

# Brahma Tales



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No man is esteemed  
for gay garments,  
but by fools and women.  
—Sir Walter Raleigh





## PROS and CONS

Dear Editor,

Thursday, the seniors held their election for student council representatives. There is something I would like the student body to know about. Maybe you can make it possible.

STUDENT A: Hey, who won the senior election?

STUDENT B: Oh? Haven't you heard?

STUDENT A: Heard what?

STUDENT B: We have to vote again; somebody voted 25 times.

STUDENT A: Why??

STUDENT B: Oh, I don't know. I guess they thought they were cool.

STUDENT A: You mean we have to have a run off?

STUDENT B: Yeah

STUDENT A: That seems kinda odd; there were only two candidates anyway.

STUDENT B: Well, that's what happens when people don't have the honesty to vote accordingly.

STUDENT A: Boy, I sure feel sorry for whoever did that. They make the whole senior class look bad. There gonna have to change their

ways before they graduate and go out into the world.

STUDENT B: Yeah, if they graduate. I'm hoping that perhaps someone will feel a little shame when the senior class is disgraced.

Doug Kirk (senior)

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Dear Editor,

Much of the screaming that took place at the end of last year about how terrible things are has died down. But there are still things to be done. Since you have to start somewhere, I will pick a small issue. Why can't the people in the snack bar line have trays to carry their food on? It is very annoying to finish a meal and then have to pick up greasy, sticky trash with your hands. Many people simply leave it on the table. What is the reason for no trays? Will the staff be overworked? They will have more trays to wash, but the floors and tables will be cleaner. I think that it would balance out.

Wayne Seipel

# Walkathon Reveals Lack Of Leadership

Attempts to instigate school-wide participation at MacArthur dissipate into a disjointed effort. The recent bustle over the TAP Walk-a-Thon illustrates the omission of plans and preparations.

The time factor initially hindered any truly effective results in the TAP campaign. Having received notice only two days in advance of the Walk-a-Thon's existence by the Student Council, the student who had arranged plans previous to this announcement had no choice but to expel any possibility to contribute hours to the cause.

Futhermore, to the individual conscious where his money and spare time drains, the presentation of the organization's aims proved inconclusive. Not once in the assembly did an explanation document how the money would be utilized and on what basis the gains would be distributed to the recipients.

On account of this and not the unwillingness to participate did some students refrain from committing themselves to join in the drive. This instance of neglect mars the appeal of the novelty of this money raising project.

Parallel to the rather sudden spurt of dutifulness inaugurated by the Council, is the lack of leadership in unifying MacArthur into one distinct force. The competitiveness among the various clubs and groups at MacArthur de-accentuates any intra-school cooperation to boost results as a whole.

Meanwhile, the sapping of the MacArthur populace's energies verges on spontaneous involvement. The selection of charitable institutions which MacArthur aids appears stilted to those few which rouse MacArthur's interest instead of those which MacArthur judges to be worthy. This imbalance creates skepticism when more representative organizations such as the United Fund, which allocates donations proportionately to over 50 charities, miss consideration.

In view of these facets in materializing a well-rounded program for voluntary contributing to charities, MacArthur needs more direction and information in securing the services of the student body.

## BRAHMA TALES

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# Kiltys Add Wee Bit Of Tradition To Band

by Doug McAxelrod

This article is an effort by a band member to make clear the recent appearance of the kilt at MacArthur.

Kilts are an age-old article of clothing and are based on man's desire to expose his limbs. However, he found it was easier to cover his limbs than to go out on one. This denial of subconscious kneed resulted in the

bad emo-shins that always result when man is hemmed in.

Kilts originally started in Scotland and it is to Scotland we owe this great legacy. Many centuries ago, the men of Scotland became unhappy with their boring lives and were about to hit bottom. It was agreed that these Scotch on the Rocks needed their Highland Fling so they decided to become the original hippies. This article of clothing is called a kilt because that's what they would get if any foreigners ever saw them.

Recently at MacArthur, in order to uphold our Scotch tradition, the drummers of the band were given the choice either to wear kilts or to wear kilts. We chose the latter.

With a thigh of defeat we girdled our loins for what was to come while the Taylor was sent to pleat our cases.

Now that we have worn them publicly it is time to dispel some ugly rumors and get down to the bare facts.

