



#### FAREWELL TO NUNA NEWS EDITOR

Ethel Jackson, who for three years has served as editor of the NUNA newsletter, has now moved, with her daughter and son-in-law, to California. Thank you, Ethel, for all the time and effort you put into turning out a classy newsletter. We're going to miss you but wish you all the best in California. Let's hope that state appreciates its latest addition!

#### WELCOME TO NEW EDITOR FOR NUNA NEWS

Teri Gaus has graciously and courageously agreed to take over the editorship of the NUNA News. Please contact Teri at 482-0354 with your story ideas and contributions. Thanks, Teri!

#### GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

The Spring Cleanup in Hemphill Park on April 9th was, unfortunately, rained out. Sigh. But the NUNA yard sale was a whopping success! \$248.00 was raised from the sale of clothes, books, records, and assorted treasures. Women's clothing that was not sold was donated to the Austin Battered Women's Center. Surplus men's clothing went to the Austin Career and Guidance Center. All remaining items went to Goodwill. These donations were very well received.

#### NEXT NUNA MEETING:

**MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1988**

Who: All North University Neighborhood Association residents are welcome

Where: First English Lutheran Church  
30th and Whitis

When: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

#### AGENDA

Sylvia Bolz, from the Austin Parks and Recreation Department will speak on the Adopt-A-Park program.

Helen Burnett from Wheatsville Co-op will speak on Wheatsville membership.

The June 6th meeting will be the final NUNA meeting until next fall. As with last year, the board voted against an August meeting, as so many NUNA members are out of town on vacation.

# HUNTINGTON-SURREY SCHOOL by Teri Gaus

Tucked away on 32nd Street, between Speedway and Duval, sits a small, unassuming house whose very appearance belies the activity within. For on any given weekday this benign structure, otherwise known as the Huntington-Surrey School, houses from 40 to 60 eager, enterprising students.

Huntington-Surrey was started 14 years ago by a woman named Judy Noyes and her husband. Modeled on a similar school in Dallas known as the Alexander Smith Academy (where Ms. Noyes had been the assistant director), Huntington-Surrey began in an old house on Speedway. The school was put up for sale eight years ago, when Dr. Light German saw the ad and decided to buy it.

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Huntington-Surrey encourages students to develop self-motivation and basic learning skills. Students may participate in designing their courses and projects, choosing from individually offered classes, small-group classes, special-interest workshops, and all-school field trips. Students are fully evaluated through cumulative work, senior projects, standardized tests, and staff interviews. Quarterly progress reports evaluate performance and are sent to parents. Inquires may be made to

Huntington-Surrey School, 308 E. 32nd St., 478-4743

Dr. Light German, effervescent and energetic, has been a teacher of English and creative writing for 26 years. She has taught at Austin Presbyterian Seminary, St. Edward's University, and Concordia Lutheran College, as well as Austin Community College and the University of Texas here in Austin. Indeed, she has only recently left the University of Texas, where she was the director of the writing lab in the English Department, to devote herself full time to Huntington-Surrey. In the eight years she has been the director, she has seen the school move from Hyde Park to its present location at 308 E. 32nd as well as grow to its present full capacity of 60 students.

Dr. Light German's concern for her charges is most apparent as she relates, "The story we hear the most is 'My son or daughter has made in the 90th percentile on the Iowa test of basic skills year after year yet he is still making C's and D's. Why?' There are lots of reasons. Some of them are school phobics, some of them are too shy to put their hand up and ask questions in class, some of them are bored out of their socks, and then some of them are overwhelmed by the authoritarian structure." At Huntington-Surrey, everyone is on a first-name basis, students and teachers. Dr. German sees this as one of several ways to defuse the "us against them" attitude prevalent among so many adolescents.

Dr. German sees her biggest challenge as also her biggest reward: to give students who haven't succeeded in the system the opportunity to do well. Indeed, one accomplishment she especially savors was teaching a couple of seventh graders to read. Learning disabled, they had passed through the public school system year after year, failing to acquire reading skills, fooling teachers, and in one case, even the parents!



