

A UNIFIED CAMPUS . . . Architect Peter Callins' drawing shows what MacArthur's campus will look like if the bond issue is approved. Each wing will have a specific academic function, with the 200 wing serving as the foreign language center, the

100 wing as English, the 300 wing as Social Studies and the 400 wing as Business. New buildings will include a new library, student center, administration and counseling building and a new field house. Extensive remodeling will also take

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Tales

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## London's 'In', So Is Lu

Lu Jeffrey, MacArthur's have to be quick." Foreign exchange student, students.

people and the reading of way and Shakespeare. wierd poetry set the stage going through a rythmical that it was just a hoax. do." Actually there was no such thing as a "Toe-in."

"that is the sport of it, you GREAT FUN!"

formed an unusual impres- background of Lu's home sion of American teen-agers life. There she enjoys many when attending orientation hobbies such as fishing, classes this summer at reading and horseback rid-Loughborough with 30 ing. Lu says her favorite Americans and 58 British book is Lord of The Flies by William Golding. She also A lamp post, barefooted enjoys reading Heming-

Fashion and food of a "Toe-In" held by the other topics which interest American teenagers and Lu. Miniskirts, she states, soon to be joined by their are quite the thing in Lon-British companions. This don now, in fact, before she at Douglas MacArthur High "mock love-in" gave our came to America she had to School to go smoothly? If British friends the idea that lengthen all her clothes. The so, learn by past experiences this was an every day oc- newest fashion, our foreign and pay your class dues curence in America. After student relates to us, is the NOW!" says David Ylitalo, mid-calf length of dresses. beat of "think toes" and "People in England, as a "love is toes" and their general rule, do not spend student. This price includes poetry recitings the Wes- quite as much time on their a discount of at least \$1.00 terners informed the British appearance as Americans on the bids for the Sweet-

Steaks and Chinese food, ice cream and fruits are are presented free bids for Lu is not, as she considers among Lu's favorite foods, the Jnuior-Senior Prom by herself, an ordinary English Her favorites are not so the Junior Class. The non-Lass. According to Lu, she different from the Ameri- members of the Senior Class is quite adventurous and can's list, although Lu ad- are charged \$2.50. just enjoys life itself. On mits she must come to dates, she enjoys fishing America to get a really good with jam jars and sitting steak.

peacefully on a bridge. When asked about her night, has been approved by terested in an ROTC program, When asked how one keeps opinion on the American the administration. The then this program will be initithe fish from sliding out of teenager, Lu replied, "The Senior Class will be asked to ated in 1968. At this time, the the jam jar, she replied, American teenagers? ALL vote on this at a future old field house will serve as an

## Oct. 7 Bond Issue Vote **Decides Future of Mac Campus**

At a conference held for school newspaper staffs in the North East School Dis-A diary farm sets the trict. Mr. Billy Reagan, Superintendent, answered questions put to him by student reporters concerning the upcoming bond issue election.

On October 7, the bond issue election will be held in order to provide more funds for the North East School District. All people who pay taxes on property in the district will be voting on an issue that will have a decisive effect on the future of Mac-Arthur High School and the NE district.

#### Senior Dues et at \$3.50

"Do you want your last year Senior Class president.

heart Ball. Traditionally, Senior dues-paying students

A Senior Breakfast to be held the night after graduation, probably around mid-When asked about her night, has been approved by terested in an ROTC program, meeting.

The district needs \$9.8 million plans because of the extremely expanded facilities for the rapid growth of the North East special education classes. School District at a rate of 2,000 new students a year. New facilities are desperately needed.

#### Student Center

For MacArthur students, this bond issue will bring to the camcenter adjoining the cafeteria. Students will take part in the planning of the addition which The dues are \$3.50 per will serve as an informal area where Macsters can meet and congregate. It will have a snack bar that will provide in Mr. Reagan's words, "teen food."

