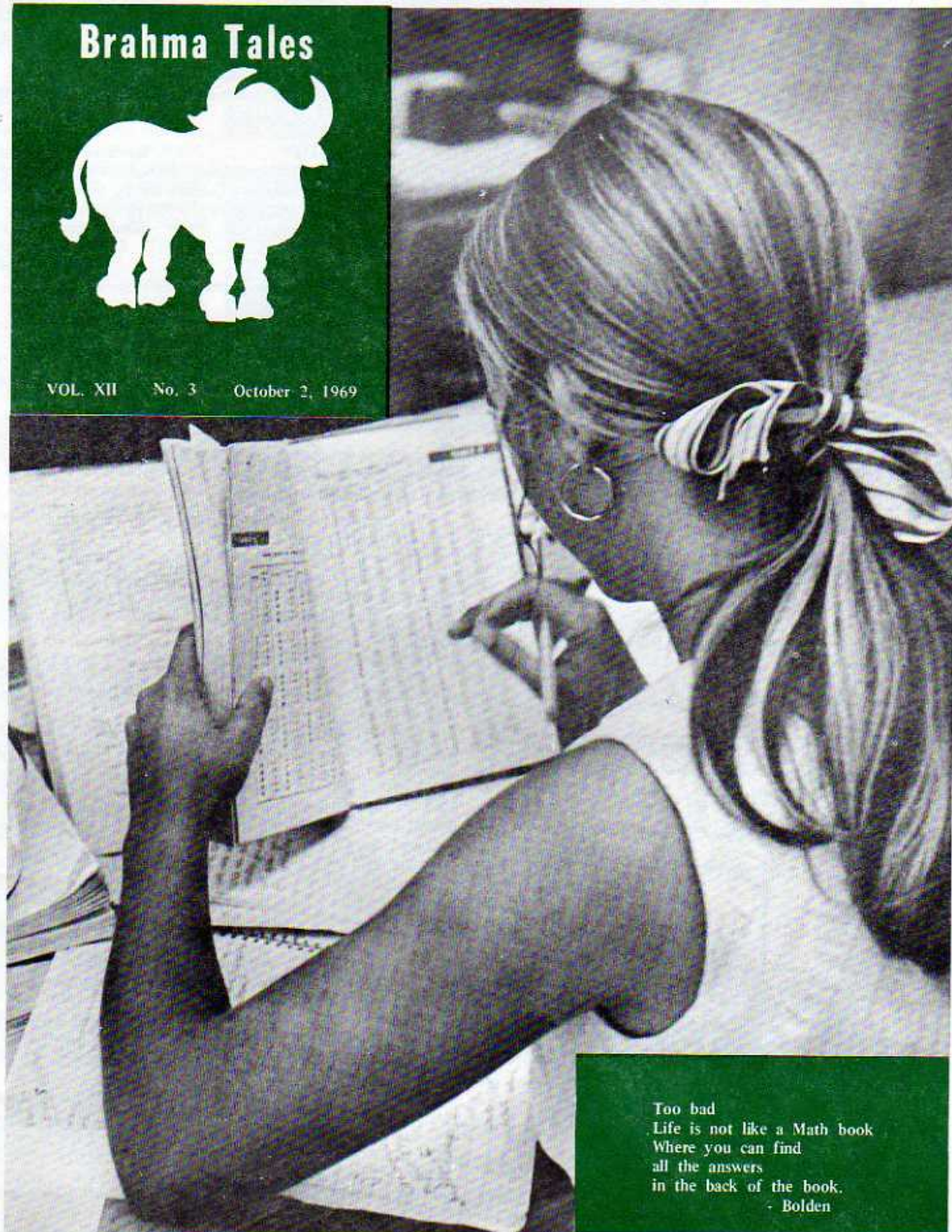


# Brahma Tales



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Too bad  
Life is not like a Math book  
Where you can find  
all the answers  
in the back of the book.  
- Bolden



# Male Cheerleaders Could Be Beneficial

Who does the yelling in the jungle, Tarzan or Jane? Who blew the mighty note that felled the walls of Jericho?

Who fired the shot heard round the world?

The answers to these questions leave no doubt but that for pure unadulterated noise, the male sex has no competition.

