

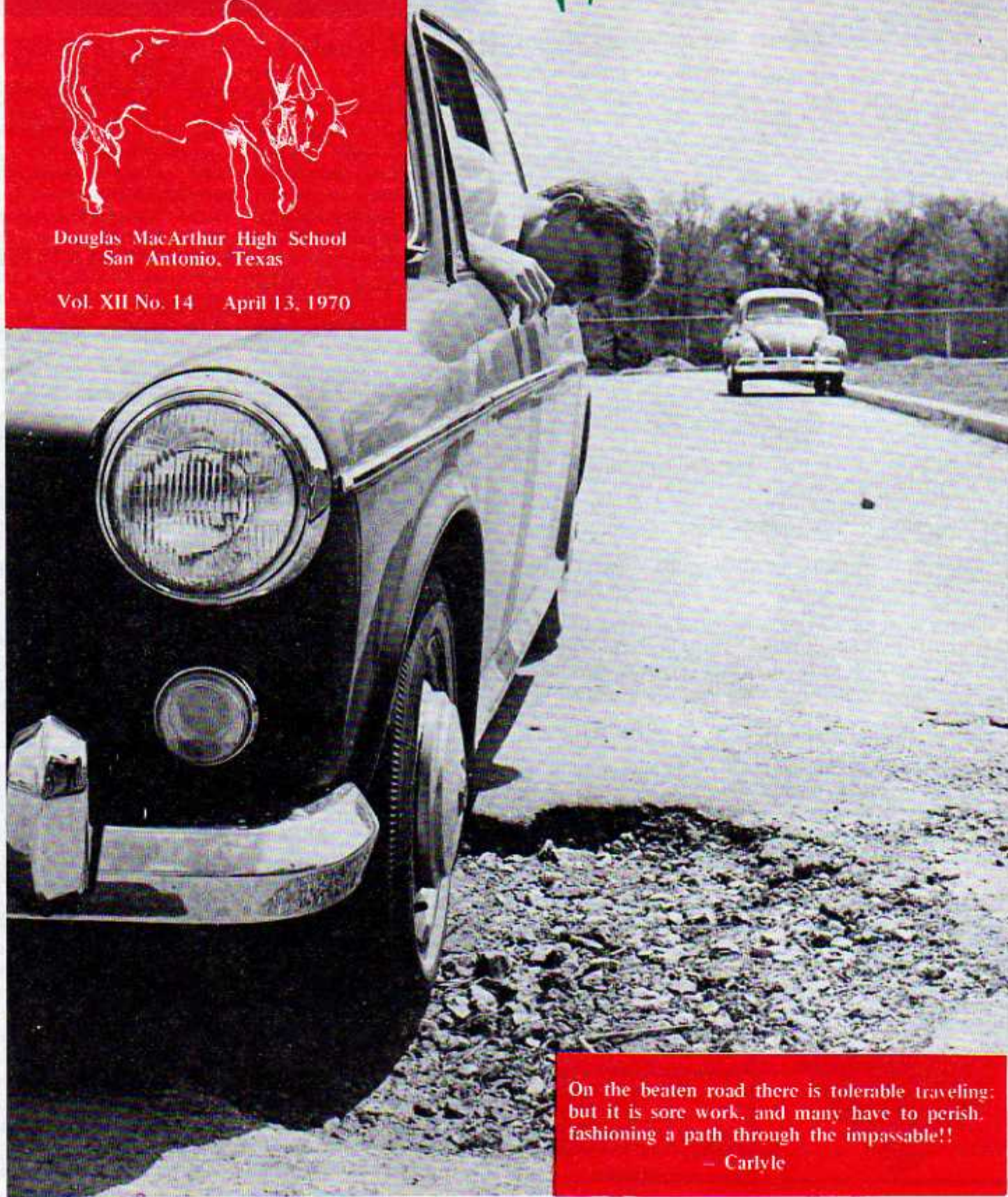
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On the beaten road there is tolerable traveling:
but it is sore work, and many have to perish,
fashioning a path through the impassable!!

- Carlyle

Percy Joins Round-Up To Brand Cowboys

SHORT

As told to Sara Jane Hawthorne

"Yahooooooo"

I whipped around to make sure no one got the first draw on me.

The whoop rang out again.

"Yes?" I articulated in my most cultured tone of voice — to show I could retain my civility when others around me had reverted to savagery. "Yes?" I repeated.

"Practicing up on my cowboy yells — be needing them soon." Percy gasped out with the remaining breath.