In addition, the bond issue will provide for 19 new classrooms, new science facilities, ad- ger than that of the present ministration and c o u n s e l ing areas, a new library, sitework and remodeling. A much needed new field house is also planned.

If 100 boys from each high school in the NE district are in-ROTC facility.

The new building programs now for the future building for MacArthur will also include

#### **Additions to Create Campus Unity**

A change for the better will be made in the appearance of MacArthur's campus. It is planned that the new library, adminpus a long hoped-for student istration and counseling areas will be located on the center of the campus in one building. which will give the campus a definite structural unity.

A student recreation center, to be built in 1969, will also be provided for by the money from the bond issue. To be located at the Virgil T. Blossom Athletic Center, its size will be much larschool cafeteria. Here, also, students will assist in the planning in order to make it a "student" center. Activities such as dances, banquets and picnics will be held at this recreation center. Students will need passes to get in and their cars will be protected through police supervision. Mr. Reagan envisions a partition of sliding glass doors opening onto

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## My Grandmother, the Car

By SALLIE WHEELER

MOST GRANDquiet oblivion, resign themselves to knitting woolen booties for stray cats and baking an inexhaustable supply of apple pies for their grandchildren.

M O S T G R A N D-MOTHERS.

BUT THERE'S ONE GRANDMOTHER who would rather drag than knit any day. Her appearance is undoubtedly unique, to be sure. For one thing, she has a flowered racing stripe vertically position and slightly off center adorning her backside. In addition to that, she has the highly unesteemed honor of carrying a suspicious looking bathtub around with her at all times.

THAT TAKES A PRET- 1947 Ford. And her grand- around. MOTHERS, after their TY STRONG GRANNY. son, Charles Pety, thinks HER GENERAL OVERheydays have passed into She ought to be, she's a she's the grooviest grandma A L L COMPLEXION is



Photo by Glenn Cunningham

rather pallid-battleship gray intermittent dandelions and snapdragons and a few periwinkles patterning her bod. Her custom upholstry leaves something to be desired. It also leaves a trail of stuffing every time Charlie goes anywhere.

THE BATHTUB which Charlie's grandma away where the back seat used to be provides a comfortable resting place for water, root beer, or Charlie's friends when room in the front seat runs out.

annoyed, she promptly refuses to activate her spark plugs. Sometimes, e v e n when she's happy she forgets to play her radio or keep track of her gas. But Charlie doesn't mind at allhe says any kind of grandma is better than the kind who gives socks and underwear for Christmas-even if she only gets nine miles to the gallon.

#### Across the Desk

By MRS. DEE MOYNIHAN

TO SAY THAT IT WAS ONE MAD, delirious, yet delightful and enriching adventure would be to understate the trip. Our summer trip to Europe was just this and much more. It was the magnificence of the awe-inspiring Alps; it was boating on the Seine by moonlight; it was the gaiety of Rome—and for me, as a teacher, it was the magic of watching 15 girls absorb culture, customs, language and learning, all in three short weeks. Whatever else a trip to Europe may mean, I know first hand that more was learned in 21 days than can be had in a whole semester of school. Of course, there was fleeting moments of wondering and worrying as someone chirped up with, "WOW, Did you see our guide for this trip?" or as the hotel manager told me, "I thought you might like to know that the Ohio Men's Choir is housed in this hotel," but my fears were all unnecessary.

