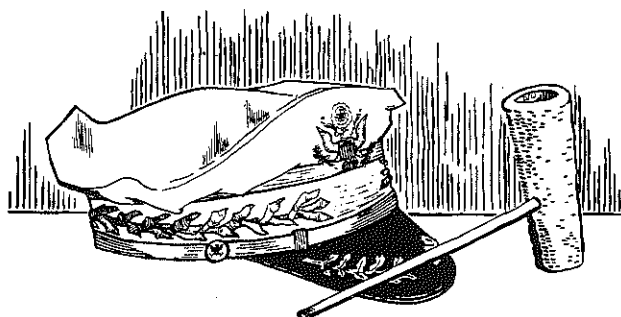


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Challenge of Change Keynote of Coming School Year; Five New Administrators, 18 New Teachers Join Faculty



NEW PRINCIPAL CONFERS . . . Principal George Vakey discusses preparations for the opening of school with Vice-Principals Ken Miller and Jim Davis.
Photo by Glenn Cunningham

George H. Vakey New Mac Leader

As Douglas MacArthur High School begins its 1967-68 school year, many new faces will be seen around campus. Aside from the new students and 20 new teachers joining the faculty staff, the school has a new principal and vice-principal for this year.

Mr. James H. Davis has been assigned to the position of Vice-Principal of Student Services. Mr. Davis formerly served as administrative assistant at MacArthur for two years and taught General Science. Among his duties as administrative assistant was that of Student Council sponsor.

Filling the position vacated by Mr. Davis is Mr. Sydney King, who will direct the Student Council and coordinate text book distribution.

Counselor additions and changes include Mr. John Haywood, sophomore and freshman advisories 1-5, Mrs. Dale Hull, junior and freshman advisories 6-11, Miss Augusta Boyle, senior and freshman advisories 12-15 and Mr. Roy Gabryl, vocational counselor.

Our new principal, Mr. George Vakey, came to us from McCollum High School

where he was principal for five years. Mr. Vakey is a graduate of Brackenridge High School and studied at A&M for three years before he joined the service, after Pearl Harbor, for four years. Returning from the service our new administrator returned to school and received his BA in Psychology and Social Science at Trinity University. He received his Masters Degree at Trinity University in the field of School Administration and Guidance Counseling. Mr. Vakey taught at Harlandale High School, where he was also a counselor and vice-principal. After his service at Harlandale he went to McCollum High School.

The outdoors claim our new principal. He enjoys golf and fishing, "when he gets the time." His real enjoyment is "taking a horse out into the field and just riding."

Mr. Vakey is looking forward to the school year with great anticipation and has many new plans for MacArthur students. This year advisory will be held after third period. While the freshman and sophomore attend advisory, the juniors and seniors will have lunch; then the freshman and sophomores will have lunch while the juniors and seniors attend advisory. Mr. Vakey's theme for this year is "1967-68, Year of the Brahma stampede." We want to leave our mark academically, athletically, and culturally in San Antonio and in the state of Texas.

The new members of our faculty include Mr. Frank L. Birmingham, Miss Nancy June Brown, Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Miss Jacquelyn Gaschen, Mrs. Joy Griggs, Mr. Max Hager, Mrs. Diana Henderson, Mrs. Linda Hinger, Mr. Charles Horn, Mr. James Kuykendall, Mrs. Bennie Pendley, Miss Dorothy Riefler, Mrs. Dudley Jane Robinson, Mr. Melvin Rogers, Mr. George Ronay, Mr. Homer Sargent, Mr. Gene Smith, and Mrs. D'Anne Stall.

In Letter

Principal Tells Theme for Year

Dear MacArthur Students,

As your new principal I want to remind you of the fascinating and challenging time in which we live. It is a period of social unrest, wars, and mechanical marvels—a world where only the brave will survive and truth will lead. As our society becomes more complex, and its institutions grow and change in their nature and structure, I look to the youth of our land to answer the nation's call for leadership. Social and scientific changes are not only rapid, but also uncertain and complicated. I cannot precisely predict how they will affect your values and your way of life.

