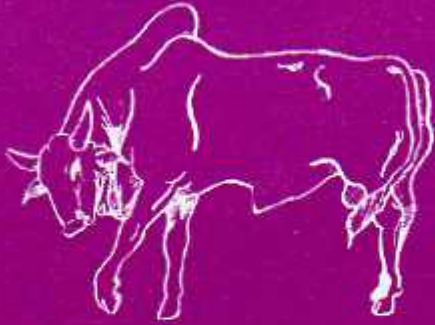


# Brahma Tales



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No terms except  
unconditional and immediate  
surrender

— U. S. Grant

# Cold Weather Coming No Shelter Provided

## WANTED

A Supervisor

## REWARD

Extra Study Period

At present, students arriving at school before 8 a.m. have virtually no where to go. Unless the weather is extremely cold or rainy, the library does not open until 8 a.m. and the cafeteria doors are shut until 8:15.

Understandably, the library's purpose is not to give refuge to wandering waifs but to provide educational references and resources. Thus circumstances do not warrant an earlier admittance to students.

However, these pre-dawn risers, whose only means of transportation is the "yellow monster," do need some sort of shelter for studying or just sitting. Admittedly many of the building wings are open, but the rooms are locked except for a few whose teachers may generously allow students access to desks.

If not the luckless ones must choose between sitting on benches outside or standing in hallways inside.

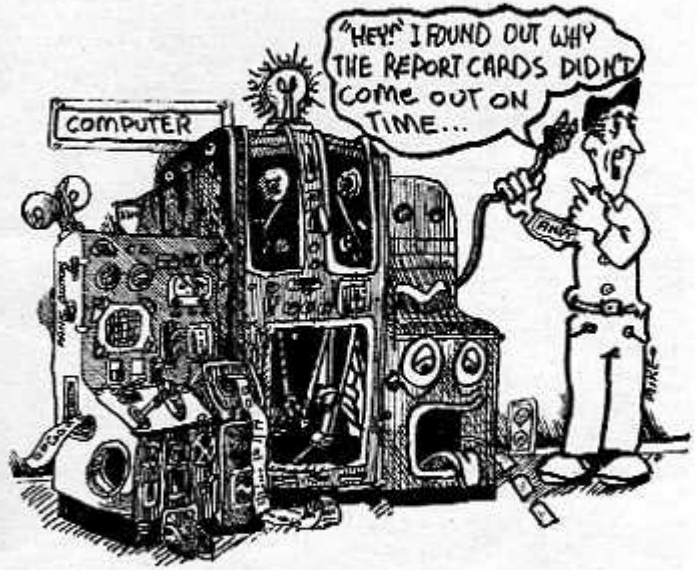
At the beginning of the school year, the cafeteria staff permitted students to enter and sit at tables almost as soon as the first buses unloaded. But, because the cafeteria was left so disorderly that the custodians had to clean up before first period, the privilege was revoked.

In addition to upkeep, Mr. George Vakey stated that adequate supervision was also a problem in opening the cafeteria during morning hours. The burden of watching over these students cannot be dropped onto the shoulders of already-busy cafeteria personnel or faculty members.

Perhaps the maintenance problem could be solved by simply unplugging the juke box and coke machines. The supervision need appears to be the crux of the matter.

A good editorial should propose an answer to the problem uncovered. Unfortunately, the answer may lie with one of the numerous service organizations or a benevolent teacher who practices the slogan "Early to bed and early to rise."

The early bird may get the worm, but he also gets stuck with a long nowhere-to-go, nothing-to-do, often very cold, pre-school hour.



## Destructive Spirit Mars School's Honor

"Go Mac Brahmas! Fight! Fight! Fight!" This cheery phrase really tells the Brahmas to launch their offense. Yet, somehow between the "go Brahmas" and "fight" a small number of students find an invite to disturb the opponent's property or to begin a brawl. The BT suggests at this time the fact that disrupters should not use yells such as this as evidence permitting any Brahma to go and fight. In the case of this yell, the football team is the only group referred to.

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Examine a football game. The football players have been taught football. The drill team has been taught to march. The cheering squad has been taught yells. The band has been taught their music. And who (?) has taught the spectators sportsmanship — or in certain instances — the lack of it?

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This Saturday marks the Mac-Lee football game.  
\* It is the last game of the season.

\* It is the traditional grudge game involving MacArthur.  
\* It is MacArthur's opportunity to upset an undefeated team.

The Mac-Lee tilt is prime time to mar Lee's record. It could also be a convenient time for Mac to mar its reputation. In view of the heightened spirit fomenting among both schools, care should be taken to keep the battling, tackling, and field maneuvers confined to the turf.

Fights, and slanderous cheers only damage a school's reputation and vandalism and destructive pranks merely dig into the district's finances. A game is not won if the same school's reputation is lost.

