

# Brahma Tales



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# Cold Weather Coming- No Shelter Provided

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## REWARD

### Extra Study Period

At present, students arriving at school before 8 a.m. have virtually no where to go. Unless the weather is extremely cold or rainy, the library does not open until 8 a.m. and the cafeteria doors are shut until 8:15.

Understandably, the library's purpose is not to give refuge to wandering waifs but to provide educational references and resources. Thus circumstances do not warrant an earlier admittance to students.

However, these pre-dawn risers, whose only means of transportation is the "yellow monster," do need some sort of shelter for studying or just sitting. Admittedly many of the building wings are open, but the rooms are locked except for a few whose teachers may generously allow students access to desks.

If not the luckless ones must choose between sitting on benches outside or standing in hallways inside.

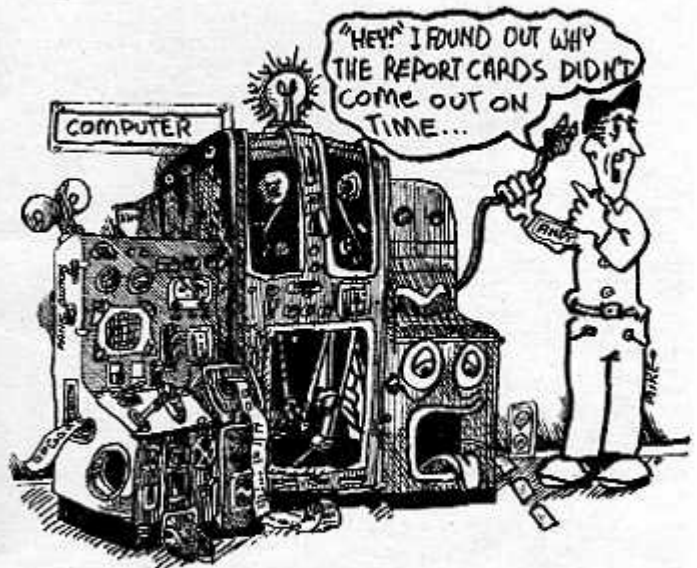
At the beginning of the school year, the cafeteria staff permitted students to enter and sit at tables almost as soon as the first buses unloaded. But, because the cafeteria was left so disorderly that the custodians had to clean up before first period, the privilege was revoked.

In addition to upkeep, Mr. George Vahey stated that adequate supervision was also a problem in opening the cafeteria during morning hours. The burden of watching over these students cannot be dropped onto the shoulders of already-busy cafeteria personnel or faculty members.

Perhaps the maintenance problem could be solved by simply unplugging the juke box and coke machines. The supervision need appears to be the crux of the matter.

A good editorial should propose an answer to the problem uncovered. Unfortunately, the answer may lie with one of the numerous service organizations or a benevolent teacher who practices the slogan "Early to bed and early to rise."

The early bird may get the worm, but he also gets stuck with a long nowhere-to-go, nothing-to-do, often very cold, pre-school hour.



## Destructive Spirit Mars School's Honor

"Go Mac Brahmas! Fight! Fight! Fight!" This cheery phrase really tells the Brahmas to launch their offense. Yet, somehow between the "go Brahmas" and "fight" a small number of students find an invite to disturb the opponent's property or to begin a brawl. The BT suggests at this time the fact that disrupters should not use yells such as this as evidence permitting any Brahma to go and fight. In the case of this yell, the football team is the only group referred to.

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Examine a football game. The football players have been taught football. The drill team has been taught to march. The cheering squad has been taught yells. The band has been taught their music. And who (?) has taught the spectators sportsmanship — or in certain instances — the lack of it?

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This Saturday marks the Mac-Lee football game. \* It is the last game of the season.

\* It is the traditional grudge game involving MacArthur. \* It is MacArthur's opportunity to upset an undefeated team.

The Mac-Lee tilt is prime time to mar Lee's record. It could also be a convenient time for Mac to mar its reputation. In view of the heightened spirit fomenting among both schools, care should be taken to keep the battling, tackling, and field maneuvers confined to the turf.

Fights, and slanderous cheers only damage a school's reputation and vandalism and destructive pranks merely dig into the district's finances. A game is not won if the same school's reputation is lost.

### BRAHMA TALES

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# PROS and CONS

## Litter Hurts Campus Saving Sam

Dear Editor,

As head custodian of MacArthur High School, I have many reasons for experiencing a sense of pride in my association with your school. It is without a doubt the finest high school in San Antonio. This fact alone is the motivation of my desire to serve the needs of the faculty and student body alike in whatever function my capabilities will allow. In one area in particular I sincerely need the cooperation of each and every member of this institution.

