

Exchange Student Undergoes Metamorphosis

Gabriella Turns Cowgirl

By Gabriella Gabrilaki

San Antonio, Texas?! You mean I have to spend a whole year with cowboys riding horses and shooting around? That was my first comment as soon as I got my letter from A.F.S. And there I was at the airport of San Antonio on the nineteenth of last August welcomed by kids of my new school. With these young people I have spent six months and I have found out that the American teenagers are like the teenagers of my home country — full of life and ambitions, crazy sometimes, serious other times with problems and dreams.

I did not come here to go to school and do homework all the time; the reason I decided to become an exchange student was my wish to visit a new country, to live with its people, to see how they think and to learn its culture — the good and bad things of this country (I am sure that the Texans think there is nothing wrong with Texas!). I know this year is a year of great experience and I am

trying to do as many things as I can. I have taken trips to different cities, I have spent some days at Rockport, and just recently, Houston. I have ridden horses, gone to concerts of classic and modern music, to school dances, football and basketball games, slumber parties, and I have also gained weight (it's the fault of the fritos, cookies, candies, etc.).

But most of all I enjoy being with Kitty, my American sister. We are getting along just perfectly. We are both the same crazy type — yesterday in a doctor's office we were pretending that we were mentally ill and all the people were staring at us! We make fun all the time and we always have something to laugh at. But don't think that's all we do every day. We often have discussions about serious problems, opinions about people and situations, sex, philosophical subjects (I don't forget that am a descendant of Socrates and Plato and she is a descendant of Thomas Jefferson).

I was wondering if I could feel at home here. I didn't know I would talk for hours with my father about politics or languages, and with my mother about music, art or sports. I didn't know I could play games or watch TV with my brothers and sisters. And now I am afraid the five months will go away very soon. I'll leave San Antonio and its friendly cowboys, I'll leave my American home and family, friends and my school. I'll go back to Greece, start thinking in Greek again, practice my horrible Greek and try to get money to come "home" soon. (Maybe there is room in my suitcase for Kitty!).

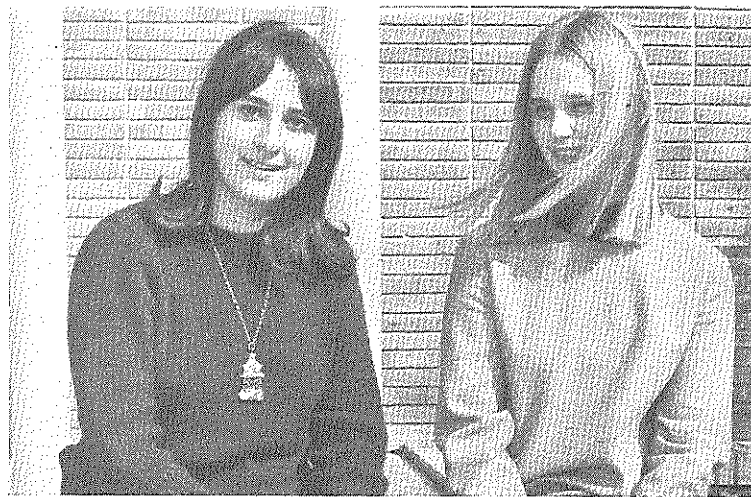
Macster Descends From Olympus

If you've never met a person from "another world", now's your chance to talk to one. For actually attending MacArthur is a real live girl from Greece — Gabriella. Don't look for a Greek goddess with hair piled high on her head, exquisite jewels dangling from her ears, neck, and fingers, a long flowing white gown and laced sandals because Gabriella is none of these. Your foreign student does eat with a fork and dress as we do (When at Mac do as...), and speaks English better than most Americans.

A Texan for just six months, Gabriella has not yet developed an accent but has picked up many of the favorite slang words, thanks to her American sister, Kitty Sawtelle. You'll find that our foreign student is shy with strangers (and strange people), cheerful, enjoys a good joke (especially her own), and doesn't mind too much if you correct her English. She is plagued by questions on the customs and life in Greece, things most asked of her are do you like olives? what is in Greek? do you like the Turks?

Gabriella's day is filled with club meetings and studying as she is an honorary member of every club and carries a regular course load. Her favorite food at the moment is salad since she and her sister are on a diet. She likes to listen to Peter, Paul, and Mary and the Rolling Stones.

