

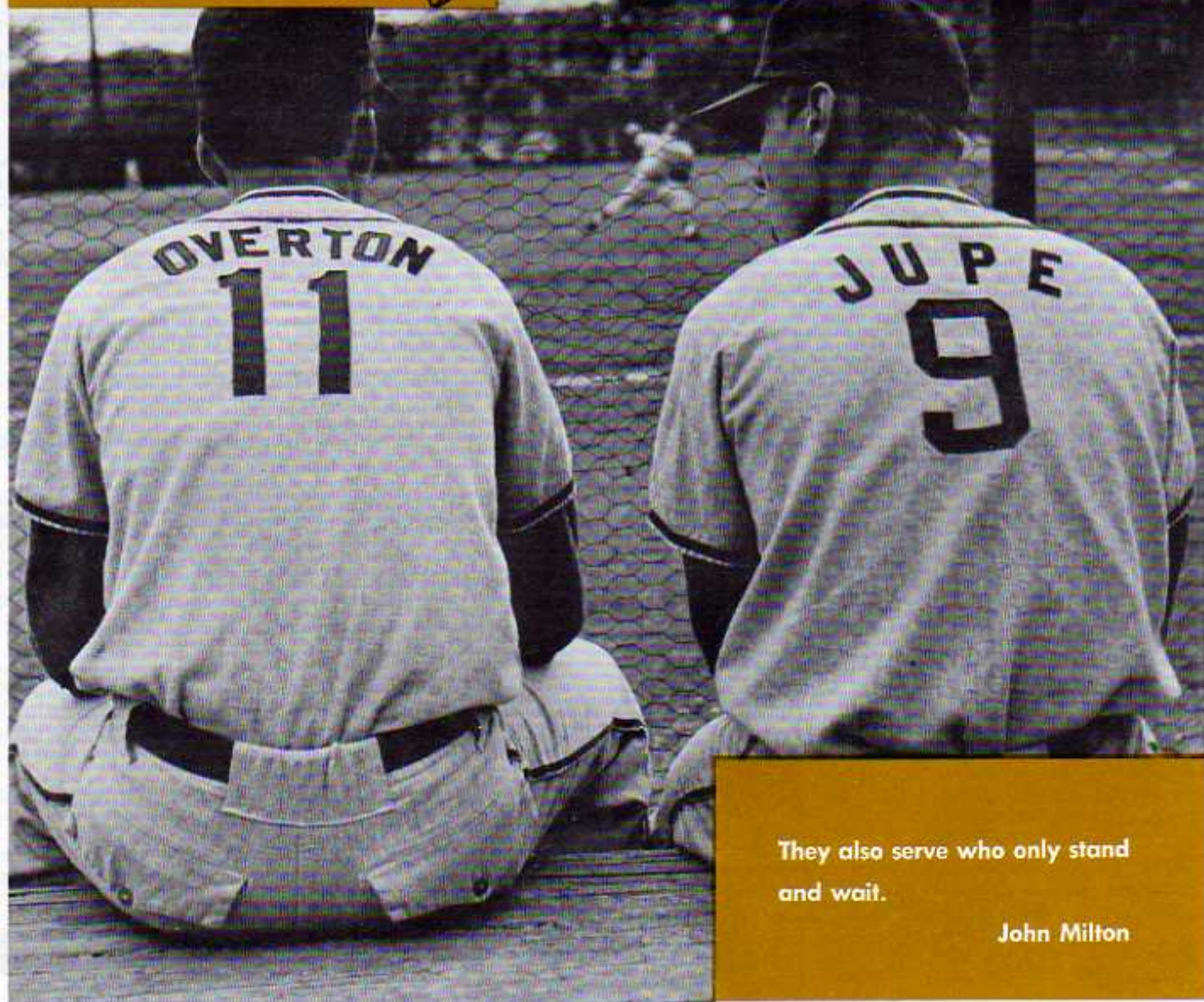
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They also serve who only stand
and wait.

John Milton

PROS AND CONS

The BT welcomes letters to the editor. All correspondence must be typed triple spaced and must not exceed 300 words. Only signed letters will be considered for publication.

Dear Editor,

Because of the recent student unrest on campus, the time has come for an honest re-evaluation of the issues by the students as well as the faculty and administration.

Several students have valid suggestions for the improvement of MacArthur. However, what began as a legitimate evaluation of existing conditions at school has mushroomed into an irrational movement. The original grievances which certain students presented have been lost in the heat of student hysteria.

There are problems here at MacArthur. But these problems can be resolved only through the co-operation of faculty, administration, and students. The Tuesday and Thursday morning meetings that have been initiated are good.

The students of MacArthur must prove their responsibility by rational and mature behavior in the concluding weeks of this school year. It's up to the students to reject the destructive element that has shown itself on campus and to concentrate on a constructive approach.

Jean Eby

Dear Editor,

Our paper is the major means of communication. I would like to suggest that a short critical or humorous essay pertaining to the problems on hand be included in each issue.

In addition, how about articles concerning the administration and faculty? Coverage of a convention attended by

Mr. Vahey to discuss student-faculty problems would be more interesting than details about a convention attended by five or six students.

Students are more interested in editorials, "File 13," and MacArthur's involvements in items other than sports and dances. It's not that we don't care about MacArthur's sports standings, but one gets tired of reading how many home runs Joe Smith hit or how the golf team placed tenth in a tourney.

Finally, the newspaper should be the communications link of the Student Council to the student body.

I, and many other students, feel that if the above things were added to the paper, less apathy would be seen among students.

Diane Shisk

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to point out the problem of a lack of academic freedom in the teaching of the courses in this school. I feel that the teachers are forced to go along with the policies of the administration because they are afraid of losing their jobs. Can there be a proper exchange of ideas when one side is intimidated and forced to go along with the opinions of the other? I say no. Schools are institutions for the free exchange of ideas; without the freedom to do so, school becomes dull and boring, a dictatorship.

Teachers are also required to teach a set course. So much of their time is taken up in secretarial work that they do not have time to teach the course.

Obviously the teachers should be allowed more scrape way in their comments and course selections. As concerned students, we can at least show our teachers that they have our support and understanding. We may not be able to do much, but the little we do accomplish can be enlarged on by our posterity.

Steve Paulson

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Principal Deserves Thanks For Actions

Not everyone turned their thoughts away from school during the Easter holidays.

Apparently, Principal George Vahey repared plans to cement student-administration relationships.

Tangible evidence resulted in meetings scheduled regularly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings extending through May.

The establishment of this medium for discussion of any subject related to MacArthur has proven successful. The opportunity for students to present their opinions is a desirable innovation.

It is for this arrangement that Mr. Vahey deserves thanks. Even greater appreciation is accorded to him for maintaining a free and open environment for an honest exchange of ideas.

The measures adopted as a results of these meetings are, as yet, too early to judge.

If Mr. Vahey continues calling these sessions, there is little doubt that improvements in the communications structure will be evident.

The motivation of our principal to keep these discussions clear of impromptu lectures or tirades makes for an interesting and thought provoking period.

In consideration for what Mr. Vahey has instituted, he deserves the plainest of commendations — Thank you!

