

Brahma Tales

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Macettes Place In Teen Contest

Among the 24 semi-finalists in the Miss Teenage San Antonio contest are MacArthur's representatives Gayle Jackson and Mary Hare. Gayle, a tall brunette, is a member of the Art Club, Future Homemakers of America, and the American Foreign Student Club. She is also a member of Masque & Wig. Other than school organizations, she is active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Last year she was a member of the O.J.'s Teen Board and has appeared in various O.J.'s commercials. She is a model for the Ben Shaw studios, and has displayed her talents in such local stores as Frost Brothers, Joske's of Texas, and the Vogue. Her main interest, Gayle says, is "food and sleep". Her talent for the contest will be a humorous skit.

Mary, on the other hand, is a petite blonde. She is a cheerleader this year and Junior class secretary. She is also a member of the Future Homemakers of America. Outside school she has an avid interest in water skiing. Her talent for the contest will be a modern dance routine to the music of the Pink Panther by the Ventures.

As the choice of finalists is placed in the hands of San Antonio citizens, all MacArthur students are urged to vote. Ballots can be obtained from Handy Andy Supermarkets, in Dr. Pepper cartons, and in Wonderland Shopping City.



Senior Gayle Jackson and Junior Mary Hare, semi-finalists in the Miss Teenage San Antonio contest, await results of the votes which will determine whether or not they reach the finals. Only 12 girls are chosen for finals.

—Photo by Liz Rubenstein

New Education Director N.E.I.S.D. Announces

North East school district announced a new Director of Secondary Education, James A. Forester. He comes to us from St. Mary's University, where he served as Assistant Professor of Education. He has participated in the Southwest Cooperative Program in Educational Administration while in Edgewood Independent School District. He also has many civic responsibilities such as member of the Board of Directors of the Bexar County T.B. Association, member of the Adult Education Committee of the Service Center and Member of the Advisory Council of the Robert B. Green Hospital School of Nursing. He is currently a Consultant to the Division of Accreditation of the Texas Education Agency.

Dr. Forester's appointment is part of a program on the part of the North East Independent School District to better serve the educational needs of the students in the district.

Mac '64 Grad Receives Honors

MacArthur graduate of the Class of 1964, PFC Louie S. Williams, U.S.M.C., having displayed traits of outstanding leadership, unswerving loyalty, and diligent performance of duty while undergoing training as a Marine Recruit, was graduated as the "Outstanding Member" of his recruit platoon. The Commanding General of this Marine Corps Recruit Depot takes great pleasure in presenting his platoon book to the MacArthur library. Louie was an outstanding member of the 1963 Brahma football team.

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Counselors Slate Testing Schedule

The counseling office has announced the schedules for college entrance examinations. The American College Testing Program (A.C.T.) will offer their test on October 15. Deadline for registration for this four part series was September 24. The registration fee is \$4.00.

December 3, the College Entrance Examination Board tests will be given. The penalty date is October 29. The C.E.E.B. consists of a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), a Writing Sample and various Achievement Tests. The fees are five, two, and seven and a half dollars respectively. The individual college catalogues must be checked for their test requirements.

Further information and the necessary application blanks may be picked up in the Counseling Office.

Tuesday, September 27, Mr. J. Dahl, the admissions counselor and official representative of Texas Lutheran College will visit MacArthur High School. During advisory he will meet with those students interested in attending this liberal arts college in Seguin.

For further information on testing, scholarships, the arrival of college representatives and counseling news be sure to note the bulletin board outside the Counseling Office.

A.F.S. Offers Study and Travel

The MacArthur Chapter of the American Field Service again offers the opportunity for Junior and Senior students to apply for an AFS scholarship. This scholarship will enable the student to have a family experience while studying in another country. Becoming part of a family involves sharing its day-to-day existence while becoming aware of the community and its problems in the country to which you are sent.

A candidate for the Summer Program must be a junior at the time of application. A candidate for the school program may be either a Junior or Senior at the time of application. Any candidate must be a U.S. citizen, in excellent health, have studied at least one foreign language in high school for at least two years by June, 1967, and must have a strong academic background.

