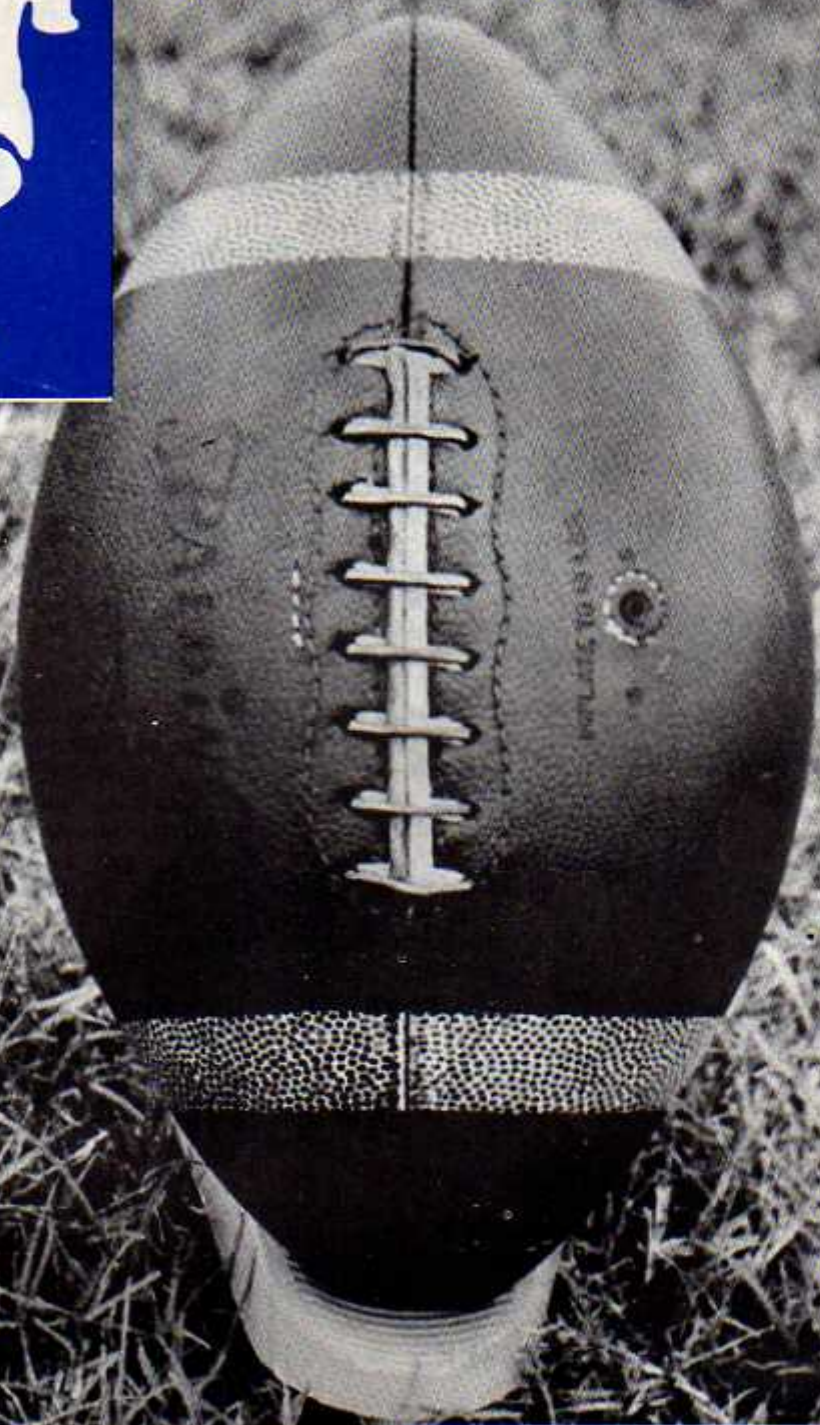


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# French AFS Student On Mac Campus

## Odile Decomble Will Stay With Zito Family

With an enthusiastic welcome comparable to the ovations for Richard Nixon, Odile Decomble disembarked from her flight to San Antonio, August 10, minutes before the arrival of the presidential hopeful at the same airport.