If you haven't met Gabriella yet, make an effort to do so. Have her over for dinner some night with the rest of the family. Her favorite dinners are olive pits with rice and Franco American Spaghetti.



LEE A.F.S. . . .

Gabriella visits with Kerstin Bergh, Swedish foreign student from Lee High School on a recent visit to the Mac campus during A.F.S. Week.

Lee A.F.S.er Enjoys U. S. Hospitality

"I like being a foreign exchange student; it is an experience I wish more people could enjoy."

These are the words of Kerstin Bergh, foreign student at Robert E. Lee High School. Kerstin, who is 17, is Swedish-born. Her father is a Lutheran minister and her mother is a nurse and housewife. She has two brothers; 21 and 12.

As a student at Lee, Kerstin is taking American History, English III, Spanish III, Civics, and Art. When she returns home to Sweden she will have one more year of high school to complete.

Kerstin is also an active member of the American Foreign Student Club, Future Homemakers of America, and the Beta Club. She also participates in Lee-ette activities.

Kerstin says she has no main interests but that she likes horseback riding and enjoys playing the guitar. As to future endeavors, Kerstin is unsure, but says she might like to be a registered nurse.

While living in San Antonio, she resides with her American parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Rowe, Jr. at 108 Dogwood. Her American sister is Nancy Rowe, a senior at Lee. Other members of the family are Richard, who attends the University of Texas and another sister Judy-Lou who is presently attending school in India on a Fulbright scholarship.

The sponsor of Lee's A. F. S. is Miss M. Van Valkenburgh.

Exchange of Views Produces Laughs

By Kitty Sawtelle

It's still hard for me to believe that Gabriella is living with us. And the sad part about it is that she'll only be here five more months. I don't think any two people could get along better than we do. Hardly a day goes by in which we don't have at least one laughing fit.

A student of English for only five years, Gabriella has an excellent command of the language, but sometimes confuses things. I kid her a lot about these mistakes but she realizes it's all in fun. Take for instance a few nights ago. It was about eleven o'clock at night and we were both in bed when all of a sudden Aphrodite jumped out of bed and screamed "Kitty, come quick, there's a 'crouch' in my bed!" I said, "A what?" And she repeated, "A crouch!" I started laughing so hard I couldn't get out of bed. I asked her to spell "crouch" and she said that it was no time to make fun of her English! Obviously she meant a cockroach. When I woke up the next morning, there was Gabriella sleeping on the floor!

One of the funniest incidents happened over the Christmas holidays. We were getting dressed

to go to the Mall when Gabriella discovered a pair of old cowboy boots in my closet. She tried them on with her trench coat (good match) and asked me how I liked the combination. I could tell she liked it, so for a joke I went along with her and said it looked great and told her that I thought she should wear it to the Mall. So she did! After we had been there for about 20 minutes she said she had the feeling everyone was staring at her outfit. When she finally caught on we both broke down laughing.

But I don't want you to get the impression that we're never serious. We're always having a good discussion on something. Our ideas and way of thinking are so similar that we usually agree on everything. This way we never get into an argument. Well, hardly ever!

Having the foreign exchange student live with me (especially since she's from Greece, "the cradle of civilization") has been a most rewarding and valuable experience for me. Gabriella has really become a part of our family over these few months. I'll miss her when she leaves next summer — especially that green wool sweater of hers and the navy pea jacket.

World War 1 Originates A.F.S.

The history of the American Field Service at MacArthur began five years ago with the origination of a combined Mac-Lee chapter. In September 1964, the club divided and each school began with its own student club, school sponsor, and adult club.

However, AFS was originally founded during World War I in 1914 as an American organization of volunteers to perform battlefield ambulance service. After the war, AFS was continued as a student scholarship program to foster understanding and better communication between the United States and the other nations of the world.

Foreign students are chosen on the basis of their excellence in scholarship, maturity of thought and endeavor, interest in international relations, reliability in personal commitment, and a true loyalty to and understanding of

their own country. These students are brought here to live like an American for a full year. They are accepted into a host home as one of the family, subject to the same disciplines and controls as the parents' own children. The student further participates in a full program of high school courses and extra-curricular activities.

The active Mac student AFS club constantly continues its plan of striving for better international relations. On February 22 the AFS members will visit the Lack and Language School to meet adult foreign students there. In addition the club plans an active Fiesta Weekend for foreign students from all over Texas. These students will be brought to San Antonio to live with different MacArthur families and enjoy the gay weekend. Applications to house these students will be available March 1.