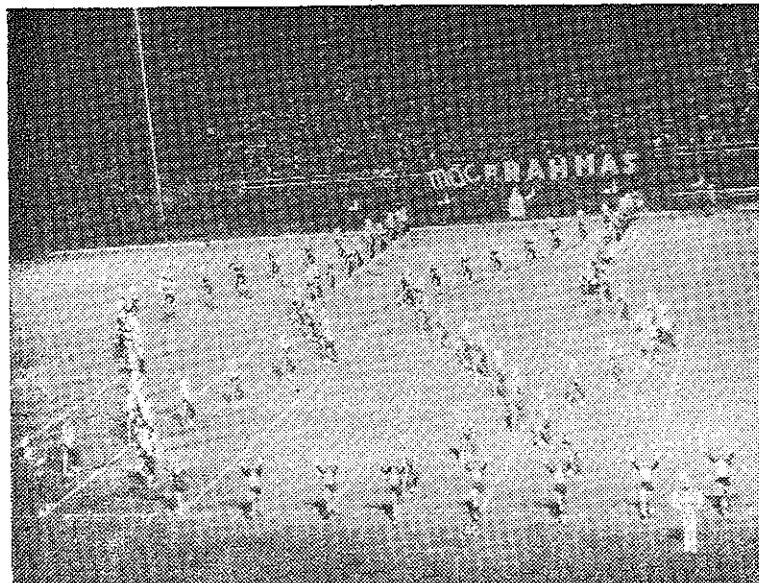
Applications and further information are available from Miss Wright, the school sponsor for the American Field Service. Deadline for returned application is Tuesday September 27.

S.C. Holds Elections

The election of nine more Student Council representatives has completed the 1966-67 Council. The representatives were elected during each of the class meetings during the week of Sept. 12-17.

Freshmen, Juniors and Seniors each elected one more representative. Seniors chose Margie Holmstrom as their member, Mike Cole is the junior representative, and Freshmen elected Ted Alexander as their council member.

Sophomores will have six members to represent them in the Council. The new members are: Barbara Wile, Pam Zito, Billy Doyle, Emilie Harris, Ken Pierce, and Robert Williams.



The Blue and White clan of MacArthur perform for spectators at Victoria half-time.

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Editorials

A Fencing Situation

By TOM SHAW

There it was, running north to south, east to west, gray, ugly, and five feet tall. There it stood on the campus, gloating over its new domain, cutting through the grass, gliding along the walkways, and clinging to the posts, there stood THE FENCE.

en garde

Stunned and shocked I approached the wire beast; touching it I soon realized it was real. I immediately scanned the buildings searching for masons who, in the best tradition of East Berlin, would soon be bricking up classroom windows. None were to be seen, however, and the big question arose in my mind, Why?

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Yes, why this infringement upon our freedom to roam the school's grounds? Why had THE FENCE been allowed to control movement on the campus?

riposte

Of course, I thought, in this age of advancing education the administration had decided to turn the school into an enormous kindergarten. When 1,700 pre-schoolers are assembled in one spot anything can happen, THE FENCE had been erected to give the school some semblance of order and control. Hurriedly I looked to see if the name on the 100 wing had been changed, but the familiar "MacArthur High School" still hung on the wall.

Now the why of THE FENCE loomed even larger. I knew the school was not destined for kindergarteners, but even so, maybe THE FENCE was built for more control. Visions of hordes of students marching to class filled my mind. The jawlike gates of THE FENCE would open at the sound of the first bell as units of Macsters trudged in formation to class. Clanging shut the jaws would reopen only at the sound of the last bell.

The first day of school shattered all my suppositions. Now after several weeks of observing and studying THE FENCE in action I am certain it is a student trap. The wire beast was allowed a home on campus for the purpose of thinning out the student population.