Annual Spring Carnival Provides Varied Fun

By Duzie Gordon

Hurry, hurry! Step right up and cast your eyes upon the most stupendous, colossal, the greatest show on earth!

MacArthur's annual Spring Carnival, held this year behind the girl's gym, will unfurl its supply of fun and games for the 1969 season on Saturday night, May 3.

From 5 to 10 p.m., busy vendors will attempt to entice innocent fun-seekers to throw rings, aim tomatoes, crush confetti eggs, and even toss would-be enemies into an inferno.

The Student Council designs the framework for the annual carnival to supply the school's numerous clubs an opportune method for making money. This year, Senior Council member Terry Maxfield, deserves credit for blueprinting the arrangements and determining a fair allotment of booths to clubs.

Although many of the 13 booths contain popular past attractions, several new booths have been added. These include a Bunuelo sale, a make-up booth, a

pizza sale, an ice cream shop, mouse races, a dart throw with faculty members as targets, a booth for taking Polaroid pictures, and even a W. C. Fields movie in the auditorium.

The Student Council will provide the typical food and drinks in a centrally located booth on the midway.

Class of '70 Scores High On NMQT Test

1968-69 juniors scored higher in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test than any junior class in recent years at MacArthur.

Chris Vinklarock led seven students in qualifying as semifinalists in the scholarship test.

The other students qualifying were, in descending order of scores: John Boerner, David James, Hans Dahl, Russell Johnson, Candace Poppas, and James Sweet.

Finalists will be announced next year, and picked from one-half of one percent of the nation's top test scores.

Letters of Commendation will be given to the 17 other high scoring MacArthur students.



Miss MacArthur Lynn Cather receives a bouquet of roses at the Junior-Senior Prom. Senior Gary Caswell was voted Mr. MacArthur, but was not present at the prom staged April 19 at the Pearl Pavilion.

North East Welcomes 60 Foreign Students

The four schools in the North East District hosted 60 American Field Service students during the Fiesta weekend.

MacArthur AFS members hosted 25 of these students. The foreign diplomats arrived at MacArthur Park Thursday afternoon, April 24, where they were welcomed by their new San Antonio families.

Friday morning the visitors had front row seats at the "Battle of Flowers Parade." That evening was spent enjoying the many sights offered by a "Night in Old San Antonio."

The group explored the Witte Museum, Saturday morning while Saturday afternoon was devoted to a tour of San Antonio.

Roosevelt sponsored a dance honoring the AFS'ers Saturday night. The dance was an informal affair which gave San Antonio

students a better chance to get to know fellow students from around the world.

The weekend demonstrated again the lasting friendship which can be won by being an open and honest group of young individuals.

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File 13



By Brenda Speert

... Students desiring interesting and useful volunteer work during the summer months will be accommodated by the March of Dimes. The TAP office has numerous tasks to accomplish and needs volunteers. Interested persons should contact the TAP office at 734-6921 or 736-2401.

... Someone jumped the gun in last week's band concert preparations. The second major attraction never materialized. The promise of cool air, which was billed on the tickets as "Air-conditioned MacArthur Auditorium," failed to debut.

... Another MacArthur senior will be recognized at the Optimist Club's next regular meeting. Nancy Rumbel, whose musical talents have earned her many honors, received the latest Montgomery Ward Award featured in NAMUS magazine.

... Miss Augusta Boyle, in describing presentable dress for the National Honor Society Installation, stressed "modest" length dresses for the girls. In addition, she quipped that any unsuitable lengthed dress would have a crepe paper ruffle stapled to the hem.

... Principal George Vahey predicted that the mating season was near in response to the S. A. News' Hot Line question concerning marriages at MacArthur. Asked whether married students attend MacArthur now, Mr. Vahey replied, "Oh yes, we always have a few. I think there are two at the moment. But now that spring is here and the sap has begun to run, things will undoubtedly get livelier."

... A surprise visit by Col. Joseph P. Lydon to the fifth period ROTC class resulted in a hyper-quick impromptu house cleaning. An ashtray was stashed away in a convenient desk drawer.

... A mouse invaded Mrs. Reeves' first period English class. Apparently thinking the rodent would enjoy a different course, the mouse was transferred to the Biology class.

... Tom Cusick really hit a foul ball during the baseball game against Jefferson. The play was good ... good for one broken window in a new Buick Electra. Amazingly, damages could be discussed in a home-like environment. The car belonged to his parents.

... Evidence of another water-collecting spot has been found. The sidewalk extension in the front of the school has proven successful in creating a reservoir initiating in the corners and forging into the parking lot.

Zimmerman, Cook, Green Elected Class Officer Election Results Announced

The race for positions in MacArthur's student government has completed its second phase with the elections of class officers.



Next years senior class president Ron Zimmerman delivers campaign speech.

The seniors of 1970 chose Ron Zimmerman to represent them as President. His total of 168 votes was followed by 115 for Jay Collins and 60 for Charles Cardenas.

Bron Burke broke the log jam for Vice-President with a 75-68 edge over second place Norman Thomas. Fabian Castillo was third and Russell Johnson was fourth out of eight candidates.

Kay Armstrong will assume the office of secretary next year after receiving 93 votes. Jenny Everett was second in the balloting with 62 votes. Janice Ruble was third.

Sandie Compton had the greatest winning margin of all candidates with 171 votes. She was followed by Brenda Speert's 96 votes and

Charles Somerville with 66.

One hundred and thirty eight members of the class of 1970 chose Judy Coon as Reporter-Historian. Competitors Jan Richardson and Shellie Bowman received 107 and 97 votes respectively.

Strong competition marked the race for the lesser office of chaplain. Clarence Gerfers will assume the post next year after defeating second place Patti Rullo 82 votes to 78. Third place Kathy Lott had 76 votes. Doug Axelrod, who received 66 votes, and Susie Henderson with 42 trailed in the voting.

The results for the class of 1971 are as follows: Bill Cook, president, Scarlett Boykin, vice-president and Bobbie Criswell as secretary. Other junior officers will be Loyce Bates as treasurer and for reporter-historian Susan Wright. Chaplain will be Lynda Dobrowski.

The spirit in the sophomore elections seemed the least impressive. In view of the fact that the sophomores had the fewest candidates of all the classes; those elected were relatively uncontested.

Hank Green will take over the position of President next fall with aid from Vice-President Connie Steves. The secretary will be Julie Jones, Treasurer Lori Ziegler and Chaplain Lisa Mann.

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Texas Very Different From First Ideas

By Odile Decomble

When I found out that I had been selected by the AFS to spend one year in Texas, you would not believe how excited I was!

I imagined myself on a horse, with a big hat, and a lot of cowboys, Indians, oil wells and guns around. I really thought I was going to live a western movie.

Well, you will agree that real Texas is a little different, in everyday life at least. But I was not disappointed at all. I discovered so many things new and different from what I used to know.

It is difficult to answer the question "what do you think about the United States?" because I have a lot of things to say, and I never know how to begin. But I'll try to explain some of the customs which surprised me the most in my American life.

The first word that could describe my stay here is "fast". How can the people be in such a hurry every minute of their life? I still don't know.

You have to hurry to get ready, hurry to go shopping, hurry to eat. In France, a meal can easily last one hour and sometimes two hours. The French people believe that eating too fast is bad for the digestion. They would think that all American people would have digestive problems.

