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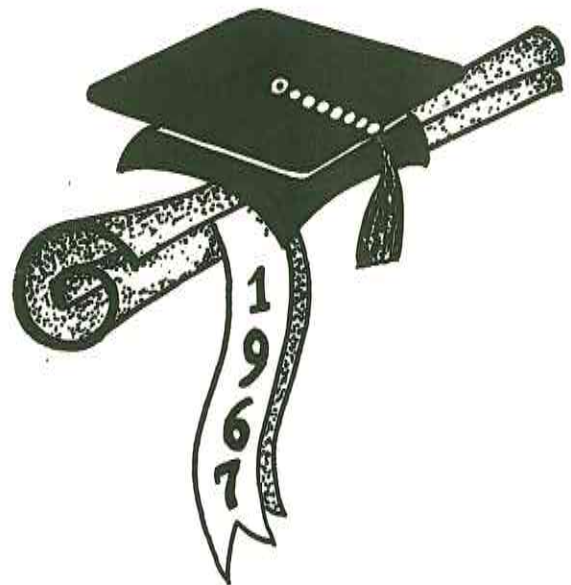
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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To All Alumni and Former Students of Birzeit College,

Greeting from the College to each and everyone of you, wherever you may be, coupled with hearty wishes that you may all be happy and successful in whatever work you may be doing.

It is always pleasant to reminisce about old days in school, and it is useful occasionally to compare one's actual achievement at any specific time in life, with what one had hoped and planned to achieve while he was still a student. When you do so, you will find that, whether you have done better or worse, you have certainly learned many lessons from experience which no school whatsoever could have imparted to you.

One such lesson is the extreme importance of choosing the "right" career in life; a career which falls within one's mental and physical abilities and which is capable of arousing in him maximum interest and enthusiasm. Perhaps the most valuable lesson, however, is how to turn failure into success. This you will find needs intelligent thinking and planning, but above all it requires patience, hard work, honesty and tact. In addition to these lessons experience reveals, to those whose eyes are really open, the immense pleasure one can derive from turning success into the good of the whole community or at least in making one's success in full harmony with the general good of the community.

At this point it is perhaps useful to remind you all of the two major rules in life which all educational institutions continuously impress upon their students. These rules should be strictly adhered to, regardless of the careers which you may have chosen for yourselves and regardless also of any general abjectives which you may wish to attain in life:

1. Devote all your mental and physical energies to your profession or vocation.
2. In your endeavours to achieve your ends confine the means which you employ to those which are noble and honorable.

Conformance with the first rule will make you a successful and an outstanding member of your profession; while conformance with the second will make of you a good and outstanding citizen, not only of your own country but of the whole world.

The first rule is relatively easy for it should not be difficult for the normal person, who is sufficiently motivated to become a good doctor, a good engineer, a good lawyer, or a good skilled worker in any trade or profession. Perseverance and hard work will almost invariably produce the desired result. To become a good citizen, however, is a much more complex achievement; as it involves a variety of hard ethical decisions, which often appear to contradict one's immediate interests. Honesty, humility, unselfishness, positive consideration for others, tact and contentment, without sacrificing noble ambitions are all sublime qualities which make ethical decisions extremely hard to make. But it is only by making such hard decisions that one can become a good citizen: and it is primarily good citizenship that your College and your community expect of you.

In conclusion my brief message to you, at the close of this academic year is: Whatever you do, do with all your might; but do it always in a way which is unquestionably right.

And may God bless you.

Musa Nasir  
President



H. E. Mr. Musa Nasser, President



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Director of Activities, Head Resident, Counselor

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## HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW THAT YOU ARE LEAVING BIR-ZEIT COLLEGE ?

● Schooldays will soon be over. Though we may ignore the dates upon the calendar, pretending it is not so, time leaps on and the pace of life is quickened. The hours, once slow, seem to fly away from us on wings that are too fast.

I hate to think that we shall have to say goodbye to many good and happy friendships formed at school and above all to the memories we shared together. These may not all be pleasant ones but nevertheless they are worth remembering and no matter what time may hold in store for us these memories will always remain.

