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How can such deep-imprinted
emotions sleep in us at times,
till a word, a sound,
awaken them?

— Lessing

Editorials

Violence Destroys What It Advocates

Does the audience have the right to throw tomatoes if they don't like the performance?

Definitely not. Rather, they should exercise more democratic means such as quietly leaving, writing a nasty critique to their local newspaper, or telling their friends what a rotten show it was.

However, many students across American campuses today are exploiting their right to protest and using a technique prohibited by our country's tradition and laws—that of violence.

More appalling is the fact that in each case it has been a definite minority and not the majority who was actively involved. Yet, the majority has been the one to suffer.

At Swarthmore University, 40 students led a riot which eventually ended in the heart attack death of college president, Dr. Courtney Smith. Four hundred University of Chicago students disrupted the education of a nine-thousand student body. At Columbia University, only 400 tied up an institution of 30,000 by occupying the administration building.

Again, those dissatisfied have more acceptable alternatives available; alternatives which could prove more effective. Petitioning the dean, airing their grievances through news media, assembling peacefully - any or all of these methods could reap results beneficial to the students as well as to the establishment.

At any rate, locking one's self in the administration building benefits no one but the custodian.

By violating the laws of our land, a person destroys the very constitution which gives him his right to protest. When rules are abandoned and the conflict comes to a show of arms, it is the minority who eventually fairs worst.

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IT'S GETTING TOUGHER AND TOUGHER TO TELL THE WINNERS IN AN "ATHLETIC EVENT."



Competition Is Fine BUT...

Contests, tournaments, matches, games.

All offer a student the chance to rate his abilities with those of others. Competition as an educational device envelopes the high school student.

The University Interscholastic League, an organization which yearly plans competition in both athletic and academic events, swings into its spring activities this month. Providing opportunity for competitive testing of one's talent, the UIL serves as the central source for competitive activities.

Challenges met by one's own voluntary efforts have all the elements of excitement and fun. But when competition is aligned with excessive pressure, then the system of pitting people against each other becomes a burdensome struggle.

Academically, grades appear to be competitive indirectly. The importance of a high grade average has caused the student to learn only for specifics on a test and not for general understanding. In addition, it slights the student who puts out maximum effort and yet is unable to receive a grade indicative of his performance.

In athletic programs, the development of a will to win is of primary importance. Enjoyment of a contest is de-emphasized while participating to win at all costs is drilled into the athlete. The exploitation of sports into a money making operation dependent on spectators only heightens the need for victory.

New methods found just as effective in academic learning which remove the competitive environment are the independent study programs and the pass-fail grading method.

Competition is a fun and an entertaining challenge. But pressurized competition should be refined.

Speakers Finish Second Out Of 62

MacArthur students brought home the second place sweepstakes trophy at the 22nd Annual Trinity University High School Speech Festival, February 28-March 1. Alamo Heights finished first.

A total of sixty-two schools participated in the festival, making it the largest speech contest of the year. Over 1,700 students competed in such events as after dinner speaking, poetry interpretation, dramatic reading, Bible reading, extemporaneous speaking, oratory, duet acting, set design, playwriting, foreign languages including Spanish, French, and German.

The festival climaxed with a banquet Saturday night. After hastily eating a full course chicken dinner, all sat back to enjoy the presentations.

When the final points were tallied, Alamo Heights finished with 37 points, MacArthur had 35, and Lee was a distant third with 17.

Those placing first for MacArthur were: Pat Carney—advanced Spanish; Jim Kerley — advanced set design; Kathy Couser — advanced poetry; Stan Crawford—advanced extemporaneous; Mark Karpel—advanced Bible reading.

Those placing second were: Juan Benitoa—advanced Spanish; Odile Decombe — advanced French; Becky West — advanced set design; Carol Carnes—intermediate set design; John Scott —intermediate after dinner speaking; Claudia Erving — intermediate Bible reading; Mark Waldrep — intermediate oratory.