Speaking of food, some Americans seemed strange to me at first. Corn, for instance, is used in France only to feed chickens. However, I got used to it and I

like it. Besides, I love hamburgers and marshmallows, and I think your ice-cream is just great!

During the year I have been very impressed to see how patriotism and religion are really a part of the life. Although most French are Catholic, nothing about religion is ever said in public meetings. Here, almost every PTA, every game, and even the House of Representatives in Austin, begins with a devotional. It's the same with patriotism. We don't have any pledge of allegiance. We don't raise the flag in the schools. We don't play the National Anthem for the games between the schools. (Only for the games between the countries.)

In France, although we have the feeling, we don't express them. I think it is really great that with so many different religions and backgrounds, people still can say together the same words.

What I probably like the most here is the "American welcome." The people are so warm and so friendly! When they say "make you feel at home," they really mean it. They would do anything to make you happy and they succeed! I feel so much at home here that it is going to be hard to leave!

I tried here to give you some of my impressions about my year in San Antonio, even without Indians. I'm sure I spent here the most wonderful year of my life. But with my new Cowboy outfit, I'll have a hard time explaining to the French people, what Texas is really like!



Foreign exchange student Odile Decomble models the Texas "country look" attire, which was given to her jointly by Hamy's Western Wear and AFS.

Brahma, Brahma Tales Editors Chosen At Journalism Banquet

Amidst roars of laughter, plentiful jokes, and dubious individual honors, next year's Brahma and Brahma Tales editors were announced at a Journalism banquet Wednesday, April 23.

Junior Judy Moore, new Brahma editor, and junior Candy Poppas, new assistant editor, will head next year's annual staff. Juniors Brenda Speert and Sara Jane Hawthorne will be Brahma Tales editor and assistant editor, respectively.

The Banquet, sponsored by Mr. Norm Hitzges, Journalism instructor, proved to be an enthusiastic success as the 50 students and guests enjoyed a steak dinner at The Steak Cellar, beginning at 7:30.

Eighty-three marked the start of the awards program, with at least one award for each staff member. Honors ranged from a month's pass to the girls'

restroom to a live, jumping gold fish. Mr. Hitzges and senior Ann-Lynn Shackelford, 1969 Brahma editor, decided the individual honors and conducted the program.

In addition to the combined Journalism staffs, the evening's guests included Assistant Principal Mr. James Davis and his wife, Mary Lou, English teacher, Mrs. Marilyn Jones and her husband, Harvey, and junior partner of Southern Pabst Engraving Company, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Trost.

When asked to comment on information gained from the staff banquet, Mr. Davis replied, "Very interesting."



Students, Administration Initiate D

The Events

By Debbie McClure and Cherie Stratton

In the past two weeks MacArthur has awakened from a year-long lethargy to reveal a student body eager to bring about reform.

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The first of the meetings began in the auditorium during senior advisory period two weeks ago. Senior Class President Gary Caswell presided, and opened discussion on senior week, senior picnic, and the class gift.

Later in the same week, another meeting took place during senior advisory period. Senior Class Vice-President Glen Perkins presided over a discussion on senior week. It was decided by a majority vote of the students that senior week be abolished this year because the privileges of dress for the occasion were so limited.

Among other topics discussed at this same meeting was the senior class picnic. Since the majority of the students were undecided about where the picnic should be staged, and because arrangements were limited by certain restrictions, a committee was formed to find a solution.

The committee was composed of seniors, Glen Perkins, Gary Caswell, Jeanette Evans, Jennv Jackle, Susan Hamilton, Ann-Lynn Shackelford, Pat McClure, and teachers, Mrs. Marilyn

Jones, and Mr. John Milligan.

The committee has chosen Brackenridge Park for the picnic sight and scheduled a tentative date of May 14.

Another meeting was also held last week during the Junior advisory period. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the juniors of the changes being made and to explain to them the importance of their cooperation.

Two other important meetings have also taken place in the past week. These meetings were held in the 500 wing.

The purpose of the meetings was to enable the students to voice their opinions suggestions, or solutions, and ask questions about situations on campus.

The first of these meetings covered censorship in the school newspaper. Attending this meeting were approximately 125 students and six faculty members.

The second of these meetings took place the following Thursday with an attendance of approximately 200 students, six parents, and 10 teachers.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the scheduling of future meetings and future topics.

At this time, it was also decided that representatives from each of the advisories would be elected to make schedule and topic decisions.

The Students

By Zia Gipson

The most conscious generation in the history of the United States has begun to challenge the former standards of American life.

Religion, politics, and the educational system have come under the scrutiny of the young generation.

As the 1968-69 school year draws to a close, MacArthur students have launched discussions aimed at finding solutions to what they feel are pressing school problems.

However, before progress can be made, the issues must be clarified. With the disruptions of the last two weeks, the students may be classified into one of three factions.

The first faction just does not care. The current points of discussion are no different to them than any of the many other areas they have ignored all year long.

The second group is composed of students who follow the bandwagon, those who dissent because dissent causes excitement. Many of this group attempt to bring personal grievances into the discussions. Often making irrational demands, these students concern themselves with less important matters of school policy such as hair and dress regulations, open campus, and senior privileges.

The final group consists of those students who hope to bring about openminded discussion of what they feel are important school issues. This faction sincerely wants new and extended student privileges and responsibilities.

Within discussions among these concerned students, certain concrete improve-

ments have been suggested.

General topics of major concern among the students are curriculum, communications, and the more efficient use of advisory periods.

Curriculum suggestions of more elective courses, especially among the social sciences, pass-fail courses, and non-credit mini-courses head the list.

Communications improvements could be the most easily instituted. Reforms would call for more direct, more frequent discussions among students, faculty, administrators, and the Student Council. Steps to remedy the existing information gap are already under way.

Another area of suggested reform centers around the current lack of use of the advisory period. Students feel that the advisory period provides a chance for further programs of wide variety not now touched upon within the curriculum. Speakers and discussion groups are just two of the students' suggestions for better use of these 25 minutes each day. The possibilities are many and varied.

The first steps on a long road have been taken. The wheels of progressive change have begun to move. At this point, students must remind themselves that effective reforms take time and that energies must be channeled toward change and not destruction.

Discussions On School Improvement

The Faculty

By Brenda Speert

The rupture of student views after the distribution of student newspapers and the innovation of discussion sessions dissipated the fog of apathy enveloping MacArthur youth.

Between the discord of the students and the remonstrations of the administrators, the faculty remained sandwiched. In an attempt to obtain a perspective of campus opinions, Brahma sought teacher sentiments.

Approximately 10% of the faculty responded.

"There is not a progressive institution which would not benefit from taking self-inventory and approaching the problems with an open mind. The method used in the evaluation and the changes resulting from it must be reasonable," cited Mrs. Angelica Cantu.

Mr. Cyril Figgins commented, "Students concerned with school problems need to examine what is meant by responsible and mature action, a sense of values. Values must be comprised, and where a given value is in the majority, it must be held as the value for that society. A society should never exist on the values of a minority as this will lead only to ruination. Apply this to MacArthur — it fits."

"Our youth have not, in our affluent society, learned the greatest American tradition — compromise, give and take," suggested Mrs. June McSwain.

