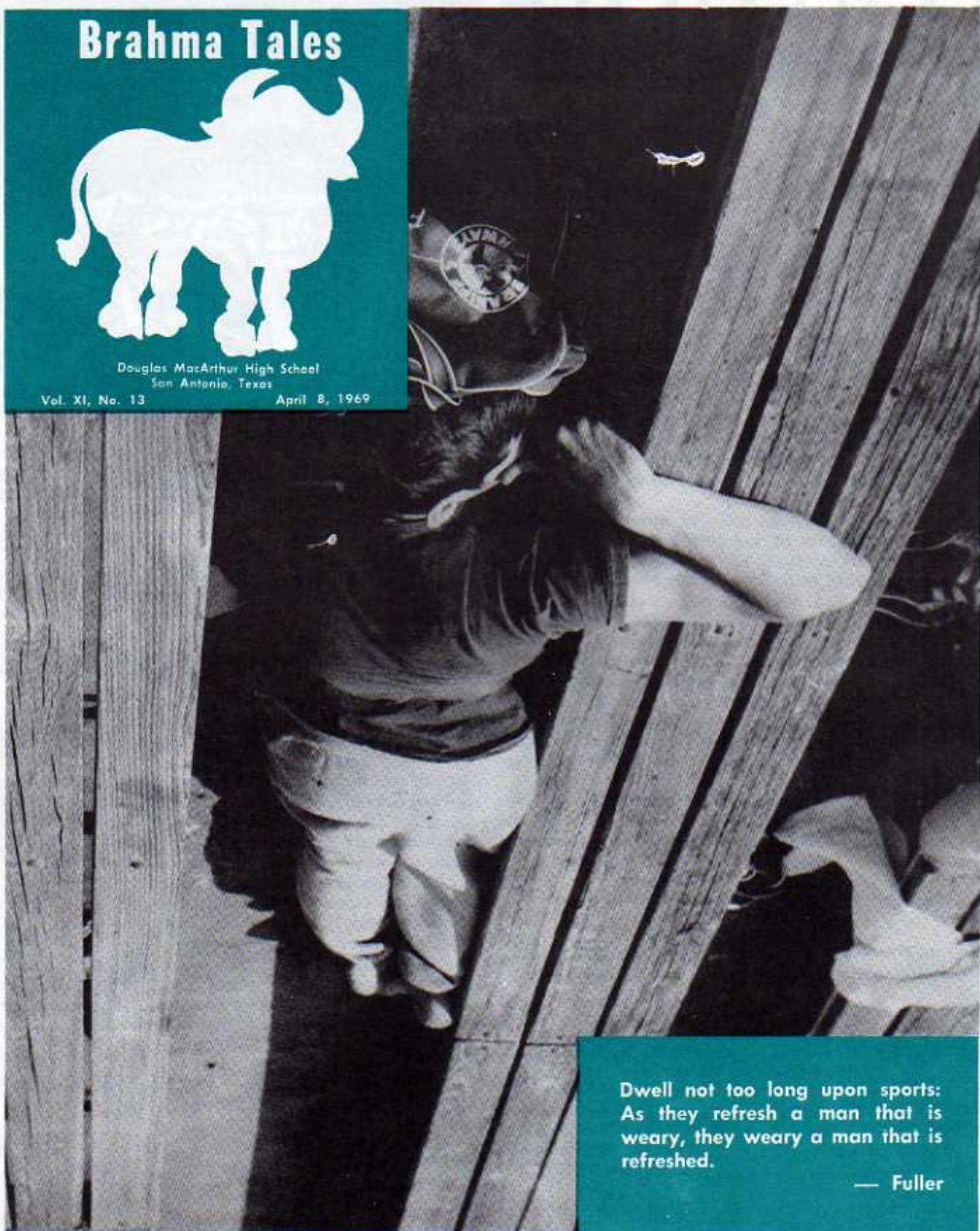


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Dwell not too long upon sports:
As they refresh a man that is
weary, they weary a man that is
refreshed.