Though there are some of us with skinny legs, we have not had to resort to support knee socks and there are no production plans for tighter kilts. Mini-kilts are always a possibility but we will definitely not resort to white long johns with horizontal tartan racing stripes. Nor do we kiltys use Nair for softer, smoother, more supple legs.

We wish to make it clear that we have no pronunciation problems and do not say "Think or Thwim." Any one who says different gets hit with a purse.

In closing I would just like to make it perfectly clear, that just because we wear kilts, doesn't mean we're easy.

## SEEN HER?



KATHY MOORE

Kathy is seen on campus as a student aid and a member of various clubs.

Kathy can be found on the campus of MacArthur High School this year and you can bet her wardrobe for back-to-school wear is from Terri Jr.

The outlook for campus wear '69 is the young colorful witty look that is shaping things to come this season. For fashion know-how drop by Terri Jr. and see the cool selection of styles for wear on the sport scene.



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The Roosevelt Student Council members Karen Lamport, Darlene Hurst, Tim Swan, and Lisbeth Paxton, visited MacArthur to discuss inter-school problems this week.

## Roosevelt, MacArthur Councils Discuss Inter-school Relations

A stolen "spirit jug," a "misplaced" Roosevelt banner, and walls and sidewalks plastered with red and blue and black paint are defiant signs of unharnessed, and therefore dangerous, school spirit.

With this in mind, five MacArthur representatives journeyed to Roosevelt last week on a mission designed to improve inter-school relations, damaged by misuse and mistrust.

Ted Alexander, student council president, Karen Andrews, Lassie drum major, Ross Johnson, band president, Shelley Bowman, head cheerleader, and Dolores Dixon, head Brama-dora, spoke individually to Roosevelt's Student Council. Each expressed a personal desire to change the attitude of their school concerning the events surrounding the Brahma - Rough Rider football game, Oct. 2.

Completely surprised by the unscheduled meeting, the Roosevelt representatives expressed their thanks for a meeting that successfully restored both good faith and hope for the future.

And so, MacArthur Stu-

dent Council was equally surprised and pleased this week by a return visit by four Roosevelt representatives. Karen Lamport, Student Council president; Tim Swan, Council vice-president; Darlene Hurst, council treasurer; and Lisbeth Paxton, Student Council secretary.

One of the delegates, Tim Swan, formerly a student at MacArthur, voiced both school's sentiments, as he talked about the detrimental effects of uncontrolled school spirit. "Rivalry is one thing, but destruction is something else... I can see the game next year, I'll drive up to the school and it won't be there."

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By Brenda Speert

... Foreign Student Bente Ingvarson found following the drama department's rehearsals of "Midsummer Night's Dream" difficult. To resolve the language barrier, Bente mailed a request to her family for a Danish copy.

... The Mac Band gained city-wide attention via Paul Thompson from the nature of one of their musical selections played at the Roosevelt football game. The song "Hey, Big Spender" was dedicated to Turnkey III.

... The Chess Club has formulated under the direction of Mr. Bill O'Brien and President Doug Pautz. Any person desiring organized chess competition and able to attend the Wednesday meetings at 7:30 p.m. should contact Mr. O'Brien in room 103.

... The Future Business Leaders of America has determined officers and planned a banquet. Tommy Berry holds the presidency while Steve Atkins, Bette Garrett, Pam Merkin, and John Garner complement the executive listing as vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and chaplain.

... Linda Jolly undertakes leadership of the senior VOE club which is selling Mac cushions at \$1.04 each. Subordinate officers elected are Vice-President Elaine Carl, Secretary Sandra Jebbens, Treasurer Cindy Jureski, and Reporter-Historian Denise Ouimette and Janice Hollingsworth.

... **HELP WANTED:** Mrs. Cordelia Cantu, MacArthur librarian, seeks assistance with the library inventory. Anyone who wants to offer their services before, during or after school should notify Mrs. Cantu.

... The Brahadoras presented an elaborate cake to Coach McManus for distribution to the football team at lunch. Having hoped to bolster spirit, the Brahadoras were distraught to receive only a rebuttal of "The boys aren't hungry now."

... Sports integration hit MacArthur, but the issue caused no below par effects. The problem was teed-off when two girls appeared at a golf meeting, but the all male team decided not to change its constitution.

... The legality of the littering of circulars on car windshields by the Key Club remains questionable. With school policies rigid on prohibiting distribution of political and religious pamphlets, petitions, and underground papers, as examples, it would seem that the disturbance of private property should be unallowed.