Those taking third places were: Janet Rein-Brahma Tales

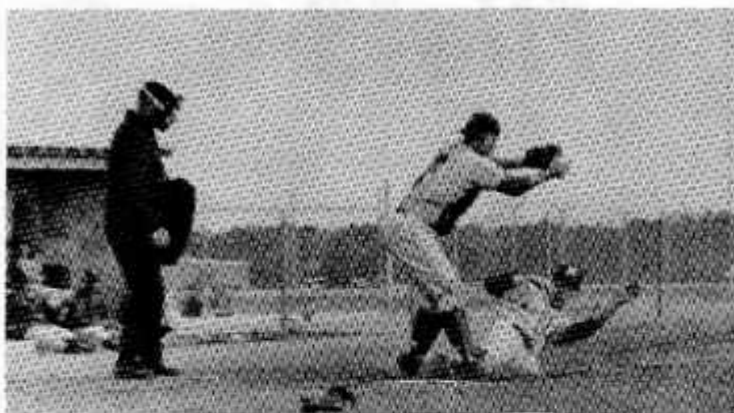
sch—advanced after dinner speaking; Pat Carney — advanced poetry; Pat Carlson — advanced extemporaneous; Claudia Erving—intermediate oratory; Pat Carney and Liz Lockhart—advanced duet acting.

Finalists in intermediate events were: Clay Roby, Mike Scruggs, Valerie Thomas, Karen Carignan, Keith Valone, Melody Farquhar, Donna Martin, Debbie Kagan, Pat Johnson, Liz Luedermann, Brian Alexander, Susan Wright, Martha Nutzges, Claudia Erving, Ann Bragg, Leigh Fincher, Barbara Riley, Donna Fain, John McKnight, and Pam Simroth.

Finalists in advanced events who did not place were: Mark Mitchell, Marcia Zyguirre, Joetta Hall, Doug Nisbett, Debbie Stewart, James Webster, Jeff Harmon, Richard Bayse, Rick Railsback, Candy Klecka, Bernadette Hassan, Mike McMahon, Zia Gipson, Judy Shafer, and Nancy Hamby.

To get out of preliminaries and into finals, one must be picked in the top two or three out of a preliminary group of as high as 20. Final rounds had approximately 12 contenders in each section.

The Speech and Drama Department, headed by Mrs. Pat Gartman and Mrs. Pat Baca, now turns its attention to the National Forensic League regional meet in Houston, March 15-16, and University Interscholastic League tournament, March 29 at Highlands.



Jim Kerley is only partially visible as he works on his entry in the advanced set design contest at Trinity. Kerley's entry took first place.

Election Excitement Begins March 24

March will bring campaign excitement for prospective Student Council candidates.

Council offices which are open for the 1969-1970 school year are president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer.

Students who wish to run for these offices may apply in the main office March 7-11. After applications are filed, recommendation questionnaires will be sent to teachers for comments on the citizenship of students with whom they are acquainted. Recommended students will be notified March 20.

Campaigning will begin March 24 and will end with the election in advisory March 27 and 28.

The president must

have been a council member in the past. The other offices do not require any previous council experience or other special qualifications.

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By Brenda Speert

... Lunchtime was just too long to wait for Sophomore Rudy Stappenbeck. Spying a goldfish headed for a class experiment, Rudy, posed as if he were going to threaten the fish gobbling record, let the fish slide down his gullet.

... Senior Anne Whitmore was recognized as an outstanding student by Montgomery Ward in one of their weekly Ward's Awards columns published in the Express and News Namus section.

... Also promoting MacArthur's name was senior Kim Smith who was selected as a finalist for the Mini Piper Foundation's scholarship. For his achievement, he received \$100.

... Who said track isn't a contact sport? Senior sprinter Eddie McCall ran into a parked car. The collision resulted in chin repairs totaling four stitches.

... The lost and found department deserves thanks for seeing that each owner gets his respective possessions back. Still, we question one thing. Of what use to former owners are the two-week-old lunches the department is keeping?

... If a MacArthur organization wanted to "put green in their pocket," they should start slapping fines of \$.50 on cars without 1969 MacArthur stickers.

... The "On the Spot" television program revealed interesting facts about two of MacArthur's participants. Steve Paulson conceded that his hobby was collecting tiny chicken bones, while Robert Williams claimed the presidency of the Kaleb Worstinsky Honor Society which has 69 members.

... The ROTC was judged considerably better in the last inspection by Col. Joseph Lydon.

