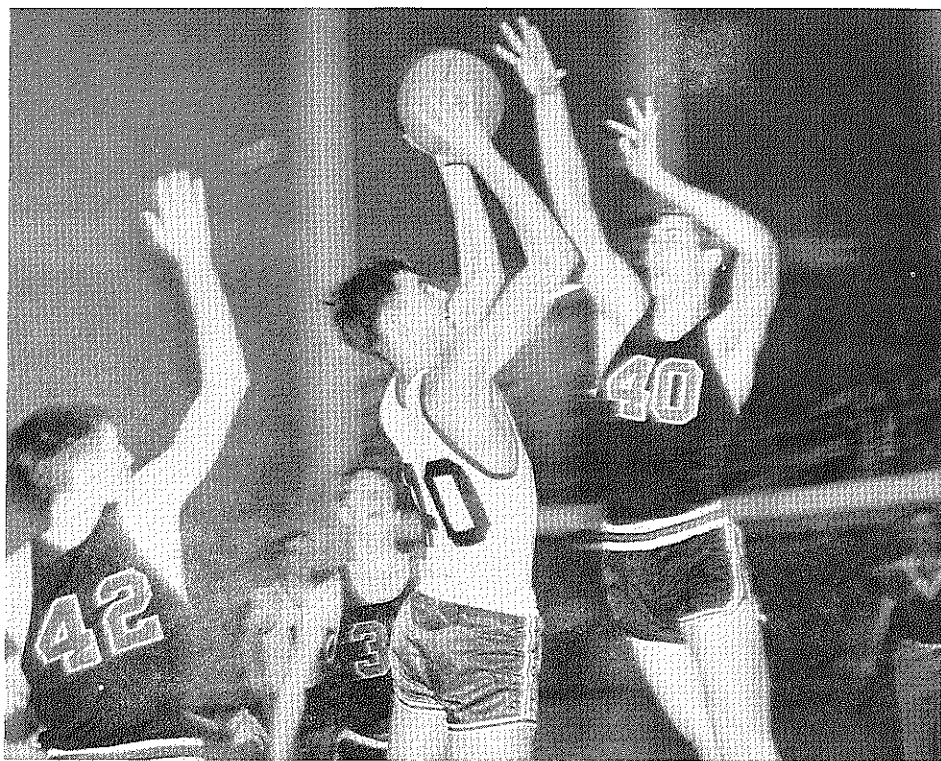
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Brahmas Stop Churchill, Lee Bow To Mustangs

7-7 Record Seen

Mike Stephens launched 19-points for MacArthur's cagers January 29, leading the Brahmas to a 54-52 romp over Churchill. The Chargers' retreat was late in coming, as the lanky bulls trailed 24-25 at the half.

Churchill was not without its heroes; Jim Goubeaud (20 pts.) and Terry Hendricks (17 pts.) pervaded the court. A twenty-nine point Brahma onslaught during the third quarter, however, did stymie the Chargers' progress.

The Brahma basketball squad now holds a 14-10 sea-

son record, and a 6 win, 6 loss, district count.

Lee Halted

Friday night's win set a Mac record—this was the first time in eleven years that MacArthur has won both games against Lee in one season.

The Brahmas handed Lee a humiliating defeat while a full house at BAC watched the two teams clash.

The game never got dull; twice the Rebels brought the score to within three points of the Bulls, at 52-49 and 56-53. But the Brahmas gained momentum in the final period and opened up a 12 point breach with a little over 2 minutes remaining.

The Brahmas spelled defeat for the Vols from the

(ABOVE LEFT) Jeff Burwell (40) laughs in triumph before eluding Churchill defenders. The Brahmas edged Churchill, 54-52. Mac's win over Churchill brought the season district record to 6-6. The Brahma cagers later defeated Lee and lost to Jefferson's Mustangs.

(ABOVE) Bruce Nagel (10) streaks past Churchill's Chargers for a lay-up. Mike Stephens (20) races behind to insure the score. Stephen's shooting ability accrued 19 points.

foul line. Lee outscored Mac from the field 42-38, but MacArthur converted 34 out of 43 free throw attempts to Lee's 20 of 28.

