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Brahma Tales



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There comes a time
in every man's life
when he must grasp the bull by the tail
and face the situation

— W. C. Fields

National Pamphlet Stirs Controversy

Circulation of a pamphlet on student's rights by the National Association of Secondary School Principals has created a hair-raising situation.

Though it is more than healthful for students to be exposed to a wide scope of opinions and to the different arguments of an issue, the weight the student body put on this one source was unbearable. Many works are published every year, but merely because writing gets printed does not validate it as outstanding literature. Works like *The Thoughts of Mao*, *Portney's Complaint*, and the *Brahma Tails* hit the public without such accreditation.

The booklet in question affirms students right in the matter of dress, education, and representation. Yet, just as the Constitution is interpreted broadly so can the decisions set by a minor national group be "localized."

Students who insist on exercising the prerogative of determining what they wear, what they learn, and what they can say are actually missing a significant point in life.

The District's policies are for the good of the student. They have the student's well-being in mind.

Rules should be adhered to. As the older generation, the District knows what is best for its pupils.

BRAHMA TAILS

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District Officer May Be Involved

Brahma Tails Mouse Missing - Feared Lost

As told to Mary Jane Hawthorn

Because of circumstances beyond Percy's control, he will no longer appear in this column. Taking his place, however, is a promising new campus personality.

Upon hearing of the demise of one of the Brahma Tails' leading informants and the recruiting of a new staffer, BT editor Brenda Spirt stated, "I think the addition will be good for all the cats on campus, but it's a shame the mice have lost their voice."



Objection Over-ruled

by Mark Mitchell



by Attorney Gen. Mark Mitchell

"I am sorry Mr. Alexander, but you are now officially removed from your post as Student Council President. Please accept your regular post as peon. . . I mean pupil of MacArthur High School."

Thus began the tragedy of change that was to shove a double edged sword into the vitals of MacArthur student government, only to find that there exist no vitals to MacArthur student government.

In order to give the ruling body of MacArthur a more uniform standard of leadership and to decrease student voice on campus, MacArthur has decided to phase out the student council and replace it with a ROTC triumvaret.

In an exclusive interview with the junta's Secretary of Fun in War, Major Charles Wartrouskey, I asked about the changes that would be made on campus.

The rifle team will be assigned to deal with any dissent on campus. When asked about the new campus police, "Hawk" commented "Our primary target will be those people which seek to divide the existing power structure. We will also aim for those people who even talk about it. Sure, we may eliminate a few innocents, but that's the price of freedom!"

In an already thriving beurocracy, the major sent me to visit the jefe, William Eicher, and I inquired as to the reaction of the students to this radical state of events.

"Look, these peasents. . . that is, students (With a freudian slip that was becoming characteristic of the new government) have'nt gotten upset about anything this whole year, why should they now."

He stumped on saying, "Besides, the students can only vote for their president from among a chosen few anyway, at least we're not being hypocritical."

In an effort to discover how the junta obtained funds for the overthrow, I marched down to the office of Generalismo in Charge of Vice, James Sweet.

He called these facts to my attention. "We were very fortunate to have the backing of an extremely

generous group that assured us they had the real needs of the students at heart." Clicking my heels in appreciation, I initiated an orderly about-face and made my way back to the office of the jefe.

I asked Eicher a final question, How long do you plan to rule? "We hope to get to the point where we will just fade away and let our school rule themselves, but until that time the students will have to be satisfied with a mouthful of cake."

But why must the Brahma Tail's April 1 issue always have so much truth in it?"

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File 13

By Brenda Speert



... A plainclothed BT reporter who undercovered the Future Homemakers, Future Teachers, and Future Business Leaders meeting reported that after this one encounter, it was easy to see why "future" precedes each club's name.

... Assistant Principal Lawrence Lane sounded off 1.31 points lower on the Hooper ratings. The radio evaluation service ranks him a notch below KITE's "Secret Sound" and a slot above the Dan Smoot Report. Lane's public addresses were demoted as "disturbing elements" during the noon time gab session.

... In the rating field, MacArthur has earned another star (this makes five) in the Mobile Travel Guide's section, "Sleeping Accommodations."