... A new fad was set recently and so was a MacArthur student's leg. Hoping to popularize parachuting, two seniors braved a 3000 foot fall near San Marcos. One jumper glided to a soft landing, but the other, Frank Sawtelle received the breaks of the game, a double fracture of the ankle.

# Council Approves Many Additions

by Duzie Gordon

Know who's providing a brand new juke-box for the cafeteria?

Know who's attempting to provide a new walkway for drenched travelers on rainy days?

Know who's struggling to secure senior privileges for seniors now and in years to come?

The Student Council originally created to be influential voice for students requests and grievances, has redeemed its pledge to reflect and defend campus opinion.

The new juke box, proposed walkways and senior privileges are only three resolutions screened and approved by the Student Council in the past two weeks.

Debated and discussed since its removal last year, the juke box has at least returned to the Studnet Center. Complaints from occupants from the larger cafeteria have sent a council committee into action to arrange for speakers; and allow all lunchers to the benefits.

The newest addition to the council, the Student Grievances committee, is presently seeking ways to cover one or more campus walkways to shelter drenched travellers on wet days. More book shelves for the cafeteria and benches for afternoon bus riders are among the proposes being discussed.

Senior privileges, a favorite topic of students, emerged again with this years seniors. Ronnie Zimmermann, senior class president, and David Janes, senior representative, head a committee to outline resolution and requests and will submit them to the administration. One request: to make the Student Center Exclusive senior, heads the list.

Soon the Student Council will resume its job as the coordinating body of all club projects. Their primary duties will be screening club projects to insure an appealing variety of activities for the school. This double-checking will prevent clubs from beginning similar projects and receiving little response.

Other smaller projects, such as, supplying each classroom with an American flag, coordinating TAP projects to aid the March of Dimes, and financing a Western Dance will combine with larger, more fundamental efforts to set the pace for a stimulating year.

## Boys May Enroll Now For Draft

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## Ten Choir Contestants Reach Region

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The results of the first stage of All-State Choir tryouts are in, and MacArthur qualified 9 members and 1 first alternate.

San Antonio College hosted the tryouts Saturday, Oct. 4. Second tryouts are scheduled November 15.

Students getting through this competition will go on to area tryouts in December.

The choir members who qualified for further competition included:

Soprano-Phyllis Trcka, Alice Forrester;

2d soprano-Lynne McIntyre, Elizabeth Lockhart;

1st alto-Anna Armstrong, Kerry Kamperman;

Tenor-James Taylor;

Baritone-Mark Dawson;

1st Alternate-Bass-Jerry Krueger.



One of the many services offered in vocational training is repairing air conditioners. Here, senior Rick Hoffman works on an old air conditioner.

## Voc. Dept. "Mr. Fixit" For Students, Teachers

Need a refrigerator or air conditioner repaired? Are your lawn chairs or horse trailers in need of welding? Would you like a book typed up, a honeycomb mailbox made, or pep rally stands constructed?

The MacArthur vocational classes are open for business, with all students and teachers considered eligible customers.

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Welding classes will repair any type of steel household appliances, lawn chairs and trailers. At the cost of materials and 10% for wear and tear of machinery, a great amount of money can be saved while the classes get experience and training they need.

It was the morning welding classes that found

the red Spirit Jug and restored it to Brahma blue and white in time for the Roosevelt game.

Other vocational classes have contributed much to MacArthur. The C.V.A.E. classes built the cheerleaders pep rally stands and are working on a honeycomb mailbox for the newspaper and annual staffs.

Last year, VOE typing students typed up The Taurus, MacArthur's anthology. Teachers can have worksheets typed for them, and any duplicating done.

If a student, parent, or teacher has an appliance they wish to have repaired, it should be brought to the vocational building. Welding jobs should be taken to Mr. William Trcka, and air conditioning and refrigeration repairs to Mr. Gary Bacon. Students will inspect the item and give their estimate of the repair cost. No labor charge is involved.

The vocational classes would like the experience. Wouldn't you like to save a great deal of money?

## S.C. Sponsors Western Dance

Howdy podner!

Cowpokes and cowgirls alike will don their spurs when the MacArthur Student Council presents its first western dance, Friday Oct. 25 in the MacArthur cafeteria.