To bridge the gap between theory and practice, between the ideal and the actual situation, techniques for learning have been necessary. MacArthur has offered these to you, accent-

ed by Self-Discipline, Pride, and Spirit. That you have been receptive to these guide lines is evident in the development of this learning institution which is the justifiable pride of this entire community.

As your principal, I believe in the youth of America and particularly in the students of MacArthur High

School. I am confident that you will accept the change of administration and we will work together, as a team, to make this the greatest year in the history of our fine school.

Your fellow team-mate,
Principal, George H. Vakey

Geo. H. Vakey

England's Loss, Mac's Gain

England sends a lass to be MacArthur's emissary from across the seas this school year. Marilyn Jeffrey from Sudbury, Derbyshire, England, will be the foreign exchange student sponsored by the American Field Service organization. She will be staying with senior Becky Bailey.

Marilyn, who is eighteen,

is the youngest of four, two brothers and a sister, in her family. "Lu", as she likes to be called, enjoys drama and horseback riding.

"Lu" had the opportunity of meeting her AFS sister in London, when Becky, with Mrs. Moynihan's touring group, visited England. "Lu" flew up to London to

greet them.

The Student Council has set aside a special day during "Howdy" week for "Lu".

Marilyn arrived Sunday, September 3, and was met at the airport by a Student Council welcoming delegation and MacArthur students.

Summer Delivery for Annual

Publication Sales Start Soon

How would you like to have pictures of Senior Week, the Senior Picnic, graduation night, baseball games, track meets, swimming meets and tennis and golf tournaments? Well, you've got them. They will all be in the 1967-68 BRAHMA.

Because total coverage of the school year is now a policy of the BRAHMA staff, the annual will be dis-

tributed August 16, 1968, instead of the usual last week of school. By distributing at this date all of the year's events can now be included in the annual.

Students may reserve an annual by purchasing a "Publication Packet." In the packet are the eighteen issues of the *Brahma Tales*, the BRAHMA, and the TAURUS, the student anthology. The TAURUS is a

collection of stories and poems by students, to be published and distributed in May, 1968.

The cost of the "Publication Packet" will be \$8.50. A deposit of \$4.00 is to be paid before the first school semester is over. The balance of \$4.50 will be paid at a date set by the BRAHMA staff. Reservations for the packet may be made from the start of the second week

of school until October 15th. The reservations will be made through the advisory presidents during advisory period.

Temporary receipts will be given to the students. Later, a publication card will be distributed and the student will use it to obtain the newspapers, annual, and the anthology.

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Editorials

The Twilight Zone

Mind Expanding Drugs, A Threat to Youth

To a hippy, it is an "acid," "the chief," "the hawk," a drop of which can take you on a mental "trip" in which one will experience instant euphoria. To a medical scientist it is Lysergic Acid Diethylamide, commonly known as LSD. Like marijuana and heroine the manufacturing and sale of it is illegal in the U.S.

When LSD was synthesized in 1938 by Dr. Albert Hofmann, it showed great promise. Twenty years passed before it became a new word to the vocabulary of the public. Cary Grant, a well known actor, underwent a series of LSD experiments with a doctor and wrote of the self-knowledge that he gained. In 1962 a new face came into the world of the "acid," Dr. Timothy Leary, an advocate of this "mind expanding" drug. Leary has done his best

to publicize it. He says that LSD gives you insight into yourself that you never had before; you solve your problems, you isolate yourself from the life-games that cause tension in the world, and you greatly increase your creativity. "Turned on, tuned in, drop out," says Leary.

To Dr. Leary and others, LSD is a wonder drug, but there are still the untold harmful effects which play upon the body, the mind, and the unborn.

Dr. J. Thomas Ungerleider, Dr. Kurt Hirschhorn, Dr. Samuel Irwin, and Dr. Jose Egozcue are just a few of the many doctors doing research on the frightening breakage of chromosomes. After examining a number of LSD users, and experimenting with this drug, scientists have found it to be a deadly threat now and has

terrifying defects for the generations yet unborn.

Why not take LSD and feel free as a wild bird in flight? Why not take LSD and relieve yourself of modern day tensions, moving into a world of fantasy, reality non-existent? Why not take LSD and see your children born grotesquely deformed? Why not take LSD and examine the true beauty of the intermind?

Why not . . .