Madeleine Kevorkian

● The good days are no longer. We all have to quit and to separate in the same manner that we gathered two years ago, everybody following his own way. Yes It was just like a happy dream that we are about to terminate.

We came here, a bunch of young, enthusiastic, eager seekers of knowledge and we are departing with nothing but a lot of knowledge and experience. Yes, experience; because I believe that this short dream was nothing but a form of a new experience. We witnessed for the first time what a college means and what co-education implies and what responsibility entails and a lot of other things.

I am certain that these two years will always remain alive in our memories simply because they were a sort of a gateway if I may call it so, to the world of reality, to the world as it really exists. As Machiavelli would say: (Everybody sees what you appear to be; Few make out what you really are.) We used to see the world as it appeared to us but now we are making out what it really is, and to tell the truth that was the greatest contribution that B.Z.C. has granted me.

George S. Blissa

● Parting is such a sweet sorrow  
That I shall say good-bye  
Till it be morrow.

That is the way life goes! No sooner you make friends and get acquainted and used to them, time runs by and all you have to say is "good-bye". The only thing which remains is that thing called "memory".

Zafira Mustaklem

● Spending two years at Bir-Zeit was an experience which I probably will never experience in my whole life, mainly because this college has its own personality and its own unique effect on a person. Like any other college it has its defects and its benefits. It would be very awkward if we are to analyse these defects and benefits in a small essay, so I will leave it at that. Again like any other college it needs changing but I think that changes will only occur with the change of its students. I have had many times at Bir-Zeit, whether good or bad, and the only way to understand it is not by hearing about it but by trying it. It is not a very complex place, but one has to be able to know how to deal with it or else he himself will get complexed.

It is not like many think, a place where those not-so-lucky students who have no where else to go, come to spend their time. On the contrary it serves as a good challenge for any type of student I would say that I gladly accepted the challenge and have won over two years of learning from books and from experience.

To let my colleagues give you a better break, I would say that Bir-Zeit is a good college compared with others in the Middle-East and if you feel like knowing about it, try it.

