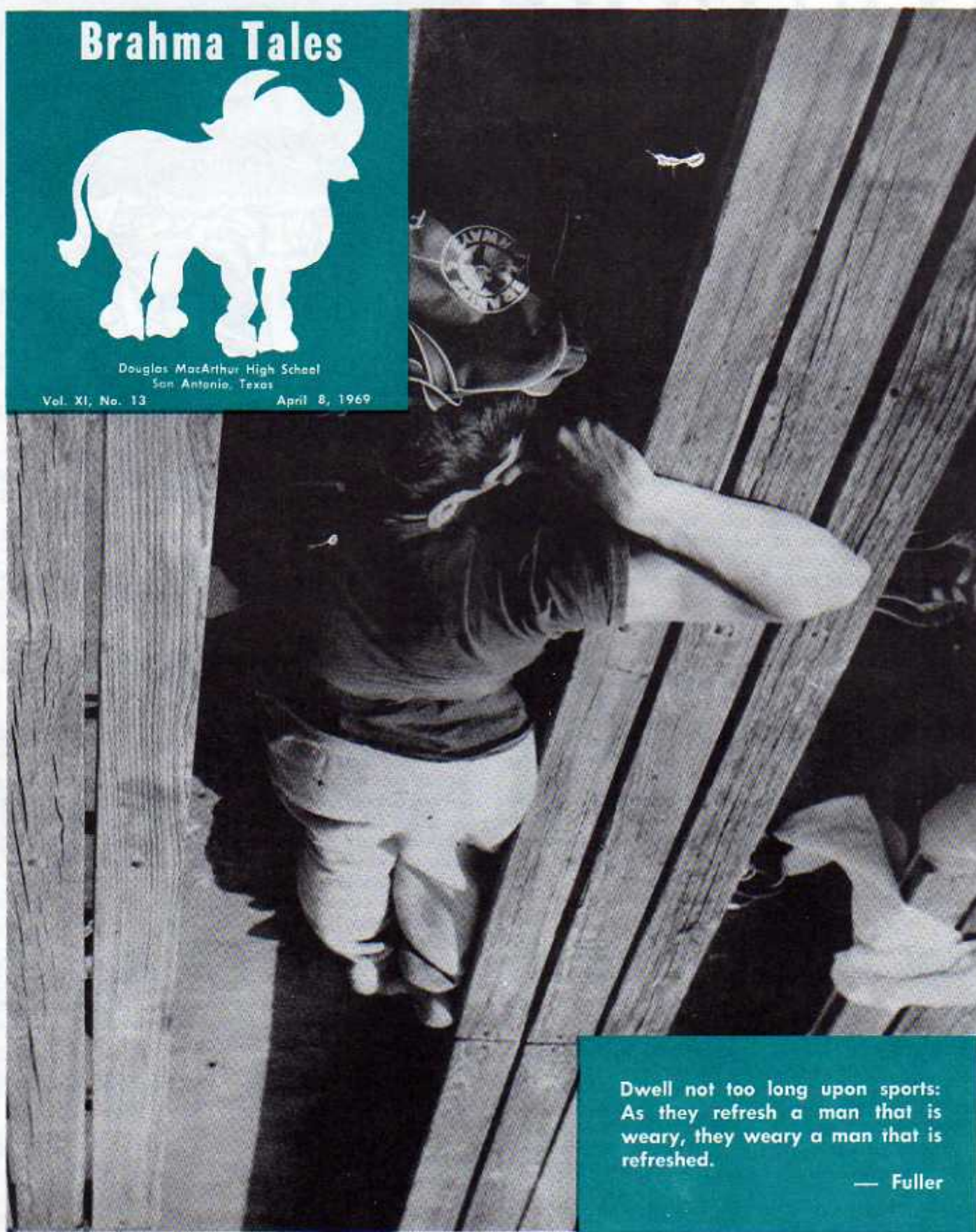


# Brahma Tales



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Dwell not too long upon sports:  
As they refresh a man that is  
weary, they weary a man that is  
refreshed.

— Fuller

# Editorials

## Central Office Asks Students' Suggestions

The administration is not all bottled up.

This month's meeting of the district schools' journalists at the Central Office has broken the seal over communications and released the contents of the administrator's thoughts.

For the student audience, it was an opportunity to discuss school situations with Superintendent Billy R. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan initiated the one hour, informal discourse by asking, "How would you improve the school system?" Topics varying from curriculum alterations and teaching methods to long-haired bands were touched upon.

Though no conclusions were reached, Mr. Reagan expressed his interest to meet with journalists next month to continue discussions. He repeatedly encouraged students with criticisms or problems to contact him.

Mr. Reagan's confrontation with the students showed his willingness to hear student views.

Thus, this session must be viewed objectively. In his replies to questions, Mr. Reagan admitted that problems do exist in the system. Concerning the flexibility of the curriculum, he stated that it has not yet been adequately developed. But, consideration must be given to the fact that changes do not occur overnight.