— Fuller

Editorials

Central Office Asks Students' Suggestions

The administration is not all bottled up.

This month's meeting of the district schools' journalists at the Central Office has broken the seal over communications and released the contents of the administrator's thoughts.

For the student audience, it was an opportunity to discuss school situations with Superintendent Billy R. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan initiated the one hour, informal discourse by asking, "How would you improve the school system?" Topics varying from curriculum alterations and teaching methods to long-haired bands were touched upon.

Though no conclusions were reached, Mr. Reagan expressed his interest to meet with journalists next month to continue discussions. He repeatedly encouraged students with criticisms or problems to contact him.

Mr. Reagan's confrontation with the students showed his willingness to hear student views.

Thus, this session must be viewed objectively. In his replies to questions, Mr. Reagan admitted that problems do exist in the system. Concerning the flexibility of the curriculum, he stated that it has not yet been adequately developed. But, consideration must be given to the fact that changes do not occur overnight.

If Mr. Reagan maintains means for better student-administration communications, then at least the student should be willing to listen to both sides of the issue.

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Enchilados Make For Tranquility

T. G. I. W.

Thank Goodness It's Wednesday. In the cafeteria that is. Enchiladas and beans.

If anything could convince me to leave mama's homecooking, it would be their enchiladas and beans.

The cries of anticipation can be heard round the lunchroom at noon Wednesday. Students who complain all week are suddenly first in line.

Cafeteria workers accustomed to sullen faces and grumbling remarks wear gratified smiles of appreciation for they have somehow won their way into the hearts of the starving masses.

Pleasant conversation is bantered back and forth across the counter. Even acknowledgements of "please" and "thank you" are exchanged. Those requesting double helpings are readily accommodated because a growing child needs nourishment.

Happiness reigns supreme.

Yet how swiftly flow the precious minutes until the page of time has turned to Thursday.

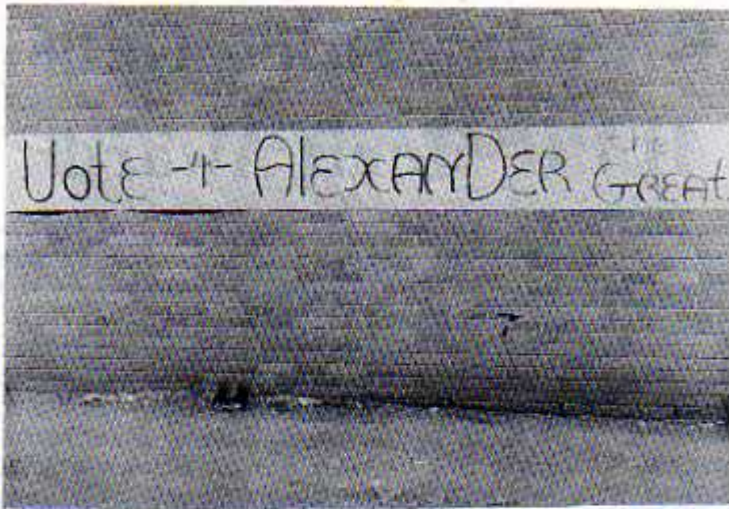
"Yech!" "Is this stuff edible?"

Funny how 2000 students expect a meal "as good as mother makes" for forty cents, 186 days a year. Too bad the school cafeteria has to be the whipping boy for every mishap, broken romance, and pop quiz.

But—

T. B. E. I. W.

Too Bad Everyday Isn't Wednesday.



Enough of the student body followed the dictates of this campaign poster to elect Ted Alexander council president.

Mac Arthur Ahead In District UIL

by DEBBIE McCLURE

MacArthur speech, drama, science, and business students carried home leading scores in the District 30 AAAA UIL Spring Meet held at Highlands High School March 29. Although MacArthur is currently leading in the sweepstakes competition, the decision is still pending.

