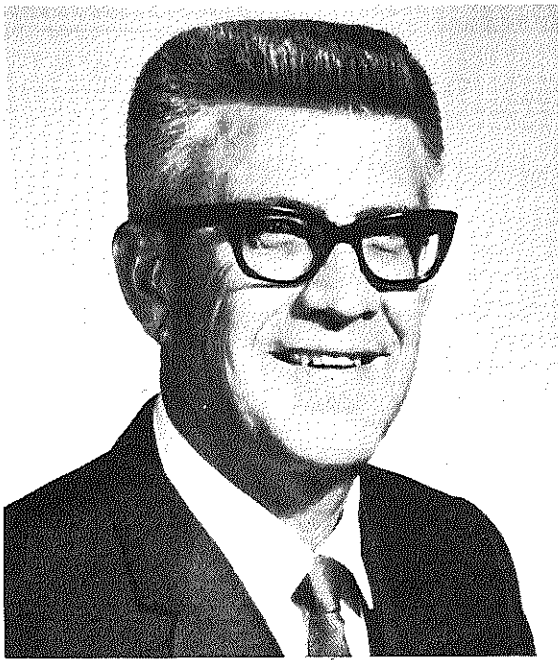


Council Cites Harris Memorial

By Liz Rubinstein



A memorial fund in the name of Mr. Ben Harris is being coordinated by the Student Council.

The former principal of MacArthur High School, had been ill for several weeks before his death December 30, 1967. When he died he was serving as administrative assistant at the North East Independent School District Office.

Mr. Harris was born October 16, 1922, in Forney, Texas. After receiving his high school education he enrolled in Southern Methodist University, where he

received his Bachelor of Science in Education.

At S.M.U. he was on the varsity basketball team. After graduating he held the position of head football coach at Fort Stockton High School, Fort Stockton, Tex. In addition to coaching, he taught math and science.

While engaged in the varied tasks at Fort Stockton, he continued his schooling and received his Master of Arts at Sul Ross State in 1952.

After being at Fort Stockton for six years, he was given the position of principal. There he remained un-

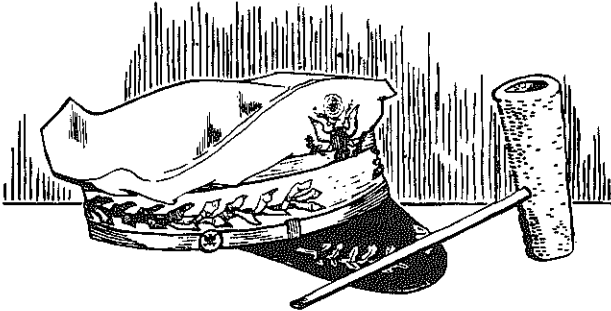
til 1957 before moving to Lufkin, Texas. He served as principal at Lufkin High School for four years.

In 1961 Mr. Ben Harris came to Douglas MacArthur High School as the second principal in its history. He remained until 1967 when he was appointed as administrative assistant.

As Mr. Harris became part of MacArthur, so he became part of his community with his family. His son, Barney, graduated with laurels as an outstanding football player in 1966 from MacArthur.

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Two Chosen For All-State Orchestra

Two MacArthur students represent MacArthur in the All-State Band.

Junior Nancy Rumbel on oboe and Sophomore Brian Taylor on piccolo were selected as members of the All-State Symphony Orchestra.

Contestants first auditioned before a panel of local judges at Thomas Jefferson High School. If selected they were eligible to make a tape to be sent to Austin for final selection.

The All-State Convention will be held in Austin on February 8 to 10. The All-State organizations consist Youth Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Choir. All band directors, choral directors and orchestra directors in the state from elementary to college level will be in attendance.

More than 600 students will participate in the three day convention with prac-



V FOR VICTORY . . . Nancy Rumbel and Brian Taylor choose an unusual place to celebrate their selection to the All-State Orchestra.

tices conducted by nationally recognized musical clinicians. The Grand Concert will be presented and televised on Saturday, February 10.

The Orchestra will play "Polovetsian Dances" from Prince Igor, "Oberon Over-

ture", and "Berceuse and Finale" from Firebird Suite in the Grand Concert.

