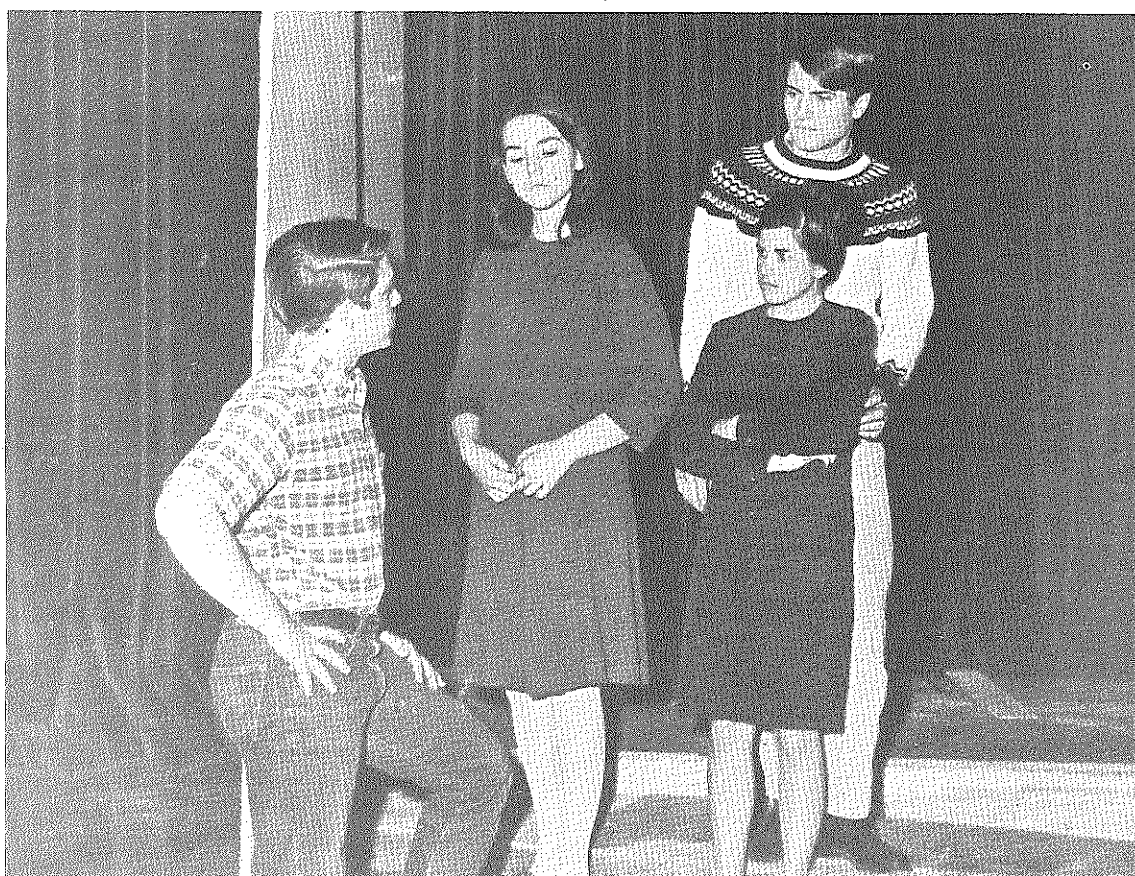


# Mac Dramatists To Present Mystery Play



"CHEESE" — Rehearsing "The Mousetrap", a who-dun-it to be presented February 24 and 25 in the Mac Auditorium, are dramatists Bruce McGill, Linda Brumfield, James Webster and Celina Standish.

*The Mousetrap* will be presented by the Masque and Wig and Thespian clubs on February 24 and 25 in the MacArthur auditorium. A who-dun-it play in two acts, it contains all the elements of a top-notch mystery story.

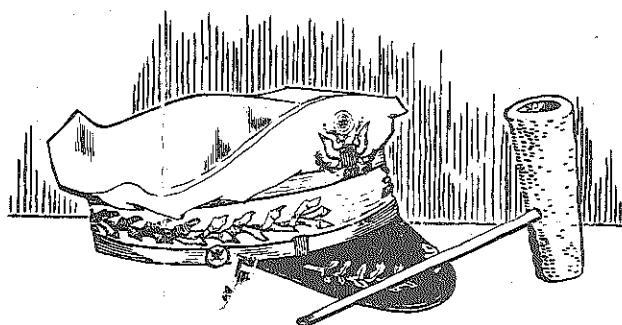
Veteran of the MacArthur stage, Celina Standish plays the young Molly Ralston, an English girl, who with her husband Giles (James Webster) opens a guest house in England called Monkswell Manor.