... The student lockerroom at the student-faculty game contained two signs forming the basis of the student's game plan. The first sign read "Move the ball around," while the second, suggesting that the faculty was a bit out of shape, urged "Tire them out!"

Colleges Consider Grades Before Tests

ITED, NEDT, DAT, PSAT, SAT, NMSGT, CEEB, Kuder Profile.

Sound familiar? They should, for these are just a few of the many aptitude and achievement tests which overwhelm MacArthur students from their freshman year on.

Most students envision their college careers hanging on the results of at least one of these tests.

Actually however, according to junior counselor John Haywood, colleges consider test scores second to the student's grades and performance in high school. Teacher and counselor recommendations rank third.

Colleges allow for deviations in test scores due to illness or just a bad day.

Because of the different levels of education offered in various sections of the country, tests are an important basis for evaluating the student's ability on a standardized national level.

In general, a student with poor grades must make higher relative test scores than a good student because colleges must be sure of a student's learning ability.

The tests are designed to help the college-bound student decide on the best college for him. They are not meant to keep anyone from pursuing a higher education.

One New Course To Be Offered

The reading, writing, and 'rithmetic curriculum of the past is dull and unimaginative when compared to the many new courses now offered at MacArthur.

With the addition of Sociology and Physics II this year, the scope of classes grew even broader.

Next year, one new course, Latin American History, will be offered. This class will be available to all seniors who have already completed World Cultures and American History.

This one semester course will be taught as an appreciation study of Latin American people, their culture and their relationship to the United States. The course will make an extensive study of the present day social and economical problems.

Courses such as Philosophy, Allied Arts class, which would be a cultural look at the fine arts, and a second Chemistry course are being discussed for future inclusion in the curriculum at MacArthur.

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Faculty Wins Easily

Basketball Not Footballers Game

"Butterfingers" were the order of the day as the faculty romped past the senior football players, 46-30, in the annual student faculty basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 26.

A large crowd jammed the boy's gym to witness the faculty's "Dirty Dozen" whip the student "Rexall Rangers" amidst a multitude of fouls and fumbles.

Leading the scoring for the faculty was MacArthur's head basketball coach, Mr. Bill Moseley. "Moseley the Magnificent" had 14 points while Mr. Gerald Martin added 10.

The footballers did not have anyone in double figures!

Employing a fast break offense and a hold and shove defense, the faculty outscored to a 17-11 lead after one quarter.

The second period saw little scoring but much action as coach John "Powerhouse" Porter displayed an attachment to his students. The baseball coach clamped himself first to Royce "Birdleg-

ged Brute" Wells and then to Scott "Milton the Monster" Spencer drawing boos from the crowd and chuckles from his teammates.

As the buzzer sounded ending the half, the score stood 25-17 in the faculty's favor.

The high-kicking performances of the "Baskettes" highlighted the halftime festivities.

The Baskettes ranged in size from the top-heavy Glen "Pretty Boy" Perkins to Rick "Animal" Celaya, the leader of the group. Calling the halftime action was announcer Ken Pearce.

Steve Beck, Gary Caswell, Steve Paulson, Terry Maxfield, and Whitey Laswell led the student body in an invigorating and fairly constant round of cheers.

Leading the relatively



During a break in the action of the student faculty basketball game, coach Jim Smith takes time out for a "refresher," to the amusement of faculty cheerleaders, Mrs. Yates, Miss Tankersley, and Miss Mason.

small group of faculty backers were Miss Nancy Coon, Miss La Neal Tankersley, Miss Cindy Mason, and Mrs. Carolyn Yates. Second half inspiration for the faculty was provided by a five-foot bottle of Canadian Club whisky, empty of course.

During the second half, the football coaches and their students appeared to be back in season, as a rash of fouls were called by referee "Elind Tom"

Williams.

As the game progressed, the action got rougher, the laughs got louder, and the faculty lead grew.

When the smoke had finally cleared, the Dirty Dozen (there were really only 10 of them) had walked off with a 46-30 win. Several junior football players were overheard commenting after the game that next year the results were sure to be different.

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Seven happy VOE members display awards they won at the recent Area II conference in Corpus Christi. Top row: Elaine Carl, Bob Wallace, and Janice Hollingsworth; front row: Connie Mercer, Martha Elvey, Pam Harrison, and Chris De Winne. An eighth winner, Reyannan Curtin, was absent when the picture was taken.