"Joining the Rodeo Club? I've heard a lot of kids are interested in forming an organization so MacArthur can be represented as a school at Rodeo events," said I, eager to validate a rumor.

"Yep. As it is now there is a large group of students with a common cause but no club. Most other schools have 4H or FFA Clubs which have been very successful. These clubs attend rodeo activities as a group representing their school. But at MacArthur there is no official organization and individuals must go on their own," explained Percy.

"By involving more students in campus life, the club would promote school spirit then. But what could they do besides attending the occasional rodeos?"

"Lots. Most schools hold their own contests and that takes plenty of planning. More important, they raise stock and ride horses on land whose owner has given permission. There has already been offers from private property owners."

"Some of those rodeo activities sound a little dangerous," I said doubtfully. "You know the school is responsible for any affiliated club."

"That's what has stifled previous attempts to band together under the school's name," Percy began to grow hot under the unjustness of it all. "I don't see why each member can't sign a release like students who go on out-of-town trips do."

"Well if the others are as adamant in starting a club as you are we should soon have another jacket on campus. Perhaps the Brahma bull has been out to pasture too long already. Time someone branded him."

BRAHMA TALES

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Mitchell Mauled

Dear Editor,

In regard to Mark Mitchell's article about a person having the right to break a law which he feels is unjustified. I want to say that no person has the right to break "unjustified" laws. Doing this would result in a complete breakdown of our law system.

Police hands, whose hands are tied as it is, would have even a tougher time to uphold the law they are sworn to protect.

Who would defend an "unjustified" law? No person could, because what might be good to one man might be completely wrong to another man.

I should say if a person or a group of people want to change a law, they can. They can by writing their Senators, Representatives, etc., and have them changed. Lawfully.

I just hope that a small minority of people do not start changing laws because they want them changed. Laws are not made for the hell of it. Laws are made with the majority of people in mind. Most people who do not like certain laws will scream that they are "unconstitutional." If these people would care to look at the U.S. Constitution or the States' Constitutions, they would find the basis for the law.

It seems that people feel a lot of laws passed now are not right. They are the ones who criticize the most. These people criticize with-

out offering feasible answers.

I criticize the paper (BT) for being biased. My suggestion is that the BT offer both sides to a question.

I would like to know if Mark Mitchell finds any good in this country?

Charles Wiatrowski

BT Cover Criticized

Dear Editor:

We wish to object most strongly to the March 20th cover of the Brahma Tales. Showing a wide array of trophies, the cover and the accompanying quotation imply that the goal of all education at MacArthur is the acquiring of trophies and that this is certainly to be pitied.

Disgruntled pseudo journalists, who have failed to grasp, much less fathom, the true meaning of journalism, have learned, alas, to attack, to criticize, to tear down — even when destruction is unwarranted. To date, we have still to see an event, an occurrence, an activity lauded by our omniscient journalists who have predatorily attacked at every opportunity.

MacArthur, by all objective standards, is one of the best high schools in the state of Texas. We have all given our best to have and maintain the high standards that we now enjoy. It is true that we have walked away with many trophies — in many different fields of endeavor, but we wish to call attention to the fact that we have gone into these competitions fairly. Further

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it is a tradition in our western civilization to reap a reward for our labor. Without grades, awards, and trophies, life as we know it in our society would lose its meaning. Surely our somewhat jaundiced journalists are not suggesting that we work without personal recompense.

We specifically notice that our journalists never fail to mention or accept their gilded glories.

Sincerely,

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daily. I'm sure improvements would be made. It is with this hope that we suggest this improvement, before it is necessary to spend more of our valuable time and earnings trying to repair our motor vehicles.

Thank you ever so much for taking this time to examine our ideas.

Eternally yours,
Stuart Platt

Tubby Watson,
Richard Denson

Childish Practices

Dear Editor,

May I inquire as to the reason for the parental recognition of our report cards? To the students of MacArthur the understanding has been that the report cards were needed for each student's file because the tissue copy which is normally given to the student was not printed.

Nevertheless the student was subjected to a childish grade card approval from their guardians. Things like this went out with "recess" and "milk break." It has been an understanding that high school is a time for growing up and learning to accept responsibility, and a preparation for our college independence. This is an insult to each student's integrity. With achievement and knowledge comes the responsibility of our own discretion.

