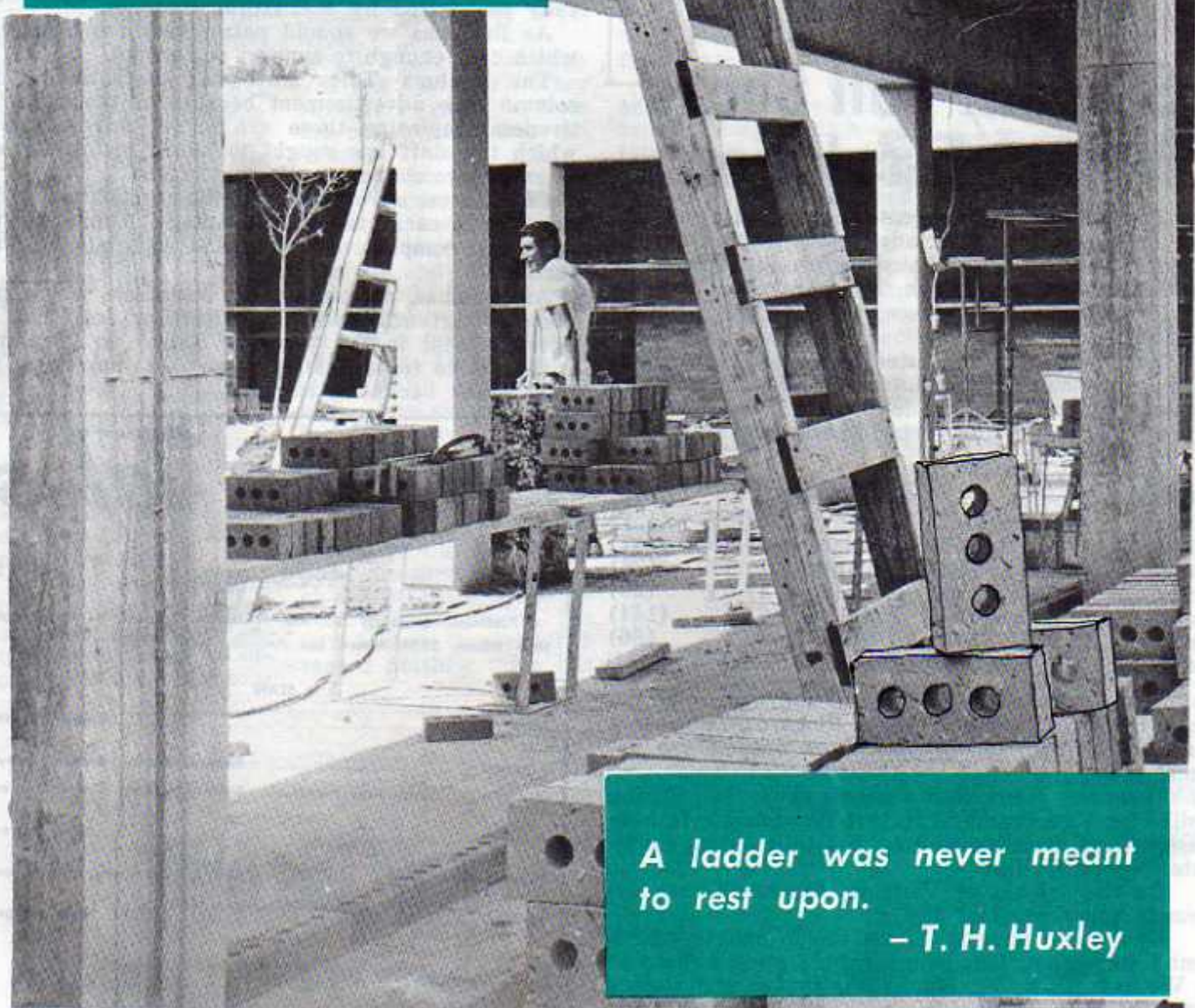


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Student Poll Backs Nixon, Escalation

The Brahma Tales recently conducted a political poll in the junior-senior advisories. Students were asked to vote for their choice for president from the top three contenders: Nixon, Humphrey and Wallace. Or, if having no preference, to mark their ballots abstained.