Christopher Wren is the first guest to arrive at the guest house. He is played by Tommy Quirk, whom you may remember as Happy in a previous production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. The crabby Mrs. Boyle is the next to arrive. Her snobbish personality, portrayed by Leslie Shafer, is overbearing throughout the first act. Her arrival is simultaneous with that of Major Metcalf (Charles Senske) who plays the proper Army officer. The mysterious Miss Casewell (Linda Brumfield) appears on the scene quite manishly dressed, portraying her masculine attitude. After the introduction of these registered guests, an automobile accident due to heavy snow brings the abrupt appearance of Mr. Paravacini, played by Mike Griffith.

The stage is now set for the sudden and unexpected arrival of Sgt. Detective Trotter, portrayed by Bruce McGill, who informs the guests that one of them is in danger of being murdered. As the story progresses it becomes apparent that any one of them could be the next possible victim. The outcome is not only alarming, but exciting.

A special preview performance will be held on February 23 for the members of the faculty. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, February 16 in the cafeteria, \$1.00 for adults, 75¢ for students.

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## Professional Credits Mark Success

Elected to the Board of Governors of the Texas Secondary Theatre Conference at Baylor University February 10 and 11, was Mr. Charles Jeffries, drama and speech instructor at Mac Arthur. Chosen as one of four board members to serve for three years (the usual term is two years), Mr. Jeffries was chosen committee chairman, in charge of compiling a booklet on lighting.

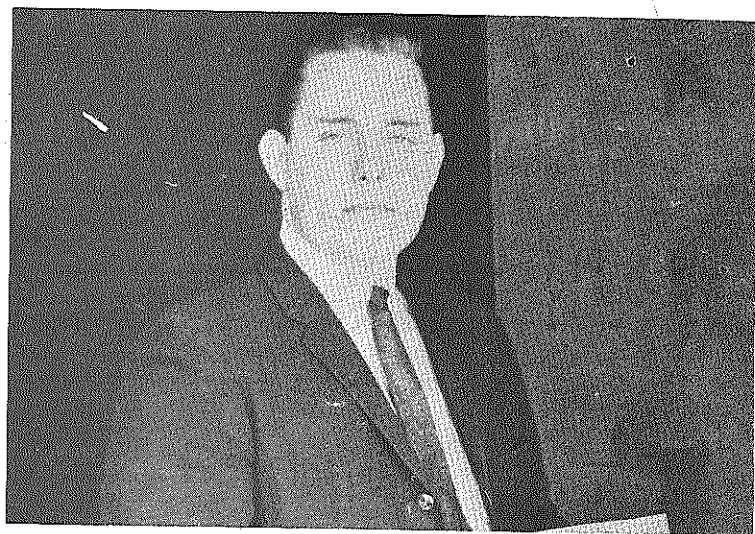


CUT . . . "That's good, leave it in!" directs Mr. Jeffries in a rehearsal for the next play, *MOUSETRAP*.

A graduate of Texas Christian University, Mr. Jeffries has been the drama instructor of MacArthur for three years. He has directed such productions as *Peter Pan*, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Mistress of the Inn* and the current *Mousetrap*, to name a few, besides being the initiator of the MacArthur Little Theatre (MALT) in 1965 and the theater in the round, in which the audience is seated in a circle surrounding the stage. He is also responsible for the Children's Theater of the Billboard Theater whose *Peter Pan* production was so successful that out of six performances, five were complete sell-outs. The group hopes to perform at the HemisFair Theater upon its completion in 1968.

All of the experience needed for such success was accumulated by Mr. Jeffries over the summers between school terms. For instance, last summer he and his wife and two year old son spent 77 days in Europe attending every major theatrical event. "Have you ever traveled and camped out for 77 days in a Volkswagon bus with a two and a half year old child?" expounded Mr. Jeffries on his recent tour. Dramatics is a family affair in the Jeffries' house as his wife is playing the lead role in *Night of the Iguana* at the Billboard Theater. Mr. Jeffries was entertainment director at Fort Sam Community Theater for a year. He has also performed at the Peninsula Playhouse in New Braunfels, Texas; Little Theater of the Rockies in Greeley, Colorado; San Antonio Little Theater (SALT) and the Fort Worth Community Theater among many others. He has played such well known roles as Teddy in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Blake Barton in *Bells Are Ringing*, Pogo Pool in *Pleasure of His Company* and Arnold of *Send Me No Flowers*. A one time emcee of a local variety show, Mr. Jeffries has also been director of an educational television show.