The Brahma touch was added to the occasion as the French foreign exchange student was given flowers and greetings from throngs of MacArthur students.

Due to the willingness of the John Zito family, their residence at 14214 Oak Shadows is Odile's new home.

Though far in both distance and appearance from her home in Toulouse, France, Odile feels the family shift will be an easy adjustment. Accustomed to two younger sisters and brothers in her French household, she also ranks eldest in her new surroundings with two younger brothers and MacArthur's Head Cheerleader Pam Zito comprising her new family.

Since her arrival, Odile has had to re-evaluate the knowledge she carried across the Atlantic. Her only contact with the United States has been through travel books and from talking to an aunt who

had visited New York. Thus far, the U.S. has made a favorable impression. "It's a lot like I was told," Odile states, "but there's so much to see and do. It's wonderful."

Her 4,500 mile journey to San Antonio was interrupted by a stopover in New York City. The American Field Service, sponsor organization for the exchange program, hosted all incoming exchange students for two days.

Odile's interest and curiosity in securing personal knowledge of "the American way of life" was her primary reason for entering the AFS program.

A girl friend, who visited New York through the AFS program, influenced Odile to file an application for a sponsored educational passport to America.

Having graduated from an all girls-school, Odile realizes no academic credits for this year's endeavors. After her one year tenure in the States, she will return to college studies in secretarial work.

With six years of English orientation, Odile who spent one month Britain, speaks our language adeptly. But she does admit to finding the Southern



Holding a bouquet of flowers, Odile Decomble (center) flashes a French smile, as her "sister" Pam Zito and Student Council President Ken Pearce greet her at the airport.

drawl hardly comprehensible to her British accent trained ears.

Campus days at MacArthur will be anything but routine for Odile. She is unfamiliar with our extra-curricular program, as her alma mater was strictly concerned with instilling the rudiments of purely educational matters. Early morning practice sessions are unknown to her as is the school competitive sports program.

Hemisfair has not escaped her notice. Boasting a visit within a few days of her arrival, Odile enjoyed the various attractions which the fair had to offer.

Hoping for a memorable year a Brahma, Odile's response to the question, "What do you want to accomplish at Mac?" Combined her role as student and visitor.

"I'd like to learn German and meet a lot of new friends," she stated.

## '68 "Brahma" Unveiled at Annual Party

The 1968 BRAHMA topped the local best-seller list after its release to the public at the annual distribution party at MacArthur Park on August 19.

Dedicated Brahma staffers sat patiently with the books until the 6:30 debut. An estimated 600 people gathered in the MacArthur Park pavilion, first searching and noting where they were pictured, and then anxiously collecting signatures.

For those who missed the gala occasion, 1968 Brahma editor Zoro Speert has entrusted the undelivered annuals to this year's editor, Ann-Lynn Shackelford.

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# From The Principal's Desk — "Welcome Back — And Congratulations

"1968-The Year of Change," with this theme I welcome you back for another school year. Hopefully this school term will offer you the greatest challenge of your educational experience.

But after working with you for 14 months, I have no reservations regarding your adjustments in making the most of our difficult situations. The first week of school has passed and you have proved to the community that MacArthur students executed the smoothest school opening operation in the district. For this you can be justly proud.

I also would like to greet all new students to our campus this year and welcome back our upper classmen. These 782 new students have already been inspired by our theme of: Dedication, Spirit and Pride. Lets all work together to have another great year at MacArthur.

Thanks again for your efforts. Remember, keep smiling.

# Editorially Speaking: Students Adjust To Construction

Amid the confusion of construction, and hearty congratulations and thanks.

mid-summer heat, the nearly two thousand 68-69 MacArthur enrollees effected opening school business in a manner quite unperturbed by the noise, obstruction, and discomfort caused by the building projects.

The pre-school scheduling and book issuing session attended by sizeable majority of Mac Students contributed to the ease of the first school week.

Reports from other schools indicate that MacArthur was far ahead in cooperation and organization during its opening week. The administration responded to this cooperation with

But, major operations requiring the cooperation of all of us are still in store. Upon the completion of the new buildings, class sites will be shifted to their permanent locations. The installation of air-conditioners will also cause shuffling as the old wings are redistributed and departments move into their new homes.