At present, MacArthur has 106½ points, while Lee follows with 102 and Alamo Heights is third with 87. A one-act play will be the deciding factor. A total of 20 points will be awarded for first place, 10 points for second, and five points for third. The one-act play competition will be held at Highlands on April 12.

First place winners were led by the girls debate team of Zia Gipson and Pat Carlson. In individual events, MacArthur students took four other first places: Norman Thomas, in prose speaking; Jeff Harmon, in extemporaneous speaking; Rick Railsback, in poetry interpretation; and the team of Candace Klecka and Patti Rullo, in spelling.

MacArthur students placing second were: Mark Mitchell and Stan Crawford, in boys debate; Claudia Erving, in prose reading; and Linda Gerhardt, in typewriting.

Third place finishers included David Moore in number sense and David James, who tied for third in science.

In a separate competition, the journalism team of Brenda Speert and Sara Jane Hawthorne carried the school to an easy victory.

The two competed in five categories including feature writing, headlining, copywriting, news-

writing, and editorial writing.

Brenda and Sara Jane finished second and fourth overall. Sara Jane finished first in feature writing, second in editorial writing and third in news writing. Brenda finished first in copyreading, second in feature writing, and fourth in headline writing.

MacArthur totaled 398 points, well ahead of Highland's 289 and Churchill's 252.

Classes Elect Council Reps. April 28-29

"Promises, Promises, Promises. This is where those promises, promises end."

The promises end with the election of Student Council class representatives, April 28 and 29.

Juniors will elect eight representatives, sophomores seven, and freshmen six. Each person who signs up will be reviewed by a panel of teachers to determine qualifications.

Students may make application for these positions April 9 through April 11 in the main office. Notification of acceptance will occur about April 17, with campaigning April 21 through April 27.

Alexander, Platt Lead Council Winners

by ZIA GIPSON

True to custom and convention the student council elections went off with very few surprises.

Those elected to offices in many cases either hold similar positions in their classes this year or have in the past.

Election platforms this year also held very few innovations. The conservative theme of the speeches seemed to be a desire for unity but with few concrete plans for action.

Ted Alexander, class president in his sophomore year, will assume a new presidency, that of the student council. Alexander received 603 votes versus 476 for Tom Romo. Write-in candidate Jeff Harmon received somewhere around 100 votes

unofficially.

For the office of vice president, Stuart Platt received 514 votes against 420 for sophomore David King and 271 for sophomore Wayne Seipel.

Student Council recording secretary for 1969-1970 will be Connie Cox, former secretary of class of '70 who ran unopposed.

In the race for corresponding secretary, the results were the closest. Marsha King beat Duzie Gordon 641 to 574.

Treasurer-elect Dolores Dixon, on the other hand had the largest margin with 738 votes to 296 for Mary Beth Fisher

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By Brenda Speert

... The MacArthur Band voted against participation in the San Antonio Easter Parade. Yet, the band overwhelmingly approved appearing in the Potteet Strawberry Festival, April 19.

... The band's preference of strawberry festivities over Easter egg gaitry may have resulted from the fact that strawberry shortcake will be given to band members.

... Several homemaking students were conducted on a grocery shopping excursion by Mrs. Kristan Thomson. The lesson on budget shopping had its moral when it was proven by Mrs. Thomson that cruising 41 mph in a 30 mph zone was not economical.

... The old Journalism room was vacated by the department with this blackboard epitaph: Attention all burglars: Take anything and everything you want. P. S. Please take this building.

... Meanwhile, the Student Council has established itself in the Journalism room. The first legislation passed in their new home effected the removal of the graffitti-filled bulletin board. In the board's absence, this note appears: "This board has been removed for evidence against the annual staff."

... At a rehearsal for Masquerade, a boy broke his wrist. Immediately, comments arose of "He'll do anything to get into the cast."

Brahma Tales Gets ILPC Merit Award

The Brahma Tales received an Award of Distinguished Merit at the annual Interscholastic League Press Conference (ILPC) held on the campus of the University of Texas, March 21-22.