Why not take LSD and feel the power of the world at your command as one acid user did before he jumped out of a multi-storied building where he met "his destiny."

Could this be yours?

Across the Desk

Across the Desk is a new column in the BT which will provide an opportunity for faculty members to express their views on any subject. Faculty members will be contacted for their contributions, but they are invited to seek out the editor at any time. We hope that each teacher, administrator and staff member will want to participate in the writing of this column, which will ordinarily occupy this space on page 2. Our first contributor is Mr. George Vahey, Principal, and his letter is on page 1 of this issue.

Editor-in-Chief

"By the Gutter-Poet"

pale, quiescent, and nervous,
sits the dismal, anticipating
new object awaiting life to
come.

wide-eyed and optimistic
she responds to the never
yielding questions which are
set before her by the insen-
sitive monstrosities, that are
placed in wooden boxes.
she has come and she will
conquer. the battle is not
over nor has it really begun.
the sun rose and now it is
setting. softly, with every
bone aching in one's body,
she ascends the steps of her
throne. once again she will
return, but not as before,
for she has tamed the lions.

We've Made It

Until it hits you, you'd never understand, but still it's there, just the same. Ask any freshmen at college, they'd tell you. To some it might have happened the day they received their senior rings. To some it happened the day of graduation. But no matter when, where, or how it will soon, if it hasn't already, overcome you. It could happen in the crowded gym at a pep rally or on a quiet afternoon as you walk through the empty halls of MacArthur.

What is "it"? It's a feeling of happiness, sadness, anticipation, and reflection rolled into one. This is your last year of high school. Twelve years seem so long, but in just a flash they're all over. A touch of sadness with reflection, with anticipation of college or a career in the near future, happiness is felt. "It" is just a feeling. A crazy mixed up sensation you get when you step back and really look at yourself and say, "Gosh, my last year."

They Match!

"HAPPY"	..... The Seniors
"Whiter Shade of Pale"	..... The new teachers
"Cold Sweat"	..... Lassies summer practice
"Up, Up, and Away"	..... College freshman (male species in particular)
"Happy Together"	..... Mr. Vahey
"Heroes & Villians"	..... The faculty staff
"Apples, Peaches, & Pumpkin Pie"	..... The cafeteria staff
"Silence is Golden"	..... Teachers new (?) classroom motto
"Reflections"	..... The wonderful summer we had
"Drums"	..... The band

This column is the domain of poets of the realm of MacArthur's campus. Staff members all will contribute, but anonymity will reign supreme. Patterned after the gutter poet of the last French king's years of rule, the poet will comment on campus life or on whatever seems important to him.

Editor-in-Chief

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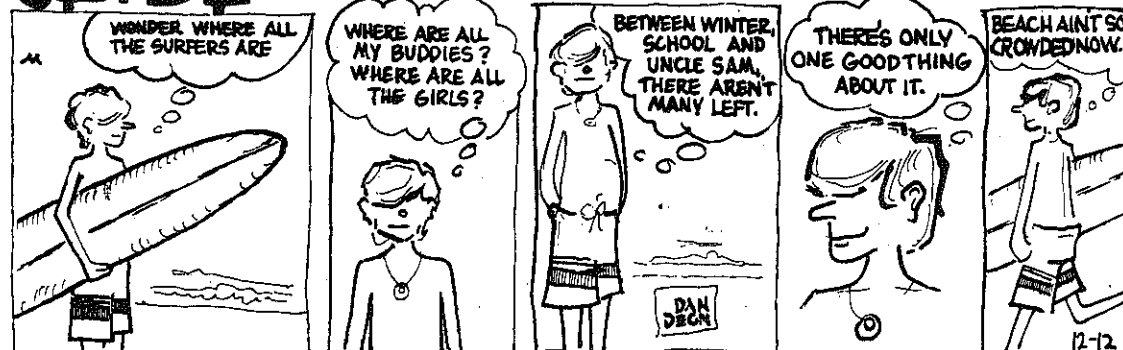
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Exchange Corner

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Summer Sees Macsters Travel

As spring fever hit the world, so did summer hit the Macsters, especially in the way of travel. Let's take an imaginary trip and follow some of our voyagers. Our first stop would be the coast. Many a Macster was seen swimming, playing in the sand and fishing. (boy, you should have seen the one that got away!)