The cooperation and effort during the first week of school displayed a 100% MacArthur spirit we hope will prevail in all campus projects this year.

Our hats are off to all Brahmas for job that is, so far, very well done.

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The 1968 Brahma signing party marked the first summer delivery of a MacArthur annual, August 19 at MacArthur Park.



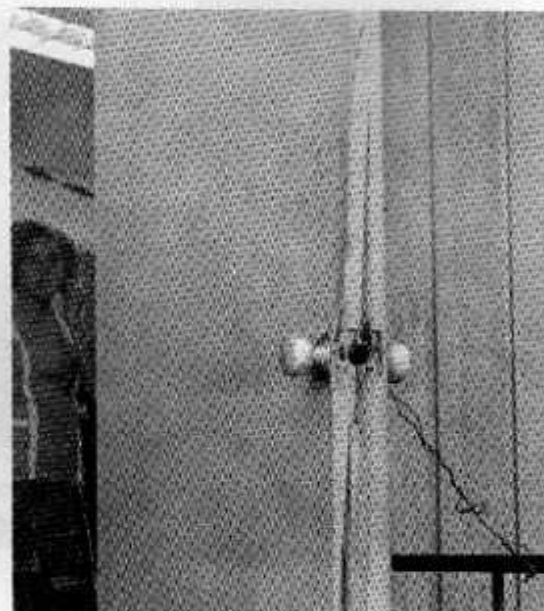
The Temple pep rally exhibited the vict files in.



Under the Big Top, ROTC students meet in the ultimate of architectural designs.



oriorous Brahma spirit. Here, the football team



The first weeks of school often indicate the tempo of the student body for the year. During their first week, MacArthur students did everything from "the same old thing" to some new happenings.

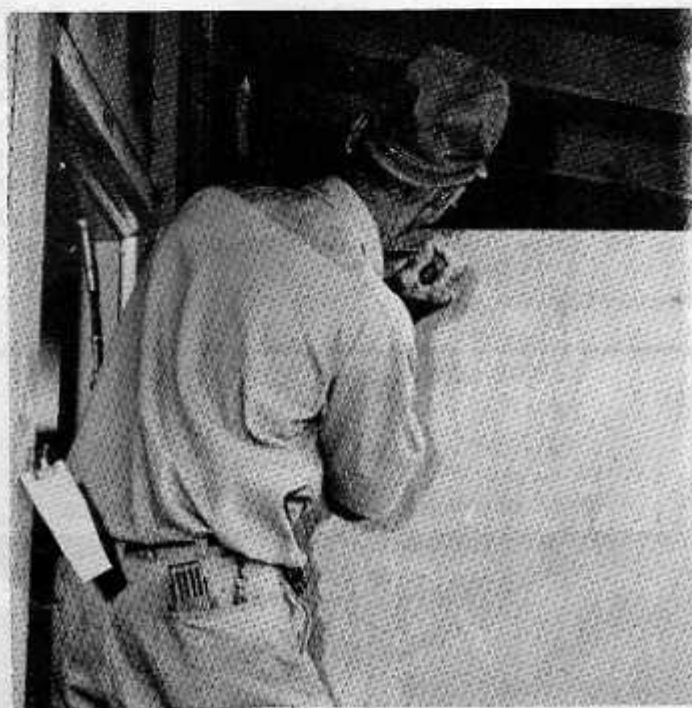
Pictured on these pages are a few of the major events of the first school week, and one minor setback.

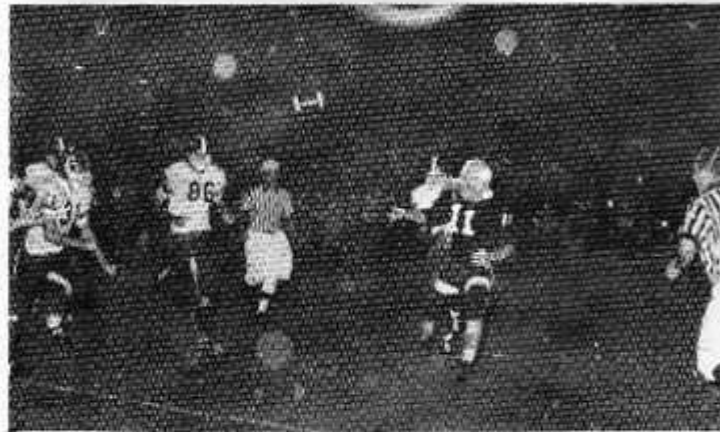
Of all the problems which struck the Mac campus during the first week, Mr. Setton's was perhaps the most unusual.