Eight VOE Members Capture Area Conference Honors

Twenty students represented MacArthur at the Office Education Association's Area II Conference, February 21 and 22 in Corpus Christi, and eight came home with awards.

MacArthur, one of 70 schools entered, was represented by students from data processing, Vocational Office Education (VOE) junior lab, and the VOE senior work program.

Departure time from school on Friday, Feb. 21, was a brisk 8 a.m. which allowed plenty of time to attend the various events in subject areas as diverse as office machine operating and spelling.

Plaques were awarded to Martha Elvey for a first place in spelling, Connie Mercer for first in shorthand, and Pam

Harrison for second in business math competition. A third place ribbon was presented to Bob Wallace for extemporaneous speaking and Reyannan Curtin finished fourth in record keeping.

These five students will proceed to statewide competition in Abilene March 14 and 15. At this contest, MacArthur will also have new entries in key punch proficiency and first and second year data processing.

Also placing in various events at the Corpus conference were Chris DeWinne, Elaine Carl, and Janice Hollingsworth.

Accompanied by Mrs. Maria Glenn and Mrs. Lynette Transou, the group returned about 5 p.m. Saturday.

Cafeteria Staff Will Award Scholarship

MacArthur's cafeteria staff will sponsor a spaghetti dinner Saturday March 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Walzem Elementary School to raise money for a scholarship fund. 4618 Walzem Road.

There will be a "White Elephant" booth at the dinner where items priced from 25 cents to 50 cents may be purchased. Items for the booth were donated the last two weeks.

The dinner will cost \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

The scholarship will be given to a child of one of the cafeteria staff. The money is to be used at the college of the winner's choice.

The staff, headed by Mrs. Margaret Erben, will choose the winner later this spring.

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FBLA Club Attends Dallas Convention

Eleven hardy members of the Future Business Leaders of America club (FBLA), assembled at 5:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 28 for a five-hour bus trip to the annual state FBLA convention at the Baker Hotel in Dallas.

After unpacking and getting settled, the group attended a general meeting for FBLA members, Friday evening.

Friday night the members enjoyed a "Get acquainted Dance."

Saturday morning brought a meeting for electing and installing new FBLA state officers. Group discussions on the ways and means of making FBLA more effective were also held.

Saturday afternoon, some club members went on a tour of the "Six Flags Over Texas" fair grounds. That evening, the FBLA banquet was held.

Club members left Dallas at 8 p.m. Saturday, and it was a weary group that arrived at MacArthur at 1 a.m. Sunday.

Attending the convention were: sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston, a-

long with club members, Gloria Hill, Donna Patterson, Vonnice Self, Reyanne Curtin, Linda Baker, Susan Wotasezyk, Carol Braly, Raymond Curtin, Nethia Ripper, Debbie Wylie, and Linda Shirtum.

Talent Show Theme Picked Date Changed

On the deck of some cruise ship somewhere in some ocean, the 1969 Talent show will be presented March 14.

The performance will take place at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are 50¢ for students and 75¢ for adults and are available at the Student Council book store.

The "Cruise Ship" theme was selected by the Student Council, which is sponsoring the show.

The council also changed the date in order to avoid conflicts with other activities. The date was rescheduled from March 21 to March 14.

The 20 acts, which include six guitar and singing sequences, three comedy skits, seven songs or musicals, three dance acts, and a twirling act, all will be introduced by comedy fillers.



MacArthur's victorious "On the Spot" team is pictured during competition against St. Mary's Hall, March 2. (Photo by Fred Pitzke)

Brahmas Strike Twice At "On The Spot" TV Quiz Show

Five quick-witted MacArthur students trounced two San Antonio high schools, Incarnate Word and St. Mary's Hall, on television station KENS' Sunday afternoon high school quiz show, "On the Spot."

The first Sunday, Feb. 23, MacArthur contestants, coached by French teacher Mrs. Dee Moynihan, were Robert Williams, Steve Paulson, Joe Graham, and David Griffis. The team outscored Incarnate Word, 230-150.