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In the daily rush to and from class unsuspecting students are easily snared by THE FENCE or knocked into its clutches by waves of humanity washing over the walkways. Left hanging on the wire many students eventually waste away. Fortunately a large number of victims are received by friends who, after hearing companions yell, "Hey, get me out of this mesh", sneak back on-campus to unsnag thier snagged classmates.

Not quite so lucky, though, are tardy students. Late for class and soaring at unbelievable speeds across campus they often forget THE FENCE is in operation. Colliding with the five foot strainer these unfortunates are quickly diced, popping out on the opposite side in neat chunks.

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To Introduce the B. T.

Just what is the Brahma Tales? Who publishes it; what are its aims? These questions and others often arise, coming from new students and old who, though they have read issues, are not quite sure just what the school paper is all about. Therefore the staff of the Brahma Tales has, in this second issue of the 1966-67 year, thought it necessary to briefly outline this paper's policy.

The Brahma Tales is a student newspaper, published by journalism students for the student body and faculty of MacArthur High School. It serves as a laboratory for those interested in journalism and as an outlet for creative writing done by any student.

The Brahma Tales, being a student paper, reports events of importance and interest to the student body. It recognizes achievements of outstanding individuals, faculty, teams, and organizations and it strives to entertain through columns and features illustrating the lighter and more humorous aspects of school life.

The Brahma Tales realizes the responsibility of making known student views. Properly submitted and reviewed by the Editorial Board of the Brahma Tales, editorials are welcome from all members of the campus. These editorials, though not always voicing the opinions of the paper or administration, allow students and faculty a medium of expression.

T.S.

Holy Puritans! Gabriella

"Will any boys be at the slumber party tonight?" That was my question to the mother of the girl who was giving the party. Soon I got the answer: "Boys in a slumber party? For goodness sake, Gabriella, no!"

The first thought that came to my mind was that the Americans are very puritanical! Girls with girls? That sounds horrible! After the party I made up my mind: Slumber party means a lot of fun and definitely I enjoyed it.

Now an explanation of all these that sound Greek to you! I left from Greece August 9 and I arrived at New York August 11. I stayed there for four days and then I came to San Antonio. That means that I have spent 30 whole days in the U.S.A. in an American environment. I have learned a lot of new things and customs and I have met a lot of new people, but during these days of experience I didn't have the great chance to learn what a slumber party meant. I thought it was an ordinary party like those we have in Greece. We go together, boys and girls, and talk, dance or listen to records. I think that's a good excuse for my stupid question. Please forgive me!

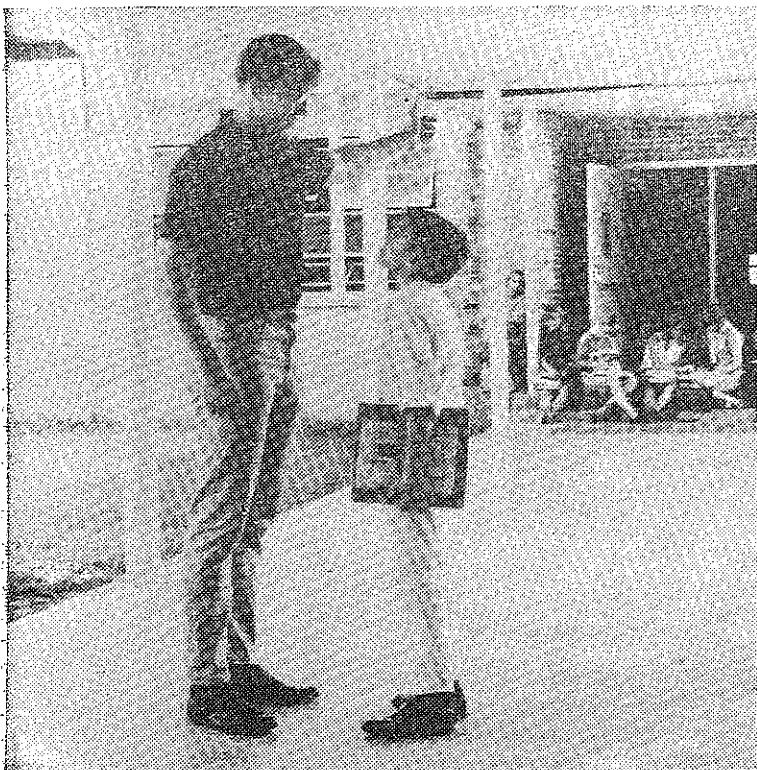
When I asked my "sister" what she thought was good for me to put on, she answered, "Shorts and take a pillow and

a blanket with you." In Greece if anyone would go to a party with a pillow and a blanket the people would wonder if he is mentally healthy.