After a morning government class, the students and Mr. Setton found themselves locked in. In the top picture, keys, knives, screwdrivers, and pliers fail as students from the next class look on.

The middle picture is of the balky door—after the use of brute force.

Bottom, a workman installs a new door.





This Jerry Neugebauer aerial to Stan Shipley was good for 14 yards and set up the touch down in the third quarter. We apologize for the spots on the picture, but there was little we could do about the rain.

## 1968 Brahma Schedule

Sept. 20	Austin-Austin	Austin	7:30P. 14
Sept. 27	Harlandale	North East Stadium	7:45 P.M
Oct. 4	†Roosevelt	North East Stadium	7:45 P.M
Oct. 12	†Churchill	North East Stadium	7:45 P.M
Oct. 19	Abilene Cooper	North East Stadium	7:45 P.M
Oct. 26	†Jefferson	Alamo Stadium	7:45 P.M
Nov. 2	†Alamo Heights	North East Stadium	7:45 P.M
Nov. 9	†Highlands	North East Stadium	7:45 P.M
Nov. 15	†Lee	North East Stadium	7:45 P.M

†District Games

# Brahmas Upset Cats 16-8 In Rainy Opener

The MacArthur Brahmas, stymied by the Temple Wildcats and the rain for more than 35 minutes, struck for two quick scores in the third quarter and hung on grimly to stun Temple 16-8 last Friday night.

The Wildcats of 14-AAAA, ranked sixth in the state in pre-season figuring, dominated the statistics but were felled by penalties, fumbles, and the determined Brahmas that refused to fold once they got ahead.

Temple scored on its first series of downs on an 82 yard drive. Brad Dusek, the Wildcats fine quarterback, scored the touch down on a seven yard sweep. He passed for the two points after and looked like the highly regarded Wildcats would roll over the smaller, less-touted Brahmas.

But after that early score, the game settled into a bruising defensive affair in which the rain did as much to stall the offenses as anything else. The Brahmas did manage three points late in the first quarter on a 32-yard field goal by Don Haines.

Midway in the third quarter, it looked like 8-3 was a good bet to be the

final score. But, the rugged Brahma defense turned the tide.

David Wylie intercepted a pass from Dusek on the Temple 37 to set up the first touchdown. A 15-yard penalty for holding a face mask and a 14-yard pass from Jerry Neugebauer to Stan Shipley got most of the yardage in moving the ball to the Wildcat 3-yard line. Roger Kies got the rest of it in two tries at left guard. Don Haines added the PAT.

On the following kickoff, the ball bounced away from Dusek to the three yard line. He picked it up there but Tom Snider knocked it loose and Ken Pearce pounced on it.

After two plays lost a yard, Brian Kies hit over right guard for the score. The center snap went awry however, and Haines never had a chance to convert.

From the on, it was a question of the Wildcats knocking on the door, and the Brahma's keeping it tightly shut. The last Cat threat died in the final seconds when Ken Pearce intercepted a Dusek pass at the Brahma five. Dave Wylie had swiped two passes earlier.

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## Student Council Prepares For Coming Events

With Howdy week festivities completed, the Student Council is now settling down to the business of sketching plans for the coming year.

Council president Ken Pearce has already directed the mailing of invitations to MacArthur-graduates for the Homecoming Game, October 12, with Chruchill. Homecoming activities and details will be the major project of Council in the next few weeks.

Projects include election of the advisory president and student Representatives at Large and publication of the Student Directory.

President Pearce said he spoke for the entire Council in hoping that this would be the best year in MacArthur history.

"Everyone on the Council and our sponsor, Mr. Sidney King, will try our best to fill the needs and wants of all MacArthur students. We have a great many enthusiastic, hard working people in our group who are anxious to do all they can for the students and faculty of MacArthur."