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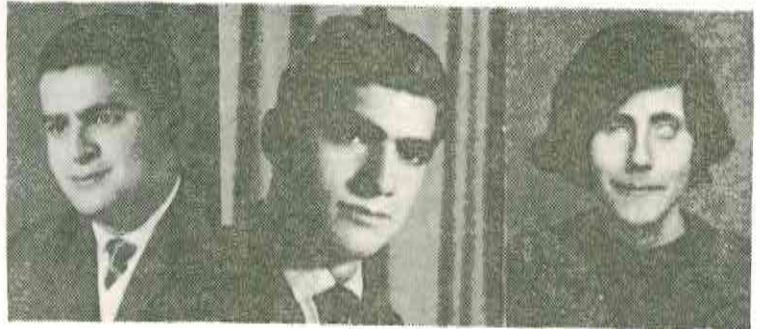
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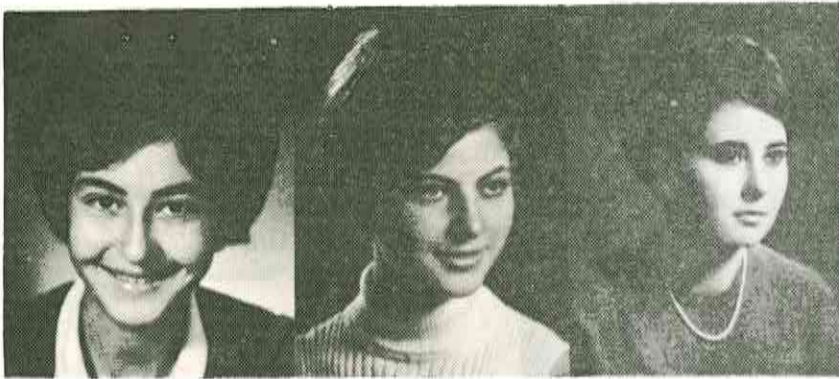
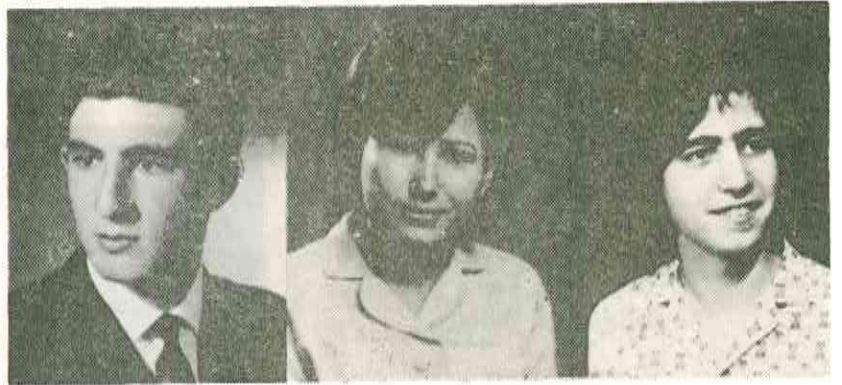
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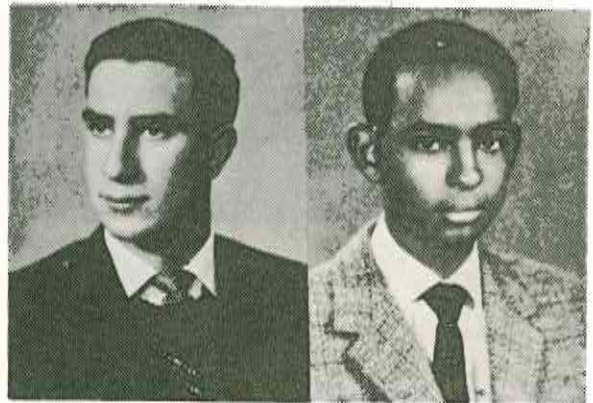
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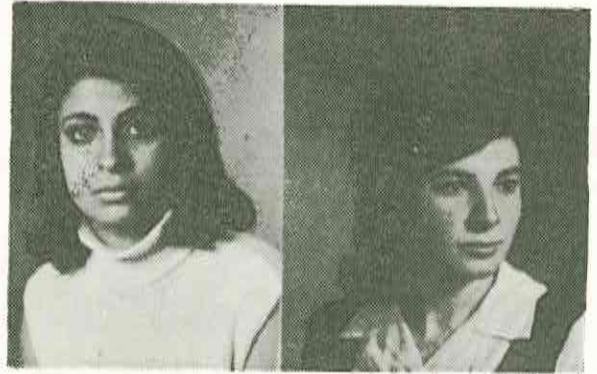
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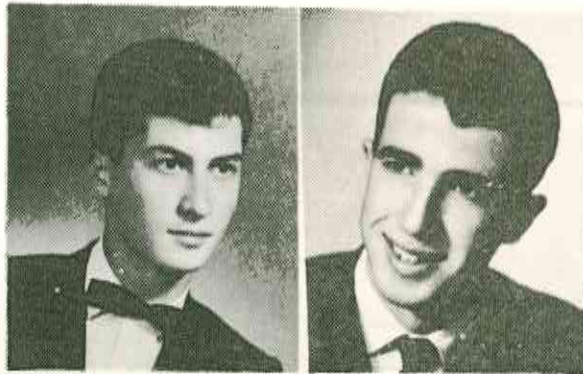
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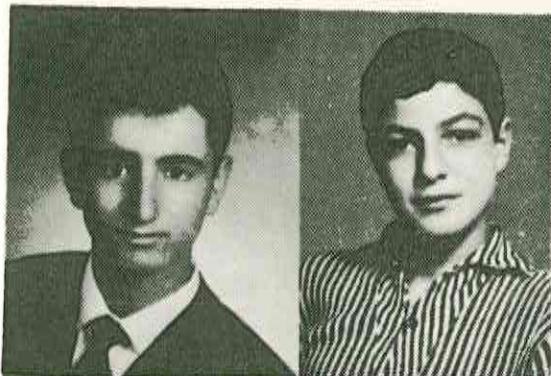
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## CULTURAL CLUB ACTIVITIES



Members of the Cultural Club.