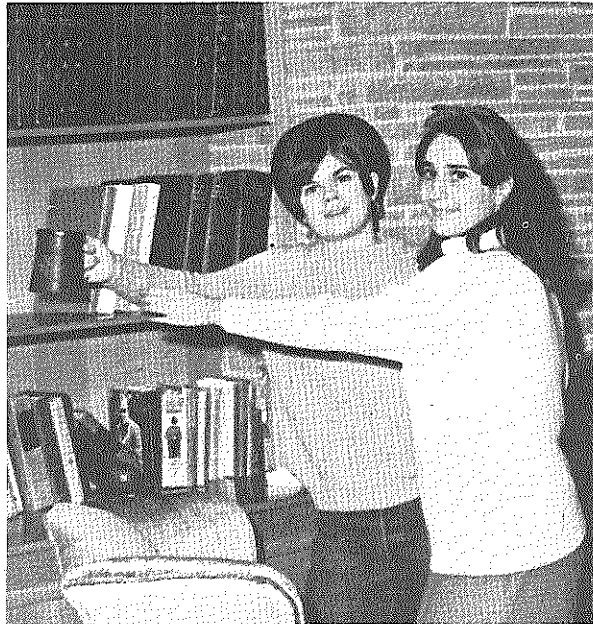


AND THE BEAT GOES ON . . .
Kitty and Gabriella sing with zest for Zeus.



NEW MAID IN THE HOUSE . . .

To help pay for her meals at the Sawtelle's Gabriella often works in the back with Kitty. Actually the two are preparing one of their favorite salads. Stick to that diet!



MUG SHOT . . .

Never a quiet moment in the library at the Sawtelle household when Kitty and Gabriella get together to study.



SWEETHEART COURT...

Waiting to step "Through the Looking Glass" Feb. 17 are Sweetheart Dance Senior Princesses Carole Lewis, Bobby Jean Spence, Stef Shackleford, and Joy McNeil, (seated at top). Other members of the court who will attend the yet-to-be named Sweetheart are Freshman Cindy Jacobs; Sophomores Sandy Clopton, Anne Whitmore, and Marcia DeBerry; Juniors Becky Bailey, Lark Pollock, and Nancy Reed; and Freshman Dolores Dixon and Connie Cox. The Dance, sponsored by the Class of '67, is set for 8-12 p.m. at Villita Assembly Hall. Bids are priced at \$3.00 and dress is semi-formal. Seniors who have paid their dues may purchase bids for \$2.00. Music will be provided by Robb London and the Rouges, playing the popular rhythm and blues sound.

Ralph Roister - Doister

Drama II Slaps Sticks

by Dan Blodgett

After watching someone fall over a chair for the twentieth time, I often fall asleep. So it was when I saw "Ralph Roister-Doister", the one-act play put on by the Drama II class. The play was hailed as very funny slapstick but the timing was off and the dialogue was difficult to understand. However, a lot of polish could turn this into a shining production, capable of running off with UIL honors.

Mike Griffith, as Mathew Merrygreek, portrays his character of a sly voluble servant to the hilt. Debby Mogford remains aloof, suspended from the rest of the madness. Unfortunately, her carefully built characterization of Dame Custance is shattered when she joins in the final chase scene. The title character, Ralph Roister-Doister, shines at moments but for the most part, Charles Senske's character is dull and inappropriate in the role of a lively buffon.

Junior Sarah Robbins represented MacArthur in the All State Choir in Houston last week. Sarah is the only student from MacArthur in the All State Choir and reached this position by making the Regional Choir, then advancing to semi-finals and finals for the All State Choir.

All State Band members are Laura Locke and Nancy Coker playing flute, Mike Lucker playing the trombone, and Nancy Rumbel on the oboe. These people were also named to the All District and All Regional Band. George Holcomb and Charles Hollingsworth were named as alternates. This is the highest number of members MacArthur has ever placed in the All State Band.

FHA Represented In Rodeo Events

Representing the MacArthur Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America in the Stock Show and Rodeo parade was Gail Jackson, senior F.H.A. member. Queen of the Southwestern Association of Vegetable Growers, Gail wore a Western outfit complete with hat and boots. Riding with her on the float were Mr. Henry Van de Walle, president of the Vegetable Growers Association, and Mrs. Jeanette Murphy, Gail's sponsor.