Maintaining the appearance of the grounds is one of the many responsibilities of the school custodians; keeping lawns, shrubbery and trees well trimmed, sowing grass wherever needed, watering lawns, etc. However, much of the time needed to perform these functions is spent picking up litter; gum wrappers, coke bottles, paper discarded from loose-leaf binders, etc. While it is quite true that once on the ground it becomes the responsibility of the custodians to police such litter, it is each and every one's responsibility to prevent such litter from reaching the ground.

Many more man-hours could be spent washing windows, moping halls, buffing floors etc., and in general maintaining the desired standards set forth by the school district.

In conclusion allow me to reiterate, we have a fine school. Help me to keep it in a condition that will warrant your pride. If I can be of service to you please call on me.

Mr. Andy Stewart  
Head Custodian

Dear Editor,

Recently, as I sat quite wet and cold in sixth period, I suddenly remembered a story which, although probably myth, is of some consequence today.

Many years ago there lived a group of primitive yet sociable people. These people lived in separate small dwellings all homes close to one another. As these primitives were quite friendly, they often traveled from dwelling to dwelling visiting with their neighbors for short spells. It became a sort of ritual which they performed three times in the morning and three times after lunch. For lunch all met in a common meal hall.

All was well during the warm weather, and the ritual went well. However, winter came bringing cold, rain, and wind. But they had to continue their visitations. They moved steadfastly through the elements, yet all the furs and skins and cloths they put on could not keep them dry. Furthermore, at meals, the elders, for they sat apart from those of lower rank at meals, noticed cold air mysteriously seeping through small slits in the floor. This same air came through slits of walls in some houses. Compounded, the weather and cold air caused sickness.

Then came Saving Sam. His ingenuity surpassed that of his supposed-peers. For Sam invented coverings for the paths between homes. Furthermore, Sam thought deeper and found heat could be funneled through the small slits, warming the rooms. Thus Sam saved his people by helping them

stay dry and warm.

Sam was a marvelous man.

Suzi Henderson

## Thank You

Dear Editor,

I would like to give my thanks to the student body and faculty for their support at the time of my father's death. You will never find anyone that loved Mac more than my Dad did. The faculty and student body interest and help was a great tribute. I thank everyone and especially the sophomore class (a great class to come) for the flowers they sent. I also want to thank everyone that came over and did the back-breaking labor of fixing up the house so that we could sell it. Also, my teachers deserve a nod for not making it impossible for me to catch up on days missed. To the coaches, I am speechless. A finer group of men you will never find anywhere. Finally, I want to thank all the people who sent cards; I really appreciated it. I, for one, will miss old MacArthur High. It's meant the world to me.

Thanks again,  
John Garner '70

P.S. There is no need to thank the football team because they already know how I feel. I may not have much of a family anymore but as long as I have them as friends, I've got a great one forever.

## Flag Raising Rules

In response to the article in Pros and Cons concerning the accepted Military procedure for raising the U.S. Flag.

First it is most commendable that you should take the time to observe both the raising and lowering ceremonies. This indicates that, in addition to the ROTC, you are sincere

in showing proper respect to Old Glory.

Now, concerning the procedures for raising and lowering the U. S. Flag. During raising ceremonies it is raised briskly and the lowering is accomplished in a slower manner and with dignity. At both ceremonies, persons in uniform salute. If a person is in civilian attire they should remove their headgear, and place the right hand over the left chest.

If you are interested in obtaining more information concerning the correct procedures, please feel free to visit the ROTC Armory and we will be most happy to answer your questions.

Cadet Cpt Frank Janicke  
Color Guard Commander

## I Can Never Again

Dear Editor,

I regret not having written earlier but I have just realized that this is the last and only way that I can show my feelings and true affections for my school. I no longer feel any resentment toward the NEISD or the people who compose the rules and regulations of our great school. I only feel pity for them. My one desire is that these people could see that the few and meaningless words they have put on paper greatly confine me and others like me. I feel, in my heart, that I have done nothing wrong. If I had anything to do over again I would make no changes. I just feel a great pain that I can never again put on the blue and white and be a part of our great school. I know now that it is too late for me but I hope that these people will see the great error in their ruling and change it so others like me will not have to go through this misery.

Clarence Gerfers



# Year's First Play To Open Tonight

A tale of fantasy and comedy, complete with fairies and mandolins, will be MacArthur's first dramatic production this year.