- 1 — Social Evenings
- 2 — Films
- 3 — Lecture by Hamdi Nubani from the PAL. Museum
- 4 — Assisted ALGHADEER
- 5 — Wall magazine ( Alshoruk )
- 6 — Trip to the Mental Hospital and Burak Suleiman
- 7 — Ushering the Science Fair and Field Day
- 8 — Contribution to the Masquarad Party
- 9 — Contribution to the X-mass Dinner
- 10 — Carrying a project of beautifying the campus
- 11 — Voluntarily work with the social welfare organizations in the area.

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### Officers :

Ramzi Bahu ( president ), Hala Mitri, Hala Tarazi,  
Mr. Jamil Shami ( Advisor ), Rima Azar, Nadia  
Tabba'a, Mazen Khoury.

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## Activities of The Science Club

- 1 — Monday 3rd of October 66, first meeting held in order to elect the president and other officials.
- 2 — Sunday 16th of October 66, Science Club arranged a trip to Cement Factory Fhais and Al-Hussein Pharmaceutical Laboratories at Salt.
- 3 — Thursday 10th of November, Science Club arranged a successful trip to Aqaba. Arrived back on Sunday 13th of November.
- 4 — Thursday 23rd of February Science Club celebrated its First anniversary.
- 5 — Thursday 20th of April, Science Club arranged another trip to Aqaba. Aim was to prepare stuff for the Science Fair very successful.
- 6 — Friday 5th - - Sunday 7th of May, Science Fair opened its doors to students from all over the kingdom.



Members of the Science Club.



### Officers :

Basheer El-Issa , Joseph Odeh ( president ), Mr. Asa'd Okeh ( Advisor ), Abla Nusair, Nabil Jacir, Anwar Karam.



Members of the Statesman Club.

## **STATESMAN CLUB**

Activities of the year

- Oct. 20: Lecture by Mr. Mussa Nasser on: "The Jordanian Woman and the Right to Vote".  
Oct. 27: Lecture by Mr. Timothy Phillips on: "Political Parties in England".  
Oct. 30: Trip to Tulkarem, Nablus and Jenin.  
Nov. 17: Lecture by Mr. Ispir Jouzeh on: "The Balfour Declaration".  
Feb. 17: Trip to Al-Himmeh.  
Feb. 27: General Knowledge contest with the Science Club, broad-casted by the H.B.S. (We won, of course!)  
March 1: Lecture by Mr. Frederick Mabbat on: "Lyndon Johnson's Great Society".  
March 11: Social Evening.  
April 2: Pop music performance by the Yarnies.  
April 4: Lecture by Mr. Rouhi al-Khatib on: "Municipal Law and its Relation to the Central Government".  
April 7: Trip to Latroun.  
May 20. Anniversary Party.



Officers:

Jack Kattan, Nadia Tabba'a  
Mr. Isa Mogannam (Advisor),  
Majida Mu'asher (President),  
Sary Halazun.

## THE BOYS HOSTEL COMMITTEE

The boys dormitory is under the supervision of Mr. Jamil Shami, who is assisted in directing the life in the Hostel by two prefects, Adnan Hannoun and Fahmi Ghannam.

The prefects perform the following duties :-

- 1- Keeping the Hostel quiet after 8:00 p.m.
- 2- Applying the "Sign Out" system with regard to the students leaves.
- 3- Helping to solve misunderstandings among students.
- 4- Closing the door of the Hostel at 8:00 p.m. sharp and checking whether all students are in or not.

Some of the activities of the Committee included:-

- 1- Helping the girls Committee in two parties namely the X-mas Dinner and the Masquerade Party.
- 2- Arranging and presenting three social evenings for the boys.
- 3- Publishing a bulletin board magazine called "Stag" that presents witty sayings, jokes, and pictures of the students.



House Committee Prefects :  
Adnan Hannoun, Abla Nusair, Nadia Tabba'a,  
Rima 'Azar, and Fahmi Ghannam.

## GIRLS HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1-Christmas Dinner Party: held in the lounge of the boys' hostel.

The Flinstone singing group played the latest hits.

2- The Masparade Party: it was again held in the Boys' lounge and was attended by 100 persons. This was one of the most successful parties in which the students were disguised in beautiful and strange clothes.

