

Don't Be A Statistic

The onset of a new year renews campaigns involving statistical data. For the promotion of traffic safety, the curtailment of smoking, or the abstinence of indulging alcoholic beverages, the figures compiled do little more than alarm the public.

Besieging the public with these mounds of numbers fails to solve any problems. In the case of traffic accidents, the tabulations are not constructive information. Knowing that more fatal accidents occur at night proves nothing ex-

cept that one should not drive at night.

With many organizations championing one cause, the public gets isolated facts. Deaths resulting from traffic accidents are publicized but the fact that this cause contributes to only 3% of all deaths in the nation is not mentioned. In fact heart diseases account for considerably more deaths, 39.1% in 1967.

One of the most emphasized statistics is the high rate of accidents involving youth. Yet, the conclusion drawn that youths are worse drivers than any other age group is faulty. Typical distortions are:

* Cars driven by under-25 year olds were involved in twice as many accidents as those driven by 40-49 year olds. (The comparision does not establish how many drivers

there were in each group.)

 In 1968, 10.7% of drivers were age 20-24. They had 18% of all fatal accidents - the highest of any age group. (This fact could include accidents where another age

group driver caused the accident.)

* Of 105 million drivers in the nation, 10.7 million were under age 20. These drivers were involved in 15% of all fatal accidents in 1968. (The possibility that this age driver travelled more miles than another age group's driver is overlooked.)

Worthy of consideration and not reflected in these counts are the number of accidents caused by defective

cars or created by hazardous weather conditions.

Instead of using reams of statistics, these factions devoted to preserving life, a laudable endeavor, should employ a more rational method to realize their cause. Offers to provide transportation home for "happy" New Year's Eve celebrators by several hotels was a good example of a rewarding plan.

Brenda Speert

BRAHMA TALES

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PROS

Dear Brahma Tales:

your November 26th article our great school's Brahma Spirit. I myself have noticed the lack of spirit and the unconcern for such a fine school, Why? Are we so unpatriotic and care so little for our school?

Spirit is a wonderful thing to have. It is (to me) a feeling of caring, loving, and believing in your school. It is showing that you care, love, and believe in your school. It is sticking by your school, no matter how many times you lose. It is picking yourself up proudly after being pushed down a million times. Spirit must come from inside, however it must be displayed from the soul. No one can say he has school spirit until he has first felt it in his heart. And of course, Spirit is wanting to care, to love, and to believe.

I'm a senior at Mac-Arthur now: I've been here for four long years. And yet, I've never stopped caring about the Brahmas. I've never stopped loving my school. I've never for one minute stopped believing that Mac was - and is the best school in all of Texas. I'm sure that many seniors feel the same way I do. At the Lee-Mac game I noticed that a lot of the senior Lassies were crying, . as was I. Why? It was not because we had lost so gallant a fight; nor was it the heart-aching fact that we would never march together in another football game. No, it was Pride, Pride that swelled up inside us til at last we couldn't hold it in. We were proud of our Brahmas; proud to know a Brahma; proud to be a Brahma.

But just being a Brahma I enjoyed tremendously isn't enough. You must care about being a Brahma; you must love being a Brahma; and you must believe in your Brahmas. And last of all, you must want to be a Brahma. This, above all, is school Spirit. Being a Being a Senior is so sad

Michele Farnum Sr's. '70

Dear Editor:

When the idea for a "sounding-board" to facilitate student-Student Coancil relations was proposed, it was met with a great deal of enthusiasm. Here was the means to educate the Student Council as to the needs of the students. The glowing picture formed in most student's minds, including my own, was one of a student-Student Council meeting at which students could present their ideas. This is still sorely needed.

I have now realized that our sounding-board will be a 72 Dollar affair with categorical slots for "suggestions!" No allowance for free discussion, but pigeonholed suggestions which are guaranteed to be looked at by real-live, actual studentcouncil members. No doubt. when a sealed envelope is put into the proper slot, the board will sound by playing "The Impossible Dream,"

It is my proposal that the kind of sounding board we really need is not a glorified suggestion box, but straight-forward, equal time "get-together" between Student Council and students whose suggestions are taken under consideration.

Sincerely.

Douglas Axelrod

and CONS

The Impossible Dream?

Dear Editor.

To me a senior girl has always been synonymous with beauty, matureness, style,—, You could tell she was a senior because she held her head high and was proud to be a Brahma. I've seen many senior girls and their poise and grooming is a symbol of pride and not just in themselves but in their friends and school.