... The Texas Highway Department announced today that because MacArthur has met fencing regulation and boasts a fleet-footed watchman, Mr. Oscar Light-foot, the school has qualified as a Border Patrol. All fences will be carefully observed.

... An embarrassing mix-up occurred at a recent administrator's conference held on the MacArthur campus. The press release "Student-made dress codes and inter-school discussions lead priorities of secondary principal at MacArthur" caused a tremble unequalled on the Richter scale. Through a misspelling of "principle" to "principal," the heading made an invalid assertion.

... Teachers for 1970-1971 have been determined by the draft system. Students first drafts were given to Mrs. Virginia Peak (two months early so that she would grade them before the year expired); a second draft notified Mr. Norman Hitzges of his new professional status, Uncle Sam accredited; and an overwhelming draft breezed toward Mrs. Edith Speert for her attempts in obliterating the 500 wing heating unit which operates at 70° degrees and above.

... By popular demand, the widely acclaimed MacArthur High School Student Council has billed B.J. Thomas for a return engagement which will take place April 7 as a one month commemoration of that priceless "first-time ever" event. In view of the 80% student body declaration of support, the Council at all costs has initiated another profitable effort.

... The high cost of busing has prompted NEISD to introduce tokens immediately. Tokens will be required to board the buses. "This was done in order to balance the busing operations so that the district finances will finish in the black."



"\$1, \$1, \$1, \$1, \$1, let's see, that will be only 37 more haircuts to buy my toupee."

PORNOGRAPHY Invades Library Shelves

Mrs. Cordilla Cantu pleads with the students to cease sneaking pornographic literature onto the sacred shelves of the library; or she will be forced to install a book-check at the entrance door.

Innocent naive library assistants have been shocked to discover obscenity stuffed between Shakespeare and Wordsworth.

Especially popular with those who advocate baring the facts is the 300-400 section where the smutt smellers have routed out stacks of shivering ladies wearing only creases.

Opponents to Sex Education in the Schools have taken up the clamor "Put

Playboy back in the Home Where It Belongs" while advocates cry "Liberty in the Library."

Shades will be hung over the huge glass windows to prevent the recent gatherings of students eager to view the inside floor show. However some feel there are definite possibilities for a Student Council Fund raising project levying a cover charge for admission to the library.

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Revitalized Dress Code Put On Point System Finally!

In his weekly press conference and editing period, Vice-principal Jamesh Davish announced the new activity-points regulations and its relation to the new dress code.

Davish was responding to the recent Student Console poll to remove hypocrisy implicit in the old dress code by institutionalizing this hypocrisy in the new dress code.

Under the new deal, the execution of the dress code provisions become more lax as a student compiles points.

For example, if a student attains the APES (Activity-Point Equality Sum) of 10, "He/She may go without a belt, and/or without his/her shirttail out."

At the APES of 15, he/she/it may wear culottes, sandals and slacks.

At 20, them/its may wear shorts and wear hair to the shoulders. For boys, the hair limit is the navel.

At the maximum rated level of 25 APES, dress rules are no longer in effect. A 25-point over-achiever, however, must wear an administration chosen insignia, an "Administration Cross" (a new generation Blue Max.)

This last provision raised the immediate question of counterfitting of Blue Maxes. At last report, three factories had begun production.

Inadvertently, the Student Council was overlooked as an activity worthy of points. Perhaps in subsequent editions of the dress code and after the balancing of the budget, the Student Council will be recognized as an entity.

Davish's office issued the following point scale:

| ACTIVITY | POINTS | | POINTS |
|-----------------------------|--------|---|--------|
| Athletics | | whistle "God Save the Queen and bless you too Mr. Pearson | 6 |
| Football Players | 20 | Student Aides | |
| All other sports | 1 | counselors office | 1 |
| Quitters | 3 | attendance office | 2 |
| Spirit Organizations | | main office | 5 |
| Cheerleaders | 15 | Vocational Students with jobs | 0 |
| Brahmadoras | 10 | placed in National competition or who make over \$15,000 a year | 1 |
| Lassies & Bairns | 9 | Political Parties | |
| Flag Twirlers | 2 | Bible readers | 11 |
| Band | | SDS | *NR |
| regular | 4 | Young Republicans | 12 |
| Those that can also | | Members of all three | 20 |
| | | Cowboys | |
| | | regular | 3 |
| | | those that have actually seen a horsey, (excepting wooden or hobby) | 5 |
| | | Senior Superlatives | |
| | | Winners | -2 |
| | | Nominees | -1 |
| | | Common Folk | 0 |
| | | *not recognized | |



