

# Brahma Tales



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No man is esteemed  
for gay garments,  
but by fools and women.  
—Sir Walter Raleigh



## PROS and CONS

Dear Editor,

Thursday, the seniors held their election for student council representatives. There is something I would like the student body to know about. Maybe you can make it possible.

STUDENT A: Hey, who won the senior election?  
STUDENT B: Oh? Haven't you heard?

STUDENT A: Heard what?  
STUDENT B: We have to vote again; somebody voted 25 times.

STUDENT A: Why??  
STUDENT B: Oh, I don't know. I guess they thought they were cool.

STUDENT A: You mean we have to have a run off?  
STUDENT B: Yeah

STUDENT A: That seems kinda odd; there were only two candidates anyway.  
STUDENT B: Well, that's what happens when people don't have the honesty to vote accordingly.

STUDENT A: Boy, I sure feel sorry for whoever did that. They make the whole senior class look bad. There gonna have to change their

ways before they graduate and go out into the world.  
STUDENT B: Yeah, if they graduate. I'm hoping that perhaps someone will feel a little shame when the senior class is disgraced.

Doug Kirk (senior)

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Dear Editor,

Much of the screaming that took place at the end of last year about how terrible things are has died down. But there are still things to be done. Since you have to start somewhere, I will pick a small issue. Why can't the people in the snack bar line have trays to carry their food on? It is very annoying to finish a meal and then have to pick up greasy, sticky trash with your hands. Many people simply leave it on the table. What is the reason for no trays? Will the staff be overworked? They will have more trays to wash, but the floors and tables will be cleaner. I think that it would balance out.

Wayne Seipel

# Walkathon Reveals Lack Of Leadership

Attempts to instigate school-wide participation at MacArthur dissipate into a disjointed effort. The recent bustle over the TAP Walk-a-Thon illustrates the omission of plans and preparations.

The time factor initially hindered any truly effective results in the TAP campaign. Having received notice only two days in advance of the Walk-a-Thon's existence by the Student Council, the student who had arranged plans previous to this announcement had no choice but to expel any possibility to contribute hours to the cause.

Futhermore, to the individual conscious where his money and spare time drains, the presentation of the organization's aims proved inconclusive. Not once in the assembly did an explanation document how the money would be utilized and on what basis the gains would be distributed to the recipients.

On account of this and not the unwillingness to participate did some students refrain from committing themselves to join in the drive. This instance of neglect mars the appeal of the novelty of this money raising project.

Parallel to the rather sudden spurt of dutifulness inaugurated by the Council, is the lack of leadership in unifying MacArthur into one distinct force. The competitiveness among the various clubs and groups at MacArthur de-accentuates any intra-school cooperation to boost results as a whole.

Meanwhile, the sapping of the MacArthur populace's energies verges on spontaneous involvement. The selection of charitable institutions which MacArthur aids appears stilted to those few which rouse MacArthur's interest instead of those which MacArthur judges to be worthy. This imbalance creates skepticism when more representative organizations such as the United Fund, which allocates donations proportionately to over 50 charities, miss consideration.

In view of these facets in materializing a well-rounded program for voluntary contributing to charities, MacArthur needs more direction and information in securing the services of the student body.

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# Kiltys Add Wee Bit Of Tradition To Band

by Doug McAxelrod

This article is an effort by a band member to make clear the recent appearance of the kilt at MacArthur.

Kilts are an age-old article of clothing and are based on man's desire to expose his limbs. However, he found it was easier to cover his limbs than to go out on one. This denial of subconscious kneed resulted in the

bad emo-shins that always result when man is hemmed in.

Kilts originally started in Scotland and it is to Scotland we owe this great legacy. Many centuries ago, the men of Scotland became unhappy with their boring lives and were about to hit bottom. It was agreed that these Scotch on the Rocks needed their Highland Fling so they decided to become the original hippies. This article of clothing is called a kilt because that's what they would get if any foreigners ever saw them.

Recently at MacArthur, in order to uphold our Scotch tradition, the drummers of the band were given the choice either to wear kilts or to wear kilts. We chose the latter.

With a thigh of defeat we girdled our loins for what was to come while the Taylor was sent to pleat our cases.

Now that we have worn them publicly it is time to dispel some ugly rumors and get down to the bare facts.

Though there are some of us with skinny legs, we have not had to resort to support knee socks and there are no production plans for tighter kilts. Mini-kilts are always a possibility but we will definitely not resort to white long Johns with horizontal tartan racing stripes. Nor do we kiltys use Nair for softer, smoother, more supple legs.