OUR ADVENTURE STARTED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., as we boarded one of the big super-jets to Europe. No one took advantage of getting any sleep. The girls were all too excited, and spent the night talking endlessly about MacArthur, and boys, and clothes, and boys, and college, and boys until we deplaned in London the next day. Then it all hit us. We were in Europe—and wasn't it great to see the traffic on the wrong side of the street, and all those short skirts, and to hear the funny accent the guide had. Cindy Ince went crazy over the Mary Poppins chimneys and Becky Bailey over the Mod clothes. That evening we all found out that we really didn't speak English at all as we strained to understand what that

comic at the Palladium was saying. OUR NEXT STOP WAS STRATFORD-CN-AVON where we watched a production of Coriolanus and then stopped for a very British "tea" at the theatre's teahouse. Our guide Christopher was a part-time Shakespearean ately. actor, a first-rate reference on Shakespeare, the country, and the play. After seeing all the sights the next day, I took some well earned sleep and the girls went exploring someplace very educational and cultural called Ashbury, or something like that. A stop at Hyde Park next day to hear the speakers ended our stay and we were on our way to the beautiful, the fantastic, the beloved Paris.

PEOPLE SOMEHOW COME ALIVE IN PARISperhaps it's the lights or the people or the food, or the air, or the utterly great things to do. Paris is all things to authority to reallocate taxes to and ready to faint. To my-verdict, in her mystical all people and I think everyone who was with us this different areas as excesses come self I knew I was white as booth. As she opened her summer agrees. We had our usual tour with our guide— about. This would release funds a ghost, scared as a rabbit, mouth to speak, the look on then it was time to explore and discover. Some had din- for better salaries for teachers, and ready to faint. My feet her face was a troubled one. ner at the Eiffel Tower; others returned to the Louvre; more counselors, and a lower had just ascended the steps For sure, I knew, my life some went back to Montmarte to talk to and to watch the pupil-teacher ratio. painters. Our one day's tour to Rheims next day was filled with memories. After seeing the cathedral where all the and II. They are vital to our wasn't quite sure if my ver." I replied, with relief kings of France were crowned, we proceeded to the continuing program and to the body had followed until the in my voice, that I was savchampagne caves, and then we stopped off to invite the mayor to come to HemisFair next year. To our surprise, he had prepared a reception for us-complete with champagne. We spent a wonderful hour with him hearing of the many important events that had taken place in Rheims the German surrender, Eisenhower's visit, etc.

THE PLACE FOR TEEN-AGERS to be in Munich on a Saturday night was at our very hotel. The girls arrived to find a good band, many young German students, and a lot of fun. Band members enjoyed serenading and singing to the girls all evening. The next day we made all our usual cultural stops—the scientific museum where the custodian treated us to a concert over various instruments that illustrated the development of the piano to the present day.

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### What's In a Name?

If MacArthur's extra-curricular club activitites were as dull as their names imply them to be, this school would be lifeless. But MacArthur is far from dead, even though its club names would have one to think differently.

Why not make a few changes? Little romance emotes from the prosaic "Spanish Club" or the "French Club." The "German Club" can hardly be said to generate an interest in certainly one of the greatest nations, Germany, of course. The dry "Latin Club" fails to hint of the legal importance of this language to society. And what does the drab title "Creative Writing Club" leave to the imagination?

Not much. No student then should be surprised if MacArthur's activity does cool off a little.

A. W.

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a large patio enclosed by high redwood fencing at this center. This patio could also be used as place for dances and other activities held at the proposed addi-

Three Separate Proposals

When the election is held this October 7, parents and other taxpayers in the district will vote on three different proposals, which can be voted on separ- an unbeliever in the super- started to itch.

Proposition I is concerned tion of facilities which are crimentioned and those on other pened to me that night. proposition.

Proposition

service of the rapidly expanding mosquito bite on the dimple district. Proposition III, however, is optional, and that is why we have separated the proposals on the ballot," commented Mr. Reagan.

Proposition III is a separate proposal in which the voters are being presented the opportunity to decide on the provision for air conditioning of all schools in the district. An additional \$5.1 million in bonds will be sold to emfect this proposal.

"The board is remaining neutral on the air conditioning issue," stated Mr. Reagan, that doesn't mean you have to."