## Traditional "Howdy Week" Opens 68-69 School Year

The MacArthur student body was not politicking!

The congenial campus atmosphere charged with hearty "Hi's" is an accustomed first-week occurrence.

This spontaneous eruption of Mac's spirit resounding in our crowded halls is annually ignited by the advent of "Howdy" Week."

September 3rd-6th the first week of school, was officially named "Howdy Week." by the MacArthur Student Council. The purpose of "Howdy Week" was to welcome to MacArthur all students and faculty members.

"Howdy Week" began Tuesday, September 3, with "Howdy Frosh" day followed by "Howdy Odile" on Wednesday, "Howdy Faculty" on Thursday, and "Howdy Team" on Friday.

"Howdy Frosh Day" was MacArthur's welcome to the class of '72, this year's freshman class. "Howdy Odile Day" welcomed Odile Decoble, our foreign student from France. "Howdy Faculty

Day" extended a welcome to all new and returning teachers. "Howdy Team Day" backed the football players and coaches as an example of full support for the Brahmas in the coming season.

Tuesday, the Council distributed 100 carnations, one to each teacher, and ribbons to all the students,

signifying the different classes. Seniors wore blue and white ribbons, juniors wore blue, sophmores wore white, and freshman wore baby blue.

MacArthur's "Howdy Week" was brought to close Saturday night, with the Howdy dance. Mickey and the Soul Generation played to a crowd of nearly 500.

## ROTC Adds Campus Color

MacArthur is the site of many changes and additions as anyone can see. The outstanding addition to the curriculum is the ROTC program or Reserve Officer's Training Corps. This new program promises to be a colorful addition to the campus of MacArthur as the year progresses. The uniforms and spit-shined shoes and boots will appear on campus beginning next week.

The ROTC sponsors are Sgt. Major Paul Robinson and Sgt. Major James Freet. The purpose of the four year ROTC program is to teach boys self reliance, leadership, self dicipline, basic military skills, good citizenship, patriotism, and respect for constituted authority.

The new ROTC program plans to have rifle and drill teams. These uniformed groups will be present at Brahma football

games. Eventually these groups will enter city and state-wide competition. Included in the years schdule of events in ROTC is Federal inspection, a Military Ball, and Field Day for award presentations.

The ROTC batalion is made up of 166 boys. The batalion is broken up into Companies A,B,C, and D. The student staff will shortly be made up of batalion commanders and each company will have its own officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted men.

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# Hustle, Youth Will Be Keys To Winning Football Season

and Gary McCaffrey, were elected co-captains by team vote

**GO  
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Anyone looking at the Brahmas on paper before their season opener, would have been a bit skeptical.

They had lost two head coaches in six months and 23 seniors had graduated from the '67 Brahma team that finished 6-4. Add to this, one of the toughest schedules in history, and it becomes apparent why the Brahmas were a bit reserved with their enthusiasm.

But the confidence and spirit is definitely there. So is the talent according to new Head Coach Vern McManus.

"We have a few holes to plug, but we have a hustling gutty ball club that will surprise several people," McManus stated.

"Our major problem," he continued, "will be experience. Hopefully our first few games will give it to us and get us ready for district play."

The line, as with any short on experience, will be a sore spot. However, familiar names like Tim Alexander, Jesse Tindall, Rick Sheldon, Clarence Gerfers, Randy Dietz, Lloyd Wakefield, Gary McCaffrey and Jim Briscoe are back to man offensive and defensive posts.



The offensive backfield will have Senior Jerry Neugebauer at

quarterback, with Stan Shipley, Roger and Brian Kies, Ted Watson, and Don Haines competing for the running back spots. End candidates include Tom Snider, John Garner, Bob Berry, and Dave Wylie. Haines will handle the kicking while Garner does the punting.

The defense will feature much the same names. The Brahmas have as many as eight or nine two way players.

Tim Alexander, Jerry Neugebauer, Jim Briscoe,

**BRAHMAS....**

The win, Coach Vern McManus' first as head coach, was a classic team effort. "Everyone on the club helped win this one," McManus stated, "they all hustled, they all sacrificed, and after that final gun, we were all mighty happy."

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