Yet why must it be only

senior girls?

It seems to me, underclassmen, especially girls, she has to look a don't respect anyone else's face but I can't c senses or interests. Some of these girls look as if they only had 30 seconds to dress in the morning.

Many girls take advantage of the short skirt fashion and try to wrap their monstrous limbs in one and a half feet of circular material,

I speak up because I've been at this school for four years and I love it. I want to be proud of my fellow students. I can't change any hem lines by mere words. I just wanted to tell the underclassmen girls I go to this school too. — granted she has to look at my ugly face but I can't change my looks — she can!!!

Scott Felty



Legs - Fat Or Covered?

As told to Sara Jane Hawthorne

"What on earth is that contraption on your tail, Percy?"
"Prudence knitted it for me," he explained. "It's called a slack. The principle is the same as the nose sock's. I don't want a fat tail - - - so unattractive."

"I'm afraid I don't follow - - - what does wearing a

slack have to do with fat tails?"

"Didn't you read the 1968 Fall issue of Columbia Journalism Review? Research by a government health organization discovered that any part of the body, when exposed to cold - - - even for a few days - - - begins to build up adipose tissue or fat cells. The research concentrated on women's legs as they are usually the most consistently uncovered area of the human body."

"When warm weather returns, won't the fat cells go

away?" I anxiously asked.

"No, just like all fat, it must be exercised or dieted off. But I needn't worry - - - I've got ear muffs, my slack, a jacket, a scarf, a nose sock, boots, and long pants."

"How about me? I can't wear long pants to school.

And I won't, I WON'T, have fat legs like" --- groping for
an appropriate apposite --- "like a COFFEE TABLE!!"

"Well, some girls are wearing slacks to school," he help-

fully offered.

"And being sent home to change just as soon as they

arrive," I despaired.

"There's always dependable knee socks," he countered.

"Fat knees don't look so bad - - - they're kind of cute, like"
- - - groping for an appropriate appositive - - - "like door-knobs," he consoled, neatly dodging a flying copy of Columbia Journalism Review.

"Maybe ankle length dresses are the answer. They've become rather popular among my girlfriends. Of course

they can be expensive if you don't sew."

"NO, NO, NO"

"And to what do we owe this violent explosion?"

"Long skirts are so — so — long," he finished feebly.
"It's like watching a gargantuan billowy sail sweep down the walkway. One has to sit and hope for an upwards vertical breeze just to glimpse an ankle and there's not many such breezes around."

Gunga Zeke

You may speak 'o fish and chips Or o' tests some helpful tips But when it comes to journalism

No one nears dear Gunga Zeke.

Now in our fine learned clime
Where we for twelve years spent our time
In 'aughty 'opes 'o gaining' wisdom
O' all them barefaced crew

The finest man ere' I knew

Was our football reporter Gunga Zeke.

I shant forget the night

When I dropped to the sidelines out o' the fight With 'ere first down where ours should o' been I was chokin' mad with thrist

An the man who spied me first Was our good ol' grinnin' reporter <u>Gunga Zeke</u>. 'E lifted up me 'ead

An' smilin' to me 'e said

"So what's the score, already?"
Silly, blinkin' silly Gunga Zeke,
'Eres' a beggar wi' 'es girls for support
Fiddlin' 'round wi' 'es sports report
An' not a line set down.

Elpful, our 'umble Gunga Zeke. Though I've belted you and flatted you By the livin' Gawd that made

I wished ya'd told the truth, Gunga Zeke.

GET OUT NO GET OUTNOW! 0 U T

OUT NO W! GET

by Mark Mitchell The Vietnam war has been longer than any other war the United States has ever had to fight. It has cost over a hundred and fifty billion dollars, and over half a million American casualties in dead and wounded. It has devastated Vietnam and has initiated bitterness within the United States. The following is a portraval of the latest expression of bitterness and the soonest forgotten - the moratorium.

one justification for concern.

It took the winners of the First World War fifteen eral thought. years to realize that they had lost it. It took the victors of the Second World history were not learned. and the American government did not realize that zealous, radical youth. they had lost the people of Vietnam before the war's launching.