They were also requested to state their feelings on the situation in Vietnam. Should the United States escalate (put more men), de-escalate (take men out) or keep the status quo (remain the same)?

And here are the results:

JUNIORS			SENIORS		
Nixon	66.5%	(186)	Nixon	57.2%	(187)
Wallace	17.5%	(48)	Wallace	19.6%	(47)
Humphrey	9.2%	(23)	Humphrey	11.6%	(28)
Abstained	6.8%	(24)	Abstained	11.6%	(28)
Escalate	66.3%	(185)	Escalate	61.8%	(144)
De-Esc.	25.2%	(70)	De-Esc.	28.7%	(66)
Status Quo	8.5%	(24)	Status Quo	9.5%	(21)

The results of the poll are in line with some national trends and against others. Richard Nixon has a commanding lead in our poll as he does in the national polls.

However, MacArthur students show a surprising dislike for Vice President Hubert Humphrey. In both classes, he is running well behind third party candidate George Wallace.

On the subject of Vietnam, the results are extremely surprising.

One would imagine, if we are to believe prominent information, that young people oppose the war in Vietnam. However, MacArthur juniors and seniors give escalation an overwhelming vote of confidence.

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Still, with some twenty-five city high school newspapers desiring advertisements, merchants turn their loyalty to neighboring schools. It is this spirited attitude of the community businessman that has not been fully recognized by MacArthur students.

As Brahmas we should patronize those businesses which care enough to support our school.

The Brahma Tales staff has discontinued one column inch advertisement because of their ineffectiveness; replacing these are bigger advertisements which the staff has sought to adorn pictorially and to encourage coupon or discount offers.

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Homecoming Set For Next Weekend

Game, Tea, Dance Planned By Council

By Debbie McClure

October 12 . . . Mac-vs-Churchill . . . Homecoming is only one week away.

Yes, it's that time again. Every other year, MacArthur students celebrate the glory and festivities of the traditional Homecoming Game.

This year's date is set for October 12, Saturday night, at 7:45, when the MacArthur Brahmas will meet the Churchill Chargers at Northeast Stadium.

The 1968 Homecoming festivities will include: a Tea, a Dance, and the Crowning of the Queen. All these activities are sponsored by the Mac Student Council. The Council has been busily at work, mailing out invitations to MacArthur graduates, organizing plans for the celebration dance, and directing the elections of the Homecoming Queen, and her Duchesses.

The Tea, to be held in honor of Mac-Exes, is scheduled for Friday, October 11, from 1 to 5 p.m., in the school's Homemaking Department.

The "Crowning of the Queen" will take place at halftime Saturday night. The Queen and her court, which will consist of 12 duchesses — five seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen, will be introduced at the halftime ceremony. And, of course, following the game Saturday night, will be the traditional Homecoming Dance. The Dance is to be held at the North Star Mall, in the Community Hall, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by "The Originals, with Fats Cooper and Little Aretha." Tickets for this dance are on sale at \$2.50, stag or drag.

Mr. Sidney King, Council Sponsor, commented on the progress of Homecoming plans, "Each member of the Council is enthusiastic and optimistic about this year's Homecoming. This is obviously the year of Brahma spirit, and we want to ask everyone's cooperation in making this Homecoming week a successful one."



The Student Council, led by President Ken Pearce (left), has been working for weeks to prepare the Homecoming weekend.

Queen Selected But Not Revealed

With the Homecoming Game only a week away, the Queen and her Court have now been selected.

The Court is compiled of 12 MacArthur girls. The Queen herself will be a senior. She will have four senior duchesses, three juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen. Odile Decombe, Mac's foreign exchange student, will also serve as one of the Queen's senior Duchesses.