If Mr. Reagan maintains means for better student-administration communications, then at least the student should be willing to listen to both sides of the issue.

### BRAHMA TALES

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## Enchilados Make For Tranquility

T. G. I. W.

Thank Goodness It's Wednesday. In the cafeteria that is. Enchiladas and beans.

If anything could convince me to leave mama's homecooking, it would be their enchiladas and beans.

The cries of anticipation can be heard round the lunchroom at noon Wednesday. Students who complain all week are suddenly first in line.

Cafeteria workers accustomed to sullen faces and grumbling remarks wear gratified smiles of appreciation for they have somehow won their way into the hearts of the starving masses.

Pleasant conversation is bantered back and forth across the counter. Even acknowledgements of "please" and "thank you" are exchanged. Those requesting double helpings are readily accommodated because a growing child needs nourishment.

Happiness reigns supreme.

Yet how swiftly flow the precious minutes until the page of time has turned to Thursday.

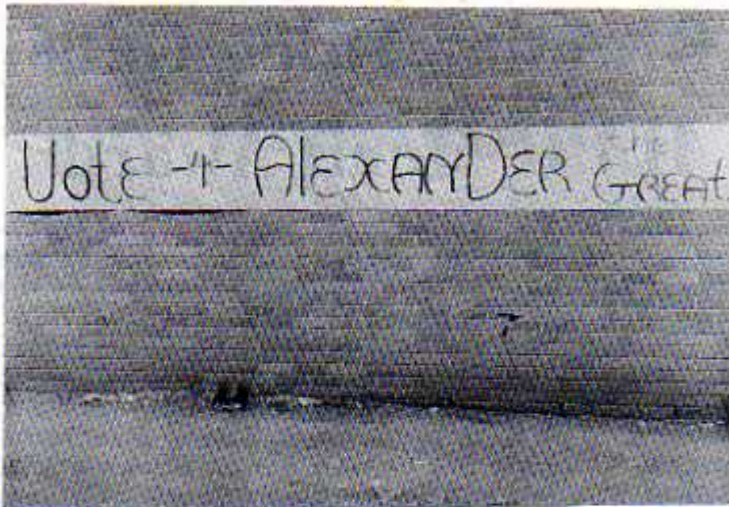
"Yech!" "Is this stuff edible?"

Funny how 2000 students expect a meal "as good as mother makes" for forty cents, 186 days a year. Too bad the school cafeteria has to be the whipping boy for every mishap, broken romance, and pop quiz.

But—

T. B. E. I. W.

Too Bad Everyday Isn't Wednesday.



Enough of the student body followed the dictates of this campaign poster to elect Ted Alexander council president.

## Alexander, Platt Lead Council Winners

by ZIA GIPSON

True to custom and convention the student council elections went off with very few surprises.

Those elected to offices in many cases either hold similar positions in their classes this year or have in the past.

Election platforms this year also held very few innovations. The conservative theme of the speeches seemed to be a desire for unity but with few concrete plans for action.

Ted Alexander, class president in his sophomore year, will assume a new presidency, that of the student council. Alexander received 603 votes versus 476 for Tom Romo. Write-in candidate Jeff Harmon received somewhere around 100 votes

unofficially.

For the office of vice president, Stuart Platt received 514 votes against 420 for sophomore David King and 271 for sophomore Wayne Seipel.

Student Council recording secretary for 1969-1970 will be Connie Cox, former secretary of class of '70 who ran unopposed.

In the race for corresponding secretary, the results were the closest. Marsha King beat Duzie Gordon 641 to 574.

Treasurer-elect Dolores Dixon, on the other hand had the largest margin with 738 votes to 296 for Mary Beth Fisher

# Mac Arthur Ahead In District UIL

by DEBBIE MCCLURE

MacArthur speech, drama, science, and business students carried home leading scores in the District 30 AAAA UIL Spring Meet held at Highlands High School March 29. Although MacArthur is currently leading in the sweepstakes competition, the decision is still pending.

At present, MacArthur has 106½ points, while Lee follows with 102 and Alamo Heights is third with 87. A one-act play will be the deciding factor. A total of 20 points will be awarded for first place, 10 points for second, and five points for third. The one-act play competition will be held at Highlands on April 12.

First place winners were led by the girls debate team of Zia Gipson and Pat Carlson. In individual events, MacArthur students took four other first places: Norman Thomas, in prose speaking; Jeff Harmon, in extemporaneous speaking; Rick Railsback, in poetry interpretation; and the team of Candace Klecka and Patti Rullo, in spelling.

MacArthur students placing second were: Mark Mitchell and Stan Crawford, in boys debate; Claudia Erving, in prose reading; and Linda Gerhardt, in typewriting.

Third place finishers included David Moore in number sense and David James, who tied for third in science.