Then why does the cheerleading squad, an organization which depends so heavily on lung power, lack masculine members?

There is no dispute that football fans enjoy watching short skirted misses bounce around the field. However, over the blare of the band and mumbling crowds, surely a good strong bass voice yelling "Get'm Blue" would be beneficial.

For although many boys regularly attend the football games, the best voices may be stashed behind the back bleachers or so sprinkled throughout the quieter masses that much of the unified effect is lost.

Other schools on our schedule have already gone to co-ed cheerleaders.

We even know of a senior boy at MacArthur who may be interested, for he recently demonstrated his cheerleading aptitude at the Harlandale game.

And while the Lassies and Bairins might grumble at first, a couple of muscular arms and broad backs could be helpful lugging the tote bags and other equipment on and off the bus.

Come to think of it you never hear of a squaw giving the war whoop when the Injuns swoop onto the battlefield. Maybe the females are all home tending the braves with laryngitis.

Any boys who are interested in leading cheers and actively supporting their football team should speak to Mrs. Tankersley, Lassie Sponsor.



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## Gaseous Theory Explains Recent Flow Of Spirit

I've developed a theory.

Oh, nothing so profound like  $E^2 MC^2$  or  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ . But it is a theory of sorts.

To be proved: When a container of gaseous substance is allowed to remain open, the vapor seeps out into the atmosphere until it eventually spreads equally throughout an area. Therefore, one can find evidences of its presence everywhere.

In support I offer the following:

Exhibit A: Approximately three weeks ago the cork to the MacArthur Spirit Jug was stolen. The jug has remained unplugged since then.

Not surprisingly, there have been the usual complaints that spirit at football games has not been as high as in past years.

Perhaps this is because Brahma spirit is no longer bottled to be released in concentrated quantities one night a week, but has been permitted to permeate the entire campus and city.

Any loss of lusty yells at football games has been offset by increased enthusiasm in other areas.

Exhibit B: The first weeks of school have seen one of the most active, hardworking Student Councils in MacArthur's history. They have already manufactured a new mascot and sponsored a successful Howdy Week. They are now working on a revised constitution and are about to unveil their "Sound-off Board."

Exhibit C: The main office reports an unusually high rate of attendance, ranging from 96%-97% daily.

Exhibit C: Over 100 students tried out for parts in the school play "Midsummer Night's Dream".

Let's hope the 100% Brahma Spirit continues to flow into upcoming citywide projects such as T.A.P. and the March of Dimes.

Anyway, it's something to think about before re-corking the Spirit Jug.

# Student Council Members To Revise Constitution

by Duzie Gordon

"This Constitution. . . will become effective the first week of September, 1958."

Eleven years later, the Student Council has decided to update a constitution unchanged and unamended since its original ratification.

Ron Zimmerman, senior class president and chairman of the constitution committee, agrees the job

is not an easy one by any means. At least 27 changes need to be made just to modernize the existing articles.

The first article in contention, article III, membership, stands to weather the most changes. It includes such outdated procedures as: electing each representative from his respective advisory, the practice of including non-voting honorary members from each school organization, and excluding freshmen entirely from the rolls. In addition the existing constitution provides for no freshmen representatives, only two sophomores, four juniors and six seniors. The number now elected is 5, 6, 7, 8 respectively.

Three Student Council offices, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-arms (art. IV, sect 1) do not even exist under the present charter.

Since 1958, the office of secretary has been divided into two separate jobs: recording and corresponding.

Some offices, for example Treasurer, are granted powers that are now given to others. The job of maintaining the school store is now given to a representative while the Vice President's office presently holds no other power than to fill the President's place in his absence.

Article V, nomination and Election Procedures, erroneously provides for the exact date of Presidential and Vice Presidential speeches, with no provision for changing them. In ad-

dition, all other student council offices were to be elected by secret ballot within the Student Council body. Thus, all present officers were not elected correctly by present laws.

Besides merely updating and improving the constitution, Ronny Zimmerman explains that the committee was designed to "make the Council less a clique and more a cross-section of the students, bringing its role closer to a truly representative body. We are considering dozens of changes which would make the constitution more than just a piece of paper."

# Classes Elect Reps-At-Large

In elections characterized by tumultuous disputes and arguments, the 1969-70 Student Council representatives-at-large were finally elected.