Advisories voted last week on their individual choices for the Court, and the run-offs were held this week.

The Queen and her Court will be revealed at the Mac - vs - Churchill game.

\$9.50 Bargain For Brahmas

Opportunity knocks; the 1969 publication's packet may be purchased for \$9.50 or secured with a \$5.00 down payment by October 15. The initial drive which began Monday entitles MacArthur students to receive three printed works spanning the entire year.

All transactions are conducted through the advisory representative. After the deadline, the \$4.50 remittance on down payments must be accounted by December 5.

Each package purchaser obtains a subscription to the "BRAHMA TALES", the bi-weekly newspaper, and is assured ownership of the year-end-distributed "TAURUS", the anthology, and the summer-delivered "BRAHMA", the annual.

Preparation for the sale of last year's original snapshots, some of which were reprinted in the annual, is scheduled for the last week in October. At that time, 1964 and 1967 annuals, surpluses from those years, will be sold for \$3.00 each.

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By Brenda Speert

... the ground-breaking extension and renovation of the MacArthur campus is overwhelmingly appreciated, but the lengthy trench lines which span valuable parking space and the unnerving ditches on the road encircling the north side of the school create an automotive gauntlet. It is hoped that preference will be given to remedy this situation as soon as possible. Small, low built vehicles, like one owned by at least one member of the BT staff, cannot sufficiently cushion the change in elevation.

... Mrs. Helen Mays, Librarian, reports that progress is being made on the MacArthur Library. Not only have 650 new books been housed on the shelves, but also romance has flourished; two aids of the twenty-two student staff have become "steadys".

... One study hall supervisor upset with the constant traffic through her cafeteria territory, reroutes campus short-cutters around the band hall for a more beneficial cross-country hike.

... Senior English teacher, Mrs. Marilyn Jones, deserves recognition for her instructional perseverance. Harassed by construction sounds, Mrs. Jones, nevertheless, projected her lessons audibly by using a portable microphone.

... Seventh period students in the six hundred wing received a preview of the drama department's upcoming play. Startled by screaming, ranting, and raving, people poured out of their classrooms to find the cause of the disturbance. Debbie Cox and Susan Ivanosky were simply rehearsing their roles and did not realize the door was ajar.

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With the six-weeks' tests fast approaching, books are getting the best of MacArthur students including this poor soul.

Six Weeks Tests Scheduled Progress Reports Issued

Before the first six-weeks' grading period ends October 11, MacArthur High School students will be subjected to six-weeks tests.

English and social studies tests will be given Tuesday, October 8; on Wednesday, October 9, mathematics and foreign language tests will be given; and science and all other tests are scheduled for Thursday, October 10.

Some teachers prefer weekly and unit tests, and do not administer a six-week test. However, if a test of any type is planned during these three days, it will be according to the designated schedule.

Throughout the school year, progress reports will be issued to students who are doing outstanding, near failing, or failing work. These reports are a media of communication between administration, parent, teacher and student; and serves as an action generally successful and appreciated by both student and parent.

The reports are administered anytime necessary, usually the third or fourth week in a grading period, at the teacher's discretion. They cover academic progress, attendance, tardiness, and conduct; and must be signed by a parent and returned to the teacher to avoid disciplinary action.

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This year, nine of the seventeen Semi-Finalists from the Northeast School District were MacArthur students.

The semi-finalists were the highest scorers in their states on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, given during their junior year on February 24, 1968. The test was given in 17,500 schools in the United States. The 15,000 nationwide semi-finalists, who are in the upper two percent of the students expected to graduate from high school in 1969, will compete for 3,000 Merit Scholarships.

Two types of scholarships will be awarded: A one thousand dollar gift from the state and a four year scholarship provided by some 400 corporations, foundations, colleges,

unions, trusts, professional associations, other organizations and individuals. The four year scholarships may be worth up to six thousand dollars, depending on the winner's need.