We wish to make it clear that we have no pronunciation problems and do not say "Think or Thwim." Any one who says different gets hit with a purse.

In closing I would just like to make it perfectly clear, that just because we wear kilts, doesn't mean we're easy.

## SEEN HER?



KATHY MOORE

Kathy is seen on campus as a student aid and a member of various clubs.

Kathy 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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The Roosevelt Student Council members Karen Lamport, Darlene Hurst, Tim Swan, and Lisbeth Paxton, visited MacArthur to discuss inter-school problems this week.

## Roosevelt, MacArthur Councils Discuss Inter-school Relations

A stolen "spirit jug," a "misplaced" Roosevelt banner, and walls and sidewalks plastered with red and blue and black paint are defiant signs of unharnessed, and therefore dangerous, school spirit.

With this in mind, five MacArthur representatives journeyed to Roosevelt last week on a mission designed to improve inter-school relations, damaged by misuse and mistrust.

Ted Alexander, student council president, Karen Andrews, Lassie drum major, Ross Johnson, band president, Shelley Bowman, head cheerleader, and Dolores Dixon, head Brama-dora, spoke individually to Roosevelt's Student Council. Each expressed a personal desire to change the attitude of their school concerning the events surrounding the Brahma - Rough Rider football game, Oct. 2.

Completely surprised by the unscheduled meeting, the Roosevelt representatives expressed their thanks for a meeting that successfully restored both good faith and hope for the future.

And so, MacArthur Stu-

dent Council was equally surprised and pleased this week by a return visit by four Roosevelt representatives. Karen Lamport, Student Council president; Tim Swan, Council vice-president; Darlene Hurst, council treasurer; and Lisbeth Paxton, Student Council secretary.

One of the delegates, Tim Swan, formerly a student at MacArthur, voiced both school's sentiments, as he talked about the detrimental effects of uncontrolled school spirit. "Rivalry is one thing, but destruction is something else... I can see the game next year, I'll drive up to the school and it won't be there."

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# File 13

By Brenda Speert



... Foreign Student Bente Ingvarson found following the drama department's rehearsals of "Midsummer Night's Dream" difficult. To resolve the language barrier, Bente mailed a request to her family for a Danish copy.

... The Mac Band gained city-wide attention via Paul Thompson from the nature of one of their musical selections played at the Roosevelt football game. The song "Hey, Big Spender" was dedicated to Turnkey III.

... The Chess Club has formulated under the direction of Mr. Bill O'Brien and President Doug Pautz. Any person desiring organized chess competition and able to attend the Wednesday meetings at 7:30 p.m. should contact Mr. O'Brien in room 103.

... The Future Business Leaders of America has determined officers and planned a banquet. Tommy Berry holds the presidency while Steve Atkins, Bette Garrett, Pam Merkin, and John Garner complement the executive listing as vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and chaplain.

... Linda Jolly undertakes leadership of the senior VOE club which is selling Mac cushions at \$1.04 each. Subordinate officers elected are Vice-President Elaine Carl, Secretary Sandra Jebbens, Treasurer Cindy Jureski, and Reporter-Historian Denise Ouimette and Janice Hollingsworth.

... **HELP WANTED:** Mrs. Cordelia Cantu, MacArthur librarian, seeks assistance with the library inventory. Anyone who wants to offer their services before, during or after school should notify Mrs. Cantu.

... The Brahmadoras presented an elaborate cake to Coach McManus for distribution to the football team at lunch. Having hoped to bolster spirit, the Brahmadoras were distraught to receive only a rebuttal of "The boys aren't hungry now."

... Sports integration hit MacArthur, but the issue caused no below par effects. The problem was teed-off when two girls appeared at a golf meeting, but the all male team decided not to change its constitution.

... The legality of the littering of circulars on car windshields by the Key Club remains questionable. With school policies rigid on prohibiting distribution of political and religious pamphlets, petitions, and underground papers, as examples, it would seem that the disturbance of private property should be unallowed.

... A new fad was set recently and so was a MacArthur student's leg. Hoping to popularize parachuting, two seniors braved a 3000 foot fall near San Marcos. One jumper glided to a soft landing, but the other, Frank Sawtelle received the breaks of the game, a double fracture of the ankle.

# Council Approves Many Additions

by Duzie Gordon

Know who's providing a brand new juke-box for the cafeteria?

Know who's attempting to provide a new walkway for drenched travelers on rainy days?

Know who's struggling to secure senior privileges for seniors now and in years to come?

The Student Council originally created to be influential voice for students requests and grievances, has redeemed its pledge to reflect and defend campus opinion.