California . . . Canada . . .
France

Many big time surfers at Mac were seen up in California, we hope not getting wiped-out. Now if we take a little side trip to Hawaii we might see Rita Acree, a Senior at Mac, or David Covey, an exMacster, romping the beach.

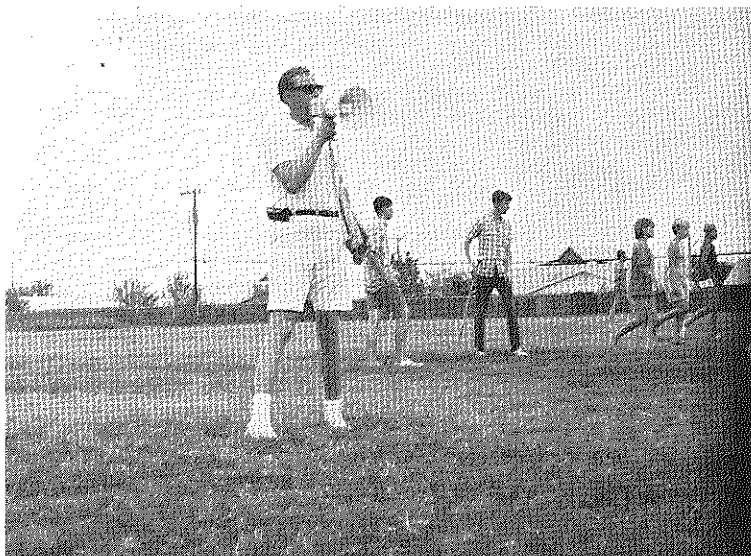
Back to the mainland and up to Canada where Mary Beth Watson is enjoying her vacation . . . Over to New York where Tom Quirk is enchanted by the plays on Broadway . . . After New York we're off to Europe with Mrs. Dee Moynihan and Nancy Rumble, Becky Baily, Cindy Ince, and several Mac girl graduates.

Now to San Salvador, El Salvador, in Central America with Cathy Griffis. Three weeks were spent soaking up the magnificent Latin atmosphere. On her return she was overheard to say "I sure enjoyed myself, but it was good to get back." And that is where we are, back at Mac.

August Not all Vacation

Now that summer is nearly at an end, we pass by Mac Arthur and see that everyone is quite busy. The band is out on the field practicing their new half-time show for the Victoria game. Prior to this time the band members attended Band Camp, August 13 through August 18. At camp they worked on their shows and initiated the new band members. Darelyn Fry, band reporter, tells us that this is the first time in nine years that the band put together a whole half-time

show at camp. Initiation at band camp is quite a treat, for the old members, that is. Poor Darelyn was mistaken for a new member, and was doused by a down-pour of water from the second story boys' dorm window. The initiates under Mel Cohen got a working-over. Mel had the royal treatment, with new members shining his shoes and cleaning his room. At the conclusion of band camp, musicians donned their talent mask and performed at a concert at which their parents were guests.



"GET YOUR LINES OVER THERE!" . . . Mr. John Pearson directs his musicians as they practice for the first half-time show of the year at Victoria, September 8.
Photo by Glenn Cunningham

SC Says "Howdy"

End "Howdy Week" in a big way at the dance Saturday, September 9, in the school cafeteria!

The Student Council—sponsored Howdy Week, enjoyed traditionally by Mac students during the first week of school, begins Tuesday September 5, and is climaxed by an informal dance Saturday.