To be eligible for these Merit Scholarships, semi-finalists must receive the endorsement of their schools, submit scores from a second examination about their achievements and interests.

High school grades, accomplishments, leadership qualities, extra-curricular activities and school citizenship of the Finalists are evaluated along with



The MacArthur, NMS semi-finalists who have brought such distinguished recognition to both themselves and their school are from left to right: (front row) Robert Williams, Pat Carlson, Cindi Dobbs, Richard Carnes; (back row) Hal Moore, Mike Parker, Steve Paulson, Robert Moreland and Stan Crawford.

test scores in selecting Merit Scholarship winners.

Also to be congratulated are the ten commended students, who had Selections Scores of 134 or better. Semi-finalists had Selection Scores of 142 or better. The Commended Students are: Jean Eby, Joe Fulton, Paulette Gibson, David Griffis, Dixie Langridge, Vincent Leyendecker, Kenneth Pearce,

Thomas Sickman, Lee Ann Tindell, and Randy Williams.

The winners in the 1968-69 Merit Program will be announced in early May, 1969. So far 18,700 students have received Merit Scholarships in the thirteen annual programs. Nearly sixty million dollars in financial assistance has been expended or committed through the Merit Program.

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On these pages, are several shots of headcoach Vern McManus during and after the Austin High game. We are reminded of a statement once made by Knute Rockne, Notre Dame's immortal coach.

"A football coach nearly lives and dies with every play."



Mac Arthur VOE Organizes For Coming Year

The MacArthur chapter of the Office of Education Clubs of America the VOE Clubs, held its first meeting September 18 to organize for the year. By a unanimous decision, the organization split into three separate clubs the Data Processing Club, the Junior VOE Club. Each club will be eligible to send two envelopes to the State Convention this spring.

This 1968-69 officers of the Sr. VOE Club were elected and announced. President, Mark Benedict; Vice President, Bob Johnson; Secretary, Linda Weber; Treasurer, Chris DeWinne; Reporter, Martha Elvey; Historians, REXANNE BASSETT & Chris Leas.

The prime goal of this year's VOE Club, stressed by the new president, will be to promote, maintain and publicize the importance of the Vocational Programs to MacArthur High School. The achievements of the various Vocational Program to MacArthur High School.

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The Mac Brahma Band has begun its annual magazine drive to raise funds for its project this year.

The drive, which last year set a 10-state record for total sales, is being organized by Mrs. Joseph Rumbel, President of the MacArthur Parent-Teachers Association.

Ringling doorbells to sell magazines is just one more spot on Band members already busy schedule.

Having survived the August Band Camp and the hectic first week of school, band members have marched through September with their usual enthusiasm. The band this year numbers 125, ten more than last year. This caused the purchase of ten new band uniforms and brought just that many new gray hairs to

the head of Band Director John Pearson.

Before one begins thinking the band is all play and no work, he should try getting up every morning for the bands 7:30 a.m. practices. Director Pearson is the first to recognize the sacrifice each member makes.

"The band is a very hard working and dedicated group" Mr. Pearson states. "I'm proud of all of them."

During the period which Pearson was away attending his mother's funeral, drum major Brian Taylor took over the band. But now the man the band members affectionately call "The leader" has returned and the band is working toward future performances.

Frantzen Leaves For Army Duty

The most spirited Mac teacher honored at the September 20 pep rally has taken a six month respite. His effervescent loyalty to the blue and white has added one color. The red, white, and blue of the stars and stripes now claims the loyalty of Lester Frantzen.

Lester Frantzen, a two year veteran of MacArthur wars, left his field of Algebra II and Related Math classes for the So. Carolina front, Friday, Sept. 20.

His workouts with the tennis team, which he coached and developed into the district semi-finalists, were forsaken for the rigors of six months of Army training.

When his term of duty terminates, Mr. Frantzen hopes to return to the classroom atmosphere.