"The course of true love never runs smooth, and true love never ran so rocky or so crooked as in 'A Midsummer's Night Dream.'" Lysander (Steve Williams), Hermia (Joetta Hall), Demetrius (Mark Mitchell) and Helena (Nancy Hamby) form perhaps the

most unusual love triangle in Shakespearean history. Fill the triangle with Oberon, King of Fairies (Norman Thomas), Puck, a mischievous imp (Debbie Stewart) and a generous dose of love potion, splashed around throughout the play.

The result? A play of great confusion and greater comedy.

This tale of the irrational nature of love may be viewed at the MacArthur auditorium, Nov. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. for the mere pittance of 50 cents students, and \$1 adults.

## SEEN HER?



Tina Truet is the captain of the girls swimming team, a member of the art club, and an All American Swimmer.

Tina 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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## Firing Squad Executes Lee

The ROTC rifle team bombed Lee 1112 to 1079 to ricochet into a tie for first place and set their sights for the district title.

The team is aiming for the district winning clip that last year's sharpshooters achieved. Last week's score against Lee put this year's squad within range with the highest total shot of any North East team this year.

Bill Echer and Mile McMahon were high marksmen for MacArthur against Lee with marks of 228 and 227.

The firing squad traveled to Churchill this week to match the Charger ROTC.



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**MORE CHEERLEADERS!** — Freshmen cheerleaders, Mac Rhyme and Kathy Fountain from the freshmen pep squad.

Photo by Paul Sims

## Ham Radio Operators Begin Broadcasting

"Hello W1FQA, this is K5BZZ, Kangaroo, 5, Boston, Zebra, Zebra."

Our type has not been mixed up and Boston is not being overrun by escapees from their city zoo.

It is the Electronics Club giving a demonstration on ham radio operating at the weekly meeting.

Sponsor Mr. John Brothman owns a 200 watt radio capable of spanning the globe, and explains ham radio procedures to members.

Boston, Massachusetts was the first station picked up at the October 22 meeting. After signing off to W1FQA in Boston, the group contacted YN1HSM, in the capital of Nicaragua.

The club is now learn-

ing codes so they can earn a license to operate a 75 watt radio station on campus. In addition, club members will build their own radio.

Persons interested in amateur radio are welcome to the Electronics Club, which meets at 3:45 in V602.

It will be possible for anyone to earn a Federal Communications Commission Novice Amateur license within three weeks.



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# File 13

By Brenda Speert



... The ball schedule is fouled up again. The discrepancy arose when dates for both the Temple basketball tournament and the Blue and White Ball coincided. For the basketball players' behalf, it would be fairer play if someone would get on the ball.

... The French Club, sponsored by Miss Pam Griffis, selected Bernadette Hassen, president; Jane Bexten, vice-president; Sandra Bailey, secretary; and Suzi Bibb, treasurer, as 1969-1970 officers.

... Not only industry but education is having its recalls. The 1961 and 1962 MacArthur graduates are being called back for a class reunion. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these people should contact Goldie Biggs Burns at 134 Mountclark (826-4613) or Mary Girdley Cline at 303 Country Lane (824-6038).

... Mr. Oscar Lightfoot employed a unique technique for class dismissal procedures. Before a student could exit from Mr. Lightfoot's class, he had to answer a riddle.

... MacArthur led the city in the "Miles for Children" 40 mile walk. Over \$1100 was collected from pledged contributions, which will be disbursed by the March of Dimes.

... The question is "Who has been working out whom?" Since basketball players have been getting in shape, Coach Bill Moseley shaped up by shedding 20 pounds.

... The Slide Rule Club under the direction of Mr. Frank Birmingham meets each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning at 8 p.m. Any student desiring instruction and/or interested in contest participation should attend the sessions held in room 310.

... Planning to get a job during the Christmas Holidays? The social security office encourages the prospective employee to obtain a social security card before the holiday rush. Applications may be filed at the 309 Dwyer Avenue or 511 W. Commerce offices, at most post offices, or may be gotten in the counseling office.

... There is not reason to needle the swimmers about their sport. They were definitely sports when it was revealed that because one swimmer had contracted hepatitis, the fins from our district schools, Randolph, SAC, and the North East Swim Team were required to get medical shots at their own expense.

... An informal get-together between MacArthur and Lee School leaders occurred November 6. Organized by Mr. Sidney King, the gathering offered a means for MacArthur to establish a friendly mien with Lee.