In a separate competition, the journalism team of Brenda Speert and Sara Jane Hawthorne carried the school to an easy victory.

The two competed in five categories including feature writing, headlining, copywriting, news-

writing, and editorial writing.

Brenda and Sara Jane finished second and fourth overall. Sara Jane finished first in feature writing, second in editorial writing and third in news writing. Brenda finished first in copyreading, second in feature writing, and fourth in headline writing.

MacArthur totaled 398 points, well ahead of Highland's 289 and Churchill's 252.

## Classes Elect Council Reps. April 28-29

"Promises, Promises, Promises. This is where those promises, promises end."

The promises end with the election of Student Council class representatives, April 28 and 29.

Juniors will elect eight representatives, sophomores seven, and freshmen six. Each person who signs up will be reviewed by a panel of teachers to determine qualifications.

Students may make application for these positions April 9 through April 11 in the main office. Notification of acceptance will occur about April 17, with campaigning April 21 through April 27.

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# File 13



By Brenda Speert

... The MacArthur Band voted against participation in the San Antonio Easter Parade. Yet, the band overwhelmingly approved appearing in the Poteet Strawberry Festival, April 19.

... The band's preference of strawberry festivities over Easter egg gaity may have resulted from the fact that strawberry shortcake will be given to band members.

... Several homemaking students were conducted on a grocery shopping excursion by Mrs. Kristan Thomson. The lesson on budget shopping had its moral when it was proven by Mrs. Thomson that cruising 41 mph in a 30 mph zone was not economical.

... The old Journalism room was vacated by the department with this blackboard epitaph: Attention all burglars: Take anything and everything you want. P. S. Please take this building.

... Meanwhile, the Student Council has established itself in the Journalism room. The first legislation passed in their new home effected the removal of the graffitti-filled bulletin board. In the board's absence, this note appears: "This board has been removed for evidence against the annual staff."

... At a rehearsal for Masquerade, a boy broke his wrist. Immediately, comments arose of "He'll do anything to get into the cast."

## Brahma Tales Gets ILPC Merit Award

The Brahma Tales received an Award of Distinguished Merit at the annual Interscholastic League Press Conference (ILPC) held on the campus of the University of Texas, March 21-22.

The rating was given to 12 school newspapers throughout the state in division four printed papers. There are five divisions of printed papers, with schools placed into divisions according to enrollment.

An Award of Distinguished Merit is the highest rating possible except for the championship of the division. Co-champions of division four were papers from El Paso and Tyler.

Eight newspaper staff members, staying at the Sheraton Crest Inn, attended the convention.

After registering, some members attended the welcome dance Friday at UT's Gregory Gym.

ILPC members convened at the Student Union Building Saturday morning for presentation of individual achievement awards.

Four hours of workshop lectures on various subjects followed. Subjects touched upon included editorial writing, advertising, news reporting, and newspaper pictures.

Nearly 3000 high school journalists, sponsors, and educators attended the banquet Saturday evening at the Villa Capri Motel. Newspaper ratings were announced after the meal and an address was given by George Dolan, the comical columnist of the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Attending the convention were: Sponsors Mr.

Norm Hitzges and Mrs. Mary Hudson, and newspaper staff members, Sara Jane Hawthorne, Cherie Stratton, Richard Bayse, Debbie McClure, Pat Murphy, Ron Zimmerman, Zia Gipson, and Editor Brenda Speert.

## Jr. - Sr. Prom Chooses Theme

Don't miss the boat! "Showboat" that is!

"Showboat" will be the theme for this year's Junior-Senior Prom, honoring the class of '69. The gala affair will be held at the Pearl Pavillion on the HemisFair grounds, April 19.

The "Showboat" embarks at 8 p.m. and docks at midnight. Everyone will be decked out in formal attire.

Decorations, complete with dice and giant cards will complement the theme. The cards, which will mostly be hearts and spades, will form the number 69.

Definite arrangements for a band have not yet been made. However the junior class, which sponsors the affair hopes to contract "The Flash."



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## Two Students Win National V O E Awards

Two MacArthur Data Processing students won awards at the National Office Education Association convention at Kansas City, Mo., March 31-April 2.

Junior Rusty Nelson took second place in the national competition for first year data processing students. Senior Ken Kidder placed fifth in junior college level book-keeping, and took ninth in second year data processing.

The competition is divided into three levels: district, state and national.

In district competition at Corpus Christi, contestants must finish higher than fourth to go to state. A first or second at the state contest in Abilene qualified competitors for the national convention.

Anthony Wright, an Edison senior, was elected vice-president of the National OEA organization.



Mrs. Marilyn Jones addresses the assembly called to announce the new National Honor Society members.

## Honor Society Adds 65 New Members

Seventeen seniors and 48 juniors have been elected to the National Honor Society, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a student by the faculty.