"What the students don't seem to understand is that next to their parents, we care for them and are more concerned for their future than anyone else. Couldn't we all accomplish more by working together since we have the same goals?" concluded Mrs. Anna Meyer.

Having seen finer students misled, Mrs. Arlene Rasor cautioned that colleges are watching this situation and are debating accepting students for scholarships or admission. She conceded, "I will admit that some good points were revealed, but the bad points certainly out-numbered the good ones."

"The Sounds of the Silent had some good, legitimate gripes; mini-courses are a good solution," affirmed Mrs. Angeline Richmond. "The fact that teachers don't have time to teach is all too true."

"It seems to me that one representative body should be enough, yet now this new group and the Student Council exist as an unnecessary duplication. If investing more in the Student Council does not meet needs, write your opinions in the school newspaper. Learning by experience is one of the strongest teachers; look around and participate," instructed Mr. Homer Sargent.

Ascertaining that change is always in order in society, Mr. Frank Sitton said, "The movement had some merit. Undoubtedly in its original concept, some of the students had the interest of their school and future fellow students in their hearts. But for the most part, there has neither been constructive nor healthy steps toward improving the overall situation at MacArthur."

Besides these replies, several teachers acknowledged the poll but refrained from answering.

The Administration

By Sara Jane Hawthorne

The recent student controversy has attempted to lump together and label certain attitudes on campus as either "student" or "administration."

Unfortunately, although the actions of the administration may be the student's prime concern, students can not be the administration's only concern.

An administrator strives to meet the needs and requests of teachers, parents, workers, and the Central Office as well as the honor pupils and the slow learner. However, his primary duty still lies with providing the best education possible for the students enrolled. The basic issue then, involves possibility as much as desirability.

Dissatisfaction is evident in three major areas: curriculum, newspaper censorship and advisory period. The purpose of the following statements is to present administration views in these areas.

Curriculum: MacArthur has instituted 20 new courses within the last three years. That many of these additions are in the vocational department can be attributed to the fact that one out of every five students enrolls in V.O.E.

Strong indications of the academic program's success can be found in MacArthur's consistent district lead for National Merit qualifiers and scholarship winners.

Plans to conduct classes before or after school create difficulties in providing compensation for teacher's extra work, securing sufficient transportation for the large number of bus riders, and insuring the presence of administrators on campus in case of emergencies.

Newspaper Censorship: Mr. George Vahey is one of

four principals in Bexar County who does not review the school paper before it goes to press. He has jokingly commented, "I've had to call Mr. Hitzges on the carpet twice now because everyone got a copy of the newspaper but me."

The journalism sponsor, Mr. Norm Hitzges, has announced he is open to suggestions for improvements and that Letters to the Editor which are informative and well written will be published.

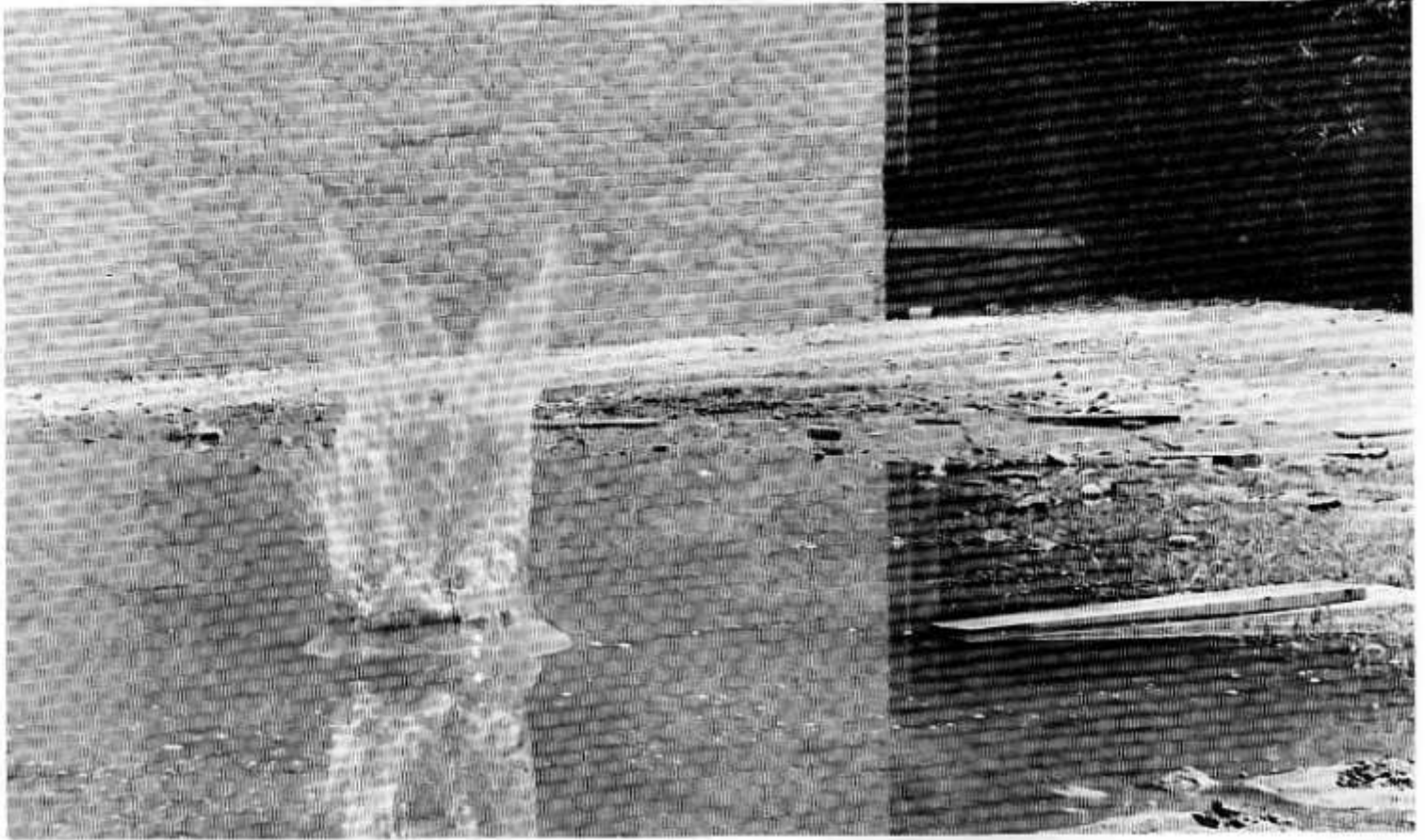
Advisory Period: Various ideas have been proposed by faculty members for next year. Among them is a schedule designed by librarian Mrs. Cantu to invite guest speakers to assemblies held in the open pavillion. Also proposed was a showing of films in the auditorium during study hall for interested students to watch.

Manuals with suggested advisory activities have been distributed to junior advisory teachers. If the manuals are successful, the booklets will be given to other advisories.

Recalling the Principal's Convention in San Francisco he attended February 28-March 4, Mr. Vahey remarked, "I felt good I didn't have some of the problems they had. Ironically, I had them when I got home."

The Principal went on to summarize the current campus condition as he sees it, "It started with a few sincere students with pride who wanted to improve the campus. But when sincerity and pride are lost, destruction sets in. An example is here at MacArthur."