Nancy Rumbel has been playing oboe for almost four years and for the second time will go to All-State to fill one of the four positions for oboe in the Orchestra. Nancy was first chair in the San Antonio Youth Orchestra last year and has won numerous awards at solo ensemble contests. She plans to attend college and major in either music or biology.

Brian Taylor was selected to go to All-State for the first time and will fill the only position for piccolo in

the orchestra. The junior drum major from the Brahma Band has been playing flute since the second grade and has won various awards at solo ensemble contests.

Several Mac band members participated in district band tryouts. Lee Lipscomb on clarinet, Steve Gates on baritone sax, Charles Hollingsworth on French horn, and Gary Kreitz on bass clarinet made the district band and are eligible for region. Pat Carlson and Larry Olson on clarinet and Mike Luker and Ross Johnson on trombone also made the district band.

Bunger, Cole, 'Mr. Football'

Two team-mates will share the title of Mr. Football for the first time in Brahma history. Mike Bunger and Mike Cole were bestowed this honor December 21, at the annual Blue and White Ball sponsored by the Lassies.

Other awards for outstanding members of spirit organizations were also announced. Doreen Maxfield was named Outstanding Bairn by Kathy Flanagan, 1966-67 Outstanding Bairn.

Becky Whitlock, 1966-67 Outstanding Lasie, announced her successor as Gail

Vivian. Diane Acree, standing in for Kathy Smith, 1966-67 Outstanding Brahmadora, honored Becky Bartlett with the title of Outstanding Brahmadora.

The honor of Band Sweetheart was awarded to Jancy Sackett, and the Brahma Tri-Captains announced Nancy Reed as their Football Sweetheart.

The Brahmadoras provided the entertainment for the program with a "soft shoe" jazz routine to the music of "My Blue Heaven."

Mr. John Pearson's band, The Stuarts, provided music for the evening.

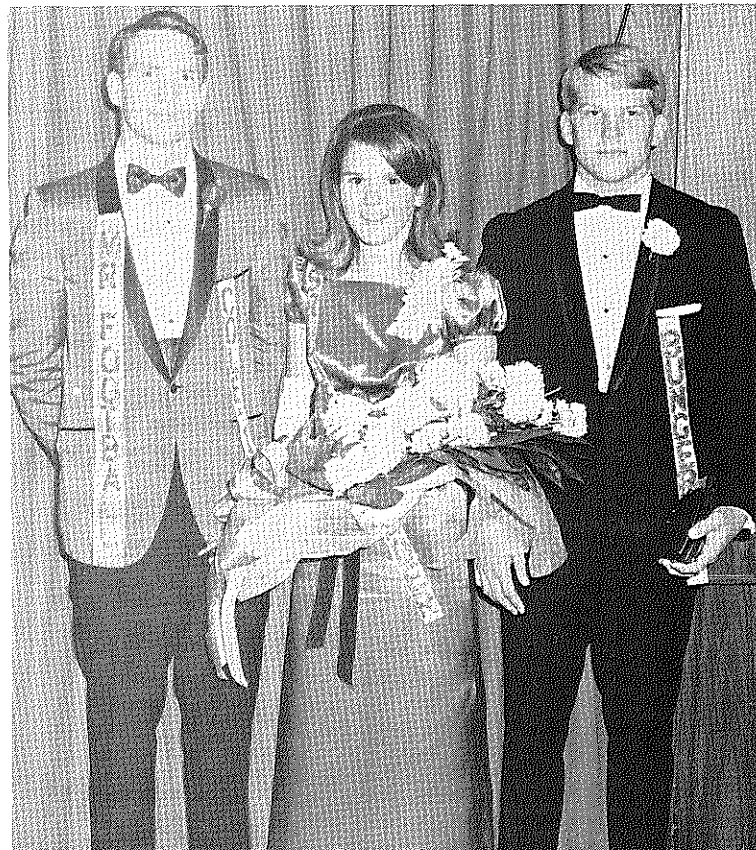
T. U. Meet Recruits Sought

The speech department is searching for interested students to take part in the Trinity Speech Festival to be held March 1 and 2, announced Mrs. Pat Gartman, speech teacher.