Forty-six members of the class of '69 were accepted into the NHS last year.

In order to qualify as a member of the National Honor Society, a student must possess certain qualities and abilities.

The student must be in the upper 20% of his class, gradewise, and maintain at least an 88 average.

Eligible students are chosen on the basis of their character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Installation of new members will take place in the school auditorium Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. Parents and friends are invited to attend. A reception will be held in the cafeteria after the installation, honoring all new members.

The newly elected members are as follows: seniors — Steve Beck, Martha Cardenas, Richard Carnes, Marcia De Berry, Brenda Foley, Charles Garrett, Zia Gipson, Jenny Jaeckle, Carolyn Kilian, Kathryn Klinger, Terry Kohutek, Lisa Lyon, Edward McCaul, Kay Nicholson,

Tommy Smith, Mike Thompson and Richard Wintersole.

Juniors elected included: Ted Alexander, Mary Ammann, Timothe Bethrum, John Boerner, Donald Cardenas, Peggy Chesson, Sarah Clark, Jay Collins, Judith Coon, Norma Cox, Carol Craven, Catherine D'Angelo, Hans Dahl, Sheryl Ferguson, Ken Fischer, James Flaggert, David Geller, Ruth Gentry, and Durinda Gordon.

Other juniors chosen were: Joetta Hall, Nancy Hamby, Jeff Harmon, Pamela Harrison, Sara Hawthorne, Karen Heizer, Susan Henderson, Anne Higginbotham, David Jones, James Johnson, Wendell Johnson, Kerri Kamperman, Judith Keppler, Kathleen Kopec, Darleen Leeman, Michael Lewis, Patricia Mackey, Laura Nelson, Karen Norville, Candy Poppas, Janice Ruble, Brenda Speert, James Sweet, John Thomas, Doug Vanderploeg, Jennifer Votion, Cathleen Wakeland, Robert Winchester, and Ronald Zimmerman.

## Three Juniors Seek National English Honors

Sara Jane Hawthorne, David James, and Judith Keppler have been selected to represent MacArthur High School in the 12th annual Awards Program of the National Council of Teachers of English.

These juniors each will vie for one of 23 honors allotted to Texas nominees. In addition to a scroll of achievement, finalists who need financial assistance to meet college expenses will be recommended by the council for scholarships.

Judged on wide reading background, contributions in group discussions, and the ability to write effectively and to read analytically, the three nominees must submit two writing samples and take standardized tests in this national search for the best high school students in English.

Announcement of winners will be made next fall.

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# AFS Finalist To Go Abroad This Summer

Junior Candy Poppas has been named a finalist in the American Field Service's Americans Abroad program.



Candy Poppas

As yet, she does not know the country or even the hemisphere she is to visit, but she has guaranteed placement.

The date of departure will be between June 13 and 27. She will fly to

Houston, and on to New York, for conventions with other exchange students before going abroad for six to ten weeks.

Although her foreign family will cover the cost of room and board, the Poppas family is required to pay travel expenses which can amount to one thousand dollars.

The elimination for finalists was a long and tedious process. One representative was chosen from each eligible school. Applications and an essay were submitted last October to AFS sponsor Miss Pamela Wright.

Candy was interviewed by a board set up to decide the best candidate. Recommendations were required from her counselors, her principal, and all her teachers.

The AFS, established in 1914, has sent more than 13,000 American youths to foreign countries. Its hope to promote international good will is best expressed in its motto: "Walk Together, Talk Together, O Ye Peoples of the Earth: Then and Only Then Shall Ye Have Peace."



Mr. Jack Keen obviously relished the variety of snacks offered at the FHA dips and sandwiches tasting bee, March 27.

## Rotary Club Hosts Exchange Program

Why do Americans act so primitively? Is Mexico socialistic? What is the actual United States foreign policy? How is the Mexican government organized?

These were just a few of the questions asked at the ninth annual Student Congress sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of North Mexico and South Texas held March 21-22 in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Representing MacArthur at the Congress were Peggy Chesson and Robert Winchester. Students from all over Texas and Mexico attended.

The American students were the guests of families in Piedras Negras during the Congress. Mexican students stayed across the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass.

Discussion groups met each day to provide students with a better understanding of their neighbors.

A dance each night allowed students the opportunity to talk informally and relax.



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# Candidates For Class Offices Listed For April 14 - 15 Voting

by ZIA GIPSON

"Promises, promises, promises," Speaking and campaigning indicate continuing elections.

The preliminaries to class officer elections, which will be held April 14 and 15 during advisory assemblies, are well underway. As of April 2, the following students are listed as candidates.