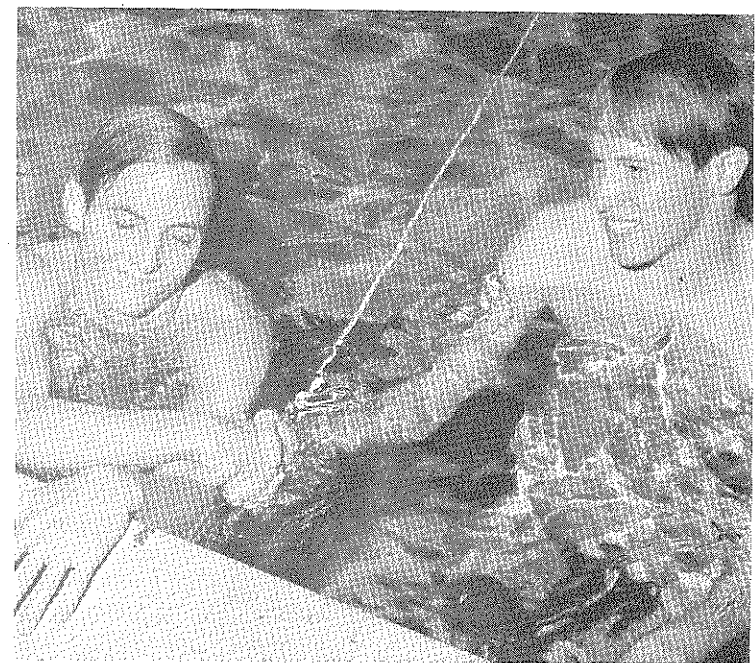
Roger Crozier was high man on the Brahma team with 23 points, Mike Stephens was close behind with a tally of 19 and Steve Beck made 13 points to contribute to a well deserved win for MacArthur.

Horses Breeze By

The Jefferson Mustangs threw the Brahmas for a loop as they breezed past Mac 64-45 in a District game at Alamo Stadium Gym, Tuesday night, February 7.

Merek of Jeff helped his team post its 11th win of the season with 20 points. David Barnes was like a shadow with 15 points.

With tough shooting luck, the Brahmas now have a 7-7 record in district play. Roger Crozier tallied 14 points in Tuesday night's game.



MAC SWIMMERS TRAIN at Virgil Blossom Athletic Center pool. The Brahmas will compete for honors against Houston Westbury and Churchill on February 16.

Netters Travel To Corpus Tourney

By BRENDA SPEERT

A Class C Consolation finals honor and several major advancements were achieved by Mac netters at the Corpus Christi Interscholastic Tournament, Jan. 26 and 27.

The Class C entrants, doubles partners' Wendy Smothers and Karen Hall, recovered from a first round loss, aided by a default, to win the consolation division against a Jefferson team.

Brenda Speert and Kristi Short, Class B doubles players, were overpowered by local Corpus opponents in the first round. Three consolidation matches later, the pair was halted in the semi-finals. Class B singles participant, Susan Hamilton, dropped her two contestants to eventual award winners.

Doug Vanderploeg and Everette Travis forfeited their first Class B game after Everette developed a sprained ankle, but came back to win a consolidation match. Hampered by Everette's hardship, the twosome was forced to discontinue play.

Registering first round singles victories were Jim Polka and Jack Boerner, but both were unable to survive to the championships after a second loss. John Biggs, pitted against the Class A third seed, failed to upset this contestant and his consolation successor.

Each of the consolation finalists received an engraved silver plate.

A tennis clinic conducted by Mr. Clarence Mabry, Trinity tennis coach, and Mr. Jim Langham, San Pedro Courts' pro, was held at San Pedro Tennis Courts for tennis coaches and players, February 3. Coach Frantzen and varsity members planned to attend.

The second annual North East Tournament involving all members in the district tennis program occurred during the week of February 5.

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