Local schools work hard to achieve the sweepstakes trophies in the biggest speech contest in San Antonio each year. Last year MacArthur placed second with Lee taking first and Alamo Heights following in third place. "We would like to come out on top this year, but we must have good participation from the student body in order to accomplish this goal," commented Mrs. Gartman.

It is not necessary to be enrolled in speech or drama to participate in this contest. "There are many talented students at Mac who are not enrolled in these classes and their talents are needed for the contest. Interested students should see me immediately in room 512 and get their name on the entry form. They should get complete information and begin working on their selections," stated Mrs. Gartman.

"We must begin work now," said Mrs. Gartman. "Those who have participated before know that it's great fun! Those who have not should get in on the fun this year."



SMILES FOR THE CAMERA . . . Smiles are the order of the evening for Nancy Reed, Football Sweetheart, and Mike Bunger and Mike Cole, sharing the title of Mr. Football, as they reign over the Blue and White Ball.

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Editorials

The Ben Harris Memorial

A good friend who served us well is gone.

And after the attendant sadness, and feelings of frustration, what? There should come some permanent memorial to befit the memory of his dedication to youth and, more particularly, to MacArthur youth.

The Student Council is presently working on details for a memorial fund honoring Mr. Ben Harris, the school's former principal who died December 30. This memorial would be one in which students, faculty and friends might participate. We support them in this effort, and we urge that they consider a memorial which might be long-lasting, not just a "one-year" type of thing.

We urge that the memorial carry his name, in some way, and not be lost or forgotten in a general district-wide memorial fund.

We urge further that, unless there in a solid reason or policy against it, one of the new buildings to go up on the campus bear his name. Mr. Harris was not only involved in MacArthur as its principal for six years, but during the time he served as administrative assistant, he was intensely involved in the bond issue which has resulted in a practically new campus for us.

We have an unique opportunity to commemorate his service to us in a way which would have made him proud. Let us do so.

By GARRETTE ALLAN WILSON

Whistles screech, confetti flies, rockets soar, liquor flows and a new year is born. The infant year, with all its potential glory, provides cause for Great Jubilation.

Ship of Fools

"Happy New Year!"
Wishes, such as this, for future happiness abound.
When did it become fashionable to celebrate happiness BEFORE it is found?
What proclamation declared that solutions to problems must first be celebrated, THEN discovered with some future revelation?

Late evening movies on television occasionally depict a forgotten era when ships would first be built — then launched amid joyous festivity. The shipbuilders had solved their problems and achieved a goal, the completed, sea-worthy ship. A bottle of champagne smashed against the bow of the vessel was no empty gesture; they had earned their celebration.

That tradition must have ended with the advent of deficit spending. The modern vogue is to celebrate each New Year's Eve in the hope of achieving one's goals on some unspecified later date.

The new year, 1968, will provide no solutions to any problems, no achievement of happiness, by itself. But these solutions and achievements were prematurely celebrated on New Year's Eve.

Revel on, O Ship of Hopeful Wishers!

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THAT I WILL CELEBRATE MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHEN, AND IF, MY GOALS ARE REACHED



By ALLAN WILSON



The Christian carries the cross, and a Nazi wears the Swastika. Ayn Rand and her Objectivists hold the sign of the American dollar as their symbol for each man's proper relationship with his brother.

Miss Rand has written several controversial Objectivist works, *The Fountainhead*, *The Virtue Of Selfishness*, *For the New Intellectual*, *Anthem* and *We The Living*. Her novel, *Atlas Shrugged*, however, reigns as the Objectivists' moral reference book, a vest pocket Ayn Rand.

Objectivism is a modern movement in philosophy conceived and presently led by Ayn Rand. The Objectivists develop the basic premise, "I am conscious, therefore I exist," into a dynamic morality demanding complete democracy under laissez-faire capitalism.

Atlas Shrugged thunders across 1073 pages. What can Ayn Rand say, or rather, what can she not say in this bulky volume?

She can not advocate a belief in God; Ayn Rand is an atheist.

Miss Rand is unable to condone philanthropy, charity or altruism; her logic tells her that they result only in evil.

Ayn Rand refuses to sanction the concepts of socialism or communism. She explains the logic behind her utter contempt for these governmental systems.