Class of '70	Class of '71	Class of '72
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<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>
Charles Wiatrowski Fabian Castillo Bron Burke Russell Johnson Norman Thomas Bob Berry Jim Flaggert Pam Harrison Donnie Roberts	Scarlette Boykin Karen Barnett Diane Shisk Mike Murray	Mary Beth Benson Joseph Scudiero Connie Steves Cheri Bell
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
Janice Ruble John Everett Kay Armstrong Vicke King Timothie Bethurum	Pam Merkin Bobbie Criswell	Julie Jones Patti Johnson
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
Charles Somerville Brendo Speert Sandie Compton	Anita Sheets Loyce Bates	Richard Denson Cortney Lepick
<b>Reporter-Historian</b>	<b>Reporter-Historian</b>	<b>Reporter-Historian</b>
Judy Coon Shellie Bowman Stan Richardson	Meredith Caughey Debbie Self Carol Sahm	Dene Hearn
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>
Doug Axelrod Clarence Gerfers Kathy Lott Patti Rullo Susie Henderson	Lynda Dobrowski Steve Wood Tessa Mandere	Lisa Mann



Patti Rullo

## Patti Rullo Named Track Sweetheart

Junior Lassie Patti Rullo was crowned MacArthur Track Sweetheart, at the Northeast Invitational Track Meet March 22, at Northeast Stadium.

Patti was presented a corsage of carnations and escorted to the judges stand by Tom Snider.

She was chosen from a list of nominees presented by track team members.

Each sweetheart, from the four schools in the district, presented trophies to their respective schools.

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# Brahma Band Cops UIL Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes '69—the product of many 7:30 a.m. rehearsals!

The Brahma Band received a first division rating in concert and in sight-reading Friday, March 21 at the Interscholastic League concert and sight-reading contest held at John Jay High School.

These first division ratings, in addition to those received at marching contest in November, gives the band the sweepstakes award for the second consecutive year. The band competed with over 35 high schools from the area.

Sight-reading measures a band's ability to play a number it has never seen before. The prepared concert numbers display a band's degree of accomplishment through rehearsal.

The 125-member Brahma Band, under the guidance of John Pearson, selected three numbers for the contest. The warm-up number was "Land of Lincoln." "Italian In Algiers" and "Sym-

phonic Movement" were played in concert.

Judging the contest was Dr. William Wendtland of Wharton Junior College, Mr. Tom Rhoades of Fredericksburg, and Mr. Mike Allbritton.

With this accomplishment behind them, the band is preparing for the annual spring concert scheduled for Friday, April 11, in the school auditorium.

Following the concert, a dance, featuring the "13th Hour" and the "Oedipus Rex Quartet," will be held in the cafeteria. Admission to the concert and dance is 50 cents per student and one dollar for adults.

## In The Next Two Weeks

- Tues., April 8—Baseball: Mac vs. Heights, away.
- Wed., April 9—Sophomore and freshman assembly during advisory for one act play.
- Thurs., April 10—Senior and junior assembly during advisory for one act play—Baseball: Mac vs. Highlands at homefield.
- Fri., April 11—Band: Spring band concert in auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., April 12—Track: Regional qualifiers meet at Alamo Stadium.
- Mon., April 14—Sophomores: Assemble to elect class officers during first advisory; Juniors: Assemble; to elect class officers during advisory—Lassies: begin 9 day workshop.
- Tues., April 15—Freshmen: Assemble to elect class officers during first advisory—Baseball: Mac vs. Churchill, away.
- Thurs., April 17—Seniors: Meet in cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. to receive invitation—Bring money due!
- Sat. April 19—Junior-Senior Prom at Pearl Pavilion 8 p.m. to midnight—Track: Regional Meet at Corpus Christi.



Laurie Langston commentating on the fashion show she designed at Joske's March 14.

## Joskes Picks Senior For Fashion Board

Minis, midis, maxis, the "looks" of today, are the ideas and trends set by the young generation.

Young, but already recognized as an amateur designer, senior Laurie Langston has a head start in setting the fashion trends of the future.

Recently, Joske's selected Laurie out of 45 girls on Joske's Teen Board to represent the San Antonio department store on the Bobbie Brooks National Fashion Board.

To exhibit her talents, Laurie planned a junior fashion show, using Joske's regular Teen Board to model new spring and summer fashions.

Laurie's membership in the National Fashion

Board also makes her eligible to be selected as one of 12 national finalists for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5000.

If selected, Laurie and the 11 other finalists would travel to New York for a six day jaunt, visiting Broadway plays, fashion houses, and touring the city. Results of this competition will be announced April 28.

"I love working with clothes," quips Laurie, "and someday I hope to enter the New York Fashion Institute. Eventually I would like to illustrate for a magazine or newspaper."

# Drama Dept. Opens Two One-Act Plays

MacArthur's drama department will present two unique and completely different one-act plays in the next two weeks.

"The Ugly Duckling," by A. A. Milne, who is also the author of the classic Winnie the Pooh, will be MacArthur's entry in the Interscholastic League one-act play competition April 12 at Highlands.

The second play, "Masquerade," is written, produced, and directed entirely by MacArthur students. It will be performed April 23 after school with other performances scheduled for later dates.