From 8-12, the Dickey Brothers will rock the school dance hall with country-western music for all would-be cowhands.

The chuckwagon, stocked by the Student Council, will provide hot tamales and root BEER for all thirsty hands in need of refreshments.

The Student Council has decided to stage this Western Dance for all cowboys and cowboys-at-heart to contrast with stereotyped "sock hop" dances.

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## MacArthur Band Rakes Up \$7600

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# Alas, Poor MacArthur!-Fifteen Years Ago

by Sara Jane Hawthorne

Been sent home lately because of too many petticoats? Shot any deer from the campus athletic field? Remember when the opposing team scored 76 points? Planning a student walkout?

Any of these incidents could be happening if the scene were MacArthur campus 15 years ago. Turning the clock back to 1951, we find the Northeast Independent School District opening the doors of its newly consolidated senior and junior high school - the only secondary school within the entire 154 square mile district.

Approximately 700 pupils arrived to attend classes at Northeast High in one wing which also housed the superintendent, principal, vice-principal, and all other administrative aids in the district. The present boy's gym was then a multi-purpose auditorium. Partitioned in the day to accommodate six different classes, the room also served as a gym with boys dressing on one side and girls on the other.

For drama presentations these flexible four walls converted into a theater whose backstage had neither restrooms, costumes, props or even running water according to Mr. Jack Koen, the former drama instructor at MacArthur. Thus performers were forced to sneak through the audience to reach outside restrooms to apply makeup or change costumes.

At the opposite end of the 100 wing, the 16 piece band could be heard practicing from the Army barracks tent just a few feet away from the library. Additional music was provided by choir director John Milligan and his 25 singers who exercised their lungs instead of their jaws at the noon hour.

Other students enjoyed open campus at lunch, the first semester until the cafeteria began operating in the area recently vacated by the old library. But even with open campus, where can one go when the land surrounding the school is covered only by mesquite and oak trees? In fact, the land was so close to native, the head football coach used to shoot deer on the football field, recalls Mr. Jim Davis a veteran of 16 years in the district.

The latter habit may explain the football teams inept play on Friday night. Miss Arlene Rasor remembers an evening the Brahmas lost 76-0. But, then, when the Lassies are a drum and bugle corp, what can you expect?

Flipping the pages of time forward we pause in the year 1959. Strict reg-

ulations prohibit "Fenders" or "Ducktails." These terms do not apply to parts of an automobile or the anatomy of a billed bird, but are slang for hair styles popular among the boys. Mr. Davis explains that many boys had crew cuts on the top of the head, yet grew the sides quite full (fenders) sweeping the back hair to a curvaceous point (duck tail).

Other rules condemned boys wearing blue jeans or smoking anywhere on campus.

Girls also needed occasional reprimanding for too many petticoats which caused full skirts to billow in immodest exposure.

Also in 1959, news leaked out that the entire coaching staff would not return the following year. As the district had refused to renew their contracts, the student body led by ada-

mant seniors, set the date for a walkout on a Friday afternoon at 2. The newspapers, television and radio stations were notified and present.

The majority of the students marched out of the classes onto the front lawn where the student center is now. The head coach passified the assembled mass and although the crowds demands for the reinstatement of the coaches was not met, all students were back in school Monday morning.

Mrs. Dee Moyihan comments that before the walkout, school spirit was practically nonexistent. However, by the next September, school spirit had increased tremendously. Each Monday it began rising to a peak until Friday, when football team was smeared. Yet, the following Monday morning, the process began all over again.

However, one thing which dissatisfied students could not blame on the establishment was suffering through a course taught by an unwanted teacher. Assignment of teachers was left completely up to the students.

On registration day, teachers sat behind desks in their rooms and waited for students to run up and sign in. Those slow on their feet wound up with less preferable teachers.

There may be numerous changes which the present student body would like to see made on the MacArthur campus. But looking back, no one can dispute the fact that we've come a long way.

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## Speakers Finish Third At TMI Student Congress

by Judy Shafer

Will the speaker yield to a question?  
Will the speaker yield his time?

These cries rang through the halls of Texas Military Institute Saturday, Oct. 4, at T.M.I.'s annual Student Congress.

Jeff Harmon, head of the 10-member MacArthur delegation, ran unsuccessfully for Speaker of the House and later was impeached as Parliamentarian. Overall, the delegation finished third out of 11 schools.