The following Sunday, March 2, Susan Henderson substituted for David Griffis and the Brahmas

whipped St. Mary's Hall, 240-140.

MacArthur's five contestants were picked from eight applicants. The only qualification was a general working knowledge of both school subjects and current event details.

MacArthur contestants received for their efforts, two new sets of encyclopedias for the newly finished library.

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Shapes Of Things To Come

March—In Like A Lion
The convention center at HemisFair has hosted such performers as Jim Hendrix, the Canned Heat, Bob Hope, Steppenwolf, Peter, Paul and Mary, and Ravi Shankar to mention just a few. However, March should be the center's biggest entertainment month in history.

No less than seven major attractions will appear during this month. The March schedule includes: the smash Broadway hit, "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water Is Running," March 14; Ernest Tubbs, Western songster, March 15; the Iron Butterfly, from California, perform March 22; Petula Clark will appear March 26, 27, 28, 29; and Peter, Paul, and Mary will be in concert March 28. And, sav-

ing the best for last, Jim Morrison and the Doors and Sly and the Family Stone are scheduled for March, but the definite date has not been set.

The Next Best Thing . . .
Many of the nation's best bands have performed to large audiences at the HemisFair center. A similar approach will be attempted March 9 by the International Film Center to test attendance reaction to film projects. The program starts with one of the best. The Beatle's "Magical Mystery Tour", will be shown five times with performances set for noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m.

The Beatle's produced the film for the London audience, but it was immediately banned in England and has been shown in only a few cities in the United States.

In The Next Two Weeks

- Fri., March 7—Candidates sign up for class, student council offices—Track, Border Olympics at Laredo—District swim meet, N.E. pool at 7 p.m.—Military Ball, Fort Sam Houston Officer's Club, 7:30 p.m.-midnight.
- Sat., March 8—Sweetheart Ball, La Villita Assembly Hall, 8 p.m. to midnight—Track, Border Olympics at Laredo—District swim meet, 2:30 p.m., N.E. pool—UIL Vocal Contest.
- Mon., March 10—Baseball, Mac-vs-Marshall, away.
- Tues., March 11—Cafeteria staff spaghetti dinner, Walzem Elementary School 5-8 p.m.
- Thurs., March 13—N.E. Choir rehearsal 7th period.
- Fri., March 14—HOLIDAY—Talent Show, auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Sat., March 15—Baseball, Northeast Tournament—Track, Mac-vs-New Braunfels, there—French Symposium, Our Lady of the Lake—UIL practice meet, Roosevelt, 9:15 a.m.
- Tues. March 18—Baseball, Mac-vs-Antonian, away — Duane Pederson, pay assembly, magician.
- Thurs., March 20—UIL Band Concert Contest.
- Fri., March 21—Baseball, Austin Tournament—UIL Journalism Convention, Austin.
- Sat., March 22—Baseball, Austin Tournament — Track, Northeast Invitational, BAC.

Two Major Dances Highlight Weekend

MacArthur's whirl of social events reaches a peak this weekend with the school's first Military Ball and the annual Sweetheart Ball.

The Military Ball, sponsored by ROTC, will be held Friday, March 7, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club. The "4th Army Miniatures 8-Piece Band" will play for the affair. Dress is formal.

La Villita Assembly Hall will be the site of the Sweetheart Ball Sat-

urday, March 8, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Dress is semi-formal. Music will be provided by "The Ebony," a ten-piece soul band from New Orleans. All seniors who paid dues will be admitted free.

The highlights of both affairs will be the presentation and crowning of the Queen and her court.

UIL Contestants To Practice At Roosevelt H. S. March 15

Roosevelt High School is sponsoring the annual University Interscholastic League (UIL) practice beginning at 8 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to first place individual winners and the top-ranked schools.

The practice meet will prepare contestants for the UIL district meet scheduled for March 29 at Highlands High School.

MacArthur will enter the extemporaneous speaking, science, math, and journalism events.

Registration will be from 8 to 9 a.m. and competition will begin at 9:30. The awards assembly will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Roosevelt's auditorium. Individual events will be scheduled throughout the morning and early afternoon.