In the most decisive election, freshman Laurie McCrimmon outdistanced Bill Clement 412-62.

The Sophomores, the only class not forced to hold a run-off, gave Richard Denson 325 votes, while Danny Armstrong and Anne Platt trailed with 125 and 105 respectively.

In junior runoffs, Ronny Duvall stepped ahead of Walter Thorman, 222-131.

And in senior elections, where accusations of ballot stuffing and vote changing marred first results, Susan Neider edged by Carol Rosenberg, 137-115.

## SEEN HER?



## KIRSTEN BEEBE

Kirsten is seen on campus as a member of Student Council, Executive Captain of the Bairins and a member of various clubs.

Kirsten can be found on the campus of MacArthur High School this year and you can bet her wardrobe for back-to-school wear is from Terri Jr.

The outlook for campus wear '69 is the young colorful witty look that is shaping things to come this season. For fashion know-how drop by Terri Jr. and see the cool selection of styles for wear on the sport scene.



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# File 13

By Brenda Speert



## "Midsummer Night's Dream" To Be Staged November 6



Claudia Erving, a member of last year's cast of the state-ranked one-act play, reads for a part in the drama department's Shakespearian comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

by Judy Shafer

"The course of true love never did run smooth" This quotation echoes the theme of "Midsummer Night's Dream." The upcoming production of MacArthur Drama Department. The Shakespearian play is a comedy on "the irrational nature of love."

Hermia (Joetta Hall) loves Hysander (Steve Williams), but her father insists she marry Demetrius (Mark Mitchell). Helena (Nance Hamby) is too tall to be loved by anyone. Enter Oberon and Titania (Norman Thomas and Anna Armstrong), King and Queen of Fairies, who possess a love potion which, when splashed around generously, adds to the general confusion.

The backbone of the play is the crews, who at-

every detail of production. Crew heads include: make-up, Trey Haagan; lighting, Will Shand; props, Gail Factor; house and publicity, Jeff Harmon; sets, Frances Moritz; and hair, Tina Dean.

The play, under the direction of Mrs. Janet Carroll, will be performed, November 6, in the MacArthur Auditorium, 8 p.m. Admission is \$.50 for students and \$1.00 for adults.

...The attendance secretaries' reputation for greeting Student absenteeism with heart-felt condolences climaxed with an unprecedented display last Tuesday. With the American Flag draped over the counter and the secretaries huddled near the mourning scene, the office gave the impression of administering students last rites or rights. Luckily, the flag was temporarily housed inside because of cause of rain.

...The advent of the number 13 failed to rouse superstition. The number in fact actually boosted spirits as the group of National Merit Semi-Finalists gained Jeffery Whigham, a transfer student from Virginia.

...The F.H.A. elected Senior Jay Collins, Junior Brian Kies, Sophomore Danny Armstrong, and Freshman John Baucntine as beaus while Freshman representative posts went to Debbie Green and Sara Lee.

...OBITUARY: The magazines and newspapers residing on the library racks went to an unnatural death according to Librarian Cordelia Cantu. Cause of passing was speculated as negligence by their readers who inflicted cavities in body type. Those wishing to pay respects should henceforth render a dime to photo copy articles found at the last minute for Civics current events assignments and research papers.

...Mrs. Mary Reeves, supervisor of the English Lab, extends her appreciation to Patty Grant, Sandra Jebens, Judy Sanders, Susan Wesch, and Linda Brooks for temporary aid in organizing the workroom, which is a storage area for the paperback book collection, and a meeting room for the English faculty. For continuing assistance, Barbara Carter and LeNan Lewis also deserve thanks.

...With no intent to discredit cafeteria comestibles, consumers of french fries and other mildly seasoned foods would enjoy easily accessible provisions of salt and pepper.

...When a Student Council poll requesting opinions about what group students would enjoy having perform at MacArthur was taken, some choices were bound to lose. John Wayne, Tiny Tim, The Hill Country Pioneers of Fredricksberg and the Hal Vagtborg Trio did not make the grade against favorites like the Association, Spirit, Jim Hendrix, and Iron Butterfly. The Student Council, with this information, is attempting to engage one of the groups.