After studying the past, many moratorium supporters advocated pacifism. Although a concept worthy in itself, it does not lend itself to the realm of backroom sub-table international politics. The youth who tried to understand the political side asked for a justification for the conflict, and were promptly answered with a form of a Joe MacCarthy communist BugaBoo on the international scale.

The moratorium has been indicted as an anti-American movement consisting of "communists" and "dirty hippies."

The basic motivation Why? The moratorium for youth protest concern- has not provoked violence ing Vietnam seems to be by its cause. Its followers immorality. One needs only have not advocated the overto glance at history to find throw of the American Empire. It has simply served as an outlet for concerned lib-

"Liberal" meaning one dedicated to the maintenance of open thought in War only five. Unfortunate- America - not a commuly, these recent lessons of nistic country, not a state consumed in anarchy, and not one filled with over

> Unfortunately, liberalism has been connotated to mean an idea contrary to the national interest, and in this way, the government has helped quiet the pleas of the moratorium, Many people fail to distinguish a liberal from a radical, and until they do, the liberal and the moratorium will suffer.

Another reason the moratorium has become silent, is that it is now "old." At first the bandwagon was brimming with concerned Americans, wanting to speak about our Asian involvement. But the attention span of concerned America has now elapsed. The war now has declined to fourth place in status; behind student unrest, inflation, and football.

The moratorium has fallen victim to an American institution - the fad. What was once a public display of bitterness and revulsion, becomes publicly uncomfortable. The few true believers are left, and their cause is fading.

However outwardly subdued, there is still a group of individuals, whether right or wrong, that are furthering American heritage through thought and spirit. free These persons, their movement seriously eroding and being exploited by other fringe organizations, are still more constructive than the American who would suppress change and protest in the name of a false patriot-

The first Annual Orange and White Classic High School Debate Tournament at the University of Texas was held January 9 and 10. Sixty-two schools from three states competed, entering one team each in Championship Rounds. Mac-Arthur, Edison, Alamo Heights, and Keystone were invited from the surrounding area.

Debaters Clash

Classic

Three teams from Macattended. Alicea Fletcher and Peggy Chesson competed in Varsity Debating, winning four rounds and losing two. Norman Thomas and Jeff Harmon won two and lost four. Mark Mitchell and Ron Zimmerman competed in Varsity Competition. They won four and lost two.

Mark Mitchell received fifth place speaker, out of 248 speakers. Mark had 156 out of a possible 160 points, the fourth place speaker also had 156 points.





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Students Prepare For Annual UIL Contest

Do you have a good mind for figures? Are you a persuasive talker? Or do you work well with your hands?

Although several months away, students are now preparing for University Interscholastic League areas of competition in one-act play, literary and academic events.

MacArthur is hosting the annual U.I.L. contests, scheduled for the weekends of April 11 (one-act play), April 18 (literary events).

Faculty sponsors are eagerly searching for talented students who want to participate in the twelve areas of competition. Anyone interested should contact the following:

Mrs. Pat Gartman-poetry prose interpretation. persuasive and informative speaking; Mrs. Mary Tysonspelling; Mrs. Virginia Peakready writing; Mr. Jack Jensen-typing; Mrs. Marjorie Ecord and Mr. William Keilsnumber sense and slide rule: Mr. Cyril Firgins-science; Mr. John Milligan-shorthand: Mr. Norm Hitzges-journalism.

For those who do not understand what University Interscholastic League competition involves, U.I.L. begins in the fall with football and throughout the year almost every area of the high school program is involved. This includes basketball, tenswimming, baseball, track, band, choir, and the competition which this article is about - literary and academic events and the one-act play.

winner.

Points are awarded for second, and third places in the different events, and the total points for each school result in the



BUT WHO'S GOT THE KEY? - Student Council President Ted Alexander presents the long anticipated Sound-Off Board to the student body in an assembly January 13. The purpose of the Board is to convey student complaints and suggestions to the administration. Submitted suggestions will be kept under lock and key until council action.

SEEN HER?



Deneice O'Connor

Deneice is seen on campus as a member of the Student Council and as a member of the Lassies.

Deneice 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

The outlook for campus wear '70 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.



Karen Andrews FHA Queen

To the soul sound of the T-Birds, the FHA honored 13 MacArthur students at its annual formal.

Midway through the ball, held January 9 at the Sheraton Motor Inn, senior Karen Andrews was crowned FHA queen. Her court included princesses Connie Cox and Petra Shafer, junior duchesses Theresa Burgess and Kathy Cody, sophomore duchesses Beth Hooker and Patti Cox, and freshmen duchesses Mac Rhyme and Laurie McCrimmon.