3- Music hour: it is held every Friday in the girls lounge.

4- The Weekly Gathering is also held every Sunday in the girls lounge. Modern songs and music are played while the students play cards, Scrabble or trick track.

Had it not been for the bad habit of smoking the editors developed ( while preparing this magazine ), the work in this graduation issue could have been more rewarding.



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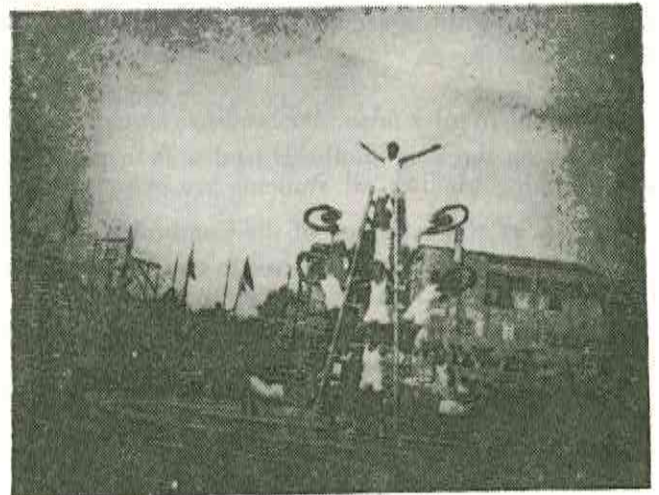
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# ANNUAL SPORTS EXHIBITION

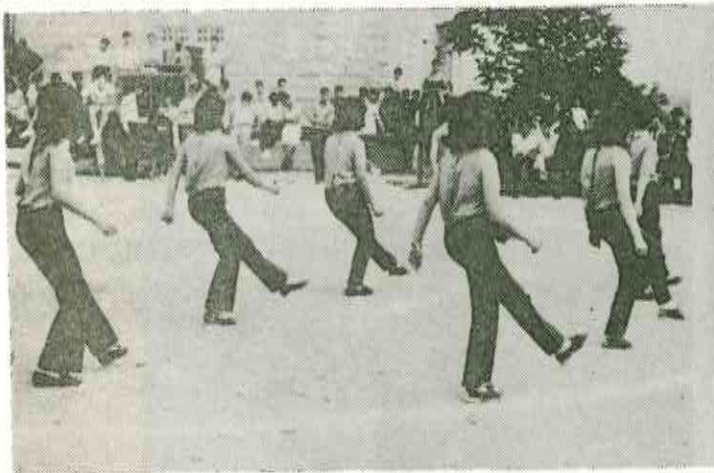
## B. Z. C. SPORTS EXHIBITION FIRST OF ITS KIND IN JORDAN

The sports activities at Bir Zeit College reached their climax on Friday, May 19, 1967, when 1000 guests watched the annual Sports Exhibition on the college campus grounds.

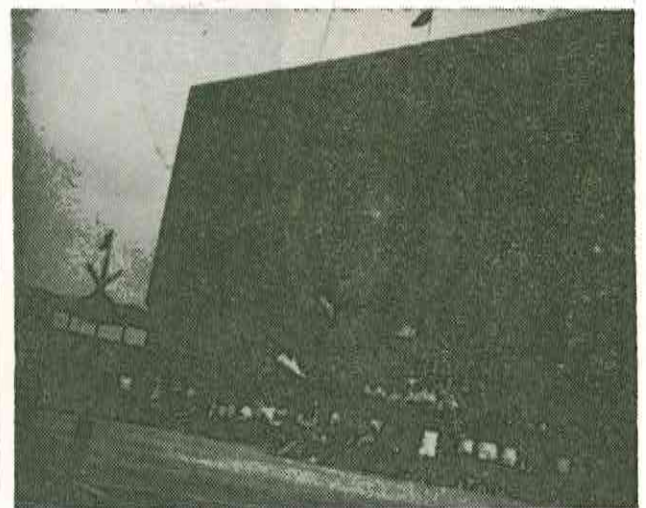
This year's exhibition included modern varieties of rhythmic exercises for boys and girls presented for the first time in Jordan.