The rating was given to 12 school newspapers throughout the state in division four printed papers. There are five divisions of printed papers, with schools placed into divisions according to enrollment.

An Award of Distinguished Merit is the highest rating possible except for the championship of the division. Co-champions of division four were papers from El Paso and Tyler.

Eight newspaper staff members, staying at the Sheraton Crest Inn, attended the convention.

After registering, some members attended the welcome dance Friday at UT's Gregory Gym.

ILPC members convened at the Student Union Building Saturday morning for presentation of individual achievement awards.

Four hours of workshop lectures on various subjects followed. Subjects touched upon included editorial writing, advertising, news reporting, and newspaper pictures.

Nearly 3000 high school journalists, sponsors, and educators attended the banquet Saturday evening at the Villa Capri Motel. Newspaper ratings were announced after the meal and an address was given by George Dolan, the comical columnist of the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Attending the convention were: Sponsors Mr.

Norm Hitzges and Mrs. Mary Hudson, and newspaper staff members, Sara Jane Hawthorne, Cherie Stratton, Richard Bayse, Debbie McClure, Pat Murphy, Ron Zimmerman, Zia Gipson, and Editor Brenda Speert.

Jr. - Sr. Prom Chooses Theme

Don't miss the boat! "Showboat" that is!

"Showboat" will be the theme for this year's Junior-Senior Prom, honoring the class of '69. The gala affair will be held at the Pearl Pavillion on the HemisFair grounds, April 19.

The "Showboat" embarks at 8 p.m. and docks at midnight. Everyone will be decked out in formal attire.

Decorations, complete with dice and giant cards will complement the theme. The cards, which will mostly be hearts and spades, will form the number 69.

Definite arrangements for a band have not yet been made. However the junior class, which sponsors the affair hopes to contract "The Flash."



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Two Students Win National V O E Awards

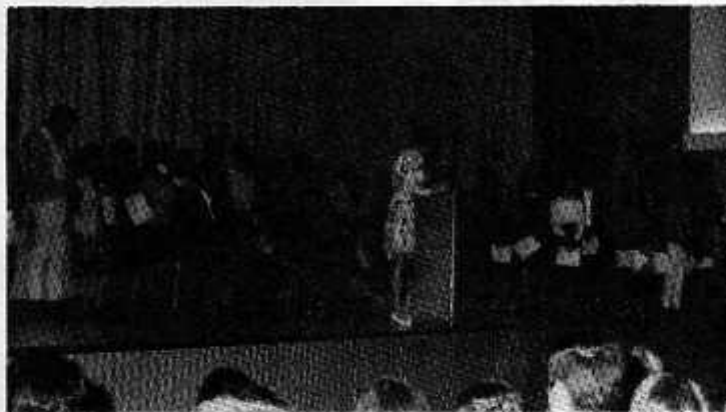
Two MacArthur Data Processing students won awards at the National Office Education Association convention at Kansas City, Mo., March 31-April 2.

Junior Rusty Nelson took second place in the national competition for first year data processing students. Senior Ken Kidder placed fifth in junior college level book-keeping, and took ninth in second year data processing.

The competition is divided into three levels: district, state and national.

In district competition at Corpus Christi, contestants must finish higher than fourth to go to state. A first or second at the state contest in Abilene qualified competitors for the national convention.

Anthony Wright, an Edison senior, was elected vice-president of the National OEA organization.



Mrs. Marilyn Jones addresses the assembly called to announce the new National Honor Society members.

Honor Society Adds 65 New Members

Seventeen seniors and 48 juniors have been elected to the National Honor Society, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a student by the faculty.

Forty-six members of the class of '69 were accepted into the NHS last year.

In order to qualify as a member of the National Honor Society, a student must possess certain qualities and abilities.

The student must be in the upper 20% of his class, gradewise, and maintain at least an 88 average.