Administration Purposes



Have you ever noticed all the bare or rundown spots on the MacArthur landscape? Would you like to do something to remedy the situation?

Soon, students may be doing something about it!

The bare places are there because landscaping is very expensive and the district only allots a certain amount of money for this purpose.

To overcome the financial difficulties involved in the landscaping process, the administration has proposed a solution.

Under the plan each club, after clearance with the administration, could take one area and cultivate it. There will be a master plan prescribed by a landscape artist and each club could pick the area it wanted to improve or beautify.

School gardeners would take care of watering the plots, but club members would have to plant,

weed, and generally care for their assigned plots.

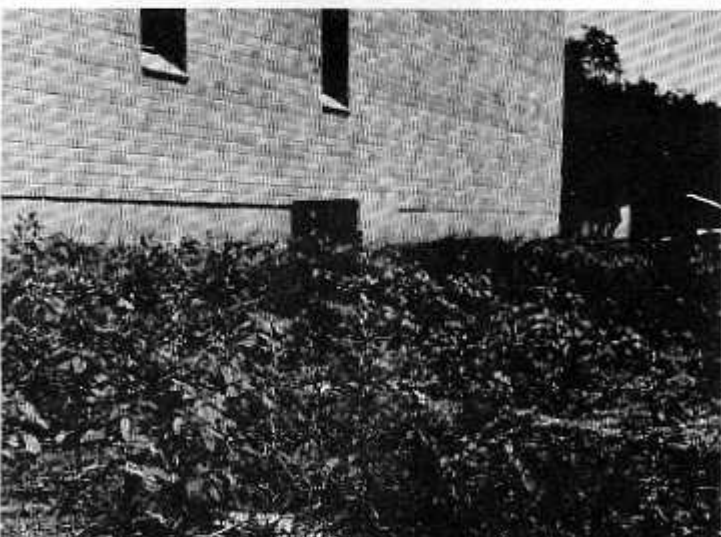
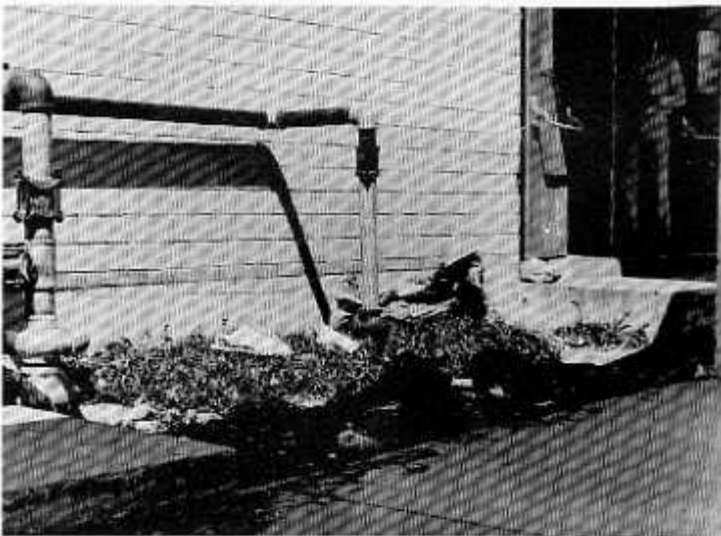
The plan aims, not only to remedy the financial problem, but to improve the appearance of the campus and to give students some responsibility for keeping the campus beautiful.

Each club would have a plaque at its plot to receive the recognition due them.

Assistant Vice-Principal James Davis, who will be in charge of the program, feels it will be a definite asset to the campus.

"If clubs and organizations will cooperate," Mr. Davis stated, "this venture could make our campus much more attractive, something to be really proud of."

Campus Beautification Program



The beautification program will focus on terrestrial repairs and litter elimination. Pictured are TOP, p. 6—Mac Arthur's Lake, BOTTOM, p. 6—Georges near patio, UPPER LEFT, p. 7—Rubbish between 100-200 wing, UPPER RIGHT, p. 7—Trash near Lake, MIDDLE LEFT, p. 7—Litter near 100 wing, LOWER LEFT, p. 7—Dense overgrowth by main building, and LOWER RIGHT, p. 7—Junk pile in back of Homemaking Lab.

Summer Job Info Readily Available

By Joan Whitmore

Do you need summer work?

There are several excellent local references to check in a search for summer employment.

The best source of job information is the Texas Employment Commission, 307 Gilbeau Street, CA 2-8484.

Starting the first of May, TEC will publish lists of available jobs for high school students. There will also be announcements on television and radio.

The commission will have such job openings as elementary school recreation leaders, camp counselors, and construction jobs.

The best campus source is Mr. Roy Gabriel's "employment service." A student files a general application and whenever Mr. Gabriel is contacted about a job opening, he can consult his files to find the student best qualified for the job.

Mr. Gabriel also has application forms for Social Security cards. No one, of any age, can get a job without first getting a social security number.

Mr. Gabriel stated that there are many businessmen in the North East District who are in need of summer help. He feels that students should check with nearby businessmen before trying elsewhere in the city.

The third source is want ads. There are openings listed in nearly every field imaginable in these pages of the local newspapers. Such openings as clerks in department stores and dry cleaning companies, lifeguards, secretarial work, and jobs in many other fields are listed.

A fourth suggestion as a source of job news is a 1969 Summer Employment Directory. There will soon be a copy in the counselor's office. This catalog lists 80,000 summer jobs outside the city, at ranches, camps, parks, etc., throughout the nation.

There is also a city plan for summer jobs, but it is only for "needy" youngsters.

San Antonio Mayor Walter McAllister is pushing for a Youth Employment Service, specializing in finding and announcing summer job openings.

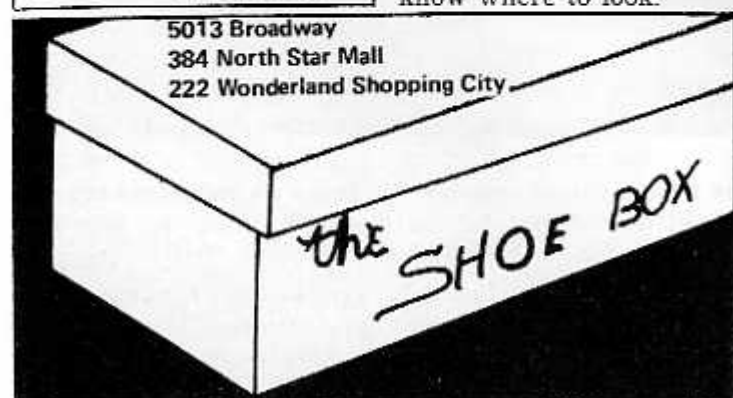
Finding a needle in a haystack is almost impossible. But finding a summer job can be easy — if you know where to look.

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Choirs Get High Contest Ratings

The MacArthur girls choir received a first division rating in concert and a second division in sight reading in the Interscholastic League concert and sightreading contest April 2 and 3 at San Antonio College's McAllister Auditorium.

The mixed choir received a second division in both concert and sightreading.

Other San Antonio high schools choirs receiving first divisions in concert included: Churchill mixed choir, Roosevelt boys choir, Roosevelt girls choir, and Roosevelt mixed choir.