When we arrived, there were not any people, but pretty soon one room was full of boys and girls coming from the school dance. So I was right; there were going to be boys there! After a while I was wondering what was going on and soon I found out that nobody knew either! People were coming and leaving, eating, and drinking cokes, talking, and sitting in silence.

It was later than 12 when the girls were sleepy, but the boys were still there. So we started going around yawning and we began rolling our hair. Pretty soon there was not even a masculine cat in the house. After a little while with the hair rolled up and with the gowns on, we were sitting on the floor and we started talking, telling jokes and teasing each other. Of course, the main subject of the conversation was the boyfriends!

It was four o'clock when we decided to go to sleep because there was not any other subject that we could discuss and our eyes were already half-closed. In five minutes the floors, the chairs and the sofas of the four rooms were full of girls.



Dah uh do I toin wite at the next coinah? Hurry up kid, I gotta go, implies 6'4" Senior Peyton Caswell of guiding 4'5" Freshman Frank Roberts.

—Photo by Finch

Freshmen Invade Mac

When the upper classmen returned to the Mac campus this September, most of them were aware of a slight change in the atmosphere. No one could quite put their thumb on exactly what it was that made Mac seem so different. Some thought it was the new fence that encloses the campus. Or was it Mrs. Peak's new hairdo? (She finally busted her bun). The construction work on Bitters and Nacogdoches Roads was not the answer, nor was the new vocational building.

By about the third day of school juniors and seniors had ruled out just about everything and began to see the light. They were still hanging on to one flickering flame of hope—that the freshmen class was not for real and maybe they were just Oak Grove sixth graders passing through on their way to lunch.

Alas, freshmen are here to stay. The Class of '70—We're the class of seven-0. We're the class that's on the go—numbering 452 are now

suffering the slings and arrows of all upperclassmen.

Looking at them will probably bring back memories of when you were a freshman. Frosh are easily identified. They're the ones that run through the halls, eager to get to their next class or the restroom. They also buy all the soft drinks and leave none for their elders. They turn down a ride to school in a car to go on the school bus.

They giggle if a freshman has to sit next to a member of the opposite sex in a class. It's even worse if this person is a senior.

But as Horatio Zeldameyer once said "There's a little bit of good in everyone." Freshmen are good, good for nothing.

However, since freshmen are easy marks for selling spirit tags, calendars, candy, (forfeiting their comic book money), they can be considered among the best of the Mac athletic backers.

Future Homemakers Scan '66-'67 Year

Starting an eventful year, F.H.A. presented each teacher with an apple and the administration staff with red roses on the first day of school.

For prospective members there will be a coke party October 1 to get acquainted with old F.H.A. members and plans for the coming year. The fun-packed annual trip to the State Fair and Six Flags over Texas will begin October 15, with buses leaving at 1 a.m. from the school. In the weeks to follow will be the election of F.H.A. Beaus and the Ball in November, cake sales, Christmas projects, a booth for the school carnival, and many more exciting events.

Election of officers will be held at the F.H.A. meeting on October 4 and the deadline for membership dues is October 5.

Further information on F.H.A. activities and the State Fair trip may be obtained from Mrs. Evans, F.H.A. sponsor, in the Home Economics Lab.

Grad Makes Start with "35"

Graduate of the Class of '66, Neil Orleans entered the University of Texas with thirty-five hours of class credit. His advanced placement at Mac netted him fourteen hours of credit in Spanish, three in English, six in history and six in math. His total at the end of the school year was twenty-nine full hours. Not to be termed idle during the summer, Neil earned six more hours in study at the University.