#### Mona Lisa

#### By Liz Rubinstein

I was a teenage skeptic, of my right elbow had natural until . . .

with the authorizing of \$9.8 mil- evening, the wind blew gent- and she was mine. She had lion to provide for the constructly across my face, as I a part of me, my money. gazed up at the stars try- She was an ordinary sort of tically needed between now and ing to remember every chap with the usual sort of 1971. All the building previously single detail that had hap- marked cards and a cracked

looked pale, frightened, Here I sat, awaiting t of the inner sanctum of her was at stake, then she spoke. "We must have Propositions I fortune-telling booth. I

Everyone in their lifetime It was a warm summer has a special fortune teller, crystal ball, from which my To an innocent bystander glorious future secreted.

"Cross my hand with sil-(Continued on Page 3)

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#### Mid-Earth Fantasy

#### S. R. Tolkien's Rebirth

By Alan Wilson

land, Middle Earth.

Middle Earth is not a Utopia; it is a world like ours, full of the conflict of good and evil. Tolkien's heroes are lovable and his villians are immediately deplorable, but both eventually are worthy of pity.

After reading his trilogy, The Lord of the Rings, those who share a love of words seldom hold opinions less ardent than worship toward J.R.R. Tolkien. M o v i n g prose, poetry and horror mingle in epic proportions with gallant speeches, fast fully designed front, his trilaction and simple joy-tools of a writer and a thinker.

limits of written thought; guage.

Three related works of he is as a child. Unlike the fantasy, The Fellowship of adult creator, Tolkien rethe Ring, The Two Towers fuses to recognize his creaand The Return of the King, tion as a fabrication. A expound of J. R. R. Tol- child loves his imaginary kien's adventurous story- friends fervently, just as he fears unseen enemies with genuine terror.

The Lord of the Rings represents no less than a decade of Tolkien's cheerfully assumed labor. Its length imposes not a trial upon one's patience, but rather it provides an extension of the reader's visa to wander the paths of Tolkien's fertile imagination.

If Tolkien's imagination were not superb, and if his childlike capacity to believe in what he fancies were proved to be merely a careogy, The Lord of the Rings, would yet attain greatness But Tolkien exceeds the for the beauty of its lan-

#### AFS Student Exchange

#### Campus Clubs Begin **Creative Writing Club**

year of living with families Sandy Schmidt, club spon- column written to let Mac- speech contest. Mrs. Gartin another country.

Miss Pam Wright, sponsor of the AFS club commented, "The A.F.S. Americans Abroad is a family and school experience. It is not a tour. The purpose of this program is to increase understanding and friendship among the peoples of the world."

Students interested in participating in this program may obtain an application from Miss Wright in room 212. The deadline for returning the completed form is Monday, September 25. If for any reason the deadline cannot be met,

Becky said that the calen-September or early October.

The calendar will include such events as Varsity, J. V. and be interested in.

The American Field Ser- ● Creative Writing Club vice club at MacArthur an- Members will be nominated nounces its annual Septem- for membership in the Quill ber application period for and Scroll Journalism Honeither a summer or a school or Society, announced Mrs. THE MADD PATTER is a dates for the Alamo Heights

have an overall "B" aver- (MADD means MacArthur ton, which is tentatively set

This year's major projects are the publication of the TAURUS, the student anthology, preparation of contestants for the Interscho- anything about speech or lastic League Ready Writing Contest, and entries in contests sponsored by various colleges and civic groups in the San Antonio area.

be included in the publicato be a great year planned. tion packet this year, will THE THESPIAN S Obe compiled by the club CIETY held its first please inform Miss Wright. members, who will also con- meeting of the year Thurs-

San Antonio area. Members dar will come out in late lists, poets, novelists, and free-lance feature writers.

The meetings this year Freshman football are set for the first and games; all other sports third Tuesday of each events; band and choir con- month, after school in room tests; scholastic and drama 213. All students who are events; holidays; dances; interested in becoming and any other event that members are asked to see students or teachers might Mrs. Schmidt or come to one of the meetings.