The FHA beaus were also announced. Senior Jay Collins, junior Brian Kies, sophomore John Ballatine and freshman Danny Armstrong each received the respected designation.

ROTC BALL

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps will present their second annual ball, February 7 at the Ramada Inn. from 7:30 to 12:00 p.m.

The ROTC will present the ROTC Sweetheart and present commissions to the present corps of officers.

A band from Lackland Air Force Base will play.

"The Bank with a Heart" 811 W.W. White Road ED 3-6210

File 13

By Brenda Speert



. . . "Carousel," the drama department's next production, will debut January 29-31. Apparently, for the dramatists, this date seemed premature since rehearsals began on January 5. The mere three week interval was prompted by the orchestra's notification that they could only perform the musical on the announced dates. For the actors in "Carousel," the play may be an un-merry go-round.

. . . Singers for "Carousel" are still needed. Any student, preferably male, interested in joining the chorus should contact Mrs. Carroll or Mrs. Flood.

. . . "File 13" extends its congratulations to the Student Council for realizing the creation of the "Sound-off Board." In addition, this column wishes to clarify to the Student Council why the impatient advocates of this idea found fault with them. To these people, the "Sound-off Board" was interpreted in the same sense as the Board of Trustees, which is a group of men to which all questions and comments about the district are referred. The misinterpretation led the students to believe that the "Sound-off Board" was the name of a group responsible for reviewing students' comments rather than the name of a wall of board. Thus, the time length for its formation was incomprehensible. Yet, knowing now that they have a wall to speak to will comfort many.

. . .MacArthur's National Forensic League has been encouraging involvement in speech activities for four years. However, it appears that the communication between the parent organization and the MacArthur chapter epitomizes the "Do as I say, and not as I do." The national office has parleyed for four years notifying MacArthur that their charter has been approved.

. . .In the past weeks, MacArthur received publicity which was not generated by student activities. Principal George Vakey, representing not only MacArthur but also the District, testified as a witness in a case questioning whether the Alamo Heights Independent School District's dress and grooming rules were in violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Principal Vakey spoke for the defendent AHISD and asserted that a definite relationship existed between length of hair and the state of discipline in a school. This Monday, he will again be a member of a group expounding expertly on another controversial subject, "Codes of Behavior-Communication Between Parents and School." The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the Garner High School campus.

. . .Technological confusion is descending on the computer system. With Miss Sobrino's marriage transforming her last name to Milam, and with the departure of several MacArthur teachers, the computers undoubtedly will emit a befuddled grunt.



COACHES BOB BAKER AND DICK TAYLOR — "trip the light fantastic" at the Blue and White Ball, as seniors Guy Davenport and Ted Watson slowly groove. John Garner was named Mr. Football at the spectacle.

23 Band Members Place At McCollum

MacArthur Band members competed Saturday, December 13 in the first individual competition of the season: District Band.

At the tryouts, which took place at McCollum High School, MacArthur placed 23 musicians in the band, more than any other school in the district.

Those students placing high enough in the District Band qualified to go to the next step in the competition: Region Band. Thirteen MacArthur students qualified: Douglas Axelrod, Cliff Bates, Ronnie Carroll, Mike Craddock, John Gordon, Mary Isom, Ross Johnson, Mary Mitchell, Louis Mizell, David Moore, Katie Papas, Diane Shisk, and Keith Val-

Seven of these band members placed in region, but only Douglas Aselrod, John Gordon, and Ross Johnson qualified to go to State tryouts to be held January 24 at Alice, Texas.



1970 Senior Class Names Favorites

"Envelope, Please."

And the winners of the 1969-1970 Senior Superlatives, as selected and scrutinized by the honorary class of 1970 are:

For displaying a superior talent in their particular fields of interest: Brian Taylor and Vandy Dinkins.

In exercising a display of school spirit above and beyond the call of duty: Fabian Castillo and Connie Cox.

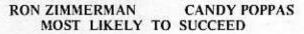
Honored by all concerned for rugged good looks and ravishing beauty: John Garner and Cindy Jacobs.

For making a "Brahma Five-Star Effort" to greet all friends (and acquaintances) with a friendly "Hi!": Ted Alexander and Duzie Gordon.