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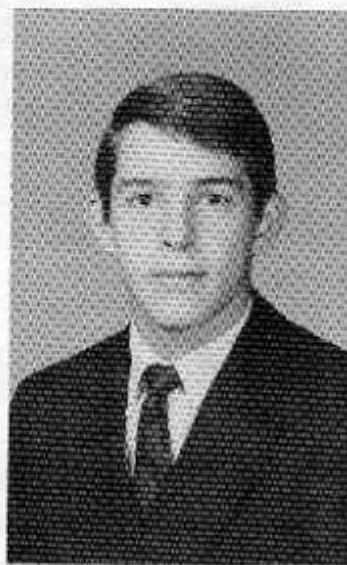
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Celaya, Cardenas Named All-District

The 30-AAAA all-district basketball team announced recently by the district committee included two MacArthur players.

Center Rick Celaya, who was fifth in scoring in district, was chosen to the six-man first team.

The second leading scorer on the Brahma squad, Don Cardenas, received honorable mention.

Both Celaya and Cardenas are juniors and

will form the nucleus of next year's Brahma team.

Also chosen to the all-district first team were David McGinnis and Robert Bain of Alamo Heights, Mike Luce of Lee, Albert Combs of Roosevelt, and Wayne Dickey of Highlands.

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Sports never cease to amaze me.

This column has published reams of copy on sports fans but has dedicated very little to the athletes. But then, why should I? Athletes get enough mention in their separate sports.

But it struck me the other night. All I do, is write about fans or athletes and either praise them or condemn them according to their efforts.

Then I began to wonder what might go through the mind of some egotistical athlete or sports fan about sportswriters. The thoughts went something like this:

Sportswriters really amaze me. How they can be such absolute authorities on any sport from football to Chinese checkers, I'll never know.

From the small-town sports writer of the once a-month school paper, to the big-city everyday columnist, you'll find very little difference. All are geniuses in the respect that they can gain so much knowledge about a local high school athletic team, in so few visits.

These typewriter hounds usually attempt to predict the outcome of the forthcoming games. Should he have a bad week, the sportswriter goes into a period of short columns and long alibies. But if the sportswriter has a good week, (Heaven forbid!) we are subjected to page-length columns and much journalistic back slapping.

He is for you one day and against you the next. Consequently, you go about spreading the word on what a complete idiot this guy is UNTIL that wondrous day when, by some twist of fate, your name appears in his column. From that day on, this sportswriter is the genius he proclaims himself to be and definitely has no peer in his profession.

The above piece of fiction is opinionated and written from past experience. Every fan and athlete will view the topic differently, some indifferently.

But wait until the day your name is mentioned in a story or column and see how you react.



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Baseballers Open With Three Wins

Baseball blossomed March 1 as McArthur swept a doubleheader from the Unicorns of New Braunfels, 3-2 and 7-1.

Junior John Garner had the big hit of the first game, a two-run triple in the third inning. MacArthur got its winning run as Kenny Pape scored on a base hit by Randy Dietz in the fifth inning.

Joe Graham proved some of the quality that the pitching staff has by hurling five shut-out innings and giving up only two hits.

In an attempt to get back in the game, New Braunfels scored in the sixth inning, but left a man on third. After scoring their run in the seventh inning, the New Braunfels attack stalled.

In the second game, Mark Fetzer pitched four shut-out innings and allowed only two hits as his teammates backed him up with an errorless game.

The game was highlighted by three MacArthur double plays.

Leading 7-0 at the end of three innings, the rest of MacArthur's pitching staff was given a chance to get more experience. Rick Huffman, Jim Webb, and Chip Hames each pitched one inning.

New Braunfels managed to squeeze across one run in the seventh inning, but by then it was too late.

Spurred by the opening victories, the Brahmas smacked John Marshall's Rams, 9-2, on MacArthur's home field, Monday, March 3.

Marshall got the upper hand in the first inning

by scoring a run. But MacArthur came back in the second inning to take a 2-1 lead as Steve Aycock and Tom Cusick scored.

Brahmas' starting pitcher, John Bodenman, was replaced on the mound by Rick Huffman in the third inning. Freshman Jim Webb relieved Huffman in the next inning and received credit for the victory.

The Brahmas put the game on ice with two runs in the fifth and five runs in the sixth inning.