"Most assuredly, my two years have been among the happiest in my life," Frantzen stated. "I hope that after my Army tour, I'll be able to return to MacArthur. Until then I wish the Mac Arthur family all the luck in the world."

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Roger Kies rambles for 18 yards late in the Austin game before being brought down on the Maroon 14 yard line.

McCaffrey's Theft is Only Score

Brahmas Defense Keys 7-0 Win Over Austin

For the second week in a row, a tough and determined MacArthur defense has provided the keys to an upset football win.

Gary McCaffrey stole an Austin Maroon pass near midfield and raced 55 yards for the only score of the game as the Brahmas stopped slightly favored Austin High 7-0 in House Park, Sept. 20.

The Brahmas lost the battle of statistics again, as they did against Temple. However, the defense, headed by McCaffrey, Dave Wylie, Tim Alexander, Jesse Tindall, Jim Briscoe, Ken Pearce, and others, made stand after stand against the Maroons.

The contest was loosely played with eight fumbles, two intercep-

tions, and a dozen penalties. The alert Brahma defense pounced on five Maroon fumbles and McCaffrey intercepted two passes, including the game winner.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Maroons began a drive; midway through the second. With second down at the MacArthur 45, Maroon quar-

(See AUSTIN, Pg. 12)



Richard Bayse

Would You Believe #144?

It was that time of year when sports writers pooled their information and ranked the football teams from top to bottom. These usually regretted predictions are based on various factors. How was the team rated last year? How did they finish the season? Did they loose many valuable players? Are they going to have a big team this year? Is there a new head coach leading the team? From these and a few other gathered facts, they put a rating on each school #1 #2, #3, and so on. These predictions, however, can not be taken very seriously as proved by the team tagged #144.

Sixth-ranked Temple, looking more like the Green Bay Packers in comparative size and speed, took their rating too seriously and seemed sure of a win against first opponent, 144th ranked MacArthur. Temple was to play a team which was much smaller than them in size. Temple expected to find a team which had lost its strong players from last year and was inexperienced at key positions. And most of all, they had expected #144 to fold when the going got rough. They did find all their expectations except—the last one. True the Brahmas were not big, were for the most part, inexperienced, and were under the leadership of a new head coach. But certain factors stood out more than anything else; the Brahmas had pride, determination, enthusiasm, and team work.

Sports writers, however, do not include two major intangibles in their "statistics" — guts and hustle.

This has caused some red-faced writers to revise their post-season estimates. We do not know just how good the '68 Brahmas are. But, the way they're acting, it looks like the Brahmas aren't satisfied with being #144.



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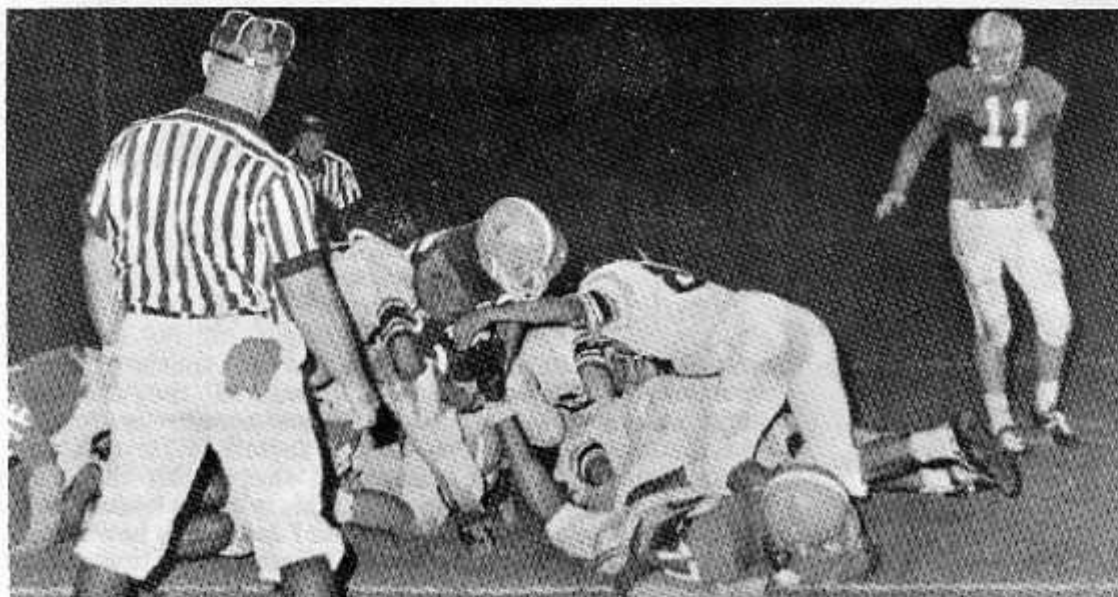
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John Garner's second effort on this dive play earned the only score of the Harlandale game. It came with 56 seconds to play. Looking on is (11) Jerry Neugebauer. On the bottom blocking is Rick Sheldon (77).