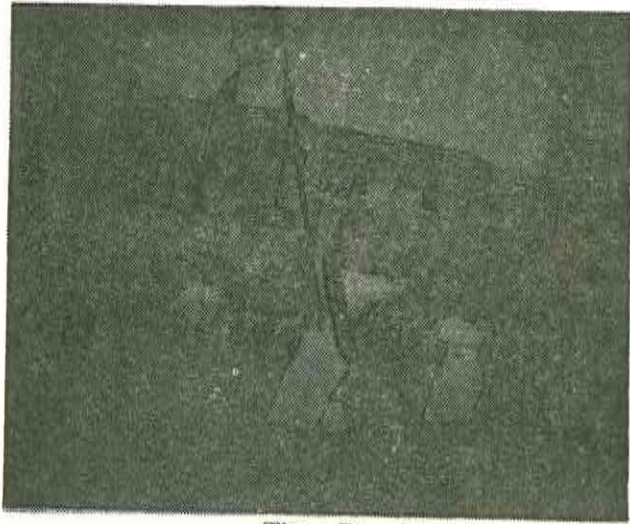
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Modern Dancing



Balancing Beam



The Parade

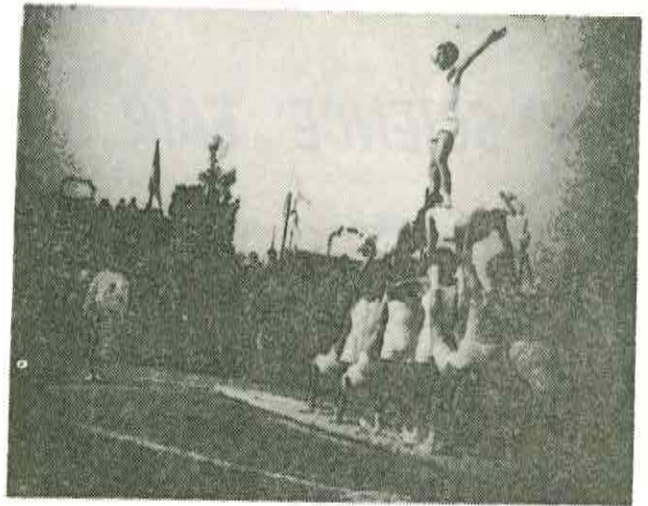


Rhythmic Exercises with Scarves

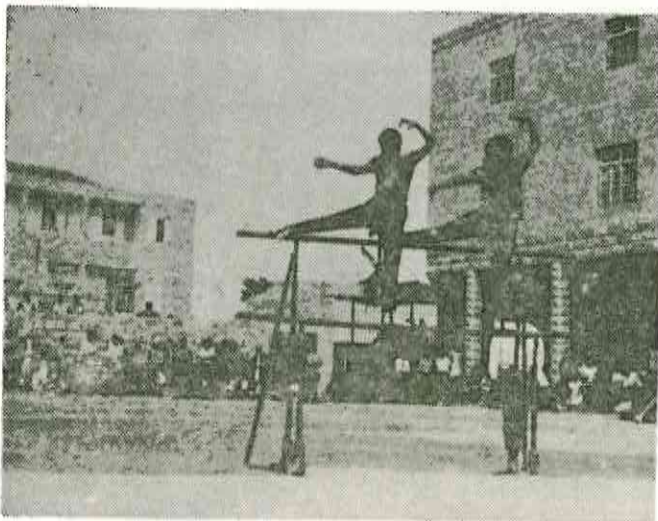
Mr. Kamal Shamsoum, the college's physical education instructor, supervised and directed the synchronized exhibition and presented to the public a really successful sports show which was admired by the audience.

Mr. Shamsoum's effort and skill were apparent in the girls' rhythmic exercises presented with colored scarves, and it was also evident in the modern dancing presented by a group of college girls who demonstrated various charming movements to piano tunes.