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# PROS and CONS

## Litter Hurts Campus Saving Sam

Dear Editor,

As head custodian of MacArthur High School, I have many reasons for experiencing a sense of pride in my association with your school. It is without a doubt the finest high school in San Antonio. This fact alone is the motivation of my desire to serve the needs of the faculty and student body alike in whatever function my capabilities will allow. In one area in particular I sincerely need the cooperation of each and every member of this institution.

Maintaining the appearance of the grounds is one of the many responsibilities of the school custodians; keeping lawns, shrubbery and trees well trimmed, sowing grass wherever needed, watering lawns, etc. However, much of the time needed to perform these functions is spent picking up litter; gum wrappers, coke bottles, paper discarded from loose-leaf binders, etc. While it is quite true that once on the ground it becomes the responsibility of the custodians to police such litter, it is each and every one's responsibility to prevent such litter from reaching the ground.

Many more man-hours could be spent washing windows, moping halls, buffing floors etc., and in general maintaining the desired standards set forth by the school district.

In conclusion allow me to reiterate, we have a fine school. Help me to keep it in a condition that will warrant your pride. If I can be of service to you please call on me.

Mr. Andy Stewart  
Head Custodian

Dear Editor,

Recently, as I sat quite wet and cold in sixth period, I suddenly remembered a story which, although probably myth, is of some consequence today.

Many years ago there lived a group of primitive yet sociable people. These people lived in separate small dwellings all homes close to one another. As these primitives were quite friendly, they often traveled from dwelling to dwelling visiting with their neighbors for short spells. It became a sort of ritual which they performed three times in the morning and three times after lunch. For lunch all met in a common meal hall.

All was well during the warm weather, and the ritual went well. However, winter came bringing cold, rain, and wind. But they had to continue their visitations. They moved steadfastly through the elements, yet all the furs and skins and cloths they put on could not keep them dry. Furthermore, at meals, the elders, for they sat apart from those of lower rank at meals, noticed cold air mysteriously seeping through small slits in the floor. This same air came through slits of walls in some houses. Compounded, the weather and cold air caused sickness.

Then came Saving Sam. His ingenuity surpassed that of his supposed-peers. For Sam invented coverings for the paths between homes. Furthermore, Sam thought deeper and found heat could be funneled through the small slits, warming the rooms. Thus Sam saved his people by helping them

stay dry and warm.

Sam was a marvelous man.

Suzi Henderson

## Thank You

Dear Editor,

I would like to give my thanks to the student body and faculty for their support at the time of my father's death. You will never find anyone that loved Mac more than my Dad did. The faculty and student body interest and help was a great tribute. I thank everyone and especially the sophomore class (a great class to come) for the flowers they sent. I also want to thank everyone that came over and did the back-breaking labor of fixing up the house so that we could sell it. Also, my teachers deserve a nod for not making it impossible for me to catch up on days missed. To the coaches, I am speechless. A finer group of men you will never find anywhere. Finally, I want to thank all the people who sent cards; I really appreciated it. I, for one, will miss old MacArthur High. It's meant the world to me.

Thanks again,  
John Garner '70

P.S. There is no need to thank the football team because they already know how I feel. I may not have much of a family anymore but as long as I have them as friends, I've got a great one forever.

## Flag Raising Rules

In response to the article in Pros and Cons concerning the accepted Military procedure for raising the U.S. Flag.

First it is most commendable that you should take the time to observe both the raising and lowering ceremonies. This indicates that, in addition to the ROTC, you are sincere

in showing proper respect to Old Glory.

Now, concerning the procedures for raising and lowering the U. S. Flag. During raising ceremonies it is raised briskly and the lowering is accomplished in a slower manner and with dignity. At both ceremonies, persons in uniform salute. If a person is in civilian attire they should remove their headgear, and place the right hand over the left chest.

If you are interested in obtaining more information concerning the correct procedures, please feel free to visit the ROTC Armory and we will be most happy to answer your questions.

Cadet Cpt Frank Janicke  
Color Guard Commander

## I Can Never Again

Dear Editor,

I regret not having written earlier but I have just realized that this is the last and only way that I can show my feelings and true affections for my school. I no longer feel any resentment toward the NEISD or the people who compose the rules and regulations of our great school. I only feel pity for them. My one desire is that these people could see that the few and meaningless words they have put on paper greatly confine me and others like me. I feel, in my heart, that I have done nothing wrong. If I had anything to do over again I would make no changes. I just feel a great pain that I can never again put on the blue and white and be a part of our great school. I know now that it is too late for me but I hope that these people will see the great error in their ruling and change it so others like me will not have to go through this misery.

Clarence Gerfers

# Year's First Play To Open Tonight

A tale of fantasy and comedy, complete with fairies and mandolins, will be MacArthur's first dramatic production this year.