Coach John Porter was pleased with the fine start the team got. But looking to the rest of the season, he added, "While we are extremely pleased with the fine start, we must look forward, especially to our strong district schedule."

* * *

MacArthur 002 010 0-3-5-1
New Braun. 000 001 1-2-5-1

Mac—Graham (W 1-0), Bodenman (6), and Moore.

New Braunfels—Hoffman (L 0-1), Simmons (7), and Simon.

(Second Game)

MacArthur 133 000 0-7-8-0
New Braun. 000 000 1-1-4-3

Mac—Fetzer (W 1-0), Huffman (5), Webb (6), Hames (7), and Moore.

New Braun—Stanley (L 0-1), Johnson (3), and Simon.

* * *

MacArthur 020 002 5-9-9-1
Marshall 101 000 0-3-4-3

Mac—Bodenman, Huffman (3), Webb (4) (W 1-0) and Moore.

Marshall—Layton (L 0-1) and Kelsey.



Tom Cusick slides safely across in the Brahmas season opener against New Braunfels. (Photo by Joe Shirtum)

Golfers Falter At Del Rio, Seguin

February 28-March 1 found the McArthur golf team on the road at the Del Rio Invitational Tournament at the San Felipe Country Club in Del Rio.

The Brahmas finished well down the list of winners.

Charles Plummer carded a pair of 77's to take medalist honors for the Brahmas during the windy two day tournament. Bill Holder, Rick Phillips, Larry Leach, and Charlie Garrett made up the rest of the team.

Alamo Heights slipped to second place for the first time this year. Abilene Cooper took first place. Churchill finished third.

The Brahmas ventured to Seguin March 3 for a one-day tourney. The Matador Classic, as it was called, was held at the Chaparral Country Club

with high winds and near freezing temperature.

Bill Holder was low for MacArthur by firing a nine-over-par 81 in the adverse conditions.

Austin High of Austin took first place as they edged a strong San Marcos team. Alamo Heights took third place.

The golf team has three tournaments lined up for March. The weekend of March 22-23, the team will travel to Kerrville and on March 28 they will be in Victoria. The district 30-AAAA Golf Championship will be held March 31 - April 1 at the Olmos Basin Golf Course.

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Tennis Team Stumbles At District Tourney

The MacArthur tennis team swept only one division in the mid-February North East District Tournament to place third in the four school competition.

John Biggs and Doug Vanderploeg, top seeds in boys doubles, crushed the second seeds in the finals to claim the age 18 boys doubles trophy.

In singles, Biggs jolted teammate Mitch Carlson, who had upset the first seed. But Biggs bowed to the second seed in finals. Top listed Vanderploeg also was upended by the second seed in the age 16 division.

Brenda Speert, ranked second in age 16 singles, progressed to finals before yielding to the number one seed. The team of Speert and Debbie McCartney also was beaten in the finals.

Jenice Graham and Sally Eaves bettered expectations by advancing to finals in the age 16 doubles, but succumbed to the top seeds in the finals. All second place finishers received medals.

Consolation victors receiving ribbons were: Laurie Ziegler, Courtney Lepick, Beverly Kneisel, Tim Grona, and John Rogers.

Finalists who have not played off their matches are Debbie Pat-

terson and Karen Hall versus Judy Moore and Lynn Cather and Patterson versus Cather in singles.

The February 28 tournament in San Angelo concluded abruptly for the Brahma team. Of the eight Brahma teams entered, only Dickey Blair, Debbie Patterson, and Jim Polka fought past the first round and none reached finals.

A dual match between the San Antonio College girls varsity and MacArthur girls varsity ended in a 4-4 tie.

Patterson and Graham triumphed in singles and then paired with respective teammates Karen Hall and Sally Eaves in doubles to demolish their opponents.

The tie resulted when the singles match between Brenda Speert and the top ranked SAC girl was suspended with the score tied in the second set.

During March, varsity members are engaged in the Metropolitan League Round-Robin. Twice weekly the team competes against another city school in a dual match. The team capturing the most victories is named league winner.



Don Haines breaks from the blocks at the start of the sprint relay at the Metropolitan meet. The Brahmas finished third in this event and in the meet. (Photo by Chad McHugh)

Thinclads Finish Third At Metro

MacArthur opened the track season with a strong third place finish at the Metropolitan Meet, March 11.