Other MacArthur delegates included: Jaime Biery, Peggy Chesson, Sara Jane Hawthorne, Candace Klecka, Judy Shafer, Mark Mitchell, Norman Thomas, Doug Coffey, and Ron Zimmerman.

The Student Congress is conducted similar to the National Congress. The Speaker of the House presides; the Representatives debate the issues; bills are presented, amended, and passed or defeated.

Bills presented were of National and State concern; ranging from "A resolution to change the possession of Marijuana from a felony to a misdemeanor," to "A resolution recommending to the Student Congress that the United States Central Intelligence Agency should come under the review of the national Congress."

MacArthur submitted two bills to the Congress. One, co-authored by Peggy Chesson and Norman Thomas, dealt with the establishment of national, uniform divorce laws. Mark Mitchell authored a resolution to tax all unrelated, profit-making church property. Both were defeated.

Each bill is submitted to a committee of 10 delegates to be studied and de-



**Mark Mitchell leads the MacArthur delegation in a ardent protest at the TMI Student Congress.**

bated. If found feasible, it is amended, if necessary, and passed on to the General Assembly. There, it is debated by all delegates and either passed or vetoed.

In Committee and General Assembly, points are awarded delegates according to degree of participation. All delegates points are totaled to determine how each school ranked in the Congress. MacArthur placed third behind Alamo Heights and Churchill. Judges designated some delegates for their superiority. Ranked superior in assembly were: Sara Jane Hawthorne, Jeff Harmon, and Mark Mitchell. Ranked superior in committee were: Ron Zimmerman, Mark Mitchell, Doug Coffey, Jeff Harmon, and Candace Klecka.



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## VICA Hosts District Installation

MacArthur's Chapter 449 of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) hosted the District-Wide VICA Installation ceremonies last Sunday afternoon in the MacArthur auditorium.

More than 100 students from Northeast district high schools became members of the organization at the banquet. Several vocational groups obtained VICA charters at afternoon ceremonies.

To qualify for membership in VICA, students were required to obtain four signatures to certify the fact that they were fulltime vocational students. After presenting these signatures and reciting the national VICA pledge and motto, each new member was given a symbol of the club colors.

Those in charge of ceremonies included: Kurt Guenther, Fred Eckhardt, Patti Swaim, Pat Murphy, Debbie Gilliland, and Kelle Riggs.

Others participating in installation exercises were: Advisor, Patricia Miller; Guide, Glen Carroll; Counselor, Donna Harris; and Inspector, Gary Schultz. Second year VICA members acted as guides and hosts at the installation.



# Mac Offers Four Clubs To Rejuvenate Parents

by Laury Holden

Do you worry about your parents? Are they overworked? Tired? If so, the solution may be clubs.

MacArthur High School has four adult clubs for all parents interested. These include Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Band Parents, Booster Club, and the American Field Service Club.

The Booster Club backs all MacArthur athletics. It contributes money and spirit to all Mac sports.

Boosters meets every Monday night during football season and the first and third Mondays of every month the rest of the year at 8 P.M. in the cafeteria. Col. Maury Holden presides with assistance from George Duncan who is in charge of membership.

The Band Booster Club convenes on Tuesday nights, once a month, at 7:30 P.M. at various places on campus. Their mission includes the support of all band activities.

Band Parents operate the concession stands at North East Stadium to raise money. Funds obtained in this way are used in various projects to help the band. President Rob Overton conducts the meeting.

The most publicized of the parent groups is the PTA which meets the third Tuesday of each month. Its purpose is to promote bet-

ter teacher-parent relations. For each meeting, the PTA has prepared some special program which may include a speaker or introduction of campus groups. Mrs. Stuart Fischer is President.

The least known adult club is the American Field Service. AFS meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in the Teachers Lounge. The theme of the AFS is to help in any way the Foreign Student at MacArthur. Mrs. Bryan Merkin oversees meetings.



Senior Candy Poppas gives Mayor Walter McAllister a letter and book from the Mayor of Geelong, in Victoria, Australia. The American Field Service sponsored Candy's trip to Australia this summer.