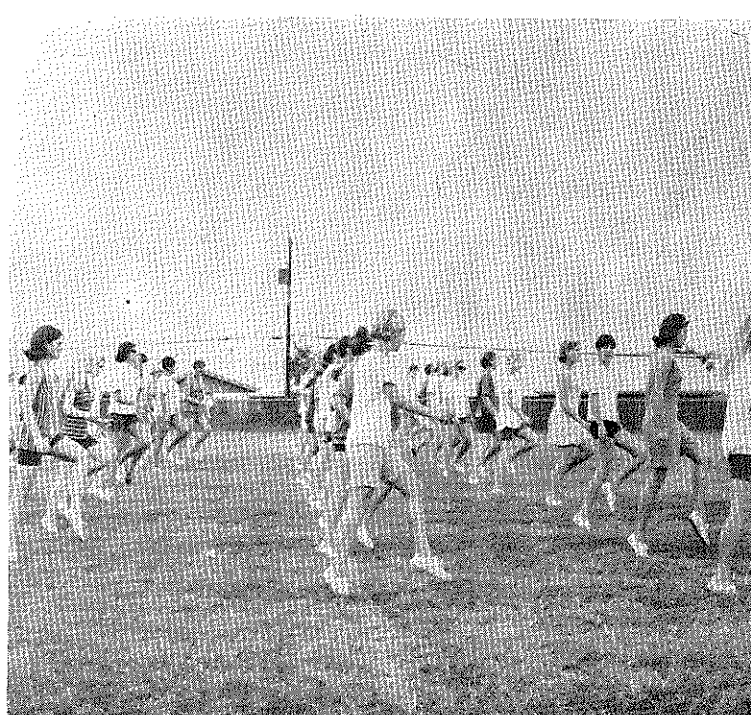
During the week each day will be dedicated to a different group, such as Howdy Frosh, Howdy Mr. Vahey & Faculty, Howdy Brahma Team, and Howdy Foreign Student. This will be the first of many activities sponsored by the Student

Council.

The election of representatives at large will be held the third week of school. In addition to this, Mike Burk, President of the Student Council, states, "There will be quite a change in the student government this year."

The Texas Association of Student Councils, of which Douglas MacArthur High School is President, will hold their annual convention at Roosevelt School April 4 through April 6, 1968.

In addition to the many plans, the Student Council has set their annual carnival for April 13.



FORWARD MARCH . . . High stepping Lassies at summer workout.

Photo by Glenn Cunningham

As we continue our search for pre-school activity, we see the Lassies marching on the field. Under the direction of Miss La-Neal Tankedsley, the Lassies and the band, guided by Mr. John Pearson, have been working together. Taking a quick turn south and west, we see the Lassies, for their money making project, selling Arrow shirts for Joske's in North Star Mall, where they have their

own MacArthur Booth.

Another familiar group seen on the field is the mighty Brahma football team. Coaches Joe Bill Fox and Bobby Jack Price, fresh from hosting coaches from all over the state who chose San Antonio as the site for their Coaching School convention, seem as enthusiastic and eager to begin the 1967 season as their team members.



NEW COACH . . . Addition to coaching staff Gene Smith shows the Junior Varsity how.

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Teachers Keep Busy
The faculty can also be seen scurrying around Mac, getting things ready for their students. Seen peaking into room 210, although with trepidation, was Mrs. Virginia Peak, English Department Chairman. During the summer months, the teachers, too, were busy. Mr. Sydney King, math teacher and new administrative assistant, attended an institute at the University of Southern California. Mrs. Marilyn Jones, Mrs. Carolyn Yates, Miss JoAnn Ryan and Mrs. Sandy Schmidt were among MacArthur teachers who taught summer school.