Wheatly High School ran away with first place honors by accumulating the sizeable total of 107 points. Highlands took second place with 76 points. MacArthur had 62.

Leading the attack for the Brahmas was Mike Thompson. He was responsible for 16 of the MacArthur points. Teammate Gary Caswell followed close behind with 13½ points. Other members contributing points to the team's third place berth were Don Haines, Roger Kies, Doug Bachman, Kevin McMaughn, Ronnie Duvall, Hal Vagtborg, Bill Spence, and Charles Forney.

Caswell missed the 440 yard record by only one tenth of a second as he edged Wheatly's John Rector in a stretch duel that resulted in a blanket finish. Caswell's time for the event was 49.1

seconds.

The sprint relay team of Haines, Kies, Caswell, and Bachman took third place for MacArthur. In the 880 yard run, Vagtborg took fourth place and Spence followed in the fifth. Thompson won the high hurdles with teammate McMaughn coming in third. Don Haines finished fourth in the 100 yard dash.

MacArthur dominated the intermediate hurdles event as Thompson took third place, McMaughn fifth, and Duvall finished sixth. The Brahmas mile relay team of Haines, Bachman, Vagtborg, and Caswell, took sixth place. Forney placed fourth in the high jump.

The Brahma thinclads travel to the Border Olympics in Laredo this weekend where they meet some 70 high schools including Wheatley.

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Swimmers at the MacArthur Churchill meet begin the 50 yard freestyle. At the far left is Roy Ison. Next to him, is Ray Ince, who won the event. (Photo by Ron Zimmerman)

Swimmers Defend District Crown

The boy's swimming team of MacArthur will be stroking for its second consecutive district title March 7 and 8 at Northeast Pool.

Preliminaries will be held Friday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Finals will start on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

MacArthur swimmers are undefeated in dual competition. They have beaten Lee, Churchill and Roosevelt twice each, and Alamo Heights once. Thus, the Brahmas must rank as district favorites.

The most recent meet was held against Churchill at Northeast Pool, February 20. The Brahmas defeated the Chargers 60-35, winning nine first places in all.

First place winners and their events included: Richard Burton, 200 yard freestyle and 100 yard butterfly; Ray Ince, 50 yard and 100 yard freestyle; Bill Barnhill, 200 yard individual medley and 400 yard freestyle; Court Thieleman, 100 yard breaststroke; the 400 freestyle relay team (Ince, Barnhill, Charlie Spencer, Richard Burton); and the 200 yard

medley relay team (Ince, Barnhill, Dusty Randolph, Mike Varelans).

The medley relay is a four lap event consisting of one lap each of the breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle, and butterfly.

Coach Don Dill will be taking these boys and the rest of the team to the state meet March 21 and 22. Some of the boys not mentioned above who will also compete in the district and state meets are Dave Spencer, Matt Compton, Bill Staples, diver Rick Alexander and Roy Ison.

The boys 400 yard freestyle relay took first place at the state meet last year and was named honorable mention all-American. The boy's hope to repeat this feat again this year with the return of three freestylers, Ray Ince, Charlie Spencer, and Bill Barnhill. The gap left by graduating Rick Denman will be filled by Richard Burton.

MacArthur Athletes Organize Christian Athletes Club

It's another MacArthur first.

MacArthur is the first Northeast Independent School District high school to initiate a Fellowship of Christian Athletes club.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a nationwide organization divided into three levels. The high school level is called the "huddle" group. The college level is a fellowship. The professional laymen is called a chapter.

FCA stresses three basic activities: fellowship between different sports groups, summer conference camps, and direct involvement with each individual's church.

MacArthur's FCA had its first meeting Thursday, Feb. 13, and elected officers. Stan Shipley was elected captain, Jimmy Johnson—co-captain,

Jay Collins — secretary, Stuart Platt — treasurer, and John Snider — publicity manager.

The purpose of FCA is to confront athletes with the challenge of presenting Christ in their everyday life and in the life of their church. FCA is open to any member of an athletic team.

In its relatively short existence, FCA already has over 50 members. "We are quite pleased with the response at this point," commented coach John Porter, who is acting as advisor for the group together with the other MacArthur coaches.

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