Brahmas Beat Indians 7-0 With Last Minute Score

With four minutes to go against Harlandale, MacArthur found itself in a strange position. Unlike its first two wins, the Brahmas were ahead on statistics, but not on the scoreboard.

But led by Jerry Neugebauer, John Garner, and a hard-charging offensive line, the Brahmas drove 52 yards in nine plays, scoring with 56 seconds left to earn a hard-fought 7-0 win over the Indians.

Until that final drive, the underdog Indians and undefeated Bulls had struggled through 45 minutes of rugged defensive football.

The MacArthur defense, which has not been scored on since the first four minutes of the Temple game, twice repelled Indian attacks inside the Brahma 25.

The most serious threat of the night came early in the second half when MacArthur drove to the Harlandale five. But four plays later, the ball was still there and the Indi-

ans had held.

As the teams traded punts into the fourth quarter, it looked like a 0-0 tie was a certainty.

With four and one-half minutes to go the Indians punted from deep in their territory and the MacArthur offense was in business.

Moving the club with the poise of a veteran, Neugebauer started the offense rolling. A five yard burst by Garner and an eight yard run by Ken Pearce netted the Bulls a pair of first downs. With second down and eight to

go at the Indian's 24, Garner made a fine leaping catch of a Neugebauer aerial at the six and fell forward to the four.

STATISTICS

MacArthur	0	0	0	7-7
Harlandale	0	0	0	0-0

Score by Quarters

	Mac	Harlandale
Punts	69-36.5	8-30.4
First Downs	11	6
Rshng Yds.	145	135
Passing Yds.	54	36
Return Yds.	61	54
Passes	4-12-1	3-9-0
Fumbles lost	3	1
Yds. Pnlzd	3-35	8-102

Roger Kies got half of that and Garner's second effort carried him into the end zone with the the game winner. Don Haines added the point and the Brahmas had won another.

For the offense, the final drive had to be a kind of redemption for the sputtering it had done in games past. For the defense, it was another excellent showing, which by now is somewhat taken for granted.

For Coach Vern McManus, it was his third win against no losses as head coach.

"I don't think I've ever had a more nervous ball game," McManus admits, but the boys keep coming up with the big effort when its needed. I just hope they never stop."

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Mac Swimmers Have Successful Summer

Every sport at MacArthur seems to have its moments in the sun. Right now, football is holding forth.

Often other sports get slighted when major sports are in season. But, as the swimming team has proven, a minor sport can also bring great credit to MacArthur.

Among the numerous awards given, the latest was to four Mac swimmers at the 1968 National Amateur Athletic Union Banquet at Austin, September 14. Swimming freestylers Ray Ince and Sally Bellmeier and synchronized swimmers Cherie Stratton and Karen Acree were in the group of only 36 national champions attending.

Junior Ray Ince has had a very promising past. He competed in the Mac winter meet, and the summer AAU swimming program sponsored by the North East District. In these events Ince qualified for the summer events.