"Let me see if I can guess your names. Doc and Bashful, Happy, Sleepy, and Sneezy. And last of all Dopey and Grumpy too," exclaims Snow White.

—Photo by Charles Mims

Dramatists Present Snow White Classic

Produced by Thespian and Masque and Wig members to be held October 13 and 15 is the annual Children's Theatre production "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Under the capable direction of Mr. Charles Jeffries the cast has already shown that it has the potential to surpass the successful production of last year, "Peter Pan".

Brenda Roettger, a veteran of the MacArthur stage, portrays a lovely and charming Snow White. Newcomer James Rodriguez is cast as Snow White's dashing prince.

Celina Standish has the loveable, laughable role of Witch Hex. The seven dwarfs, Snow White's little gentlemen, are Doc, Mike Grif-fith; Sneezy, Mike Dobbs; Sleep, Margaret McCracken, Bashful, Mike Andres; Happy, Tom Quirk; Grumpy, Bruce McGill; and finally Dopey, Leslie Shafer.

The Children's Theatre is the kick-off for MacArthur's dramatic season, and excitement already fills the air. But more than that, the people in Masque and Wig look forward to performing for the most appreciative audience of all, the children.

The Masque and Wig Club believes in the saying, "You are only as old as you think." They invite you to come to the magical world of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" which will be presented October 13 at 7:30 p.m. and October 15 at 10:00 a.m., and at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold in the Mac auditorium for 50 cents.

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At a Beta Club officers meeting held in August plans for the coming year were discussed. School service projects, civic projects, and preparation for the state convention were among the activities planned.

The new slate of officers include President Beth Pyndus, Vice-President Jim Bayliss, Corresponding Secretary Ellen Luby, and Recording Secretary Ronnie Wong.

Formal initiation of the officers will take place at the first meeting scheduled for September 26.

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The Art Club took the first trip of the year Monday, September 19 to the historic King Williams area in downtown San Antonio. The group, whose theme is "See San Antonio First", used the opportunity to observe artifacts from the latter part of the nineteenth century.

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The students strolled past homes built when King Williams Street was the height of San Antonio society. They sketched ornate ironwork, walked to the train station, visited the site of Hemisphere '68 and finally met at Casa Rio for dinner.

Other trips planned for later in the year include a trip in the country and a return to the bat-cave.

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The MacArthur Lassies are now selling spirit tags, bonus ribbons and MacArthur pins. Also being sold are the Brahmadora Calendars. The Calendars, featuring all activities scheduled for the 1966-67 year are being sold at a dollar each.

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Jeanna Castain, staff member of MacArthur's literary anthology, the TAURUS, was invited to sit on a panel headed by Dr. David Burkett of Trinity University with three other high school magazine editors. The panel has as its purpose to interest San Antonio high

schools in publishing literary magazine made up of the creative works of their students.

The 1966 TAURUS was produced by the Creative Writing Club at Mac, sponsored by Mrs. Marilyn Jones and Mrs. Sandra Schmidt.

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The Future Business Leaders of America held their first meeting September 19.

Interested students are invited to attend meetings which will be held the first Monday of every month after school in room 410. Yearly dues are \$1.65.

A district meeting will be held at Fredericksburg on September 24. The FBLA Chapter has three district officers: Karen Schmidt, vice-president; Connie Marshall, secretary; and Danny Gleason, treasurer.

Activities planned for the year will include service projects, state convention, and social activities.