The new juke box, proposed walkways and senior privileges are only three resolutions screened and approved by the Student Council in the past two weeks.

Debated and discussed since its removal last year, the juke box has at least returned to the Student Center. Complaints from occupants from the larger cafeteria have sent a council committee into action to arrange for speakers; and allow all lunchers to the benefits.

The newest addition to the council, the Student Grievances committee, is presently seeking ways to cover one or more campus walkways to shelter drenched travellers on wet days. More book shelves for the cafeteria and benches for afternoon bus riders are among the proposes being discussed.

Senior privileges, a favorite topic of students, emerged again with this years seniors. Ronnie Zimmermann, senior class president, and David Janes, senior representative, head a committee to outline resolution and requests and will submit them to the administration. One request: to make the Student Center Exclusive senior, heads the list.

Soon the Student Council will resume its job as the coordinating body of all club projects. Their primary duties will be screening club projects to insure an appealing variety of activities for the school. This double-checking will prevent clubs from beginning similar projects and receiving little response.

Other smaller projects, such as, supplying each classroom with an American flag, coordinating TAP projects to aid the March of Dimes, and financing a Western Dance will combine with larger, more fundamental efforts to set the pace for a stimulating year.

## Boys May Enroll Now For Draft

**FOR BOYS ONLY!**

Refraining from registering with your selective service board within five days after your eighteenth birthday may result in a misdemeanor or felony punishable by law.

Now, all eligible boys contact Mr. Sydney King, administrative assistant, to register, instead of applying at the official draftboard.

Mr. King, selected by the local draft board to be MacArthur's registration clerk, may be contacted in the 300 wing during any school day.

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## Ten Choir Contestants Reach Region

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

The results of the first stage of All-State Choir tryouts are in, and MacArthur qualified 9 members and 1 first alternate.

San Antonio College hosted the tryouts Saturday, Oct. 4. Second tryouts are scheduled November 15.

Students getting through this competition will go on to area tryouts in December.

The choir members who qualified for further competition included:

Soprano-Phyllis Trcka, Alice Forrester;

2d soprano-Lynne McIntyre, Elizabeth Lockhart;

1st alto-Anna Armstrong, Kerry Kamperman;

Tenor-James Taylor;

Baritone-Mark Dawson;

1st Alternate-Bass-Jerry Krueger.



One of the many services offered in vocational training is repairing air conditioners. Here, senior Rick Hoffman works on an old air conditioner.

## Voc. Dept. "Mr. Fixit" For Students, Teachers

Need a refrigerator or air conditioner repaired? Are your lawn chairs or horse trailers in need of welding? Would you like a book typed up, a honeycomb mailbox made, or pep rally stands constructed?

The MacArthur vocational classes are open for business, with all students and teachers considered eligible customers.

With a possible savings of up to 70%, the air conditioning and refrigeration classes will repair window units and automobile air conditioners and home refrigerators. The classes need the practice, not the money. The charge is for materials only.

Welding classes will repair any type of steel household appliances, lawn chairs and trailers. At the cost of materials and 10% for wear and tear of machinery, a great amount of money can be saved while the classes get experience and training they need.

It was the morning welding classes that found

the red Spirit Jug and restored it to Brahma blue and white in time for the Roosevelt game.

Other vocational classes have contributed much to MacArthur. The C.V.A.E. classes built the cheerleaders pep rally stands and are working on a honeycomb mailbox for the newspaper and annual staffs.

Last year, VOE typing students typed up The Taurus, MacArthur's anthology. Teachers can have worksheets typed for them, and any duplicating done.

If a student, parent, or teacher has an appliance they wish to have repaired, it should be brought to the vocational building. Welding jobs should be taken to Mr. William Trcka, and air conditioning and refrigeration repairs to Mr. Gary Bacon. Students will inspect the item and give their estimate of the repair cost. No labor charge is involved.

The vocational classes would like the experience. Wouldn't you like to save a great deal of money?

## S.C. Sponsors Western Dance

Howdy podner!

Cowpokes and cowgirls alike will don their spurs when the MacArthur Student Council presents its first western dance, Friday Oct. 25 in the MacArthur cafeteria.

From 8-12, the Dickey Brothers will rock the school dance hall with country-western music for all would-be cowhands.

The chuckwagon, stocked by the Student Council, will provide hot tamales and root BEER for all thirsty hands in need of refreshments.

The Student Council has decided to stage this Western Dance for all cowboys and cowboys-at-heart to contrast with stereotyped "sock hop" dances.

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## MacArthur Band Rakes Up \$7600

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Profits are to be used for the band's annual trip to Buccaneer Days in Corpus Christi.

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