Ayn Rand, being an Objectivist, concludes that a philosophy must pass the test of all concepts — that of reality — before one can live by it. She claims that Objectivism has passed the test through her own and through her associates' knowledge of reality. She makes the claim that her philosophy works in practice, in reality.

Has your philosophy passed the test of reality?

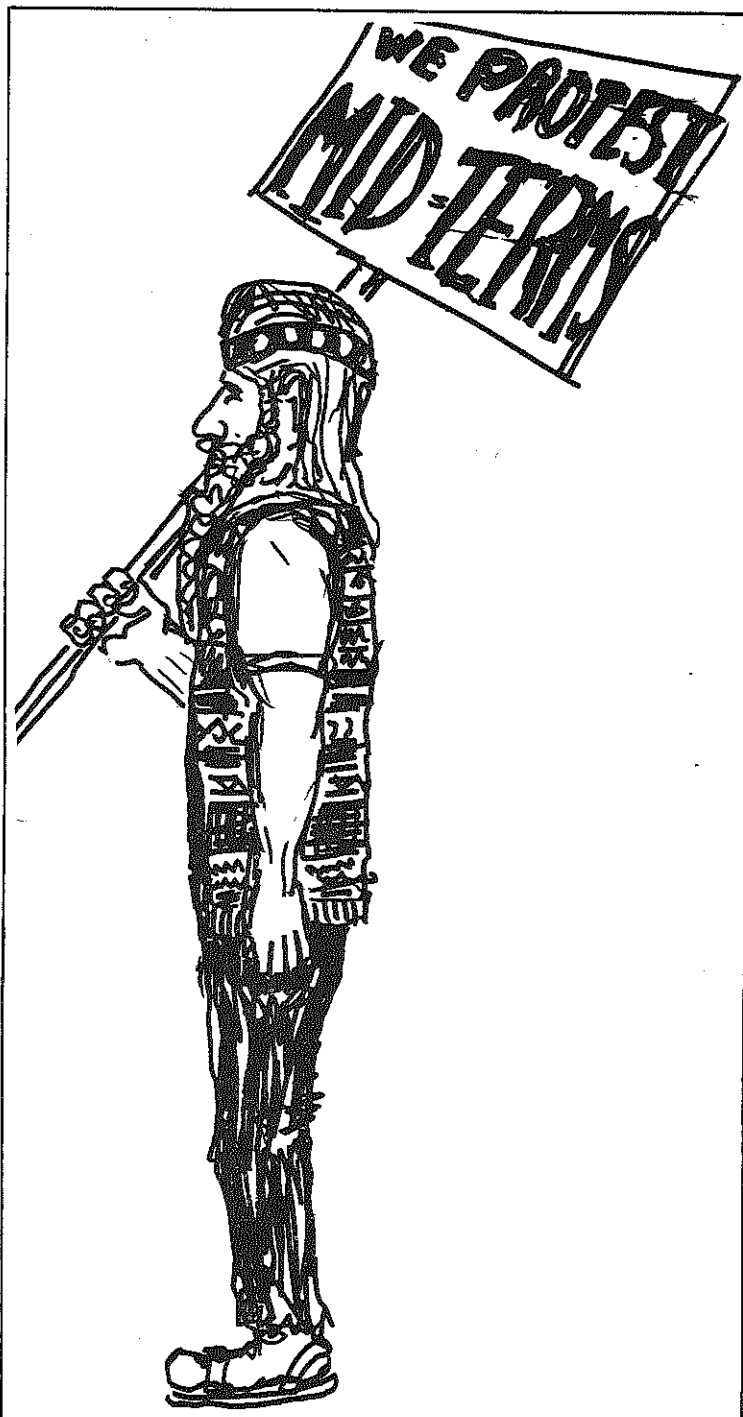
Does your present philosophy even recognize the axiom that "existence exists"? Can you prove, logically, that existence exists? Ayn Rand can.

Do you value your own life as your "most sacred value," as Ayn Rand does, or would you sacrifice your life to the "needs" of others?

For those who can answer these questions non-Objectively, *Atlas Shrugged* should be next on the reading list. These individuals must pit their philosophies against Ayn Rand's, and

may the more realistic, the more practical, the more logical man win.