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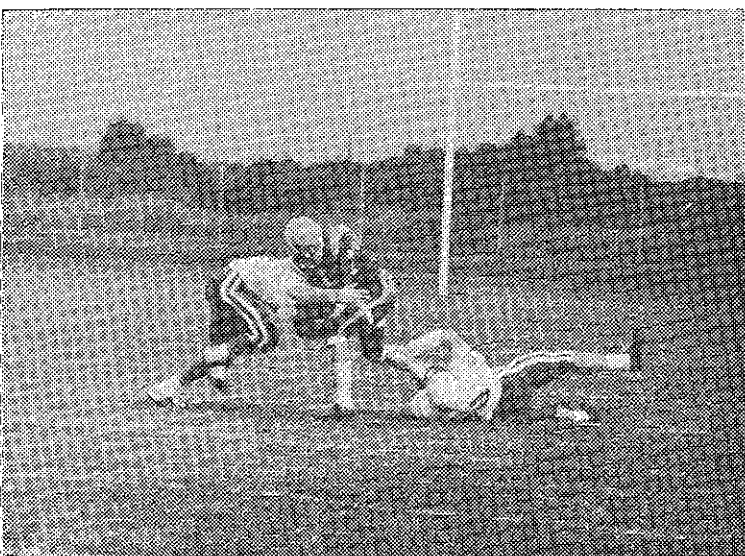
Brahmas Undefeated in Season Play

In a razzle-dazzle performance, the MacArthur Brahmas slaughtered the Victoria Stingarees with a score of 40-7 in the season opener at Virgil Blossom Stadium September 10. The Brahmas took advantage of four fumbles and a blocked punt to push across four first-half touchdowns, then added a tally in each of the final two quarters, with Coach Joe Bill Fox turning over the action to the "Blitzers" in the final quarter.

On the aerial end the Brahmas hit on five of eight passes for 127 yards with receivers open all night. Quarterback Rocky Self completed four of the passes, a 36-yarder setting up the first touchdown. Then Self sneaked over for one of his three touchdowns of the night.

Junior Mike Stephens connected on his only attempt, for 58 yards to Rick Oberlies setting the stage for the Brahmas' final score at the one-yard line. Jon Ylitalo caught a 16-yard Self pass for a tally. Al Hook scampered 15 yards for another TD and Stephens squeezed through from the one yard line to end the scoring spree. The visiting Stingarees posted their only score early in the fourth quarter, when Fullback James Whitfield cut loose for a 25 yard score.

An alert MacArthur defense shared honors with the high scoring offensive unit. Eric Lake, Charlie Rogers, Chuck Dannis, Don Jellison, Bobby Hahn, Mike Shields, Steve Warden, Lucky Duty, Eddie Bunker, and Dicky Thomas spearheaded the tough defense.



Brahma Mike McCleod is brought down after gain on punt return in the first victory of the season against the Victoria Stingarees.

—Photo by Charles Mims

The stout MacArthur Brahma defense, which repeatedly turned back the S. F. Austin Maroons, was needed to preserve a 7-6 victory September 16, in Austin's House Park Stadium. Though controlling the ball most of the game, Austin could not muster any scoring punch within sight of the MacArthur goal line.

Dutch Riefler, MacArthur fullback, was the offensive start of the night, piling up 92 yards in 22 carries on the rain dampened field. Early in the second quarter, Riefler culminated a 41 yard drive by slamming 4 yards over right tackle and into the end zone. Jon Ylitalo added the vital extra point.

Taking advantage of a fumbled punt a short while later, Austin quarterback Jim Geary passed nine yards to end Danny Covert for their six points. The same Austin combination went for two points, but defensive halfback Jeff Davis knocked the pass down and two fumbles.

lowing a successful onside kick, Austin soon found themselves on the 11 with the help of a 15 yard penalty against MacArthur. Pass interference in the end zone was called against MacArthur on the next play and Austin was given the ball on the one yard line. The Brahma front line rose up and smashed Maroon halfback Rod Davis for no gain, ending the first half.

Neither team was able to mount a scoring threat during the second half until Austin drove to the Brahma six yard line. On fourth down and six to go, with less than 35 seconds left in the game, Austin tried a 23 yard field goal that missed by a scant yard.

Defensive standouts for MacArthur were Jeff Davis, Don Jellison, Bill Payne, and Charles Gremmel. Gremmel was also a star on offense where he recovered two fumbles.