Ann Holveck, current president of Mac's chapter, was one of ten F.H.A. members selected in the state for outstanding accomplishments in Home Economics. Ann spoke at the Breakfast Club of San Antonio, was honored at a reception and dinner given by the Sears Foundation at the Gunter Hotel, worked in the F.H.A. booth at the Stock Show and was awarded box seat tickets for the Rodeo.

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The MacArthur Brahma Swimming Team captured the number one slot in two triangular meets January 27 and 28 at Northeast Pool.

Friday, January 27, the Mac swimmers competed against top rated Odessa High and Robert E. Lee. The Big Blue scored 101 points to 85 for Odessa and 57 for Lee.

First place winners for MacArthur were: Rick Denman, 160-yd. individual medley, 1:42.1; Gregg Smith, 100-yd. freestyle, 53.7; Ray Ince, 400-yd. freestyle, 4:18.8; and Houston Browning, Tom Caldbeck, Jim Kerley and Tom Shaw, 400-yd. freestyle relay, 3:47.5.

January 28, Saturday, the Mac aquamen scored 105 points to shut out Midland Lee, 66, and San Antonio Lee, 60. Mac's swimmers made a power show by capturing first place in seven of the eight individual events, first in diving and second in both relays.

Swimmers claiming first places for Mac were: Ray Ince, 200-yd. freestyle, 1:56.1; Gregg Smith, 60-yd. freestyle, 29.4; Don Beck, 160-yd. individual medley, 1:45.1; Don Dolce, one meter diving; Bill Barnhill, 100-yd. butterfly, 1:02.0; Rick Denman, 100-yd. freestyle, 53.1; Ray Ince, 400-yd. freestyle, 4:24.8; and Court Thielman, 100-yd. breast stroke, 1:09.3.

Traveling to Austin, the Brahma Swim Team competed in the twelfth annual University of Texas Invitational Meet February

3 and 4. The event, held at The University of Texas' Gregory Gymnasium, saw 48 high school teams entered in the statewide meet. The Mac swimmers placed eleventh with 43½ points; first place was captured by Spring Branch Memorial of Houston with 175½ points. The Big Blue aquamen placed swimmers in six of the eleven consolation finals and surpassed all competing San Antonio high schools in total points.

Winning places for Mac were: Bill Barnhill, Don Beck, Bob Burson, and Court Thielman, 200-yd. medley relay; Ray Ince, 200-yd. freestyle; Rick Denman, 200-yd. individual medley; Don Dolce, one meter diving; David Alexander, one meter diving; Don Beck, 100-yd. butterfly; and Bill Barnhill, Bob Burson, Tom Shaw and Gregg Smith, 400-yd. freestyle relay.

The MacArthur Brahma tennis squad, showing much promise as they head into their season, is looking forward to an outstanding year. Led by captains, Ron Beilin and Beth Pyndus, of the boy's and girl's tennis team, they recently went to Corpus Christi, where they brought home a doubles consolation cup for first place, won by Doug Vanderpleog and John Biggs. Last week the team ventured to Austin where Ron Beilin and Everett Travis advanced to the quarter-finals in the doubles bracket. Though the team is very young and unexperienced they show no signs of weakness.

Brahmas Collect for T. A. P. Walk-a-thon

MacArthur was well represented in the Teens Against Polio Walk-a-thon Saturday as Rocky Self walked from Olmos Park to the Alamo with the aid of money donated by business firms and passersby. Rocky was accompanied by Dutch Riefler and Bobby Hahn in the city-wide charity program which is raising money to aid in the research for and fight against birth defects. High schools from all over San Antonio participated in the long walk advancing a certain number of feet for each amount of money donated.

An earlier project of TAP January 28 was the Hold-up Day

during which high school students stood at busy intersections "holding up" cars for March of Dimes donations. MacArthur's locations were at the corners of Loop 410 and Broadway and Harry Wurzbach Road and Klaus Road. Macsters proved to be good robbers in this contest by coming in second place with \$834.70. First place winner was South San Antonio High School which collected \$885.73.

Chairman of the TAP program at Mac is Senior Dottie Singleton while Mike Burk is co-chairman of the San Antonio Chapter.

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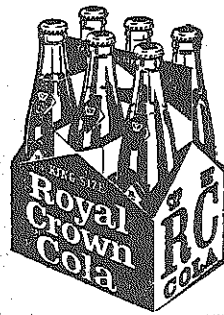
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