... Number Sense, the group devoted to developing mental mathematic skills, has formulated meeting dates. Mrs. Majorie Ecord sponsors junior and senior students during advisory periods while Mrs. Starnes directs freshman and sophomores after school on Tuesday and Thursday. Students interested in Number Sense should contact either sponsor.

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# Greenback, Back-To-School Scheduled For November 18

Could you direct me to the ROTC classroom please? Parents will ask this and many other questions at the PTA's annual Greenback and Back-to-School night, Nov. 18 on the MacArthur campus.

The PTA has a two fold purpose in sponsoring this affair: 1) to give the parents a chance to meet their teenager's teachers, and 2) the only PTA fundraising event of the year.

The parents will meet in the auditorium at 7:30 where Mr. George Vahey will give instructions, hand out schedules and a map

of the campus.

The parents will meet with each teacher for five minute periods. The donations for Greenback Night will be collected in the advisories. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria and ROTC cadets will man key places on campus to direct "misguided" parents.

## Band Looks Toward Contests, New Group

With a marching contest coming up and a new jazz group organized, the MacArthur band continues its quest for excellence.

Edgewood Stadium is the November 13 scene for the UIL Marching Contest. The Brahms band will attempt to once again win Sweepstakes, which is superior ratings in marching, inspection, and sound.

The contest annually attracts high school bands from all over San Antonio. Most bands, including MacArthur, enter in precision drill, although a few bands do pageantry marching.

"The Experimental Jazz Ensemble" is a sextet composed of one Churchill and five MacArthur band members.

It includes: Brian Taylor, guitar and flute; David Lucke, saxophone; Ross Johnson, trombone and vibes; Steve Spencer, drums; Frank Garvis, of Churchill, guitar; and Kort Ogden, bass guitar and trumpet.

The group performed at a band parents meeting and Sunday, Nov. 2, they played at the Optimist Youth Appreciation Banquet.



**MORE CHEERLEADERS**— — —Proporting to be "Highlands cheerleaders" six faculty members led cheers at the Highlands pep rally. Norm Hitzges, Lester Frantzen, Pam Acree, (all pictured) Sidney King and Judy Archer took part in the spoof.

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## Seniors Decide Officers, Colors

In a barrage of election ballots, nominations, and dues requests, the Senior advisories completed a hectic week.

Results of vacated class officers were at last tabulated when Tommy Berry and Jay Collins were selected as secretary and chaplain, respectively.

Royal Blue and Silver will decorate Senior programs at graduation time, along with a white rose.

Fourteen dollars right now is the price all Seniors are digging and scrapping for: \$1 for Senior pins, \$3 for Senior dues, and \$10 for the race to buy Publications Packet.

Senior class motto choices were narrowed to three and were resolved during advisory this week.

# MacArthur Students Honored By Clubs

Seventeen MacArthur students were recently honored by two San Antonio Clubs; The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Optimist Youth Appreciation.

Each advisory elected one girl from the senior class as nominee for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen

Award. The compiled list of candidates was sent back to senior advisories and each student voted.

The top six nominees, who were submitted to faculty members for final elimination, were: Peggy Chesson, Duzie Gordon, Jeanie Cox, Candy Poppas, Judy Kepler and Shellie Bowman. Duzie Gordon was selected and is to compete with representatives from other high schools.

The Optimist Youth Appreciation Club sponsors awards in various categories for seniors. Unfortunately MacArthur did not receive a packet of applications or even information concerning the contest in time for the students selected by department heads to compete with the other contestants.

However, Mr. Lawrence Lane felt the nominee should at least receive recognition for their achievements and submitted their names as follows: Rick Sheldon and Rick Celaya - sports, Karen Krueger and Mark Mitchell - government, Norman Thomas and Carol Roberson - business, Robert Allen Moen - safe driving, Tina Treut and Karen Harrell - art, Pat Bennett and Alvin Bruce Latham - industry, Alfred Eckhardt and Kurt Guenther - medicine, Lenice Dent and Peggy Slapper - fashions, and James Sweet - military.

These students were recognized at the Award Banquet held at the Convention Center, November 2, although none won prizes because of the circumstances.

## FHA Makes 50 Dresses

Please excuse Cathy for not coming to school yesterday. She was:

- A) Ill
- B) At work
- C) Had nothing to wear

Answer "C" seems a little ridiculous. Yet for many children of San Antonio this is all too real a problem. These are children, who, for lack of proper clothing, cannot attend school.

In an effort to help these children, volunteers from Future Homemakers of America are sewing fifty dresses.