Fifty-four schools participated in the competition with only Alamo Heights junior girls choir, Eisenhower junior girls, Roosevelt mixed choir, and San Marcos mixed choir claiming sweepstakes awards.

Sweepstakes award is a result of first division ratings in concert and sightreading contests.

Sightreading measures a choir's ability to read a

number it has never seen before. The prepared number displays a group's degree of accomplishment through rehearsal.

The 45-member MacArthur choir, directed by Mrs. Virginia Flood, selected and performed "Opus XIV-Lasset Unser Herz," "the Paper Reeds By the Brooks," and "Kyrie Elison" as their concert numbers.

Jim Casey of Odessa, Dr. Ray Moore of Beaumont, C. M. Shearer of Edinburg, and Jim Sheppard of Austin judged the contest.

"The judging was stiff but fair, and we are proud of our ratings," commented Mrs. Flood.

In The Next Two Weeks

Fri., May 2 — Band: at Buccaneer Days Festival at Corpus; Football: Spring Training Begins (May 2-22).

Sat., May 3 — Student Council: Spring Carnival at alley by the Girls Gym, 5-10 p.m.; Track: State Meet at Memorial Stadium in Austin.

Mon., May 5 — Brahmadora: Tryouts (May 5-6).

Tues., May 6 — Baseball: Mac vs Highlands, away.

Wed., May 7 — Cheerleader: Workshop Begins (May 7-13).

Thurs., May 8 — Flag Twirler: Tryouts; Baseball: Mac vs Churchill, away.

Sat., May 10 — Sports: Spring Sports Banquet at Blossom Athletic Center, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., May 14 — Faculty Screening of Cheerleaders.

Thurs., May 15 — Cheerleader Elections: held during first and second advisories.

Fri., May 16 — Assembly: to announce Band, Lassie, and Bairn officers, Brahmadoras and Cheerleaders.



Claudia Erving coos as Jeff Harnom explains the serious duties of a Princess.



Princess Martie Cardenas gazes affectionately into Prince Mark Mitchell's blue eyes.



Pat Carney, Kathy Couser, and Jeff Harmon, scheme to fool the Prince.

"Ugly Duckling" Judged Top Regional Play At Corpus Christi

Following the script of the fairy tale, "The Ugly Duckling" has indeed turned into something beautiful.

The one-act play, "The Ugly Duckling," presented by MacArthur drama students, took first place April 15 at the UIL regionals held at Corpus Christi.

Within the last week, production has won both district and regional honors, and now progresses to state competition in Austin the first weekend in May.

Honors awarded to MacArthur drama students in Regional Com-

petition included: best actor—Jeff Harmon, all-star cast—Pat Carney, honorable mention—Mark Mitchell, Martie Cardenas, Claudia Erving. Eight other district winners also competed at Corpus Christi.

This same play also took first place at the April 12 spring meet at Highlands High School.

MacArthur drama students were also awarded several outstanding awards at the Spring Meet judging. These included: best actress—Kathy Couser; best actor—Jeff Harmon; all-star cast—Pat Carney and Mark Mitchell; and Claudia Erving—

honorable mention all-star cast.

The one-act play win also gave MacArthur the district 30-AAAA academic championship.

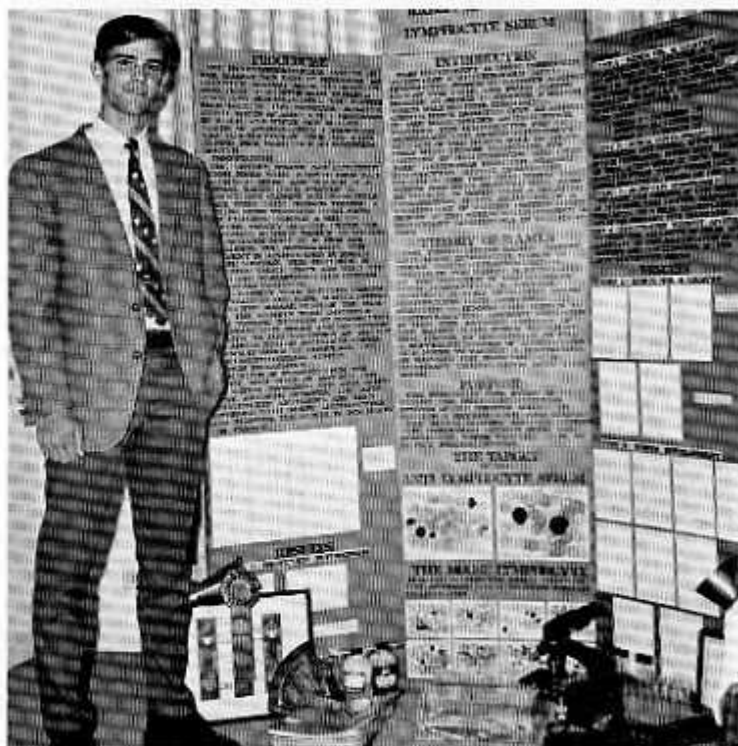
At the close of the March 29 academic competition, MacArthur was leading with 106½ points, while Lee followed with 102 and Alamo Heights had 87.

After the one-act play, which was worth 20 points for first place, MacArthur totaled 126½ points. Lee which was second in play judging, also finished second with 112. Alamo Heights placed third with

92, after getting a third place finish in the play contest.

"The Ugly Duckling," directed by drama teacher Mrs. Pat Baca, is a humorous children's play similar in theme to the Hans Christian Anderson story of the same title. It was performed for the student body April 10 and 11 during advisory.

Leading characters in the performance were: Jeff Harmon (king), Pat Carney (queen), Martie Cardenas (princess), Kathy Couser (chancellor), Mark Mitchell (prince), Trey Haagen (minstrel), Claudia Erving (Dulcibel), and Jim Kerley (Carlo).



Senior Joe Graham stands beside his winning entry in the Science Fair competition.

Graham's Heart Research Entry Cops Science Fair Grand Prize

Already a recognized young scientist in the field of professional medicine, Senior Joe Graham spent grand prize at the 13th Annual Science Fair held at Trinity University March 29-30.

Along with the distinction of winning the coveted prize, Graham secured a 20 volume set of World Book Encyclopedias, a refracting telescope, and an expense paid trip to the International Science Fair in Fort Worth for himself and his sponsor, Mr. Emmett Dalton.

Selected from over 200 entrants representing 27 South Texas counties, Graham's exhibit concerned research on preventing a rabbit's tissue from rejecting an artificial heart, a field that has only been thoroughly re-

searched in the past two years.

This summer, Dr. Michael Debakey, head of the Houston medical heart team, has asked Graham to work in his personal lab and experiment with transplanting hearts and kidneys in animals.

In addition to the grand prize, Graham has received honors ranging from Outstanding Bexar County Medical Student, and the United States Air Force's Outstanding Medical Exhibit to Outstanding Research Exhibit from the San Antonio Pathological Association and three special awards of merit from Science Fair judges for his exhibit.



An "Ugly Duckling," a red-headed poetry reciter, and a pole vaulter turned prose reader led MacArthur to a second place finish at UIL Academic Regionals in Corpus Christi April 19.