He lists his special talents as singing, dancing, fencing and dialects. At the moment his plans for the near future include going back to college for his master's degree so that he may teach in college — "Where I belong," jested Mr. Jeffries.



IF LOOKS COULD KILL . . . Mr. Charles Jeffries takes a break in his busy schedule in the direction of Agatha Christie's *MOUSETRAP*.

## Mac Drama Department Has Illustrious Past

The MacArthur Drama Department has an impressive list of accomplishments to show for its work. Last year the department presented three plays, starting with *Peter Pan*, the children's theatre play, *Finian's Rainbow*, a full scale musical production, and *Pygmalion*, drama in the round. The Drama II class put on the comedy *Mistress of the Inn* in the drama class, now known as the Mac Arthur Little Theatre.

During the summer, members of the Masque and Wig Club presented *The Forgetful Wizard*,

a children's play to make money for this year's activities. The play was a success and they hope to make it work again this summer.

*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* began this year's productions. The drama department has made the children's theatre a tradition, and is usually the kick-off of the year. *Ralph Roister Doister* will be the UIL production this year. The cast and the whole department hope to bring MacArthur a first place March 31 at Alamo Heights High School.



# Valiant Brahmas Close Season Strong

Seeming to get stronger with time the valiant MacArthur Brahma basketball squad terminated its season play with an admirable 7-9 district record and a 14-16 season record, the city's tenth best. The Mac cagers proved to be hot competitors as they downed four of their last six opponents.

The Brahmas took on the Highland Owls at Alamo Stadium, in what proved to be a district thriller. Though the Brahmas were squeezed out 56-54, there was never a dull moment as Senior Rocky Self and Junior Roger Crozier, dumped in 18 and 12 points, respectively.

Mac (54): Self 18, Crozier 12, Davis 7, Stephens 9  
Highlands (56): Hardeman 12, Statterfield 3, Voight 25, Jones 2, Pines 7

## Brahmas Smother Chargers

Angered by their narrow loss to Highlands, the Brahmas came bouncing back, as they unloaded the bench, smothering Churchill 62-41. Dominating every period of play, the Big Blue showed no signs of mercy as Gary Kensing, Jeff Davis, Rocky Self, and Roger Crozier combined to total 48 points of the Mac victory. Leading scorer of the game was Senior Co-captain Jeff Davis with 15 points.

Mac (62): Nagel 2, Self 12, Crozier 14, Kensing 7, Davis 15, Johnson 5  
Churchill (41): Simpson 7, Lawless 15, Hendrick 7, Goodwin 8, Gauntt 2

## Big Blue Halted

Always a game of fiery competition, the MacArthur squad met the Lee Volunteers, where they suffered their second loss of the Mac-Lee rivalries, by a score of 77-59. Towered over by the Vols' Steve Niles and Bob Peek, the Brahmas were stopped cold in the rebounding and scoring department. Self put in 14, Davis had 12 and Stephens pumped in 10.

Mac (59): Self 14, Davis 14, Crozier 12, Stephens 10, Kensing 5  
Lee (77): Black 18, Peek 13, Niles 22, Shullanburger 6, McAlpine 6