Thoughtfully Yours,
Barbara Cheal &
Mandy Crowley

Roads Need Repair

Dear Council,

With great concern for our automotive transportation which often run into money when operating, we would like to voice the common fact that our operating expenses are soaring, with the adding of asphalt speed traps on our beautiful campus of MacArthur High School. These speed traps have deteriorated into vast depressions in our MacArthur Highway which constantly disturb the equilibrium of our precisely engineered mode of transportation vehicles. Often the occasion occurs in which you must enter the other lane to avoid these vast depressions. This increases the possibility of the motor vehicles coming in bodily contact (alright). If more of the faculty and the administration had to endure the hardship of crossing these monstrosities

Youth Often Imitates Elders Erring Actions

SHORT

Florida Governor Claude Kirk on the eve of a desegregation deadline of the Manatee County School District transferred custody of the schools to his jurisdiction under a termed emergency exertion of his office's powers in order to circumvent the federal civil rights law.

For a man in a high position of governmental service, Kirk's defiance of the law contradicted the principles of his duties.

As a state executor of the law and as a man invested with authority to influence the life of his state's citizens, Kirk has sacrificed the will of the people as expressed through federal law for his self-interests.

If Governor Kirk can violate federal law, the very guidelines which he as a political figure stands for, then what can prevent others from excluding themselves from the realm of law?

Though it may be said that this is an isolated case in point, accounts of extortion, falsification of records, and misuse of funds among congressmen also have hit headlines. In business, the wildcat strikes by mail carriers and air controllers exemplify this leading institution's oblivion to law.

The precursors of these disobedient acts were members of the older generation. On the other hand, youth has not been immune to charges of negligence of the law. Attributed to youth have been evading the draft, utilizing drugs, and holding various illegal demonstrations.

It is society's established sect who are reapproving the rising generation for breach of laws. Respecting law has been the prime show of patriotism. Integrity has been the basis of moral training.

In not practicing what they preach, the older generation carries no weight behind their instruction and casts doubt within their progeny.

As a society, humans cannot excuse behavior in conflict with set standards. Yet, it is a discredit to the young to be pinned disruptors and law-breakers when the established generation has men and women of the same rank.

Who should be counseling who?

Plato remarked that "What is honored in the country is cultivated there." Before the older generation judges their succeeding generation too harshly, they would be wise to observe the entire scope of American life. Understanding what American values are, makes reverence of laws a firmly planted concept.



Spring is here and the ruts are larger than ever!! The main offender appears suddenly in front of the girl's gym before there is a chance to put the brakes on. Maybe the hole is not too hard on the larger cars but man, it is murder on Volkswagens (the transmission stays in the hole). Perhaps this cover will instigate repairs.

NO CORNY OPINIONS, PLEASE



Objection Sustained

by Mark Mitchell

LEAD SET TOO WIDE! 74 PICAS IS THE MAXIMUM

"Candidates for the office of President. . . must be a sophomore or junior and . . . must have served on a high school student council the year prior to his administration and he/she must have a B average."

The following will be a discussion of the rationale which the governing council of MacArthur High School has legislated as to the qualifications of Student Council President.

The primary goals that motivated the Student Council's decisions were the concepts that the President should have experience in Council proceedings and that there should exist a certain amount of continuity on Council from year to year.

These ends are indeed necessary to the maintenance of an efficient Student Council, but the methods that the Council has instituted may not achieve their expressed goals and may create some serious disadvantages in student participation.

Concerning the Council's expressed goal of continuity, the members state that a year's prior experience on any council will accrue the continuity of leadership. And yet it does not seem that experience on an out-of-town council the year before could bring continuity to the Council.

In fact, it appears that an individual who attends MacArthur with the grade requirement and is aware of the situation of his school would be much more qualified than an individual who may have served on an out-of-town or out-of-state Student Council.

If one should look at the disadvantages of the methods that the Council has adopted in its election procedures, one could find that in the name of obtaining qualified individuals to serve, they have restricted the number of people that can serve as our President to those Sophomores and Juniors already on the Council. In this context, the Council's legislation may appear very interior to some on campus.

In the argument for and against election procedures, a polarization of views in Council occurred. One faction advocated the qualifications being set at a "C" grade average and no prior experience. The other faction advocated the present "B" average and one year's prior experience.

Unfortunately, a middle ground was not arrived at which could have offered efficient and acceptable shades of grey between the black and white poles. It occurs to this writer that between those poles some ideas could have been presented and acted upon.

Election procedures will not be acted upon again this year, but the presentation of some compromises could help them be looked into next year and could be used as an effective yardstick in considering candidates in coming elections.

For instance, why not let Presidents of campus clubs be qualified to run? Certainly, these individuals would have the leadership experience to serve.