The dresses will be donated to the Clearing Bureau of San Antonio. The Bureau is a welfare center to aid the children of people on relief. The center does not have enough money to purchase clothes for both boys and girls. The center decided upon dresses since they are more easily alterable than boys' jeans.

These clothes will be given as Christmas presents to the children. As children of an upper middle class society, we have never faced the dilemma of literally having "nothing to wear." Perhaps, in the approaching holiday season, we might consider joining the spirit of the FHA volunteers.

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## Speakers Take Four Places At Bellaire

To just survive the Houston-Bellaire Speech Tournament is a remarkable feat.

To actually place is a once-in-a-lifetime, one-to-a customer miracle.


Concentrated happiness came to Claudia Erving in the form of a first place trophy in Novice Girls Dramatics. Mark Mitchell and Debbie Stewart, hand-in-hand, accepted their awards for a second place in Senior Boys Oratory and second place in Senior Girls Humorous, respectively. Ann Bishop and Barbara Riley took third place in Novice Girls Debate.

Eighty-seven schools competed at Bellaire in the second largest tournament in the United States. Some contestants came from as far away as California and New York. Competition runs from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. and the pace is hectic. But the experience is worth the headaches, tears, hunger pangs, and late hours.

In all, 29 MacArthur speakers and debaters competed in the two day tournament.



SCHEZAM, I WANT TO BE ... Interviewer Bill Cook queries ROTC fanatic Jay Collins at Teddy MacLec-Hill High School, in a skit produced by the Student Council, to encourage attendance at College Night, Nov. 5.



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# Petition Signing Season In Full Swing For Brahmas

Come One! Come All! Read the saga of the MacArthur spirit petition!

It all began the Monday preceding the Alamo Heights Football game. It seemed a certain radio station (KONO) decided it needed to gain more listeners.

So, they put their hairy heads together and came up with a plan — A contest to find which San Antonio school had the most school spirit. Really which schools would spend all of their class time participating in this contest.

It was a petition contest! The rules stating that on each sheet of paper, 25 different names were to be written. KONO was then to weigh the petitions and decide which school was "most spirited."

The prizes were two-fold: a free dance (which might be a questionable prize considering the sparse attendance at previous dances this year and \$500.)

The valiant MacArthur Brahmas went to work signing their petitions. They put their John Hancock's on anything and everything

placed in front of them. This was frequently done during class instead of paying attention to the teacher.

Saturday, Nov. 1, came and still the mightless Brahmas weren't even in KONO's list of the top ten!

Now KTSA (KONO's rival) had heard of the contest and began one of their own. The rules were slightly different. It was the number of names instead of the weight of the petitions that counted. They also raised the prize so that the school could win the dance and \$1,000.

Lassie Colonel Jane Bexton, using the old bean, decided it would be a good idea for the Brahmas to switch to the KTSA contest instead of beating their heads against the wall in the KONO contest.

The students resumed work (in class) changing all the headings from KONO to KTSA. Signing parties replaced dull old homework.

Suddenly MacArthur was tied for tenth, then fourth, third and then a miracle happened, the Brahmas were in first place (for a short time).

The contest ends shortly but MacArthur students will continue to forge signatures (for example, Joe Gross, Chuck Roast, George Vakey, and James Davis), pay no attention in class, and generally do nothing until the end.

A look into the future might show what KTSA and KONO might do with the tons of petitions that will have been collected by the end.

To break even in the KTSA contest, the radio operators must collect 19,800,000 petitions or 385,000,000 signatures (if each petition has 25 names).

You see the radio stations will be able to sell the used paper to junk dealers for \$.50 per hundred pounds. (BT staff computed that 99 sheets of paper equal one pound.)

In the more serious vein, this contest purports to find which San Antonio high school has the most spirit. But as usual only about 250 persons are working on the petitions while the 1800 do little or nothing. But after all, if we finish first, wonder what school spirit is like in the other high schools?

## Choir Schedules Tryouts, Program

A busy schedule confronts the MacArthur choir, with the next step to All-State Choir tryouts, two programs planned for the same day, and a performance at the annual PTA state convention on agenda for the next month.

Sixteen MacArthur members comprise part of a 300 voice choir which will perform at the Nov. 12 PTA State Convention.

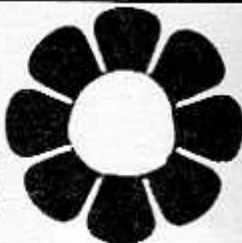
A concert open to the public follows the Regional tryouts at San Antonio College on Nov. 15. At the choir clinic, Cloys Webb will lead junior and high school students in their performances.