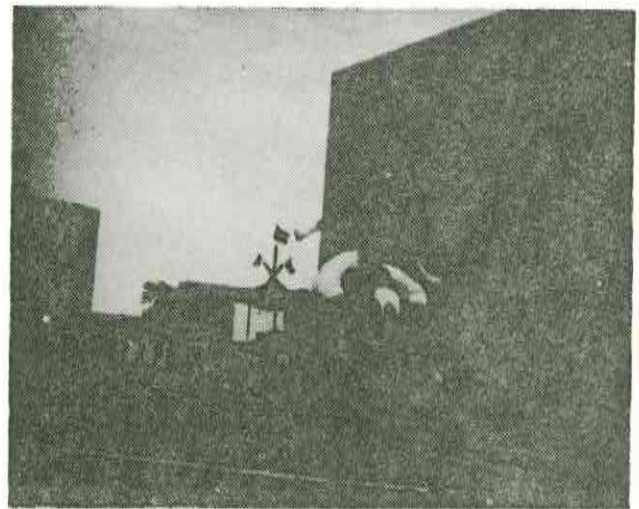
The girls participating in gymnastics were also admired for their skill on the parallel bars and on the balancing beam. Nisreen Karmi, sophomore arts, distinguished herself with beautiful and intricate movements on the bars.



Group Pyramids



Parallel Bars



Wooden Horse



The Parade of the ushers

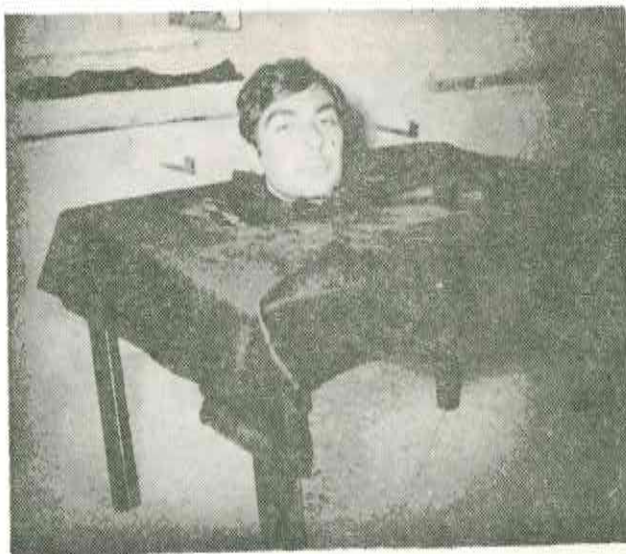
# SCIENCE



Many hands made the Fair a success

## SCIENCE FAIR

The Science Fair which was primarily supervised by the Science Club owes much gratitude to those who helped bringing it up to a high standard especially Dr. Usama Khaldi and his staff of the Augusta Victoria Hospital and gratitudes to Miss Dzintra Pavulus.



A head to remember



Michel Kuz'ur trying to impress the girls.

# FAIR



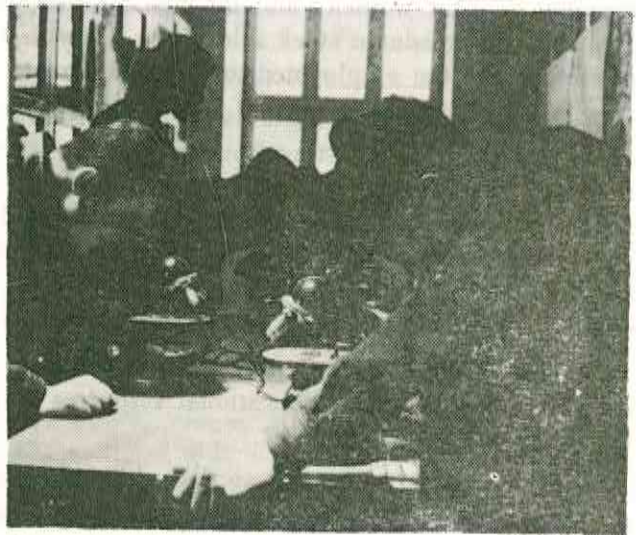
Ramzi Bahu drawing more admirors



Mr. Jalajel seems to take yahyia's word.



Marcel Mu'asher exhibiting her Aquaba treasures.