#### MADD PATTER

In order to be elected to is going on in the Speech should be good practice for membership a student must and Drama Department. the Bellaire contest in Housage, and he must excel in Drama Department.) Var- for later in October . . . some field of journalism. ious students will make contributions to the column, and it will include such things as announcements, behind-the-scenes stories, or terest to the readers of the BRAHMA TALES. Mrs. sts sponsored by various elleges and civic groups in the San Antonio area.

The TAURUS, which will teacher, have what is hoped to be included in the publication of the specific specif

tribute to the writing of it. day September 14 . . . Mas-Bartlett announced that again this year the Brahmadoras will publish a calendar of events for the year fit. A lecture is scheduled by a published author of the large who is the Masque and Wig . .

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MR. HAGER announced that tryouts for a children's show will be held in about two weeks. The exact date will be announced later. Mr. Hager plans to do two major productions and a contest play this year in addition to the children's show . . .

Tom Quirk

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ing my silver but would she like some green stuff? She nodded and I placed my dollar bill into her palm.

Now for the works . . .

the lights dimmed, the crystal ball began to glow. From this words of the spirits flowed.

It was very difficult to concentrate on what she was saying, for a tiny spider was crawling up and down the crystal ball. I hoped she wasn't getting our futures mixed up. So I called it to her attention. The fortune teller replied it was only an emisary from our "great white spirit.'

Now the story begins. She said I would live to a ripe It looks like a very busy old age of 85 . . . (thrills, I would see the world go by from my rocking chair.) She told me I was going to be a

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colors white and For

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MacArthur High to you.

## Rain, Injuries Plague Big Blue,

## Losses to Victoria, Austin Recorded

Rain soaked fans watch as slippery Brahmas yield to Austin

Beginning the football for a touchdown on the next season indecisively on Sep- play. The extra point at-

Collins and John Garner attempt also fell short.

ed the spectators with their raged from one end of the

Ties Indians 6-6

quarter action thur's adequate passing

game,

tempt then failed.

The highly rated MacArduring the first half. Sting-from the eager reach of Victoria and then thur footballers suffered a arees David Atkins, Lloyd toria defenders, Ends Dan collasped as Victoria's Warsobering defeat September Sutton and James Terrell, Terwelp and Bob Rafferty ren Barnes ripped off an 8, in Victoria, at the hands of the Victoria High School Stingarees. The season- 27-0 halftime lead. brought Quarterback Mike 80 yard goal. Stephens a tight score from An heroic, the one yard line. Ric Obervain, final opening score, 40-16.

Paralyzed by penalties, Ronny Morris an early third pass for two on a fake extra Fowler scored. intercepted passes and an period touchdown, the Brah- point kick. awesome Victoria defense, mas took to the air. Snagg-

tember 9, MacArthur's

Junior Varsity battled to a

spurred the team and thrill-

dominated the scoreboard.

Bob Berry blocked a Har-

landale punt on the 16, al-

lowing Quarterback Jay Col-

lins to hit End John Garner

performances.

Second

tenacity.

7-0 halftime lead. the one yard line. Ric Obervain, final Brahma drive After allowing Stingaree lies snatched a Stephens ended as Fullback Tommy

A fourth period MacArthe Brahmas stood helpless ing necessarily hasty passes thur surge to the Stingaree

Photo by Glenn Cunningham.

After the half, the battle

however, couldn't

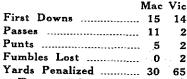
Tennis Captains Told

field to the other. MacAr-

budge the stubborn Indians.

game remained a tie.

An heroic, but otherwise Reserve Quarterback Jerry Neugerbauer then converted for 2 points.