From those who read these questions and laugh and say, "Who am I to think?" there will come no answers. Regardless of what they say, it may be found that those people neither want, nor deserve to know answers to questions.



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Education Goes Mod

"Borrow my car? Borrow my car? Don't be ridiculous! Why, when I was in school, I trudged two miles every day through mud so deep it was up to my knees! Borrow MY car? Forget it! Use your own."

This conversation is typical of the kind that goes on between today's father and son. Fifty years ago, the argument was over whose turn it was to use the horse and buggy.

But there are more pressing problems concerning school than what car to take. The shortage of good, qualified teachers is increasing by leaps and bounds. The student-teacher ratio is getting bigger every day, too.

Question: How do we prepare today's students to take over and become tomorrow's teachers? MacArthur is answering by providing a club, Future Teachers of America. The club, sponsored by Mrs. Dale Hull counselor, shows its members just what teaching is through lectures, films and field trips. Once a semester, the junior and senior members get a chance to see exactly what it's like by teaching the subject and grade of their choice. Last December 20th, they did just that.

The girls soon found out that a teacher not only had to be smart, she also has to be a whiz in psychology. Math problems aren't the only problems a teacher experiences in an average day. As she was passing out the last pair of galoshes in her first grade class, Junior Diane Mace discovered to her horror that they did not belong to the last student. "How do you know they aren't your boots?" she asked frantically.

"Mine had rain on them," said the pupil innocently.

In another second grade class, one of the students brought an electric pencil sharpener to show to the class. When asked to demonstrate it by sharpening a pencil, the student teacher got this answer, "I can't. I don't have an electric pencil."

The teachers of today have a much more difficult job than the teachers of yesterday. In 1890 Miss Smith had only to teach her class the 3 R's, reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. Now, however, the 3 R's are so obsolete, they don't even start with the right letter—phonics, philosophy and computer analysis are now the basics for today's generation.

The Future Teachers of America are ready to take on the responsibility of teaching tomorrow's students and with all that they are doing now to prepare themselves, they ought to do a bang-up job.

'Smile Pretty,' Now 'Groan Awhile

With a little less assurance of the outcome, MacArthur students viewed their pictures amid cries of surprise or moans of disbelief.

Throughout the distributing days, the annual staff worked busily during the fourth period serving the crowds which caused nearly riotous conditions in the journalism room. Editor

Zora Speert remarked, "You wouldn't believe how small the journalism room is until you have 60 picture-demanding people within."

All students who were photographed will have their picture in the annual whether or not the pictures were bought. In retake situations, the retake picture will be printed unless the person specifically informs the editor or staff.

Reordering of pictures for extra copies should be handled directly through the studio of photographer Fred Harding.

Commenting on the annual, Zora said, "Those students who did not have pictures taken will still be recognized in the annual, with each person's name listed at the back of their respective grade section. Also, there will be no advisory ads in the annual."

Numerous changes in the appearance and content of The BRAHMA are being effected, but the Editor has declined to comment.

Dr. Burns Talks

Dr. William A. Burns, the director of the Witte Museum, spoke to members of the MacArthur Science Club during its last meeting. His program concerned the Witte Museum, explaining its purposes, operations, and other general information about its functions.

A future event planned by the Science Club is a trip to the G. T. Sandex Ranch near Tupley, Texas, on a fossil collecting expedition. Permanent impressions of dinosaur tracks will also be made during this expedition.