At the Texas Aquatic Games at Ft. Worth, Ince won the 400 meter freestyle and was second in the 200 meter freestyle. In Mexico at the National Swimming Championships, Ince won the 400 meter freestyle and was second in the 400 meter medley freestyle.

Ince has traveled statewide to the swimming competitions in Arlington, Austin, Houston, and Corpus Christi and is not con-

sidered a top swimmer in competition.

A newcomer to MacArthur, Sally Bellmeier, who is a junior, arrived with enough qualifications to swim on Macs' top swim team immediately. At the AAU Banquet Sally received her award as first place finisher in the National Age Group freestyler.

Sally's overall average was put against all other swimmers entered from the nation and came out on top.

Sally also traveled to Fort Worth and Mexico and came back a winner. She won the 800 meter freestyle and took second and third in the 400 meter freestyle.

Sally, a former student of Ursuline for two years, placed fifth in the state high school swimmers and her future looks good on the Mac Swim Team.

Karen Acree and Cherie Stratton are outstanding in a different field of swimming - synchronized. They are members of the championship synchronized swimming team, the San Antonio Cygnets. The record of their team has



Award winning MacArthur students (L-R) Cherie Stratton (standing), Karen Acree, Ray Ince, Sally Bellmeier hold medals won during summer swimming competitions.

been good enough to average each top girl a total of 35 medals, 25 of them first place.

In Oklahoma contestants were entered from over the entire nation and totaled 18 teams. The Cygnets won fifth place and were rated the third team in the nation.

They received the Ed Alsen Trophy for the most points compiled by a non-California team. The most important meet was the Senior Outdoor Nationals in Santa Clara,

California. It drew 32 teams from the nation. Again they kept their third place rating in the Nation.

Now the team is beginning its winter practice at Village North Swim Club hoping to be first in the nation by next year.

Many MacArthur student are outstanding in some field. To this success list Ray Ince, Cherie Stratton, Sally Bellmeier and Karen Acree have been added.

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Austin

terback Charlie Crenshaw tried to hit his split end in the right flat. But McCaffrey stepped in front and speared the pass. From there to the Maroon goal it was only grass and chalk stripes and the Brahmas had the lead. Don Haines' PAT made it 7-0 and the defense took over.

Score by Quarters

MacArthur 0 7 0 0—7
S. F. Austin 0 0 0 0—0

STATISTICS

MacArthur	Austin
First Downs 9	11
Rushing Yds. 101	176
Passing Yds. 27	115
Passes2-9-0	6-14-2
Punts7-35.9	3-33.3
Fumbles lost 3	5
Yds. Penalzd 6-50	6-40

The most serious Austin threat came in the fourth period. The Maroons drove to the Brahma five before the Mac defense stiffened and gained possession on downs.

Coach Vern McManus, now 2-0 as a head coach, was obviously pleased with the win. "The defense was great and every one gave a terrific effort. The offense got two big first downs in that last drive and ran out the last four minutes," McManus stated. "Anytime you win a game against Austin in Austin, the club must have given a fine effort."

First Teams Picked in Tennis

Intramural tennis competition within the last weeks has determined the varsity team of six boy and six girl netters from the twenty-four members of the tennis class.

With an experienced team headed by returning letter winners, John Biggs, Doug Vanderploug, Debbie McCartney, and Brenda Speert, this year looks promising indeed. Last year, these four led the MacArthur tennis team to the first sweep of semi-finalists in district history. Mac had a semi-finalist in every event, the first time any school had ever done so.

The Brahmas are preparing to test their strength with pre-season matches against other schools.

New tennis coach, Bill O'Bryant, has arranged a schedule of matches with East Central, Kerrville, Lee Churchill, and Roosevelt.

Coach O'Bryant is optimistic about the coming season. "The talent is there," the coach states, "now it's just a question of working to get in peak playing condition."



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