Mrs. Moynihan enjoyed her travels this summer when she sponsored a

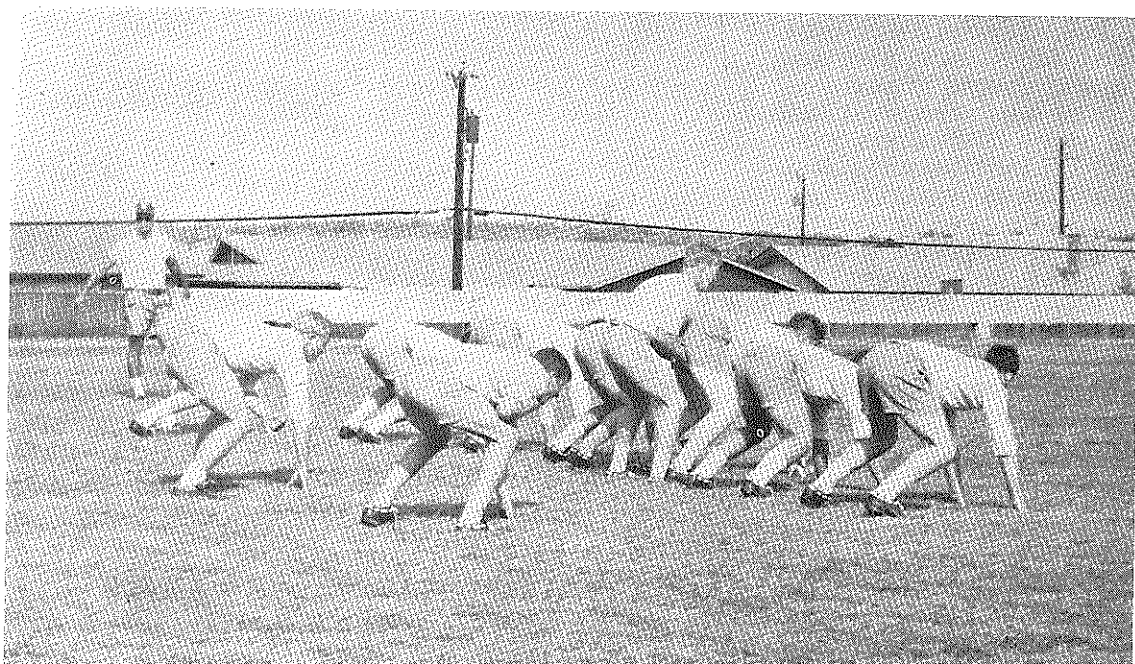
tour of Europe with a group of young adults from MacArthur and other schools in the Northeast District. Miss Pam Wright spent her summer in the out-of-doors, as a camp counselor.

From The Press Room

Other organizations were observed getting ready for school. The annual staff, with Zora Speert as Editor-in-Chief, has been planning the theme for our 1967-68 annual. The newspaper staff was seen diligently working to get out our first issue of the BRAHMA TALES.

Everyone enjoyed their summer, but it's time to get back to school, so we'll end our trip.

Brahmas Begin Season with High Hopes, Travel to Victoria Friday Night



VARSITY WORKS OUT . . . The Big Brahmas are hard at work rehearsing plays for their first clash of the season with the Victoria Stingarees on Friday night.
Photo by Glenn Cunningham

By ALAN WILSON

Monday, August 28, sleds creaked and dummies thudded as the 1967-68 Brahma football squad trained for a coming season. Occasionally a crack of helmets broke the morning stillness.

Coach Joe Bill Fox, after the early work-out, was interviewed by this reporter. Smiling and slightly flushed, he seemed pleased with his team.

The varsity squad, claiming 23 seniors, just adequately fills a gasping deficit by six defensive and six offensive starters who graduated. "Offensively, we have a problem of lack of experience down the middle, at quarterback and fullback. We have some kids there that I think are pretty good athletes, but they haven't had much experience," Fox

said. Ends Dan Terwelp and Ric Oberlies show as much promise as tackles Bob Huffman and Scott Hastings do. The guards, Mike Shields and Charles Gremmes, are separated by a center, Mike Burke. Mike Stevens, the lanky quarterback, is aided by fullback Mike Bunker, tailback Al Hook and wingback David Ylitalo. These boys start on offense, while Jeff Abrams leads the defense.

Coach Fox hopes his most improved players, Lee Temple, Ben Smylie and Harry Lott, will be able to compete in the close district race he predicts. The rising Brahma tide will wave at Victoria on September 8, where the Stingarees, we predict, will be all wet.

2 Cents

by Alan Wilson

To Victoria, Friday

This Friday, many Mac students will journey to Victoria to urge the Brahma eleven onto a victory over the Stingarees, but how many will know of the ancient origins of the grueling, bone-smashing clash they will watch?

The Football Tradition

Caesar's Gallic Legions

Once more, the American football season engulfs us. Soon that many colored game, with its roaring crowds, fast action and spectacle, will be played on all levels, professional, amateur and "just for fun."

The joy of crossing a goal line with the opposition in desperate, foot-pounding pursuit, or the sense of accomplishment that allows one to ignore his bodily pain after making a decisive tackle—these emotions draw dedicated sportsmen back each autumn. They are drawn back to that game of games, American football.