## In The Next Two Weeks

- Thursday, Oct. 16 — J.V. football: Mac vs. Holmes, 4:15 p.m. at Mac
- Friday, Oct. 17 — U.I.L. Speech and Drama Contest at Jefferson; Football: Abilene Cooper, 8 p.m., away.
- Saturday, Oct. 18 — ACT Test date; U.I.L. Speech and Drama contest at Jefferson.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 — The Preliminary Aptitude Test (PSAT); Seniors: the representatives from Austin College will be here during your advisory period; PTA meeting in the cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22 — Otis Mental Ability Test (required - 9th grade and all new students) 1st period - Freshman Adv. 1-9, 3rd period - Freshman Adv. 10-18, 5th period - 10th, 11th, 12th, grade students new to district as listed.
- Thursday, Oct. 24 — J.V. football: Mac vs. Jeff, 10 a.m.; Blue and White football: Mac vs. Lee, 5:15, 7 p.m. at Blossom Athletic Center.
- Friday, Oct. 24 — HOLIDAY — State TSTA Convention; Football: Mac vs. Jefferson, 7:30 p.m. at North East Stadium; U.I.L. Speech and Drama Contest at Tyler Junior College.
- Saturday, Oct. 25 — U.I.L. Speech and Drama Contest at Tyler Junior College.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 — ITED - Iowa Test of Educational Development (req. 9th) - Freshman Adv. 1-9, Freshman Adv. 10-18.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 — ITED - Freshman Adv. 10-18, Freshman Adv. 1-9.
- Thursday, Oct. 30 — Otis Make-ups - students absent Oct. 22nd.
- Friday, Oct. 31 — Halloween....Football: Mac vs. Alamo Heights, 7:30 at Alamo Heights
- Saturday, Nov. 1 — J.V. football: Mac vs. Alamo Heights, 10 a.m. at Mac

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# Cross Country Team Opens Defense Of City Crown

The 1968 MacArthur district and city cross country champions showed their power once again in the opening meet of the 1969 season. The meet, held on the MacArthur course, pitted juniors and seniors against a two-mile course and required sophomores run one mile.

Led by senior Bill Spence, the team swept past all other schools entered. Participating schools included Lee, Churchill, Edgewood, and Roosevelt.

In the senior division, Spence broke the tape in 9:11. He was closely followed by two other Mac tracksters, Hal Vagtborg and David Williams.

Junior Robert Worley topped his division also in 9:11. Two Lee thin-clads were next, followed by six Mac runners; Gary Fischer,

Mark Beaulieu, Tom Reel, David Anderlieth, Richard Ramos, and Kevin Korte.

In the sophomore division, Tom Benson led off the scoring with a low time of 4:42. Mike Jaragan and Gary Guest finished fourth and fifth, respectively, for the Brahmas.

"Those first few weeks of intensive training paid off," concluded Coach Jim Smith. "With more superb efforts like this one, there's no limit to the future achievements of the squad."

## Warmin The Bench



With Ron Zimmerman

"To be or not to be, that is the question," wrote Shakespeare in describing a classic dilemma.

A modern dramatist might write, "to go for two or not to go for two," in describing an equally modern paradox: one exemplified by the fourth quarter situation in the Churchill game.

The Brahmas had just scored to make the scoreboard read 22-21. The choice: to kick for one with a placekicker that had kicked five points out of five tries, thus tying the game, or to go for the lead with a pass or run with reduced odds for success.

According to coach Vernon McManus, at least four variables determine a team's action in this situation: who the team is playing, the personnel involved, the relative value of the game in district scoring, and the time remaining to play.

To a coach it certainly makes a difference who his team is set against on the goal line, for the physical attributes of the opposition alter the odds. Likewise, the strengths and weaknesses of a coach's own squad help to determine his course of action. In this case, the coach set off almost certain chances for one point against a bevy of superb running backs on a triple-option play that earlier produced 65 yards and six points.

And while a tie in district play only counts half a game, a full loss counts a full game. This is yet another reason why a tie is preferable. The fourth determinant is the time remaining to play. The coach must consider the question that, if he misses the two, does he have enough time on the clock to regain possession of the ball and come at least within scoring range. This occurred in the early season win over Harlandale.

All these and other considerations ran through McManus' mind. He realized that if the two were good, his choice of options would be applauded for seasons to come. On the other hand, the fact could not escape him that if the big play failed, he would be chastised by everyone from the boosters in the stands to the popcorn seller at the far end of the field.

But in the end, one thought vindicates all. In his own words, coach stated his hard won personal philosophy in such a situation: "The score is tied before you begin to play. You don't play 48 minutes just to tie it again. We play to win. We always will."