And for exhibiting the most outstanding potential for success in the challenging years to follow: Ronnie Zimmerman and Candy Poppas.

We would like to congratulate the 12 winners and encourage the members of the Class of 1970 to be "superlative" in at least one category.













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ON TED ALEXANDER FRIENDLIEST



BRIAN TAYLOR VANDY MOST TALENTED



VANDY DINKINS



JOHN GARNER



NER CINDY JACOBS BEST LOOKING

Musical "Carousel" Jan 29-31 EXAMS!!!

The sugar-coated, Little Goody Two Shoes, sweetness of Mary Poppins is definitely not present in "Carousel," MacArthur Drama Department's upcoming musical presentation. The play, under the direction of Mrs. Janet Carroll will be presented Thursday through Saturday, January 29-31, at p.m. in MacArthur Auditorium.

The beautiful, melting songs of "The Sound of Music," are almost a foil to the simple, candid, lusty lyrics of "Carousel." The action of the play revolves about Bill Bigelow, (Mark Dawson,) a carousel barker turned sailor. reluctantly and the light of his love life, Julie (Claudia Erving,) a woman of determined will and gentle ways.

The dramatic tenseness often relieved by the comedic situations of Carrie (Lynne McIntire) and her Mr. Snow (Thom Bashor). Jigger, who lures Billy to his untimely death, is a villain from the depths of his black heart to the tips of his dirty fingernails. Jigger is portrayed by Steve Williams.

The "Carousel" cast has great expectations for a fine performance. The audience can only hope it will compare in excellence to "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the department's first presentation.





"CAROUSEL" CAST - Julie (Claudia Erving) has a difference of opinion with Mrs. Mullins (Nancy Hamby) in

"Carousel."

Annual Sales Drop Despite Staff Effort

by Duzie Gordon "We're really sorely disappointed."

Sales of the 1969-70 Brahma Annual have fallen below the necessary goal of 1400.

Less than 1300 annuals have been sold to date. While this is only 100 short of the projected goal of 1400, it signals a \$1000 deficit in sales for this year.

This year the staff hoped to encourage the small, silent group of non-supporters who seldom contribute to annual sales.

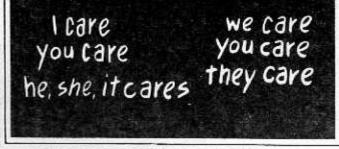
However, disappointments make no difference to the Brahma staff. The extras, additional pages and color prints, will have to be reduced to meet the budget.

Laury Holden Flunk now, avoid the June rush!

The final exam schedule has been posted and every student on campus is studying for the first time this semester.

The first day of final exams will be Wednesday, January 21, when the first and fifth period exams will be administered. There will no open campus on Wednesday.

The second day of misery, Thursday, January 22, will consist of second and sixth period exams. The third day, Friday, January 23, of this ill-starred week. will be open campus on both of these days. School will be let out at 2:30 on each of these two days.



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Roundballers Win Six, Drop Owls and Eagles

The varsity basketball team has tangled with the top state competition and has retained a respected 17-7 record. After routing Lee and being routed by district favorite Highlands, the senior club holds a 1-1 district slate.

season meeting between state ranked Brackenridge Mac 87 - Harlandale 55 and MacArthur, MacArthur led the first half. Brack halftime buzzer to lead 30-29. The pace accelerated through the second half for an Eagle win as they outscored the Brahmas by 11 points.

Mac 61 — Temple 41

The night of the Blue and White ball, the Brahmas ran Temple off their own tournament, MacArthur adcourt. Following a 35-19 vanced to the semi-finals,

Brackenridge 83 - Mac 71 halftime bulge, the Big Blue coasted to a 20 point In the only regular victory.

MacArthur blew into dropped in a basket at the the Harlandale gym, and after leading by 22 points at halftime and placing 14 players in the scoring columns, blew out again with a 87-55 win. Celaya topped the scoring for Mac with 16 points.

San Antonio Tournament

In the annual Christmas

MacArthur first beat Austin Anderson 77-68 and Antonian 58-44. In the semifinals. Brackenridge pulled out the 4-point win in the closing seconds. Rick Celaya hit the hoop for 28 points in the 86-82 losing effort.

Antonian 38 Mac 56 -

Mac swept to an early first quarter 10-1 lead and kept on the upper end of a large scoring bulge until the final buzzer. Bucky Davis with 15 points was supported by Gardenas, Celaya and Lawrence each with 9 for the win.