Credit for the development of "American football's grandfather," soccer, belongs to the Roman soldiers who occupied Derby, England, around 217 A.D. Football was to these hardy garrisons what calisthenics are to the modern soldier. Soccer games provided the soldiers a pleasurable excuse for limbering their fighting muscles.

A variation of soccer, rugby, gradually evolved in England. Luckily the English colonial tendency of preserving old customs brought rugby to America.

Would you Believe Round?

1874 saw Harvard College and McGill University dismay the rugby oriented world by actually running with the ball, which was then still round, and throwing it! These innovations, so seemingly innocent to us, were, in the eyes of a fire-and-brimstone, rugby enthusiast, unforgivable sins. Be that as it may, American football was born.

Byword is Change

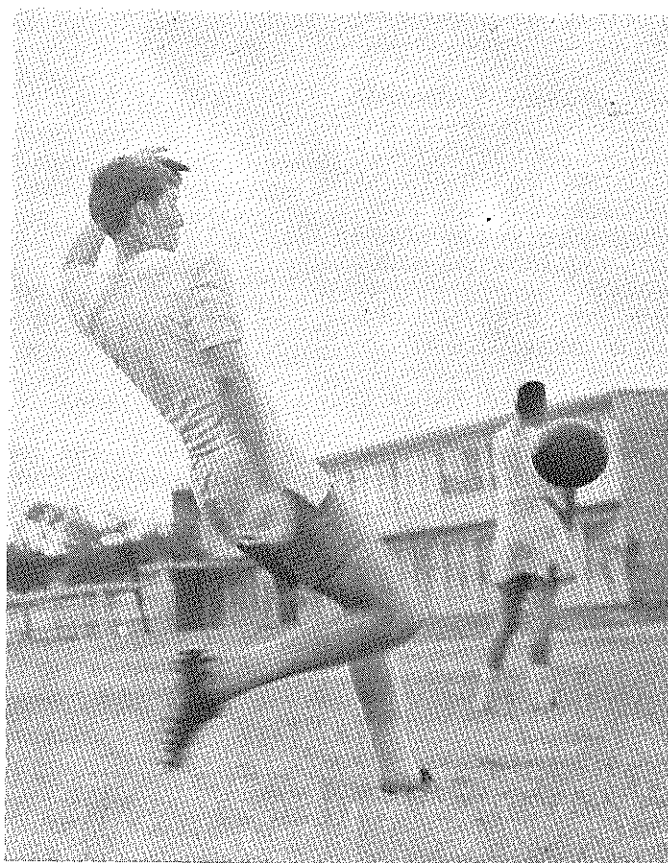
Names like George Halas, Bryon "Whizzer" White and "Bronko" Nagurski remain forever in the minds of football fans. But the gamesman who distilled the American spirit in football was "Pudge" Heffelfinger. "Pudge" designed a strap to be sewed onto the back of his jersey, allowing friendly ball carriers to cling to him as he smashed through opposing lines. Pure Yankee ingenuity!

Heffelfinger's invention succeeded, but football's progress soon rendered his strap obsolete. Tradition gave way to functionality.

As "Pudge" Heffelfinger or any football fan might verify, change is the essence of American football, while tradition is optional.

SCHEDULE

SEPT.					
8	Victoria	at	Victoria	7:30 p.m.	
15	*S. F. Austin	at	North East Stadium	7:45 p.m.	
22	Alamo Heights	at	Alamo Heights	7:45 p.m.	
28	Churchill	at	North East Stadium	7:45 p.m. (Thurs.)	
OCT.					
7	*Edison	at	North East Stadium	7:45 p.m. (Sat.)	
13		Open Date			
20	*Jefferson	at	North East Stadium	7:45 p.m.	
27	Highlands	at	Alamo Stadium	7:45 p.m. (Sat.)	
NOV.					
3	*Roosevelt	at	North East Stadium	7:45 p.m. (Sat.)	
11	Sam Houston	at	Alamo Stadium	7:45 p.m.	
18	*Robert E. Lee	at	North East Stadium	7:45 p.m.	
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KICKOFF . . . Ricky Celaya, Junior Varsity, getting into the swing of things at summer practice.

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