Students entered in the competition include: soprano—Phyllis Treka, Alice Forrester; second soprano—Lynne McIntyre, Elizabeth Lockhart; first alto—Anna Armstrong, Kerry Kamperman; tenor—James Taylor, Dave Kamperman; baritone—Mark Dawson; first alternate bass—Jerry Krueger.

On Dec. 2, 1969, the choir will sing at 12:30 p.m. for the Optimist Club at the Gunter Hotel. The Marshall Center is the 3 p.m. scene of another performance the same day.

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**GOLFERS WIN** — Bill Holder (left) shoots and Greg Goldsmith ponders as the Brahmas scored their third win of the season.

Photo by Wes Parker and Steve Bailey

## Golfers Capture Third At Corpus Tournament

Mac is back!

The MacArthur Brahma golf team has returned. The golfers placed third in the Corpus Christi Tournament, October 27 and 28.

Charlie Plummer, medalist, shot 76 and 77 to place second in overall individual competition.

The Brahmas brought home five trophies; Plummer's trophy, a third place team trophy, and a fourth place overall trophy for the second team, a third place trophy in doubles, and a fourth place in doubles.

Combining for third place in doubles were Charlie Plummer and Bill Holder. Greg Goldsmith and Richard Denson finished fourth in doubles for the Brahmas.

The second team fought back from a disastrous first day to claim fourth place

for the Brahmas. Ken Zimmerman was medalist for the second team.

The golf goliath of San Antonio, Alamo Heights, did not attend the Corpus Christi Tournament.

The Brahma first team record in match play stands three wins and one loss, beaten only by city champs Alamo Heights. The second team stands one and three, winning only over Churchill.

The duffers downed Churchill Oct. 30. Ken Zimmerman led with a 37 to beat the Chargers by three strokes. The second team romped over Churchill by 36 strokes.

The golf team made their fall record 3-1, slithering past Highlands. Bill Holder had a 38 to lead the Brahmas to a two stroke victory over the Owls.

## Warmin The Bench



With Ron Zimmerman

The traditional football rivalry between Lee and MacArthur brings to mind another rather ancient conflict.

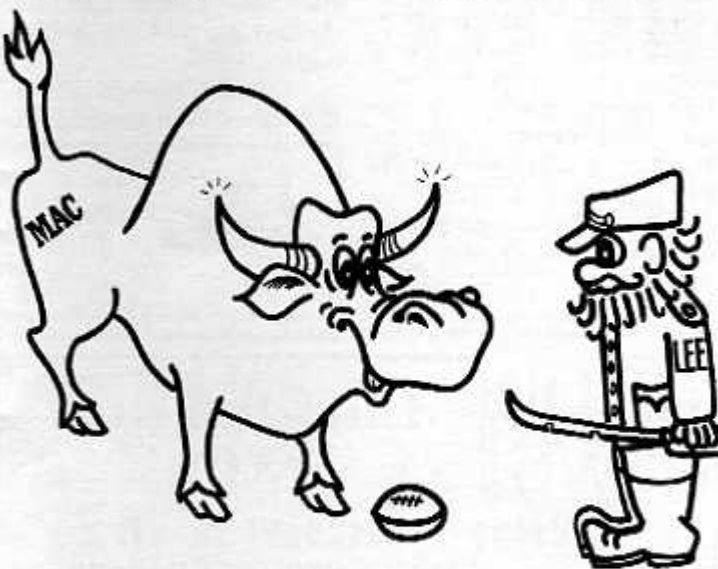
David, an unheralded youth without state rank, dared to challenge the giant Goliath in a duel where the winner took all.

Holding an unbeaten record going into his tenth contest of the season, Goliath was considered one of the top ten giants in the state. On the other hand, let it be sufficient to say that David's season record was not strong enough to rally many of the scribes or many rooters to his side.

Goliath's size alone, six cubits and a span — 10½ feet, if the cubit is to be understood as 21 inches — was enough to make most youths turn around and head straight back to the dressing room. Interestingly enough, Lee has its mascot — an idol precisely 10½ feet tall, carrying a sword and armored with a gray lopsided "helmet."

David had but three weapons — his sling, his intelligence and his courage. He used all three to the ultimate advantage, ringing Goliath's bell and coming out on top.

Even if David had been vanquished, shame would not lie therein. For the shame of a duel does not lie in merely



being defeated; the shame lies in not trying to the ultimate of one's potential.

Incidentally, this duel was the last recorded meeting "for keeps" between David and Goliath. They parted to go their separate ways in different areas of the state.