**HIGH AND MIGHTY . . .** Bouncing over a district foe, junior Bruce Nagel heads one in for the score.

## District Thriller

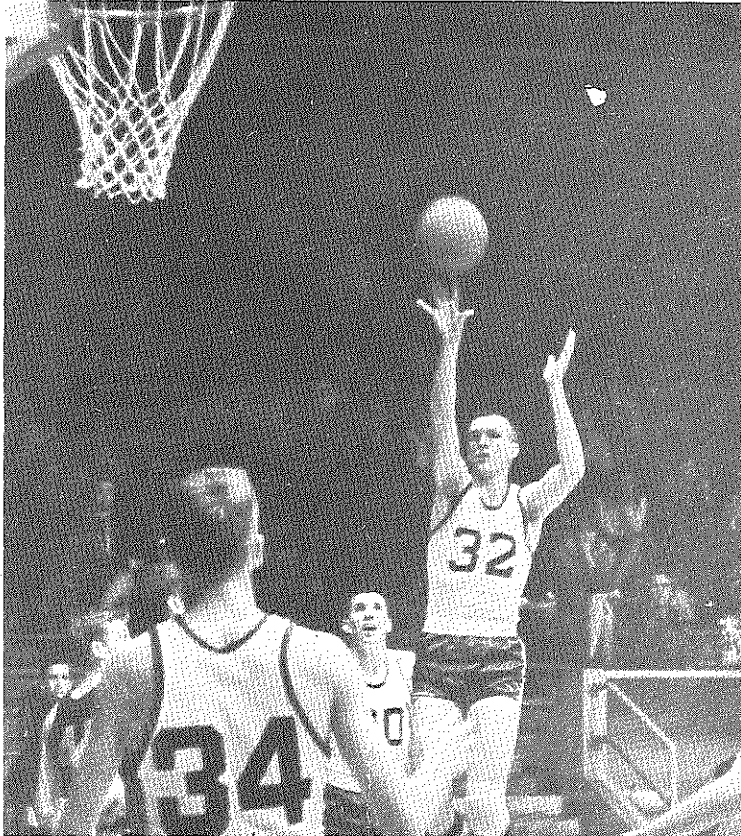
In the home stretch of their district play, the Big Blue took on the Jefferson Mustangs, in what proved to be the most exciting district clash of the season, as they edged out the Mustangs 61-60. Self and Stephens shared scoring honors with 20 and 13 points, respectively.

Mac (61): Self 20, Crozier 8, Davis 5, Kensing 6, Stephens 13, Beck 9  
Jeff (60): Galindo 14, Hudgins 22, Merch 6, Johnson 8, Beeson 8

## Go For Two in a Row

Only two games away from the season's end, the Mac Arthur Brahmas pushed their winning streak to two-in-a-row, as they handed the Edison Bears a 71-60 loss. Despite Co-captain Gary Kensing's absence, the Mac cagers needed no guidance as Junior Roger Crozier led the way with his 26 points. The Brahmas dominated every period of play.

Mac (71): Self 21, Crozier 26, Davis 14, Stephens 4, Nagel 4  
Edison (60): Eckermann 30, Crozado 8, Voges 16, Reed 4, Cano 8



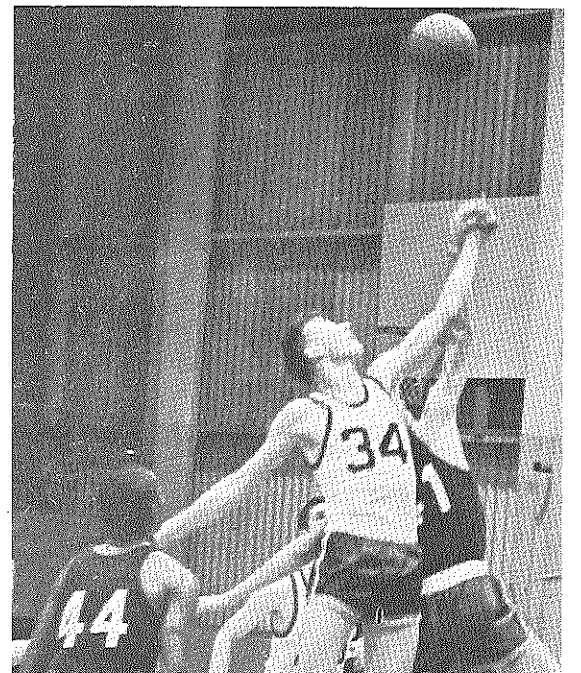
**SCORING SOLOIST . . .** Senior co-captain Gary Kensing goes high for two points against the Edison Bears. The Brahmas took the clash 71-60.

## Big Blue Prevails

With victory fresh on their minds, the Big Blue cagers unleashed the complete squad, shoving out the Rough Riders 65-54. The Brahmas had capped off their season with a three game winning streak. Self and Crozier shared scoring honors each with 12 points.

Mac (65): Self 12, Crozier 12, Davis 10, Johnson 8, Means 4, Beck 3  
Roosevelt (54): Knox 9, Burden 6, Stern 9, Hallmark 7, Hearn 6

Plagued by a lack of height and depth, the Brahmas were forced to rely on team balance. Next year the Mac cagers will have an experienced team with junior starter Roger Crozier and Mike Stephens back for another year of action. Other Brahmas to watch for are Steve Beck, Bruce Nagel, Ron Means, David Ylitalo, Ken Pierce, and Glen Perkins. Leading scorers for the Brahmas this season were Rocky Self with 14.1 per game, Roger Crozier with 14.0 and Jeff Davis with 9.4 points per game.



**FEELING HIGH . . .** Junior postman Roger Crozier springs to get ball in a recent Brahma-Owl rivalry.

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