"The Ugly Duckling," directed by Mrs. Pat Baca, is a humorous children's play somewhat similar in theme to the Hans Christian Anderson story. The first performance of the play will be April 10 and 11 in the auditorium during advisory, with further performances planned for the evening.

Leading characters in "The Ugly Duckling" are: Jeff Harmon (King), Pat Carney (Queen), Martie Cardenas (Princess), Kathy Couser (Chancellor), Mark Mitchell (Prince), Trey Haagen (Minstrel), Claudia Erving (Dulcibello), and Jim Kerley (Carlo).

Of special interest in the play are the costume, set, and prop designs which involve elaborately jeweled headdresses and gowns.

The costume crew is headed by Pam Simroth, the set crew by Melissa Valone, and the make-up crew by Belinda Young. The stage manager is Pat Yarborough.

"Masquerade," a modern play on man's inhumanity to man and his unrealistic belief in ideals, was written by junior Debbie Stewart. It is produced and directed by senior Brenda Foley.

Rick Railsback portrays the Man-In-White, who, although he is the main character, has no intelligible dialogue.

Other characters in the play are Frank Stenger (Rebel), Stan Crawford (Poet), Ronnie Zimmerman (Clown), Joe Scudiero (Cripple), Jean Eby (Girl), Liz Luedemann (Mother), Nicki De Luis (Child), and Nancy Hamby (Old Woman).

David Boerner creates sound effects and the lighting effects will be done by both Boerner and Will Shand. Karen Boerner and David Lawhon are in charge of the

# Band Plans Gala Spring Concert

The MacArthur Band, recently awarded Sweepstakes in UIL competition, will stage its annual spring concert Friday, April 11, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Senior Richard Carnes, who recently won the Joske Award in the piano division, will be featured soloist. Richard will play the Grieg Concerto that he performed with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra.

An honored guest, Mr. Theron Kirk, composer and conductor, will present two of his compositions. Mr. Kirk will present "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men," a work he composed at Southwest State Teachers' College when ex-President Lyndon Johnson received his doctorate.

Included in the music to be presented at the concert are three former contest numbers "Land of Lincoln," "Italian in

Algiers," and "Symphonic Movement," and several other varied selections.

Following the concert, a dance will be held in the cafeteria. Music will be furnished by three bands, Oedipus Rex Quartet, "The 13th Hour," and "The Blue Knights," MacArthur's Southwest champion stage band.

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# Sports



Leading scorers for the girls tennis team were the doubles team of Debbie McCartney and Brenda Speert (left) and singles player Debbie Patterson.

## Netters Finish Second In Metro Competition

Brahma netters clinched second place as a team in the eight team Metropolitan League as the boys and girls teams captured all but 10 of a possible 35 points in the respective divisions.

Rebounding from a 4-1 loss pinned on both teams, by Heights, Mac boys smashed Jefferson and Lee, 4-1. The final clash, against Roosevelt, was won narrowly by the Brahmas, 3-2.

The female players, in turn, toppled Jefferson 4-1, but fell by this same margin to Lee. Ending the circuit was a rout of Roosevelt, 5-0.

Though total results have not been released, unofficial calculations put MacArthur in either second or third place in separate boys and girls standings.

District progress for the Mac netters was curtailed in the second round.

Of the four divisions, Debbie Patterson in singles whipped Peggy Mor-

ris of Churchill 6-0, 6-2 before bowing to the resulting district champion Irene Burrer of Jefferson 2-8, 3-6. Doubles duo Brenda Speert-Debbie McCartney were felled 2-6, 2-6 by Janice Littrell-Marion Rosen of Lee.

Highlands unleashed their boys team on Mac players John Biggs, in singles, and Dickie Blair-Doug Vanderploeg in doubles. Biggs lost to Roman Bernal 4-6, 1-6. The doubles team, after boosted to second round by a "bye," failed to salvage the following match against David Holguin-Doug Schults.

Two of the district players will return to head the team next year. They are juniors Brenda Speert and Doug Vanderploeg.

## Warmin'



To attend a Brahma football game last fall, one had to leave home about an hour early to avoid the flood of other students, boosters, pep squads, and bands at the stadium.

Even with the early start it was usually hard to find a good seat. No one wanted to miss the "Big Blue" stampeding onto the field. There was something about the school song before the kickoff that caused goosebumps. 110% pure Brahma spirit—we had it—whether winning by 7, or losing by 49.

This spring, at the MacArthur baseball diamond, the scene is quite the opposite. At 4:15, the usual starting time, the stands are deserted except for a few baseball diehards and the parents of the players. Oh, to be sure, by the time the third inning has begun, the stands are full of students watching. But watching what is the question.