Mac 71 - Lee 53

Lee lasted less than a full half before tiring before the MacArthur press. Davis, who scored 24 points, dominated the boards as Mac defeated their periennial rival 71-53.

Highlands 65 - Mac 48

Preseason polls predicted a scramble between Mac and Highlands for the district 30-AAAA championship. In the first of two meetings between the schools, Mac lead at the quarter 13-11, and at one point midway through the second quarter stretched the lead to 10 points. Mac's lead shrunk by half-time to 29-26, and in the third period Highlands drew away. Mac scored only 7 points in that period as opposed to the Owls' 16. Then in the final, fast paced period, the effect of a low (39%)shooting average became apparent as Highlands outscored 23 points to Mac's 12. Individual totals were down also as Davis led with only 14.

The Next T

Friday, January 16

Basketball: Mac vs. Roosevelt, 7:00 p.m. BAC.

Tuesday, January 20

MacArthur P.T.A., 8:00 p.m. school cafeteria.

Wednesday, January 21 Semester Exams: Begin; 1st period exams, 5th period exams

Thursday, January 22

Semester Exams: 2nd period exams, 6th period exams: Board of Trustees Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Friday, January 23

Last Day of Exams: 3rd period exams, 7th period exams: End of 3rd six week period - 33 day period.

Basketball: Mac vs. Alamo Heights at Alamo Heights at

9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 24

Teacher Work Day: secondary registration in the afternoon.

Monday, January 26

First Day of the Second Semester:

Study Hall Film: "The Freedom to Succeed", a 23-minute film

in food wholesaling and retail stores.

Tuesday, January 27

Basketball: Mac vs. Jefferson, 8:30 p.m. B.A.C

Golf: Mac vs. Jefferson at the Olmos Basin Golf Course.

Thursday, January 29

Drama: Presentation of the musical "Carousel" at 8:00 p.m.

in the auditorium.

Friday, January 30

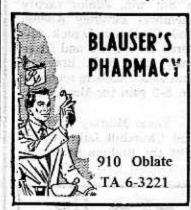
Drama: Presentation of "Carousel"

Basketball: Mac vs. Churchill, 7:30 p.m. at B.A.C.

Saturday, January 31

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Drama: Presentation of "Carousel"





Netters Compete With Churchill; TMI

Doubles partners Clyde Coe-Vanderploeg, Chris Coe-Boerner, and Johnson-Standley gave up only two, one, and three games respectively in pro-sets to conclude an 8-1 team score.

The girl netters compiled an 8-3 decision over Churchill. The loss of their number one player, Brenda Speert, did not stymie the Brahmas as they swept the remaining pro-set singles. Karen Hall fell three games behind before mastering her opponent; Judy Jenkins lost Sharon Jetter and five. Kathy Ryan scored identical 8-0 wins; Laurie Ziegler outsmarted her challenger 8-4.

In doubles, Speert-Hall bowed 8-1 while Jenkins-Jetter triumphed 8-5 and Ryan-Ziegler followed with a 8-2 win. Junior varsity members Beverley Kneisel and Courtney Lepick suffered an 8-4 loss and freshmen girls Paula Braymen and Janet Rosberg recorded an 8-3 gain for MacArthur.

Texas Military Institute and Churchill failed to affect the Brahma netters as



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the MacArthur team suffocated their opponents while kindling their winning streak in December matches.

TMI boys took the top singles contest 6-2, 6-4, but could not dominate the court in other matches. In order of descending team rank, Clyde Coe won 6-0, 6-1; Doug Vanderploeg triumphed 6-2, 7-5; Jack Boerner posted a 6-1, 6-2 score; Russ Johnson whipped his challenger 8-2, and Mason Standley breezed to an 8-3 victory.

Swimmers Place Third

The MacArthur girl's swimming team finished third in a Houston Swimming Meet held January 8 and 9 at the Rice University Pool.

third with 43 points, following Houston Lamar with 45 points and Dallas Richardson with 44.

Tina Treut brought home the Brahmas' only first place when she captured first in the 100 breaststroke. Tina also participated in the free relay which finished second, The

The mermaids finished other three free-stylers were Joanne Lash, Vesta Flaggert and Sally Billmeire.