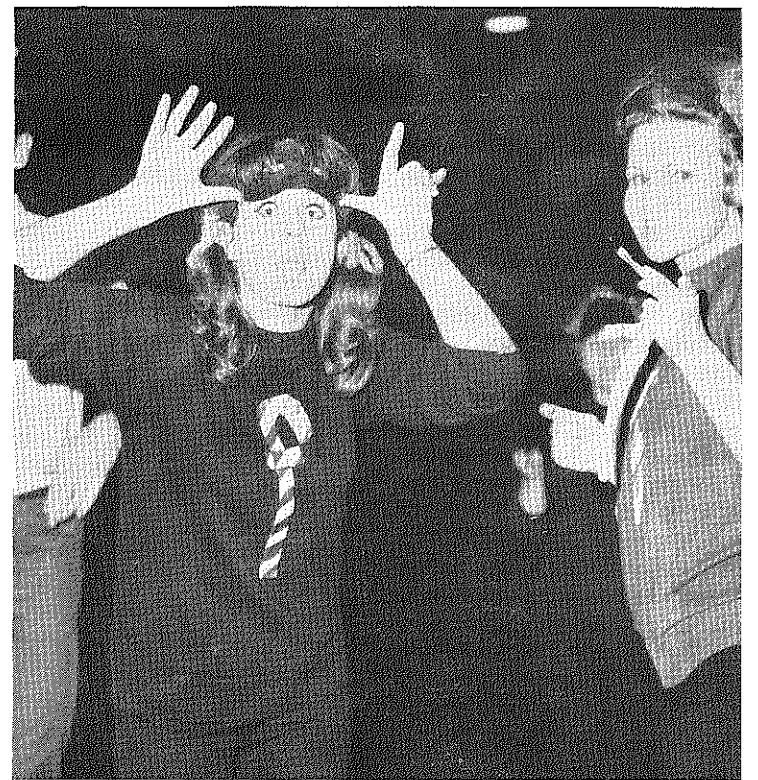
Any persons interested in joining the MacArthur Science Club are urged to do so by attending one of the regular meetings.

Cohen, Hollingsworth, Newton
Early Rice Collegiates

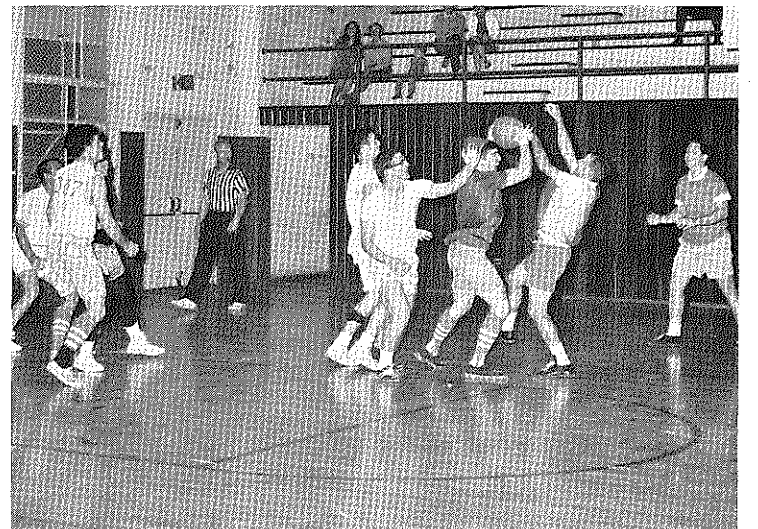
Rice University has already accepted 275 freshmen for enrollment in September, 1968, President Kenneth S. Pitzer announced recently.

The students gained admission under the Early Decision Plan instituted in 1964 by Rice to allow particularly well-qualified students to apply for admission at the end of their junior year in high school.

From Douglas MacArthur High School students accepted are Melvin Lee Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D. Cohen, 322 Royal Oaks; Charles Edward Hollingsworth, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Hollingsworth, 3223 Burnside Dr., and Martha Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Newton, 727 Larkwood.



OH, FOR SHAME! . . . During the student faculty game these "Phantom" cheerleaders, when not making falsely amorous advances toward the referee, had time to display their villainy before a photographer.



STRUGGLING for the ball, these members of the "Phantoms" and "Stars" clash in one of their many encounters.

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His daughter, Emily, is a junior at MacArthur.

Students, faculty and friends will be able to contribute to this memorial fund. No details are available at this time. Further information will be published in the Brahma Tales.

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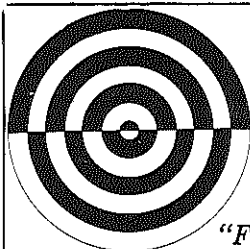
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The night of December 20, 1967, shall be long remembered in the history of MacArthur High School, for on this fateful evening MacArthur's senior citizens, the faculty "Phantoms," defeated the student "Stars" in a game of basketball.

Fate's fickle finger continually tipped the scales of the fortunes of war in favor of the faculty squad to make the game a one-sided match. The student team filed onto the court in their uniforms of blinding colors and outrageous styles, all displaying hats, bermudas and leotards. The faculty cagers were not as style conscious as the student team; their only prominent characteristic could be found in their bulging mid-ribs.