At their current location, there is no room for expansion. With 60 students and 18 teachers staggered throughout the day, demand now exceeds capacity. This is a double-edged sword, for as Dr. German notes, it's a good feeling to know that the school is a success but it's sad to have to continually turn students away. If they ever decide to expand, they'll have to move, and right now they are extremely happy with the location. Being in a residential neighborhood affords the students a homey, relaxed environment. Being so close to the University makes it easy for students to avail themselves of the various facilities the campus has to offer. But the bottom line remains her emphasis on emphasis. As Dr. German so succinctly puts it, "I'd rather be good than be big."

We'd like to thank both the candidates and the audience members who showed up for the April 12 Election Forum. Co-sponsored by Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and NUNA, it turned out to be a marvelous success.

De Saligny, the French ambassador, an elegant gentleman with silks and satins in his trunks, arrived in Austin in 1840. After three unhappy months, he returned to France saying he couldn't stand the "savages" of Texas - and he didn't mean the Indians.

--from lecture by Audray Bateman, Curator of the Austin History Center, to NUNA, April 4, 1988.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS TO ALL THE NEW OFFICERS:**

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## MIRACLE ON 32ND STREET

by Leoda Anderson

Not on the famed "34th " in this instance . . . and maybe not exactly a miracle, but in this technological age, many achievements seem miraculous - like the shooting of a Mr. Gatti's Pizza commercial on Friday, April 22.

Scene: front porch of Phil and Chris Dial's house, 202 W. 32nd Street. A chap in a cowboy hat was plucking his guitar and singing on cue, while two small boys (professional child actors) on the steps were chomping away happily on Mr. Gatti's pizza. Later on assistants brought a huge boxful of pizza into the action. This small slice-of-life scene was the center of a vast linup of vans, sound trucks, cars, cameras, miles of electric cord, an incredible number of assistants and go-fers, even a policeman to hold and re-route traffic at intervals . . . equipment and personnel adequate, one

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would think, to shoot "Gone with the Wind." Across the street from the Dials' house, on Ed Gill's lawn, was the big (BIG!) camera, manned by Dick Kooris of Texas Pacific Film Video. We watched, fascinated, for about 25 minutes, listening to the video jargon going back and forth across the street on their little walkie-talkies or, occasionally, via megaphone; watching "roll" after "roll," chatting with the company's people, some of them relaxed in lawn chairs like at a picnic. We finally went home before they wrapped it up. It will be showing on TV around the middle of May.

We'll wager this: that those two little boys didn't ask their mamas for pizza for dinner that night - not Mr. Gatti's or anybody else's.

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--from Audray Bateman's lecture

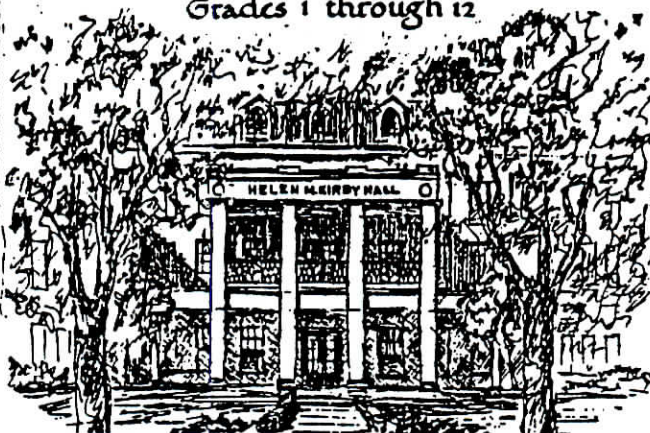
NUNA has given a \$100.00 contribution to the "Waller Creek Natural Sciences Park" of which Professor Joseph Jones is the sponsor. Dr. Jones, a retired English professor at U.T., spoke at an earlier spring NUNA meeting concerning the preservation of Waller Creek. We'd like to thank both the candidates and the audience members who showed up for the April 12 Election Forum. Co-sponsored by Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and NUNA, it turned out to be a marvelous success.

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The second Texas capitol was built of  
 white limestone. The city of Houston,  
 jealous, sneered that it looked "like a  
 corncrib with a pumpkin on top."  
 --from Audray Bateman's lecture

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