"The course of true love never runs smooth, and true love never ran so rocky or so crooked as in 'A Midsummer's Night Dream.'" Lysander (Steve Williams), Hermia (Joetta Hall), Demetrius (Mark Mitchell) and Helena (Nancy Hamby) form perhaps the

most unusual love triangle in Shakespearean history. Fill the triangle with Oberon, King of Fairies (Norman Thomas), Puck, a mischievous imp (Debbie Stewart) and a generous dose of love potion, splashed around throughout the play.

The result? A play of great confusion and greater comedy.

This tale of the irrational nature of love may be viewed at the MacArthur auditorium, Nov. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. for the mere pittance of 50 cents students, and \$1 adults.

## Firing Squad Executes Lee

The ROTC rifle team bombed Lee 1112 to 1079 to ricochet into a tie for first place and set their sights for the district title.

The team is aiming for the district winning clip that last year's sharpshooters achieved. Last week's score against Lee put this year's squad within range with the highest total shot of any North East team this year.

Bill Echer and Mile McMahon were high marksmen for MacArthur against Lee with marks of 228 and 227.

The firing squad traveled to Churchill this week to match the Charger ROTC.



**MORE CHEERLEADERS!** — Freshmen cheerleaders, Mac Rhyne and Kathy Fountain from the freshmen pep squad.

Photo by Paul Sims

## SEEN HER?



Tina Truet is the captain of the girls swimming team, a member of the art club, and an All American Swimmer.

Tina 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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## Ham Radio Operators Begin Broadcasting

"Hello W1FQA, this is K5BZZ, Kangaroo, 5, Boston, Zebra, Zebra."

Our type has not been mixed up and Boston is not being overrun by escapees from their city zoo.

It is the Electronics Club giving a demonstration on ham radio operating at the weekly meeting.

Sponsor Mr. John Brothman owns a 200 watt radio capable of spanning the globe, and explains ham radio procedures to members.

Boston, Massachusetts was the first station picked up at the October 22 meeting. After signing off to W1FQA in Boston, the group contacted YN1HSM, in the capital of Nicaragua.

The club is now learn-

ing codes so they can earn a license to operate a 75 watt radio station on campus. In addition, club members will build their own radio.

Persons interested in amateur radio are welcome to the Electronics Club, which meets at 3:45 in V602.

It will be possible for anyone to earn a Federal Communications Commission Novice Amateur license within three weeks.



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# File 13

By Brenda Speert



... The ball schedule is fouled up again. The discrepancy arose when dates for both the Temple basketball tournament and the Blue and White Ball coincided. For the basketball players' behalf, it would be fairer play if someone would get on the ball.

... The French Club, sponsored by Miss Pam Griffis, selected Bernadette Hassen, president; Jane Bexten, vice-president; Sandra Bailey, secretary; and Suzi Bibb, treasurer, as 1969-1970 officers.

... Not only industry but education is having its recalls. The 1961 and 1962 MacArthur graduates are being called back for a class reunion. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these people should contact Goldie Biggs Burns at 134 Mountclark (826-4613) or Mary Girdley Cline at 303 Country Lane (824-6038).

... Mr. Oscar Lightfoot employed a unique technique for class dismissal procedures. Before a student could exit from Mr. Lightfoot's class, he had to answer a riddle.

... MacArthur led the city in the "Miles for Children" 40 mile walk. Over \$1100 was collected from pledged contributions, which will be disbursed by the March of Dimes.

... The question is "Who has been working out whom?" Since basketball players have been getting in shape, Coach Bill Moseley shaped up by shedding 20 pounds.

... The Slide Rule Club under the direction of Mr. Frank Birmingham meets each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning at 8 p.m. Any student desiring instruction and/or interested in contest participation should attend the sessions held in room 310.


... Planning to get a job during the Christmas Holidays? The social security office encourages the prospective employee to obtain a social security card before the holiday rush. Applications may be filed at the 309 Dwyer Avenue or 511 W. Commerce offices, at most post offices, or may be gotten in the counseling office.

... There is not reason to needle the swimmers about their sport. They were definitely sports when it was revealed that because one swimmer had contracted hepatitis, the fins from our district schools, Randolph, SAC, and the North East Swim Team were required to get medical shots at their own expense.

... An informal get-together between MacArthur and Lee School leaders occurred November 6. Organized by Mr. Sidney King, the gathering offered a means for MacArthur to establish a friendly mien with Lee.

... Number Sense, the group devoted to developing mental mathematic skills, has formulated meeting dates. Mrs. Majorie Ecord sponsors junior and senior students during advisory periods while Mrs. Starnes directs freshman and sophomores after school on Tuesday and Thursday. Students interested in Number Sense should contact either sponsor.

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