Throughout this highly competitive contest of age versus youth the students maintained a fast and furious running pace, while in contrast, the haggard faculty members ran with a continuous, tired looking jog.

Spectators observed at the end of each period that the members of the faculty team were coated with a glistening sweat and that their faces were contorted in grimaces and looks of anguish whereas the students looked as though they could continue the rapid pace eternally.

While the wild melee of the playing court continued into the last quarter, the somewhat apathetic referee suddenly took interest in

the game when it dawned on him that the faculty cheerleaders were honest to gosh WOMEN, not the school girls he had taken them for. This devious and most foul faculty tactic employed the use of four females dressed in alluring uniforms of black sweat-shirts and slacks, a combination that completely overwhelmed the amazed referee. These flirtatious young vamps wearing ribbons innocently in their hair and masks over their eyes turned the tide for the villainous faculty squad.

After calling a number of

fouls on the student team, the referee would scamper over to the cheerleaders, where, grinning in pride, he would get a pat on the head from the women in black and receive more hints as to how the game should turn out. Then he would eagerly dash back into the game and show off for the notorious Phantom cheerleaders.

When one wasn't looking at the cheerleaders it was easy to notice that certain faculty members stood out from the rest. An example was Coach Wes Davis, whose undersized sweatshirt was reminiscent of that classic

line describing St. Nick who had a "belly that shook when he ran like a bowl of jelly."

In the closing minutes of the game Coach Moseley distinguished himself by slipping on his shoestrings, crashing to the court and finally clambering to his feet three baskets later.

As the game closed a look of relief came to the faces of the aged faculty players. Their fanatical desire to last out the last few minutes of the game had resulted in the darkening of certain areas of their sweatshirts. This is the price of victory.

Cross Country Ends; Track Season To Begin

MacArthur's Cross Country Squad is running on the road of success these days. On December 13th the Brahma runners scored a phenomenal victory by winning the District 15AAAA Cross Country Championship at Highlands.

The cross country team brought the trophy to MacArthur by winning in the Senior and Sophomore divisions and by placing second in the Junior Division. The Brahmas won over runner-up Highlands by a margin of 31 points and third place Roosevelt by 48 points.

The cross country squad again surprised everyone by sweeping this feat by placing first in the Junior and Sophomore divisions and by placing second in the Senior division.

The members of the victorious Sophomore team were Bill Spence, Chad McHugh, Ronny Zimmerman, David Liles, Steve Bailey, Hal Vogtberg, Tommy Berry, Phillip Babel, Mark Stone.

The runners on the Junior team were Mark Schneider, Don Somerville, Eddie McCaul, Robert Johnson, Greg Simang, Mike Johnson, Gary Caswell, James Bauman and Kevin McMaughan.

The track season will open with a meet at Falfurrias on February 24. Coach Davis would like for all boys interested in being on the team to contact him before the beginning of next semester.

TRACK SCHEDULE	
Falfurrias Invitational at Falfurrias	Feb. 24
Metropolitan Meet at Alamo Stadium	March 2
Border Olympics at Laredo	March 9
Harlandale Invitational at Harlandale Stadium	March 16
North East Invitational at Blossom Stadium	March 23
Alamo Heights Invitational at Alamo Heights Stadium	March 30
District 15AAAA Meet	April 6

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A & M COACH TO SPEAK

The January 24th Football Banquet sponsored by the MacArthur Booster Club will feature Gene Stallings, coach of the Texas A & M Aggies as guest speaker.

Texas A & M boast several MacArthur graduates on its conference championship team. They are Barney Harris, Tommy Chaffe and Walter Mohn.

The Football Banquet will be held at the Sheraton San Antonio Motor Inn at 7:30 p.m. The student body and parents are invited to attend. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00.

Swimmers Place In Meet

76-77 was the University of Texas Freshmen's one point lead over the Brahmas in an exciting swim meet last December 13.

Robert E. Lee, University of Texas Freshmen and the MacArthur Brahmas were the schools competing in the Tri-School Swimming and Diving Meet held at the Virgil T. Blossom Athletic Center.