Brahmas Clash with Churchill

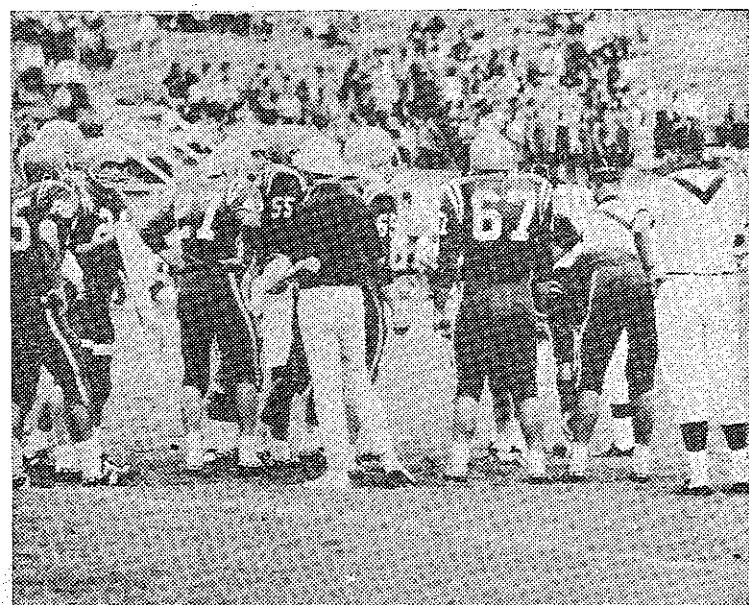
When MacArthur and Churchill clash September 31, the highly rated Brahmas are expected to sweep away with a clean victory.

Players to watch out for in the Churchill line-up are End Roy Simpson and Quarterback Sammy Congelosi. Congelosi completed 10 of 19 passes for 99 yards and Junior End Roy Simpson caught four of the passes for 51 yards in Saturday night's 18-0 defeat to Central Catholic.

The Churchill Charger football squad, opening its season with a

60-7 defeat against Austin Reagan, does not presently pose much of a threat to the MacArthur Brahmas' 2-0 record thus far this season.

Both Churchill and Roosevelt, the district's newest athletic clubs, have met defeat in two attempts, each losing to Central Catholic 18-0. Neither school is expected to make a strong showing in its first year, because most of the players on both teams are juniors and sophomores.



The Brahma team takes a well deserved rest during the Victoria game. The Big Blue beat the Stingarets by a score of 40-7 in the season opener at Virgil Blossom Stadium.

J.V. Skins Bobcats

Leading a changing offense the Mac Brahma Junior Varsity team rolled to a 32-6 victory over the South San Antonio Bobcats. The Brahmas were led offensively by Kevin McMaughn who scored two touchdowns, Don Hains, Jerry Neugabaur, and Roger Keise. The game was fairly close until midway in the third quarter when Hains broke loose for a fifty yard touch down.

Randy Dietz, intercepted two South San passes to lead the young Junior Varsity defensively. Coach John Porter commented, "We played every boy on the team, and I am pleased with the performance of each member."

Sports

Track, Tennis Prepare

Briefs

Under the new coaching of Mr. Wesley Davis, MacArthur's track team has been running cross-country every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in preparation of their first meet November 5. The pre-district meets will be held at Fort Sam Houston and Harlandale High School.

"I would like to invite all boys to talk to me about joining. Even though a boy may be new to Mac, he is eligible for varsity track after going to Mac for 30 days," informs Coach Davis.

Optimistic about his first year at Mac, new tennis coach Mr. Lester Frantzen already has the 28 team members practicing everyday after school.

The 16 boys and 12 girls are working out under the "ladder" system whereby the players must earn their position by skill and can improve only by challenging players rated higher up and winning. Only those six boys and six girls highest up on the ladder will make varsity. Captains are Seniors Ronnie Beilen and Beth Pynudus.

Said Coach Frantzen of his team, "Although we're a young and inexperienced group I have great confidence that they will keep up the Mac winning tradition and give opponents a hard match."

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