HEAD CHEERLEADER SHELLIE Bowman encourages student body yells in the spontaneous marathon Chess Pep Rally March 23-26 in the Boys Gym. Principal George Vakey's only comment was: "As long as you shout, we'll stay out."

SEEN HIM?



Vernon McManus

Vern is head coach, study hall monitor, and all around sweet guy.

He can be found in the field house at MacArthur High School and you can bet his wardrobe for showering attire is from Terry, Jr.

The out-look for sports wear '70 is the young colorful witty look that is shaping things to come this season. For fashion know-how charge by Terry, Jr. and see the cool selection of styles for grid-iron wear.

TERRY JR.

Bubble-headed Bored Denounces Dome

"This may well be the most bubble-headed attempt at student government we have seen."

This is the official comment issued by the North East School Board concerning a recent proposal by MacArthur Student Council members' attempt to improve campus facilities.

Originated by Jane David, the proposal entailed enclosing the campus with a plastic dome, making the need for new sidewalks, drainage sites, and fencing obsolete. Constructed of jet-age plastic, the dome would

keep out all precipitation, smog and air. Using an ingenious hole cut in the side of the dome, air would be piped in through the office.

When questioned about the cost of the project, James said "The cost would approximate a B.J. Thomas concert or a solid gold suggestion box. Of course, we have counted on already existing hot air to keep the dome inflated without the need for struts."

Band Cops Poteet Prize

Following in the Big Blue Brahma Five Star Spirited Effort All The Way Tradition, the Mac band won first place in the 1/2A Poteet Invitational Harpsicord competition last Friday.

Plagued by audience disinterest, the band belted out such 'indescribably fantastic' songs as "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," "Sugar, Sugar" and "Tiptoe Through the Tulips." As one of the Judges put it, "John, I dont know what to say, YECHH!"

Nabbing awards for MacArthur were Walter Thorman and Arthur Damm, tying for "best impersonations." Brian Taylor won "Most Thoroughly Covered Band Jacket."

We are all looking forward to April 26, when the MacArthur Band will march in the River Parade.

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Kicked Around Grounds Improvements OK'ed!

Action has finally been taken on the grounds improvement that's been kicked around for so long. The School Board decreed that improvements work will begin Apr. 2.

The beautiful patio that's a flood center on rainy days since its completion will have a ferry on flood days. The ferry will be a 16 foot army surplus raft that holds 2 people and two books per person. The ferry will run 10 times during each passing period, each trip a ½ a minute.

Pick-up points will be in front of the 300 wing

and at the entrance between the library and cafeteria. A fee of .25 per person will be charged. All profits will sent directly to B.J. Thomas.

In order to get rid of the mud, all grass areas will be cemented including the track and football field. Coach Simon L. McManus when told of this development said "This cement field will separate the nen from the boys."

Track coach Jim Snuff commented, "It will make it tougher in the end for the high-jumpers and pole vaulters."

Lack of covered walkways will be no longer a problem. Umbrellas will be sold on wet days for \$2.50. You know where the profits will go!

InThe Next Eight Weeks

- Wednesday, April 1 — All Fools' Day: Staging of the newly revised hit "The San Antonio 12", a reenactment of the 1969 famous inciting trial. Grove Mall.
- Thursday, April 2 — Signing of loyalty oaths in advisory.
- Friday, April 3 — Band, Speech, Golf, Tennis, Choir, and vocational clubs full day contests; Advisory Period: All school assembly. Attendance mandatory. 8:30 - 9 Pep rally in courtyard. CEB, SAT, ACT all day testing; Six weeks exams in English, History, Math; Early dismissal Port Aransas Independence Day
- Monday, April 6 — Student meeting 4 p.m. on "Student Union Building." Bring membership dues and picket signs.