First place winners were: red haired Rick Railsbaik in boys poetry; Norman Thomas, a pole vaulter on the track team, in prose reading; and "The Ugly Duckling," the one-act play.

Of the remaining participants, Jeff Harmon qualified as alternate for state competition in informative speaking by placing second. The debate team of Pat Carlson and Zia Gibson were defeated in semifinals.

Typist Linda Gerhardt finished third. With first place awards in feature writing and headlining, Sara Jane Hawthorne ranked fourth in Journalism.

Edged by Austin McCallum, which tabulated 57 points, MacArthur gained 52 points followed by Alamo Heights and Lee.

First place finishers in each event will vie in state competition at Austin, May 3.

ROTC Riflemen Capture District Rifle Team Championship

MacArthur's ROTC marksmen shot up all competition Saturday, April 19, to capture the district rifle team title.

The dexterous sharpshooters won the District championship trophy by defeating Churchill by 30 points, Roosevelt placed third and Lee brought up the rear.

Individual high score trophy was won by MacArthur's Stephen Sellars with a score of 239. Sellars also won the trophy for individual high score in the standing position.

In addition to winning first place in district, the gunners loaded up on individual trophies.

The sharpshooting team consists of team captain Cadet LTC Scott Tarkenton, Cadet Major Timothy Miller, Cadet Robert Little, Cadet William Eicher, and Cadet Cecil Smith and Cadet Sellars.

Being the last North East high school to have rifle

range facilities, the accomplishments of the undefeated MacArthur ROTC exhibit excellent spirit and work.

Trophies and individual awards will be presented during drill competition at Blossom Athletic Center Saturday, May 3.



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Sports

McManus' Program Unifies Athletes

By Bob Winchester

Brawny football players swinging at golf balls? Tennis players running 220 yard dashes? MacArthur swimmers shooting baskets in the gym?

These and other unlikely sights might be seen any Wednesday afternoon at any one of MacArthur's athletic facilities.

The new program was instituted by head coach Vernon McManus to bring MacArthur athletes closer together by involving them in various athletic activities.

Coach McManus also wants to interest athletes in sports other than their own, hoping that these outside interests will carry into the future.

The program involves juniors and sophomores who will be returning next year in some athletic event.

In-season sports are unable to participate, however all teams will get a chance to meet each other at some time during the year.

The athletes have participated in various track events in their first two

meetings, and have formed varying opinions about the program.

Statements ranged from, "It gave me an opportunity to meet the other athletes at MacArthur," by track letterman David Williams to "It's a change of pace and gives us a chance to get out in the sun," by all-district basketball player Rick Celaya.

"You have a chance to be with other athletes and to know the other sports better," commented state champion swimmer Ray Ince.

Head track coach Wes Davis is very pleased by the program. "We hope to make the meetings even more exciting in the future to keep up with the enthusiasm that has already been produced."

The program's founder, Coach McManus, said of the program, "It has a lot of merit and we feel we have gotten off to a good start."

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This is what the average television fan notices. But that is the extent of it. The armchair quarterback tends to look upon an athlete as a collage of reflex actions with a minimum of brain power.

However, any coach or athlete will tell you that the psychological and mental state of the athlete is the most important factor of any athletic event.

In football, the biggest, strongest, and fastest should have an easy time racking up victories. This is but one of the many fallacies concerning sports.

The Dallas Cowboys, perhaps the best physical professional football team, always manage to lose the big games. The reason they give is that they weren't up enough for it. In other words, they weren't mentally ready for the game.

What the average fan doesn't know is that coaches spend as much time building a team psychologically as they do physically and mechanically.

Proof of this can be seen at MacArthur's field house during pep talks by the coaches, and in the athletes themselves. And one word heads the list of psychological aspects—PRIDE.

Phrases such as—"Hustle is in the head, not in the feet" and "An athlete should keep his feet as long as he can—his head always" are just a couple of examples the coaches use to build the spirit, drive, and mental readiness of their teams.

During the football season, if a fan can get near enough to a player, he will notice slogans like "Beat Lee," "We want it more," or "Go Big Blue" taped to the players' helmets to signify that each player is up mentally as well as physically.

An athlete is not just a bundle of trained reflex actions. At his best he is a thinking spirited individual.

The greatest victory is always a mental victory for winning is in the head — performance is in the body.

Brahma's Baseballers Slip To Sixth In District Standings

Slow starts, an unalert defense, and a long batting slump are just a few reasons why MacArthur's baseballers are in next to last place in district standings.

Jefferson branded the MacArthur Brahmas 7-3 April 3 at the Brahma's home field.

The key to the Mustangs victory was their ability to place hits strategically against an unalert Brahma defense. Another key to the win was the outstanding performance by the Mustang pitcher Eli Bormunda who allowed only four MacArthur hits.

Joe Graham gave up six runs in the first two innings and was replaced by freshman Jim Webb, who did an outstanding job the rest of the way allowing only one run and one hit.

After two innings of poor defensive baseball, the Brahmas settled down. Steve Aycock, Stan Shipley, and Webb scored

during a fifth inning rally but that was as close as the Brahmas could come against Bormunda and his Mustang teammates.

Mac 000 030 0-3-4-1
Jeff 430 000 0-7-7-0
Mac—Graham (L 3-2), Webb (2), and Moore. Jeff—Bormunda (W), and Mazuca.

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MacArthur had better luck against Alamo Heights as the Brahmas shutout the Mules, April 8 at the Mules' new stadium.

Mark Fetzer continued to prove the Brahmas most effective pitcher as he ran his record to 6-1 by scattering eight hits.

Rick Moore scored the only run Fetzer needed in the second inning. Stan Shipley scored in the fourth and Steve Aycock



Things have been rather dismal lately around the Mac Arthur dugout. The Brahmas have been unable to "put it all together" and have slipped to sixth place in district.

tallied in the fifth.

Mac 010 110 0-3-11-0
Ala. Hgts. 000 000 0-0-8-1
Mac—Fetzer (W 6-1) and Moore. Heights—Hames, Wilson (5), and Ware.

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Back home on April 10, the Brahmas met the slugging Highlands Owls who feel that if you're going to hit the ball, you might as well hit it right.

And that is exactly what the district leading Owls did as four of their seven runs were home runs.

Highlands' all-state pitcher Richard Guerra relieved in the fifth and saved the win. Guerra played right field the first part of the game and belted three home runs, two to straight-away center-field.

Jim Garner hit a home-run in the fourth to tie the game briefly. Scott Stevens and Steve Aycock scored in the seventh but it was too late and MacArthur fell to Highlands 7-3. This left the Brahmas record 2-3 in district play.

Mac 000 100 2-3-5-4
Highlands 100 140 1-7-10-2
Mac—Webb (L 1-1) Graham

(5), and Moore. Highlands—Pritchard, Guerra (6), and Goza.

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For a change, MacArthur got off to a good start during a baseball game but stumbled later on against Churchill.

As the blue-clad Brahmas came to bat in the first inning, the Churchill pitcher, Tom Bepko, walked Ken Pape and Randy Dietz and Ricky Moore followed with a two run single.

Both pitchers, Mark Fetzer of MacArthur and Bepko of Churchill, turned in excellent performances on the mound. Each allowed only six hits for the game.