...Contrary to his opinion, any resemblance between Coach Bill Moseley, the man with charisma and a lousy overhead smash, and the world's most accomplished tennis player is purely coincidental.

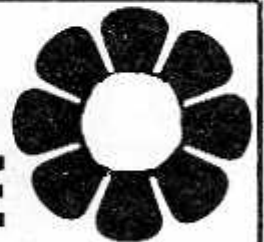


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## MacArthur's Accreditation Checked

The visitors discreetly touring campus last week had more than a passing interest in MacArthur.

The congregation of 50 people, representing educators from various Texas cities, were collaborating to submit an evaluative report to the Southern Association of Colleges and High Schools!

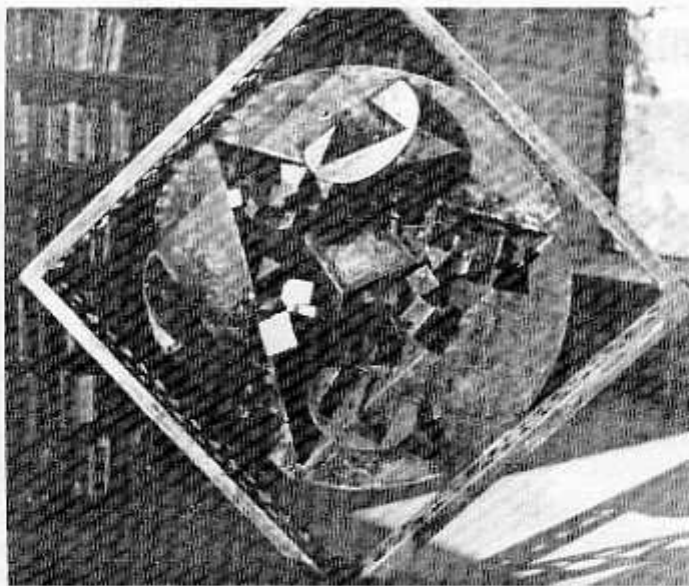
MacArthur, which underwent the first of two objective evaluations the week of September 21, represents just a small part of the visitor's North East District target.

To insure comprehensive coverage, the same team of observers will delve into the academic structure of MacArthur, October 12-16.

Upon completion of this phase, a summarized report will be compiled. This document and a bound self-evaluative report completed last year will be submitted as criteria for renewal of MacArthur's Southern Association membership.

A Southern Association accreditation confirms nationally a school's reputation for continuing educational achievement in all areas of instruction. Colleges can ascertain the quality of education received if the student graduated from an accredited school.

The North East District plunged into this evaluation as a five year check-up of operations. The District, which provided accommodations for the area educators at the Sheraton Inn, sought to conduct the district-wide scrutinization at a time when the district is "Entering the 70's" with a new set of goals.



Mr. Ray Biggs' creation, "The Trinity" is on permanent display in the library. Mr. Biggs, art instructor at MacArthur, designed the structure and supervised construction done by the vocational department.

Photo by Robert Worley

## 16 Choir Members Vie For All-State

by Pat Murphy

Do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do!

More than a simple recitation of the musical gamut will decide if any of MacArthur's 16 choir contestants will earn a place on the 1970 All-State Choir, sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association.

There are three levels of tryouts. The first is the October 4th regional tryouts at San Antonio College, with 16 students from each high school in the region allowed to enter.

Eighty students will be picked from the hundreds of students expected to enter the All Regional Choir tryouts.

Later in the fall the Regional Choir members compete in Area tryouts, which include towns around San Antonio, and in the Rio Grande Valley. This competition will be at San Antonio College.

The third and final test will be at Corpus Christi. Only eight people from each region are chosen for the All-State Choir.

For each tryout, contestants must memorize three selections. In Area tryouts, contestants must sing a universal song and their individual selections.

Students are judged on the overall sound of their voices, voice techniques, and music memorization.

The All-State Choir Concert is scheduled in Dallas for February. These voices are considered the best in Texas. Each year a well-known conductor conducts the choir.

Some of the MacArthur contestants are: First soprano-Phyllis Trcka. Alice Forrester; Second soprano-Lynn McIntyre; First alto-Ann Armstrong, Kerry Kamperman; Second Alto-Barbi Dobbs; First tenor-Jim Taylor, Don Tedder; Second tenor-David Kamperman, Dean Hamilton; First base-Mark Dawson, Jamie Webster; Second bass-Tom Jerry, Jerry Krueger.