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## Coe Brothers Lead Netters In SA Meet

Proving he was second to none, Sophomore Clyde Coe stunned top seed Brad Camp 6-1, 6-4 for the boys 16 singles championship in the San Antonio Tennis Educational Foundation's fall tourney, Oct. 26.

Second seed Chris Coe, eldest member of the Georgian family duo which heads MacArthur's varsity this year, turned in another fine performance until state ranked Richard Walthall squeezed him out in the boys 18 finals 9-7, 6-3.

Both netters breezed into finals by clobbering four opponents in straight sets.

Other MacArthur netters made significant advances. Jack Boerner, third seed, romped into semi-finals in boys 16 singles and teamed with Clyde Coe to duplicate another semi-finals berth, this time in 16 doubles. In boys 18 singles, fourth seed Doug Vanderploeg forged into quarter-finals before bowing to a Corpus Christi player. Karen Hall mastered the only major advancement out of MacArthur's female netters by snatching a semi-final spot in two contests before losing to the number one player.

## On Halloween

## Brahma

The Brahmas treated the Alamo Heights Mules to a 24-7 defeat using the most devastating offensive of the year on a brisk Halloween night.

Mules quarterback Mickey Starks guided his fired-up Mule team to a quick first quarter score, capping a 60 yard drive. Slippery Starks took his team 60 yards in seven plays flying around left end for 11 yards and six points. The PAT was good to make it 7-0 Heights.

John Garner, after dropping a previously under thrown ball, latched on to a Jay Collins pass and rambled 47 yards for the Brahmas first score. The extra point bounced off the upright and Heights still led 7-6.

MacArthur's mind was not on the air; however, Collins repeatedly turned loose bruising Ronny Duvall and slithering Brian Kies for large chunks of yardage. Duvall rushed 15 times for 108 yards, and Kies slashed for 106 yards in 12 carries.

Duvall smashed for the last three touchdowns. His



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## Batter Mules 24-7



**ROAD BLOCK** — Brian Keis (23) is stopped by an Alamo Heights tackle as Bob Berry moves in for the kill.

Photo by Steve Bailey

final tally late in the third quarter on a 60 yard jaunt pushed the score to 24-7 and sealed Heights' doom.

In all the Brahmas rushed for 302 yards, the most a Brahma team had run for since beating Lee

for 309 yards in 1965.

Garner's touchdown, his sixth, moved him into fifth place in district scoring. For his performance Duvall was named KONO-Montgomery Ward Player-of-the-Week.



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# Thinclads Impressive In Opening Meets

"On your mark; get set; go!"

The MacArthur Cross Country Team is off and running in defense of its district and city titles.

Attempting to stay in front and retain its third consecutive district and city championship, the squad has swept the first two meets of the season.

Following eight weeks of toughening roadwork, the Brahma striders raced to take all top places in the three divisions in the first meet of the season, held over the MacArthur course.

The second meet was held October 25 at Fort Sam Houston. The Blue finished high in all four divisions. In the Novice Mile, Brahma Mike Carragas finished third. Sophomore Tom Benson placed seventh in the Open Mile against stiff area competition.

In the Novice Two Miles, Richard Ramos and Kendall Mann crossed the wire eighth and ninth, respectively. Finally, in the Open Two Miles, Hal Vagborg placed fifth, Robert Worley sixth, Chad McHugh twelfth, and David Williams thirteenth.

Six meets remain in the 1969 season.

November 15, Blue runners will host 12 area high schools in a meet at North East Preserve. The following weekend, the tracksters

participate in the Fort Sam Houston 3,000 Meter Meet.

Seven days later over the same course, the Brahmas attempt to better their record over 5,000 meters against 20 or more teams.

Finally, on December 13, the team's top seven runners travel to Austin for the State meet.

And in December, at a date not yet specified, the thinclads will face district challengers. If they win that meet, they go on to defend their city title.

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# Opportunist Owls Shatter Bulls 41-14

MacArthur scored first and last but "couldn't put it all together" in the middle and lost to the Highlands Owls 41-14 at Alamo Stadium November 8.

The Brahmas drew first blood as they took the opening kick-off in a drive covering 61-yards. On the seventh play of that drive, Ronnie Duvall galloped 14 yards for his seventh touchdown of the season. Charlie Jupe, injured earlier in the season and reactivated, split the uprights for the extra point.

Highlands recovered quickly - within 41 seconds - to even the score. In two plays the Owls moved 53 yards with Sam Harris going the final 32 yards.