If an individual wanted to place his name in nomination, why not let him obtain a specified amount of faculty recommendations as to the quality of his capabilities? Also why must experience be limited to the year before he takes office?

These are merely ideas of a system which could possibly improve the existing system of concerning Student Council President qualifications by expanding it to include a system which could accept an influx of new capabilities, and an atmosphere of more student government.

Mac Wins, Loses "On The Spot"

When MacArthur beats 'em, she drowns 'em; and when she loses, she really sinks.

This was demonstrated Easter Sunday, March 29, when McCollum High School surged over MacArthur on "On The Spot" TV show, a weekly Channel 5 KENS TV high school competitive quiz program. McCollum won by 100 points — the final score: 250 — 150.

Co-incidentally, these were the same number of points by which MacArthur overturned Highlands the week before.

With the halfway tally at 50 — 180, there was still hope for MacArthur's team Ron Zimmerman, Norman Thomas, James Sweet, and Martha Nunzesser to charge against McCollum's four teammates. Martha substituted for Brenda Speert, a participant in the March 22, 240 — 140 win over Highlands. However all efforts failed and McCollum sunk MacArthur gaining the title that the Brahmas' possessed for a week.

Mrs. Dee Moynihan, one of MacArthur's French teachers, was the advisor for the team.

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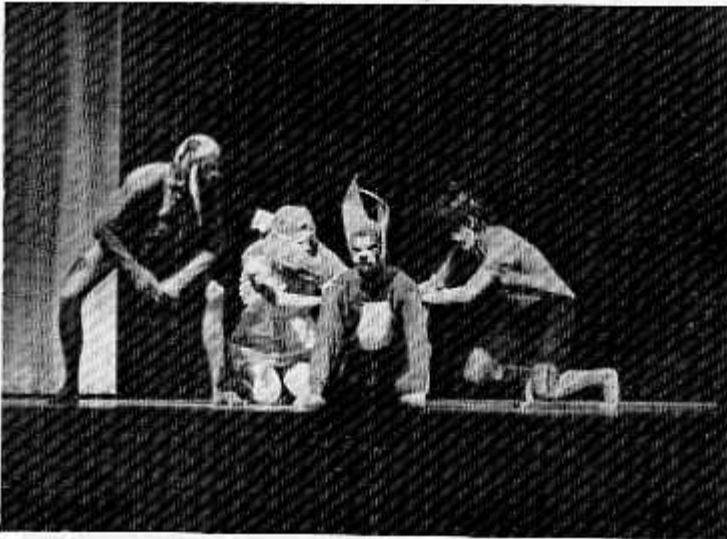
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UIL WINNER — Humans Nancy Hamby and Steve Morris snare Hare Billy Bolch in the district winning one act "The Great Cross-Country Race," Saturday at MacArthur. All district cast members and Hound Dog, Mark Mitchell, gazes on.

Council 'Playboy' Changes Date

Student Council's Talent Show has been postponed from April 3 to April 18 because of a University Interscholastic League (UIL) ruling on one-act plays.

The rule states that the school which sponsors the UIL district one-act play contest must let other participating schools use its facilities one week in advance of the tournament. MacArthur will sponsor the one-act play contest on April 11 so the April 3 date for the Talent Show violates this rule.

The UIL ruling was overlooked when the Talent Show's original date was scheduled. Therefore it had to be changed to April 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

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Latin Club *START* Captures Two State Awards

Twenty Latin Club members sponsored by Mrs. Doris Kayes, returned from the Texas State Junior Classical Convention, March 20-21, bearing two third place awards.

David Andress and Ann Bishop were the dual recipients of third place awards in Greek History and Roman Life competitions.



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Good story! Mac Mothers Try School Lunches *SHORT*

Finding your mother more sympathetic when complaining about your lunch?

It may be because she's going through the same traumatic experience!

Yes, Moms of today have dropped "Womens Rights" and picked up our school cafeteria.

Once a month three mothers surprise our cooking staff by setting up shop and diligently proceed to dissect MacArthur's selection of gourmet foods.

Mrs. Robert Witte Jr., who heads this P.T.A. group, has this to say of the people who compile the committees and staffs, "These are all such nice, conscientious ladies, working on this project is a real pleasure."

In MacArthur's last Luncheon Report Mrs. Margaret Erben and her staff were noted as being "very courteous" and the food was rated "good".

Mrs. Erben, whose been with MacArthur's cafeteria fifteen years, seems rather

pleased with its overall grades. Mrs. Erben feels, "We are improving with each new idea given us."

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