In a total of 11 events Mac placed first in 4 events, second in 8, third in 4, and fourth in 3.

In the 160 yard individual medley MacArthur's Rick Denman placed first, but failed to break his own record of 1:40.0 with a time of 1:41.9 minutes. In the 100 yard butterfly he also placed first with a time of 57.5 seconds.

In the diving division Ted Alexander came out ahead with a total of 183 points. Todd Schwartz followed closed behind with 165.2 points in all making both a first and second in this division for the Brahmas.

Bill Barnhill won the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:02.6 minutes only 0:01.6 behind the record.

Cagers In Slow District Start

The battle-scarred basketball players of MacArthur High School got off to a slow start in district play by losing to Sam Houston at the Alamo Stadium Gym by a score of 60-57. The December 12 game marked the beginning of District 15AAAA competition for the Brahma cagers.

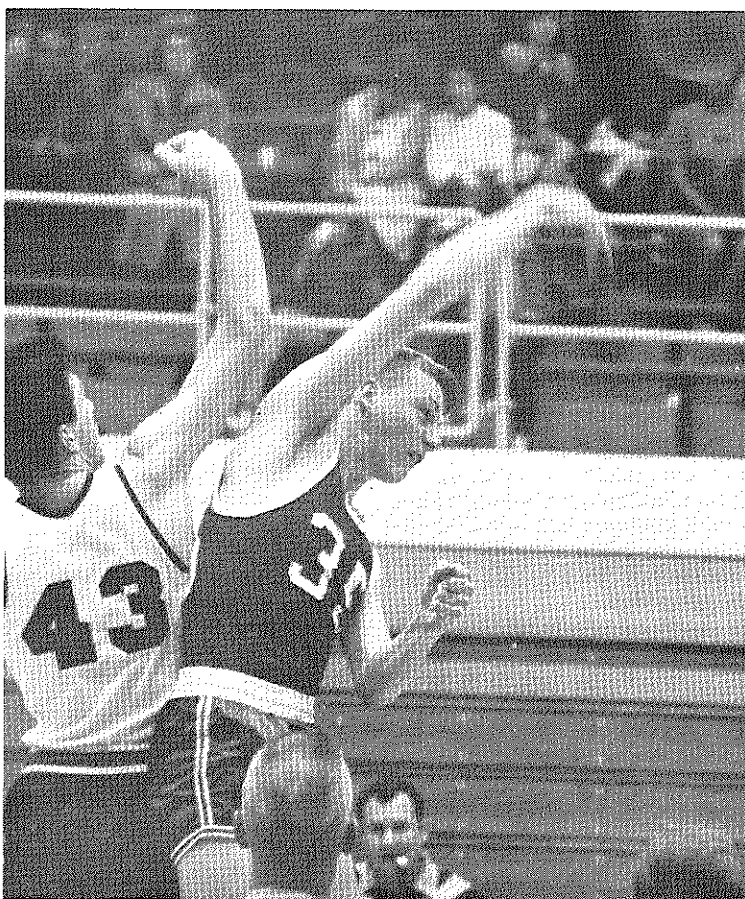
The Brahmas matched this loss on December 15 by losing to Alamo Heights by a score of 65-53. December 19 saw the Brahmas bring their district record to three losses by losing to Highland by a score of 58-57.

MacArthur's cagers finally got off the ground on December 22 by smashing Churchill with a score of 66 to 51. In this game the Brahmas displayed accurate free throw shooting and a quick-

ly moving offense; two factors that could mean the difference between victory and defeat in the future.

Ron Means was the high scorer for the Brahmas in the Churchill game with a total of 18 points. He was followed by Mike Stephens with 15, Roger Crozier with 11, Jeff Burwell with 10, Bruce Nagel with 6 and Steve Beck with 6.

Having won their first district game the Brahmas participated in the San Antonio Invitational Tournament which was held December 29-30. In the first round of this Tournament the Mac cagers trampled McCollum with a score of 67-47. In this second round of action the Brahmas were edged by Wheatley 60 to 55.



FLYING HIGH . . . Roger Crozier tips the basketball away from his Churchill opponent. The Brahmas won this title 66 to 51, resulting in their first district win. Photo by Jake Huffman

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