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# Fumble-Prone Brahmas Succumb To Churchill

"He who complains about the way the ball bounces is most often the one who dropped it."

This quotation adequately describes why the MacArthur Brahmas have no right to complain after a heart-throbbing loss to Churchill. The Brahmas, in fumbling at five crucial times and having two punts blocked, tried to give the game to the Chargers, who tried to give it back near the end of the game. But the Brahmas could not take advantage as Red and Black triumphed over Blue and White 22-21.

The second district encounter for the Brahmas began well as they scored first on workhorse fullback Ronnie Duvall's nine-yard run. Tom Cusick added his first extra point.

Late in the second quarter, the Brahmas first punt was blocked on their own 38 to leave the Chargers in excellent field position. Three plays later, the Chargers had their first touchdown on a 17-yard draw play. After a successful two point conversion, the Chargers left for the dressing room leading 8-7.

In third quarter action, Parker, standing on his own goal line, bobbled the center pass and Churchill recovered for the cheap six points. The point after touchdown missed but the Chargers led 14-7.

Following the kick-off, Cusick made the game's outstanding play, a spectacular 65-yard touchdown sprint. On the wide-option, Cusick kept the ball, cutting inside the left defensive end, scampered free down

the sideline to the 25, eluded three pursuit men by cutting back. With the help of a savage block by Les Alexander on the remaining Churchill defender, Cusick had his score. Cusick then fired a bullet pass to end Bob Berry for the conversion to take the lead, 15-14.

Churchill was down but not out. Chris Warren of Churchill returned the sub-

sequent kick-off 53 yards, and six plays later, the Churchill fullback blasted the final two yards. Churchill's quarterback, Tully Blanchard, passed to rail-back Jeff Herman for two points and a 22-15 lead.

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With 7:46 left in the game, MacArthur capped off the scoring on a 29-yard pass play from Cusick to John Garner. On the conversion, Cusick attempted the triple-option--the same play that produced 65 yards and six points earlier--but was stopped a yard short of the goal-line and victory.

Three fourth-quarter fumbles, two of them within Churchill's 30 yard line in the last four minutes, stymied the Brahma effort. A 51-yard punt that rolled out on the MacArthur 18, also helped to bottle the Brahmas deep in their own territory.

|              | Mac    | Churchill |
|--------------|--------|-----------|
| First Downs  | 17     | 12        |
| Rushing Ydg. | 253    | 151       |
| Passing      | 77     | 90        |
| Return       | 77     | 87        |
| Passes       | 6-11-0 | 5-13-1    |
| Punts        | 3-20   | 3-40.3    |
| Fumbles Lost | 5      | 3         |



Ronnie Duvall eludes a Charger defensive back in the Brahmas first period touchdown drive. Photo by Dave Kamperman

## Coach Gary Stacy Joins Swimming Team

MacArthur's top drawer swim teams have gained a new coach, Gary Stacy. He replaces Don Dill.

Coach Stacy, besides having coaching duties at MacArthur, will coach the Lee Volunteers and the North East Swim Club.

Coach Stacy has swam with the Ero Swim Club in Idaho and with Santa Clara in California during summer programs.

Coach Stacy planned a number of duel and triangular meets from now until

the state meet in March. He is now in the process of making team cuts.

Coach Stacy stated that "the swimming team needs the full support of the school if they are to continue to win as they have. Mac Arthur has one of the finest swimming programs in the state of Texas but they have very little support"



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Joe Gross, 14, barks signals as the Brahmas gear to stop the Rider offense.

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## In District Opener

# Rough Riders Gallop Past Brahmas 21-8

MacArthur Brahmas paid for their own mistakes, bowing to the opportunist Roosevelt Rough Riders 21-8, Oct. 3.

With 7:06 left in the second quarter, Roosevelt quarterback Joe Gross exploited MacArthur's first mistake, scampering 44 yards down the sidelines on a fake punt. MacArthur had only three men on the line and nine on the field and it cost them six points.

Still in the second quarter, Mike Bertiratti recovered a fumble deep in the MacArthur territory. Eight plays later, Gross scored on a quarterback sweep for his second touchdown and the Riders were riding high 14-0.

After the third period, which offered no threats to either side, Roosevelt struck again. Rider fullback Burl McCandless tacked on an extra six with a three yard run. The Riders' lead rose to 21-0.