## Car Rallye Scheduled For Friday Night

The Key Club's annual Car Rallye will be held Friday October 3.

Starting point is the MacArthur parking lot. Each car will contain a driver and a navigator, who will be given a list of checkpoints. The driver will then drive as quickly as possible (within the speed limits) to the first checkpoint. After signing in, the contestants then proceed to the second, third, and fourth checkpoints, until they return to MacArthur.

If any car should arrive back before a specified time, it will be disqualified for speeding. In case of a tie, the odometers of the cars in question will be checked, for the correct mileage. (The mileage of the route has already been predetermined.) All car odometer's will be checked and recorded prior to the start of the race.

Individual entries will be \$1.50 and may be paid until 5:30 Friday. Clubs wishing to enter a car in the special inter-club contest will be charged \$3.00 per car. Entry fees must be paid in the Journalism Room before the end of school Friday.

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# Brahma Tales Peers Into The Cafeteria



Text by Brenda Speert with photographs by  
Ron Zimmerman and Dave Kamperman

## CHAPTER ONE

See the MacArthur cafeteria.  
It is the center for food consumption.  
It is neat, clean, and tidy. . . now.  
Too bad some of its occupants aren't.  
Soon the hunger stricken student body  
will race to be the first to chew  
the bits of tempting morsels. . . brought from home.  
Hot lunchers savor today's five course meal of beef stew  
which rates with yesterday's gourmet cuisine of. . . beef stew.



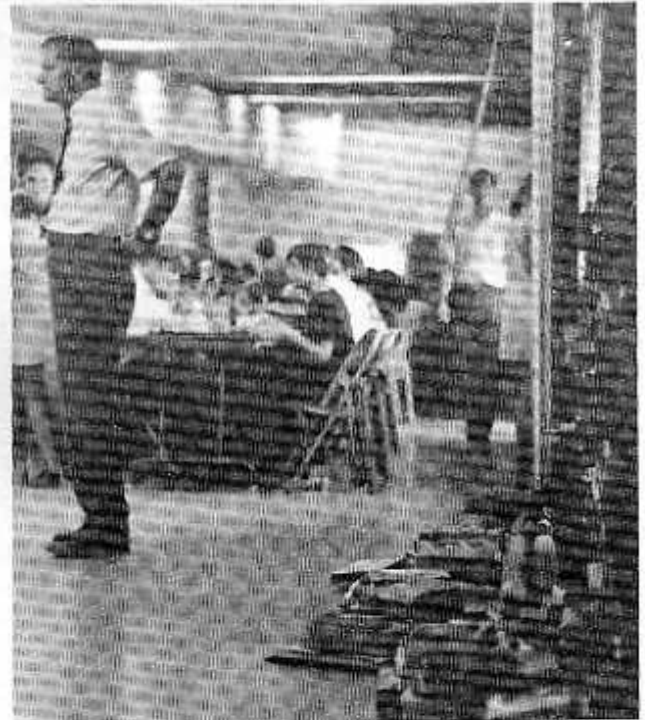
## CHAPTER TWO

See the cashier.  
She has worked hard  
To prepare good food with a good selection.  
Maintain a clean facility for students.  
Make the food displays easily seen and accessible.  
Make servicing of food quick.  
Provide the utmost in accommodations.  
Why then, when the bell rings, do students  
destroy this civilized atmosphere  
and storm in like animals?



## CHAPTER THREE

See the typical noontime scene.  
Everybody's happy. . . that they found table space  
and that they're not sitting in spinach juice.  
Yet, there are four mistakes in this picture.  
One is the out of place chair.  
The books on the table are number two.  
A third is the people milling around, and  
The last is that lunch has been over for five minutes.



## CHAPTER FOUR

See the man.  
He is a teacher.  
Fourth period, he is a supervisor.  
He is stationed to handle disturbances  
whether it be fights, line cutting, or of gastric nature.  
He is there to help you. . .  
get out of the cafeteria quickly.  
Obey him. If it weren't for messy or unruly lunchers,  
he wouldn't have to be there.