> Sally Billmeire took second in both the 200 and 300 freestyle. Others placing were Bonnie Buchanan, sixth in individual medly, and 100 backstroke; Tina fourth individual Treut. medly; and Joanne Lash, sixth in 100 butterfly.



Sheldon - Garner Elected All - City

"Down! Ready! Set!

Taking his rightful place along-side five Lee players including all-state quarterback, Tim Trimmier, Rick Sheldon was named to the All City team. He was named for his outstanding work at offensive tackle.

Elusive wingback John Garner was given honorable mention, the equivalent to saying you are number 2, so try harder.

which came out several days Paul Alexander.

after the All-City team, also honored Sheldon by unanimously naming him the best offensive and defensive tackle in District 30-AAAA.

Rambling Ronnie Duvall was also named to the first team in the district at fullback.

The second team was honored by the presence of three MacArthur footballers: fleet wingback, John Garner, lanky end Bob Berry, The All-District team and persistent line backer

Warmin The Bench



Ex-Track Man Casts Dire Predictions

The Fastest Man in the World appeared briefly on campus recently to secure permission from his upcoming assembly before the student body, April 1. In an exclusive interview, The Fastest Man in the World talked to the Brahma Tales and related some of his thoughts on the 19-70 track season, the state of the nation, and the Vietnam war. Deleting extraneous comments, Warming The Bench preserves TFMITW's relevant remarks:

**** "You know, there's simply no future in running. Now, a football player is guaranteed a job once he gets out of high school, maybe as a Mafia bodyguard, or perhaps as a Marine, or if all else fails, even as a high school coach. And basketball players can fit into this complex society of ours as skyscraper window-washers, water melon carriers and herring-box stretchers. But runners have absolutely no future. Imagine a trackster's consternation when he graduates and the only job opportunity he can find is delivering messages for Western Union. The most admired men in our field are the two oldsters who, because of their distinguished record, got jobs exercising lions. Unfortunately, that's not much of a life.

** "Like everyone else, I figure that I'm unique. Simply because of the field UM in, talking to high school audiiences for a free lunch, I figure that I have one of the most secure positions for one with my talents. But I have to hustle to keep my spot.

**** "The truth is, now that we're friends and I can level with you, that I really couldn't get a job with the telegraph office: you see, I never even learned to read. You guessed it, it's because I had to practice all the time to stay in shape and to make the team. As coach used to say, 'A guy's got to work hard to get somewhere in this world.' If he could only see me now.





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J.V. Competes in N.E. Tourney

by Steve Williams

The MacArthur Junior Varsity Basketball Team scored two impressive wins in the Northeast Tourney December 19 and 20, but then dropped two non-tourney games, evening their record at four wins, four losses.

Brackenridge 57—Mac 31
In the MacArthur gym,
Brackenridge took an early
lead and held it, taking an
easy win over the slow dribbling Mac J.V.

Northeast Tournament

In the first contest, the Junior Jumpers stumbled to tourney host Churchill 53-42, but came back to squeak a win over luckless Highlands 57-53. In the final game pitting the Brahmas against Burbank, the Yearlings put it together from

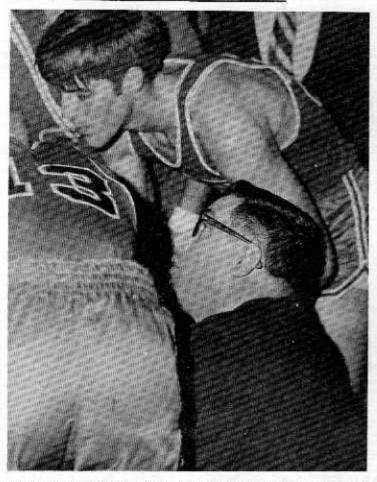
Brackenridge 57—Mac 31 the start and took a half-In the MacArthur gym, time lead 29-18 wrapping ackenridge took an early up the win 54-47.

Lee 54-Mac 28

The Lee juniors showed toughness and led the Brahmas all the way to a walloping 54-28 rout of the Mac Junior Varsity.

Mac 44-South San 40

After a tight game, the Bulls finally came out on top at the South San gym. The Bulls led the Bobcats at the half and pulled the win out in a fast fourth quarter.



"ALRIGHT, RICK, YOU BE THE BOTTLECAP, AND CHARLIE, YOU'RE THE PIECE OF GLASS. NOW . . ." - Mac's varsity, after meeting some of their toughest competition in history, comes together to plan new strategy.