MacArthur got in the scoring column with 41 seconds left. Climaxing a drive in which junior quarterback, Tom Cusick, completed three passes for 39 yards, fullback Ronnie Duval plunged the line for his third score of the season. Duval hit the same hole for two extra points.

But the Brahmas again paid the price for errors at costly times.

|             | MacArthur | Roosevelt |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1st downs   | 12        | 12        |
| rushing ydg | 115       | 226       |
| passing ydg | 65        | 25        |
| return ydg  | 103       | 38        |
| passes      | 5-18-1    | 2-3-0     |
| punts       | 4-29      | 2-36.5    |
| penalties   | 6-60      | 6-74      |
| fumbles     | 2         | 3         |

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## Golfers Begin Fall Matches

MacArthur Golf has new look this year with the addition of two girls, Brenda Goldsmith and Carla Spenkock.

The two girls are able to practice with the team but will be unable to compete because there are no programs for girls.

The male part of the golf team will be rebuilding after a disastrous season which produced only one win out of 12 district matches.

The golfers return only two letterman, senior Bill Holder and junior Charlie Plummer. Other returning players expected to bolster the team are; Louis Borden Mickey Holden, John Chelkowski, Steve Schwind, Jerry Kotzur, Richard Denson, and Greg Goldsmith.

The fall match play began Tuesday, Oct. 7, with MacArthur taking last years district champs, Alamo Heights. The Mules' linksmen beat MacArthur with Richard Denson low for MacArthur with a one over par 37 for nine holes and Louis Borden was second with 38.



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## Ten Seniors To Lead Brahma Basketballers

by Ron Zimmerman

"We're farther ahead, at this point, than at any season in the past. It means nothing, however, unless we continue to progress."

From any other coach, this statement would be simply so much more wind. But from head basketball coach Bill Moseley, a man of few compliments, this quotation takes special significance.

Coach Moseley documents his opinion with one of the more impressive teams on paper in recent years. Returning from the third-place district team are three starters, two of them on all-district teams.

When practices started on Wednesday, Oct. 15, Coach welcomed back 10 seniors, making this year's team, "the first all-senior team since my first year here." Leading the Brahma effort are first team all-district forward Rick Celaya, Mike "Bucky" Davis, Tom Romo, Ken Lawrence, Honorable mention all-district forward Donny Car-

denas, Ken Fischer, Don Wilson, Gary Hay, Bron Burke, and Larry Armstrong. Junior Scott Stevens also shows promise and adds depth.

The Brahma basketball team will meet stiff competition in three pre-season tournaments. The bouncers will travel to Houston to meet some of the toughest teams in Texas in the Spring Branch Tournament. The Brahmas meet area competition in the annual Christmas tournament. Finally, the roundballers host their own tournament, the Northeast Tournament.

The regular season play pits the Brahma five against Brackenridge, who returns five starters, Kerrville, returning four regulars, and the usual district teams. Additionally, the team will face new competition from the Arlington-Dallas area.

## Roosevelt, Churchill Blank J.V.

Opponents of cigarette smoking state that "youngsters learn from imitating their elders."

This concept apparently applies to football also, as the error-prone JV's were shut out by Roosevelt and Churchill.

### Roosevelt 42 - MacArthur 0

Roosevelt handed MacArthur's JV's an "old fashioned slaughter" by riding over the Brahmas 42-0 on Oct. 3rd.

Coach Jim Smith explained that the Riders "came to play and came to win." They did so by scoring 24 points in the first half and 18 in the last quarter. The Brahmas could never mount an offensive threat throughout the lopsided loss.

Coach Smith, however, did distinguish individual effort. Hank Green, Jim Owens, Mike McClure, and Mark Gipson drew praise for a good effort in the district shut-out loss.

### Churchill 20 - MacArthur 0

Churchill charged over the mistake-prone Blue and White JV, by turning the Bulls' mistakes into three touchdowns and a 20-0 win, Oct. 11.

The butter fingered Brahmas fumbled away four scoring chances and lost the scarce football four other times on interceptions.

Churchill reaped all of their points from MacArthur turnovers, pointing to the foremost weakness on the JV effort.

Although a losing effort, Coach Jim Smith singled out Richard Armstrong and Kevin Vinal for turning in outstanding performances.

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