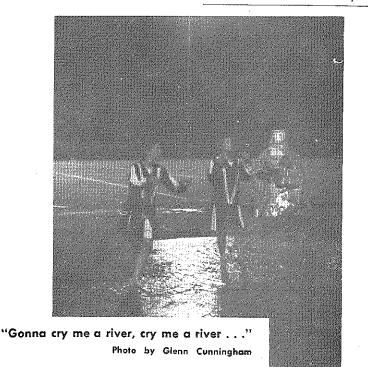
Torrential rain and the slippery Austin Maroons brought the previously beaten Brahmas to bay on September 16, at North East Stadium.

Douglas Baylor scored an Austin touchdown early in the third quarter. Charles Gremmel and Gordon Cox blocked Austin's subsequent extra point attempt.

Later in the third quarter. Maroon J. C. Cox tackled Quarterback Mike Stephens behind the goal line for an Austin safety. The count The Harlandale Indians stood at 8-0.

6-6 tie with Harlandale scored six plays later, tying High School. Bob Berry, Jay the game. Their extra point During the fourth quarter the Brahmas remained offensively powerless. though they did not score, the MacArthur Brahmas did spend their efforts well defending against the Mar-

> The game ended as the When the clock ran out, the rain slackened, with a dripping, 8-0 Austin score.



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great writer some day in college I was going to major in journalism. WOW, out of the clear blue she knew that. she was right! (I wonder if the fact that I was there with a group from the Trinity Journalism Workshop had any influence on her crystal ball?)

Now for the good partlove, sex and marriage. A strange look came over her face and then she spoke soft-"Cross my hand with silver." As I told her before I had no silver, so she did me a favor and took my dollar bill. My fortune-teller told me of a great man in my future, fame and fortune were to be his, and our paths would cross.

came upon her face. I needed by teleferique was breathtaking. not a translator, so I crossed that good ole American ner feeling that someday soon we would be back. green stuff, known as money. After crossing her hand several more times money, I learned of my great and glorious past, which never seemed so good to me. I wanted her to get back to the love, marriage, and etc. bit.

Finally she aked me if I had any question. Here was my chance to find out my heart's desire. Alas, that strange look came upon her face. I reached down into my purse to take out anheartbreak, no more money. I concentrated. I offered her my half eaten candy bar from lunch, my half-piece of

(Starter)-Okay let's yell! We've got Spirit, S-P-IR-IT We've got spirit, S-P-IR-IT

(Continued from Page 2) EVERYONE LAUGHS, sings, and eats in Rome, and this is exactly what we all did. The spaghetti was delicious, the fruit out of this world and what did we drink? Why, cokes, of course. What, no chianti? Oh, these Americans, all they know is cokes, according to our waiter. One of our guides was an expert in history, and this gave us a real appreciation to many places we visited. The Roman Forum, the many masterpieces of sculpture and art, the catacombs, St. Peter's, the Vatican Museum all have tremendously more meaning to us today because of our visit. Of course, we couldn't leave Rome without seeing an opera-an outdoor event at the Baths of Caracalla. We were taken to the auditorium by a singing bus driver who somehow got us in the mood for really top-notch and

magnificient production of La Bohemne.
GENEVA, CHAMONIX AND THE ALPS were next. There wasn't enough snow to ski, but the mountain climb-Once again a strange look ers were interesting and the trip to the top of Mount Blanc

AFTER AN OVERNIGHT her hand once again with started home—terribly glad to be back, but with that in-

> swer was no. For some reason the spirits needed that greenstuff to communicate by. The crystal ball dimmer, the lights went on, this was the end of my trip.

> Slowly I left her booth heartbroken, never to find out what was to happen with that lovely tall, dark, and handsome stranger.

Suddenly I figured out how much money I had spent. I turned white as a ghost and was ready to faint. Something on my left other dollar. Shock, panic, arm was itching me. I knew it wasn't my mosquito bite that was on my right arm. I looked down. EEEK! There was her emisary bubble gum, and my prize from the "great white spirpossession, my minature Al- it." I wonder . . . anyone for fred E. Newman. The an- fortune telling?

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