Dennis Peel converted for a tie that endured until Peel kicked a 25-yard field goal with 4:46 remaining in the half.

Highlands again scored, just before the half, exploiting a pass interception at their 48. Eight plays and 52 yards later, Owl quarterback Dennis Carpenter took the ball in for six points. His conversion pass went to Thomas Johnson, leaving the Brahmas down 18-7 at the half.

	Mac	Owls
First Downs	12	20
Rushing Ydg	140	199
Passing Ydg	102	203
Return Ydg	14	41
Passes	8-21-3	9-21-0
Punts	5-38.6	5-33
Fumbles Lost	3	0
Penalties	3-45	4-24

Highlands tore through a tiring Brahma defense for three quick touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The touchdowns were for 12



**BATTED AWAY ....** Owls' defensive back tips this Jay Collins' pass away from wingback John Garner in fourth quarter action in the Highlands game.

yards by Johnson; a 25-yard pass interception by Fred Coleman; and a 48-yard from Peel to end Jimmy Haley. Peel kicked two successful extra points and had one blocked.

MacArthur's final touchdown came on a 14-yard pass from Jay Collins to Bob Berry. Jupe again converted and the scoreboard remained unchanged at 41-14 until the finish.

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# Optomistic Roundballers Open Season Next Week

Beginning November 20, familiar cheers will fill familiar gyms as the MacArthur basketball team leaps to grab its best season yet.

A quick check of the season's schedule reveals the longest season of any major sport at MacArthur. The regular basketball season opens November 20 and closes February 24, spanning four months and 30 games. With skill and some luck, the season can go into five months, taking into account the necessary play-off games.

The Brahma five, in shooting for the district championship, faces a schedule termed by head coach Bill Moseley as "our toughest ever" but with the hint of optimism characteristic of winners.

A glance at the competition the Brahmas must face explains Moseley's remark.

The roundballers open against Edgewood then go on to challenge competition never before attempted on the open court.

The swishers meet Kerrville, a team returning four starters, including two all-state players. Next come two rugged Dallas area teams, Arlington High and Sam Houston.

After hosting the North East Tournament, the hoopers taunt Central Catholic, last season's Catholic league state finalists.

Then in the middle of December, the team journeys to Houston for the Spring Branch Tournament and more tough competition. Immediately following that tourney, the dribblers try Brackenridge, always tough and doubly so this year with four starters returning.

Subsequent to meeting Temple and Harlandale, the

Bulls sweep into the vaunted San Antonio Christmas Tournament and prepare to meet area schools.

The district schedule begins January 6 as Mac battles Lee in the opener. MacArthur plays each of the district teams twice. Highlands, last year's champions and this year's favorite, returns its top three scores and figures to be the toughest contender.

But examination of the Brahmas' roster partially explains the optimism shown by this year's improved club.

Returning three starters from a third-place district team, the Brahma roster glows with possible stars.

Spotlighting the line-up are seniors Rick Celaya, 6'2", All-District First Team choice, and Charles Cardenas, 5'8", All-District

Honorable Mention. Supporting the two team leaders are two other three-year varsity veterans — Ken Lawrence, 6'1", and Bucky Davis, also 6'1".

Other members of the first all-senior squad in recent MacArthur history are Don Wilson, 6'0", Tom Romo, 6'1", Ken Fischer, 6'2", Larry Armstrong, 5'11", Gary Hay, 5'11", and Bron Burke, 5'7".

Outstanding juniors adding depth include Scott Stevens, 6'2", and Lennie Asper, 6'0".


"Overall, we should be strong," chortles Moseley, "but it will take an all-out effort for us to survive a challenging non-district schedule and an evenly matched talented district slate. We feel we have the talent. Now we must prove it."

# Netters Split With Unicorns

MacArthur's male netters slaughtered New Braunfels, 6-1, in the first of a dual meet, November 4, on the Brahma's courts. In girls matches, the Unicorns jarred Mac, 3-2.

Singles players Chris Coe and Doug Vanderploeg dropped only one game in their sets, while Russ Johnson equally narrowed his opponent in a six game set. The doubles combinations of Clyde Coe with Jack Boerner, and Russ Johnson with Toby Michaelson triumphed by 8-2 margins. A winning 8-3 decision went to Standley Mason, but in the last match Larry Baker and James Hetherington in doubles fell by the same score.

Brenda Speert and Karen Hall each trampled their singles opponents 8-3. New Braunfels counteracted by tripping Sharon Jetter and Lori Ziegler in an 8-3 doubles score and Judy Jenkins in an 8-2 singles tally.



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