To the keen observer, it seems that the baseball game is but one act of a three ring circus set before the students for their enjoyment. Enjoy it if you want, but if not, you can always go where the real action is. The majority of the students have no idea, not the slightest inkling, what is occurring. The game is the occasion for anything from a fashion show, to a pickup area, to a gossip gallery. Should these students run out of really important things to do, well, the game is always going on in Ring #3.

Attendance at games is discouragingly low. About 100 has been the maximum. This means less than 5% of the 2000 enrollment cares enough to show up. At away games, attendance goes from bad to worse. The diehards alone attend, and, of course, the parents.

If the student body of MacArthur High School could support a football team picked dead last in pre-season polls and that pulled off a couple of upsets to finish 5-5, the least they could do would be to support a potential district baseball champion which is already 11-4.

To see that a group of students care, that they are interested, that they want, would do more good than all the hollow speeches ever given at all the pep rallies ever held.

With a few word changes this editorial could describe the predicament of any spring sport on campus. Tennis, golf, track and swimming receive little or no notice outside the newspaper and attendance at events is very meager.

To play a "minor" spring sport, an athlete must love obscurity and derive pleasure from performance rather than the adulation of the masses, because this adulation is simply nonexistent.

By the way, I am a diehard  
Ken Pearce



Mike Thompson was a double winner at the district meet taking both the 120 yard and 330 yard hurdles. He owns the fastest time in the city in both events this year.

## Owls Top Brahmas In District Track

The MacArthur Brahmas proved second best at the District 30-AAAA track and field meet Thursday, April 3 at Alamo Stadium.

A late challenge by the Brahmas could not match the Highland Owl's substantial accumulation of 131 points. The Brahmas finished with 97.

MacArthur senior Mike Thompson won both the 120-yard high hurdles and the 330-yard intermediate hurdles with two of MacArthur's finest performances of the night.

Gary Caswell, just off the injured list, won the 440 yard dash in 49.5 seconds, and broke the city's season record with a 48.9 clocking in the preliminaries.

Charles Forney took the high jump with a six foot leap, winning on fewer misses than teammate Tom Snider, who last week leaped to 6 feet 4½ inches in the Alamo Heights meet.

Sprinter Roger Kies came through with a third for the Brahmas in the 100-yard dash and a fifth place finish in 220-yard dash.

Kevin McMaughan also placed twice for MacArthur with a third place in the 120-yard high hurdles and a fifth

in the 330-yard intermediates.

Sophomore Ronnie Duval finished a close second to Thompson in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles.

Also earning points for the Brahmas were juniors David Williams with a third place finish in the 440-yard dash and Hal Vagtborg who finished fifth in the 880-yard run.

A fifth in the high jump by Jay Collins, and another fifth place by Mark Schnieder in the mile run also added to MacArthur's total of 97 points for the meet.

Junior pole vaulter Norman Thomas finished sixth.

MacArthur's sprint relay team, consisting of Don Haines, Roger Kies, David Williams, and Doug Bachman, finished fifth.

The mile relay team, composed of Williams, Thompson, Caswell, and Vagtborg placed fourth.

All first and second place finishers now advance to regionals. In all, six Brahmas tracksters qualified for regional competition.

## Tankers Capture Third In State

Nine members of Coach Don Dill's boys swimming team brought home third place at the state swim meet in Dallas, March 21.

The meet, which was held at the Southern Methodist University pool, hosted 56 teams from across the state. Houston Memorial breezed to an easy win with a total of 255½ points while Highland Park of Dallas took second place with 140 points. MacArthur totaled 85 points.

Junior Ray Ince lead the team by taking first in the 50 yard free style and second in the 100 yard free style.

Team captain Bill Barnhill placed third in the 400 yard free style. Senior Charlie Spencer placed twelfth in the 200 yard individual medley.

The four man team of

Charlie Spencer, Court Thielemen, Richard Burton, and Roy Ison finished eighth in the 200 yard medley relay. While the team of Burton, Charlie Spencer, Barnhill, and Ince placed third in the 400 yard freestyle relay.

Members who qualified for the state meet but did not place were Freshman Matt Compton, Senior diver Pancho Smith, and Sophomore David Spencer.

MacArthur's third place was a pleasant surprise to everyone except possibly MacArthur's Coach Don Dill. Captain Bill Barnhill revealed, "Coach always knew we would make it."

## AH Mules Dominate District Golf; Brahmas Finish Seventh

What started out to be the District 30-AAAA Golf Tournament turned out to be a cake walk for a herd of Mules.

State Champion Alamo Heights took first place in the two day competition held at Olmos Basin golf course last March 31 and April 1. San Antonio Junior Golf Champion, Mike Huebinger, led the Mules by taking medalist honors for the tourney. Huebinger had a two under par total for the two days by firing a 72 and a 70.

To keep the tournament in the family, so to speak, Heights' second team took second place and individual members from Heights' teams took second and third place medalist trophies.