Eligible students are chosen on the basis of their character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Installation of new members will take place in the school auditorium Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. Parents and friends are invited to attend. A reception will be held in the cafeteria after the installation, honoring all new members.

The newly elected members are as follows: seniors — Steve Beck, Martha Cardenas, Richard Carnes, Marcia De Berry, Brenda Foley, Charles Garrett, Zia Gipson, Jenny Jaeckle, Carolyn Killian, Kathryn Klinger, Terry Kohutek, Lisa Lyon, Edward McCaul, Kay Nicholson,

Tommy Smith, Mike Thompson and Richard Wintersole.

Juniors elected included: Ted Alexander, Mary Ammann, Timothe Bethrum, John Boerner, Donald Cardenas, Peggy Chesson, Sarah Clark, Jay Collins, Judith Coon, Norma Cox, Carol Craven, Catherine D'Angelo, Hans Dahl, Sheryl Ferguson, Ken Fischer, James Flaggert, David Geller, Ruth Gentry, and Durinda Gordon.

Other juniors chosen were: Joetta Hall, Nancy Hamby, Jeff Harmon, Pamela Harrison, Sara Hawthorne, Karen Heizer, Susan Henderson, Anne Higginbotham, David Jones, James Johnson, Wendell Johnson, Kerri Kamperman, Judith Keppler, Kathleen Kopec, Darleen Leeman, Michael Lewis, Patricia Mackey, Laura Nelson, Karen Norville, Candy Poppas, Janice Ruble, Brenda Speert, James Sweet, John Thomas, Doug Vanderploeg, Jennifer Votion, Cathleen Wakeland, Robert Winchester, and Ronald Zimmerman.

Three Juniors Seek National English Honors

Sara Jane Hawthorne, David James, and Judith Keppler have been selected to represent MacArthur High School in the 12th annual Awards Program of the National Council of Teachers of English.

These juniors each will vie for one of 23 honors allotted to Texas nominees. In addition to a scroll of achievement, finalists who need financial assistance to meet college expenses will be recommended by the council for scholarships.

Judged on wide reading background, contributions in group discussions, and the ability to write effectively and to read analytically, the three nominees must submit two writing samples and take standardized tests in this national search for the best high school students in English.

Announcement of winners will be made next fall.

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AFS Finalist To Go Abroad This Summer

Junior Candy Poppas has been named a finalist in the American Field Service's Americans Abroad program.



Candy Poppas

As yet, she does not know the country or even the hemisphere she is to visit, but she has guaranteed placement.

The date of departure will be between June 13 and 27. She will fly to

Houston, and on to New York, for conventions with other exchange students before going abroad for six to ten weeks.

Although her foreign family will cover the cost of room and board, the Poppas family is required to pay travel expenses which can amount to one thousand dollars.

The elimination for finalists was a long and tedious process. One representative was chosen from each eligible school. Applications and an essay were submitted last October to AFS sponsor Miss Pamela Wright.

Candy was interviewed by a board set up to decide the best candidate. Recommendations were required from her counselors, her principal, and all her teachers.

The AFS, established in 1914, has sent more than 13,000 American youths to foreign countries. Its hope to promote international good will is best expressed in its motto: "Walk Together, Talk Together, O Ye Peoples of the Earth: Then and Only Then Shall Ye Have Peace."



Mr. Jack Keen obviously relished the variety of snacks offered at the FHA dips and sandwiches tasting bee, March 27.

Rotary Club Hosts Exchange Program

Why do Americans act so primitively? Is Mexico socialistic? What is the actual United States foreign policy? How is the Mexican government organized?

These were just a few of the questions asked at the ninth annual Student Congress sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of North Mexico and South Texas held March 21-22 in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Representing MacArthur at the Congress were Peggy Chesson and Robert Winchester. Students from all over Texas and Mexico attended.

The American students were the guests of families in Piedras Negras during the Congress. Mexican students stayed across the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass.

Discussion groups met each day to provide students with a better understanding of their neighbors.

A dance each night allowed students the opportunity to talk informally and relax.



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