Bepko kept the lid shut on the Brahmas after the two-run first inning.

Fetzer, giving up one run in the first inning, shut the door on the Chargers until the fifth inning when Churchill sallied for three additional runs.

MacArthur: 200 000 0-2-6-1
Highlands: 100 030 0-4-6-1
MacArthur: Fetzer (L 6-2) and Moore. Highlands: Bepko (W) and Barr.



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15 Tracksters Earn Letters

Track Coach Gene Smith has announced the names of 16 letterman for the 1969 season, six of whom will return next year.

All of this year's lettermen placed in district competition held April 3 at Alamo Stadium.

Letterman who will be missed next year are: hurdlers Mike Thompson and Kevin McMaughan; sprinters Gary Caswell, Don Haines, Roger Kies, and Doug Bachman; milers Mark Schnieder and Don Sommerville; and high jumper Tom Snider.

Returning lettermen are junior high jumpers Charles Forney and Jay Collins; sprinter David Williams; distance man Hal Vagtberg and Bill Spence; and pole vaulter Norman Thomas.

Also returning will be sophomore hurdler Ronnie Duvall, who qualified for regional competition.

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Swimmer Ray Ince Sets Sights On 1972 Olympic Games

"He's very unselfish and constantly working to improve the team."

"All anybody has to do is watch him in water. They can easily see he's a born swimmer."



Junior Ray Ince finishes another victory in the 100-yard freestyle.

"Ray, unfortunately, is not an all 'A' student but he is one of the cleanest cut boys I know. Somewhere along the line an athlete has to sacrifice and pay a price for his talents. Ray pays the price; he is an average student with an inborn talent for swimming."

"A coach couldn't ask for a better member on his team."

The comments go on and on by counselors, coaches, friends, and teammates.

Ray Ince, now a junior at MacArthur, started swimming at the ripe old age of three years. When he was ten he decided to start competing in swimming and has been a winner ever since.

Since Ray has been with the swim team at MacArthur, he has brought several trophies back to the cases at MacArthur.

In his freshman and sophomore years Ray

placed in the District and State Meets.

This year Ray helped led the team to a third place finish in the State Meet. Having won first places in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle in the District Meet, Ray went on to place first in the 50 yard freestyle and second in the 100 yard freestyle at State.

With the exception of the second place finish in State in the 100 freestyle yarder, Ray has not been beaten in individual events this year.

Although Ray cannot accept any scholarship offers until the end of his senior year, fellow teammates feel that when they come, (and in floods is how they'll come), Ray will have his choice.

"I haven't thought too much about any particular colleges," Ray commented, "but I wouldn't mind swimming for Texas or SMU."

Ray has his sights set for the Olympics in 1972 to be held at Munich, Germany.

Teammates and coach Don Dill feel that Ray shouldn't have any troubles qualifying at National tryouts or making the Olympic team.

With his record, neither does MacArthur.

Spring Sports Banquet Set For May 10

Final plans for the Spring Sports Banquet have been approved and Col. Maurice Holden, Booster Club president, announced the details.

The banquet will take place at 7:30 p.m., May 10 at the Blossom Athletic Center.

District Athletic Director Joe Bill Fox will be the guest speaker and will relate experiences he had while head coach at MacArthur.

The annual banquet is held in honor of all athletes participating in spring sports. At this time coaches will name spring lettermen and graduating seniors will be recognized.

The affair will be catered by Nelm's Bar-B-Que. Tickets are on sale at the main office. Student tickets cost \$2 and adults' cost \$3.

One Trackman Places At UIL Regionals

Five MacArthur tracksters ran with some of the best Friday, April 18, at the regional track meet held in Corpus Christi.

Senior sprinter Gary Caswell brought home a fourth place in the 440 yard dash.

Other Brahmas competing but not placing included: Tom Snider, high jump; Mike Thompson, high and intermediate hurdles; Don Duval, intermediate hurdles; and Charles Forney, high jump.



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Two members of the state champion girls swimming team are pictured during meets at the Northeast Pool. Tina Truet (left) cheers a fellow swimmer on while Carol Craven (right) nears the finish line.

Girl Swimmers Take State Again

Well, boys, they've done it again.

The girl swimmers of MacArthur finished out in front of a field of 42 teams to pluck the girls' state swimming championship for the third straight time.

The tankers amassed 227 points to easily outdistance runner-up Roosevelt's 147.

The Brahmas took two first places at the meet.

Sally Billmeier broke her own record in the 400 yard freestyle with a 4:32.7 clocking in the preliminaries.

The other first place went to the medley relay team of Bonnie Buchanan, backstroke; Tina Truet, breaststroke; Helen Seidel, butterfly; and Sally Billmeier, freestyle. These four girls also set a new state record of 2:06.1.



Those placed in finals were: Sarah Barbee, Sally Billmeier, Bonnie Buchanan, Carol Craven, Vesta Flaggert, Kathy Joyce, Joanne Lash, Riki Ison, Helen Seidel, and Tina Truet.

Brahma diver Paulette Gibson finished fifth in state.

Those going to state but not placing were Becky Buchanan, Cathy Flaggert, Karen Krueger and Kathy Lott.

Of the other Northeast teams Churchill tied Arlington for fourth and Lee placed ninth.

After winning the state championship, the girls threw Coach Don Dill in the pool. Unlike last year, the girls first let Coach Dill remove his contact lenses.

Mac Nine Drops Two At New Lighted Field

Douglas MacArthur and Robert E. Lee initiated the new baseball diamond at Northeast Stadium as the teams played under the lights for the first time.

In undoubtedly one of the best games of the season, Lee edged the Brahmas 1-0 with a run in the bottom of the tenth inning.

Although the game went into three extra innings before a run was scored, the contest was far from being an average pitcher's duel. While Mark Fetzer, now 6-3, walked only two Volunteers and allowed only two hits in 10 innings, Danny Pena of Lee, gave up eight hits and six walks, but no runs.

The Brahmas had several good chances to score but failed to get hits when they were needed. What the Brahmas lacked offensively, runs, they made up defensively along with the outstanding performance of Fetzer on the mound. An example was Randy Dietz' last ditch effort to catch a foul ball which resulted in his going through the newly constructed fence.

The fatal moment came in the bottom of the tenth as Lee had two outs and men on first and second. Jim Ferrer came to bat and hit the ball out into shallow right field. Right-fielder Terry Overton moved in on the ball but bumbled it for a few seconds and was late in getting the throw to the plate.

Mac: 000 000 000 0-0-8-2

Lee: 000 000 000 1-1-2-0

Mac: Fetzer (L 6-3) and

Moore

Lee: Pena (W) and Dahlberg.

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MacArthur was even less successful against the Rough Riders.

Roosevelt handed the Brahmas a 7-1 loss.

Charlie Jupe and Chip Hanes pitched in relief of Jim Webb who gave up four runs in the first inning. Dan Johnson of Roosevelt kept the lid tightly shut on the Brahmas as he allowed MacArthur only two hits.

Ken Pape scored the only Brahma run in the first inning.

Roosevelt: 400 012 0-7-8-4

MacArthur: 100 000 0-1-2-4

MacArthur: Webb (L), Jupe (2), Hanes (5), and Moore.

Roosevelt: Johnson (W) and Gibbs.

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