MacArthur's A team finished seventh while the B team finished twelfth. Bill Holder was medalist for MacArthur by firing 82-79.

Members of the A team were: Holder, Charles Plummer, Charles Garrett, Thom Sickmann, and Larry Leach.

The B team included: Louis Borden, John Chelkowski, Richard Denson, Greg Goldsmith, and Jerry Kotzur.

Members playing unattached were: Steve Schwind, Bob Kellel, and Mickey Holden.

# Baseballers Take Third At Austin; Stand 1.1 In District

MacArthur got a slow start in a second confrontation with Antonian.

Antonian held a 1-0 lead through the first two innings. MacArthur scored its first run in the third inning. Ken Pape, who scored the first run, scored again in the fifth inning along with Randy Dietz. Pape, Dietz, and pitcher Joe Graham each scored in the seventh to wrap up the game.

MacArthur won two and lost one at the Austin tournament March 21-22 and took third place.

Austin McCallum handed the Brahmas a 5-2 loss in the opening game. Joe Graham pitched the first five innings and was relieved in the sixth by Jim Webb.

The Brahmas pulled themselves together during the second game and beat Alamo Heights 6-2. Chip Hames, Jim Webb, and John Bodenman pitched with Bodenman getting credit for the victory. Ken Pape, Arthur Ressman, John Garner, and Rick Moore scored for the Brahmas in a big four run inning.

In the third and final game MacArthur shut out Harlandale 3-0. All three Brahmas runs came in the third inning as Ken Pape, Randy Dietz, and Rick Moore touched rubber. Mark Fetzer boosted his pitching record to 3-0 with a four-hitter.

Back in the city, MacArthur met John Jay again. Spirited by a successful weekend in Austin, the Brahmas whitewashed Jay 2-0. John Bodeman won his second game of the year

without a loss. Bodeman along with Ken Pape provided the runs for the Brahmas. This ended MacArthur's non-district schedule with a 9-2 record.

Cross town rival Robert E. Lee embarrassed MacArthur in the district opener by beating the Brahmas 10-5.

Lee took command in the first inning by scoring four runs off of Mark Fetzer. But the Brahmas bounced back in the second to tie the game at 4-4.

In Lee's fifth inning slaughter, Fetzer was replaced by John Bodeman, Joe Graham, and Jim Webb. Lee scored the remaining six runs during the inning.

Mac 040 000 1- 5-11-2  
Lee 400 060 0-10- 7-1  
Mac-Fetzer (L 3-1), Bodeman (5), Graham (5), Webb (6) and Moore.  
Lee-Dukes, Lorilord (3), (W 2-0) and Dahlberg.

With a daring bit of base running and an extraordinary display of pitching endurance, MacArthur edged a tough Roosevelt Rough Rider team 1-0 in 11 innings.

After 10½ innings of scoreless ball game Arthur Ressman drew a base on balls. John Bodenman did the base running in Ressman's place as he stole second. He later scored on a base hit by Steve Aycock and an error by the first baseman.

Fetzer went all 11 innings to nail down his fourth win.

Mac 000 000 000 01-1-4-3  
Roes. 000 000 000 00-0-4-3  
Mac-Fetzer (W 4-1) and Moore.  
Roosevelt-Paid and Edwards, Hallmark (7).



The Lee baserunner dives back to first base in time to beat the pickoff throw from Mark Fetzer to Randy Dietz.

## Tracksters Fifth At NE, Height Meets

The injury-riddled Brahma tracksters hobbled home from the North East Track Meet March 22, with a fifth place, and were fifth again March 29 at the Alamo Heights meet.

Key members like Gary Caswell and Chad McHugh were on the injured list for both meets. Several others were bothered by nagging injuries.

The fastest time to date in the 120 high hurdles earned MacArthur Senior Mike Thompson a first place at the North East meet. Thompson covered the distance in 14.9 seconds.

Teammate Kevin McMaughan hurdled to fourth place in the 330 yard intermediate hurdles while Thompson finished close behind in fifth place.

MacArthur's 440 yard relay team consisting of Doug Bachman, Don Haines, Roger Kies, and David Williams sprinted to third place.

Also earning points was Hal Vagtborg, who finished a fast third in the 880 yard run.

In the high jump Brah-

ma Charles Forney leaped to fifth place while teammate Tom Snider finished sixth.

Two first places lead MacArthur to a 32 point tie with Austin Anderson in the relays held at Alamo Heights, March 29.

Mike Thompson hurdled to another record-breaking win in the 330 yard intermediate hurdles and a fourth in the 120 yard high hurdles. Thompson currently holds season records of 39.7 seconds and 14.9 seconds respectively in the two events.

Tom Snider broke several records including MacArthur's high jump mark with a leap of 6'4 1/4".

Charles Forney took fifth in the same event.

Sprinter Roger Kies sped to a third in the 220 yard dash, and reached the finals in the hundred yard dash.