Another world under the microscopes.

Modern woman is no more merely a kitchen instrument, sewer of buttons or iron shirts. She is truly a partner, working jointly with her husband in building a better future, raising the standard of their family and, eventually, of society in general.

Psychologically, women are regarded as superior to men in endurance and stability, and equal to them in intelligence. Therefore, there is no reason to believe that they cannot perform as well as men in most fields--be they political economic or social.

I believe that women for these reasons should be given the opportunity to obtain higher education. There are some disadvantages, but I believe that more than outweighed by the advantages. Those who oppose this view put forward many problems, but they are, in my opinion, not very important in comparison with the benefits.

Some people claim that the educated woman will claim more of life, people and her husband, and may easily become dissatisfied. This might be true, but an ambitious woman is often a good incentive to her husband in his career. To the claim that she may dominate her husband, I would emphasize that a man with such a weak personality will be dominated by any woman, whether educated or not.

A third objection is that an educated woman usually wants to work, thus neglecting her responsibilities to her home and children. That the educated woman will want to work is admitted, but this should not necessarily result in broken homes and delinquent children. On the contrary, for there is time to spare for both responsibilities, avoiding the idleness, gossip, and boredom of an inactive life at home. Also in case she is widowed, a working woman can support her children and herself.

Further, an educated man would naturally want a woman who can understand him and with whom he can discuss his problems- emotional, social or otherwise. He wants a woman he can be proud of and who share to some extent, his attitude to life and society.

Finally, an educated woman can bring her children up on sound psychological, social, and educational basis, arising out of mutual understanding between her and her husband.

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**SHAKIB OTAQUI**

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There is no ethical or moral objection to the higher education for the gentle sex: the real difficulties arise from practical difficulties in an area such as the Middle East, where the proper adjustment for such education have not yet been made.

Firstly, the social attitude towards the employment of women graduates is still largely negative, especially if such graduates are married. And since marriage is- even in this modern age- considered to be an essential goal for women ( and for men for that matter ) the wastage involved in keeping a large part of our greatly needy graduate stock idle in the home is unacceptable. This problem does not arise in western countries, where the employment of married women is not looked upon with such horror.

Secondly, even if married women were to find employment opportunities available, certain problems are bound to arise: Starting from the beginning, the university graduates will be limited in the choice of a marriage partner, who will have to be of at least equal qualifications-anything else will really start the marriage on the wrong basis. Then the economic independence of an employed women will weaken the marriage tie by making the fear of divorce less overwhelming- this trend has become increasingly disturbing in the U. S. A. and Europe. Finally, the natural by product of women- children- will suffer from a lack of attention, since the requisite structure of nurseries and boarding schools is not yet available in the Middle East.

Thirdly, and perhaps not so important, many girls do not continue their education due to early marriage, thus wasting scarce educational resources which an underdeveloped region like the Middle East can hardly avoid.

In conclusion, one can say that although there are no reasons of male superiority for limiting education of women, the practical difficulties involved make it undesirable to encourage it at present. A practical alternative would be to provide special courses of a cultural and general nature will promote a greater awareness of social affairs, leaving the more specialized higher education to that small percentage of women who are really dedicated to acquiring knowledge for its own sake.



## COMMENTS ON THE GRADUATES

**Sari Halazun** - With Maher Abu-Ghazaleh, Sari forms the school wrestling team at mosquito weight of course. He is also famous for his cooking, usually done after eleven o'clock at night. Sari has been in charge of the Statesman Club trips this year, a duty he has discharged with the air of a hen looking after her chicks.

**Maher Abu-Ghazaleh** - Notorious for his semi-constant headaches, his susceptibility to cold weather, and his inability to keep track of his money, Maher is nevertheless a hard working student with the rare ability of appreciating jokes at himself. Like many others, is bored by the limited atmosphere of Birzeit and counts the days till he can return to Beirut, which together with girls, forms the major part of his conversation.

**Hala Tarazi** - Famous for her feline eyes which crinkle up deliciously when she laughs. Hala is one of the famous Trio, referred to in another of these comments, who suffer from a chronic inability to do anything separately. She often falls into the habit of cupping her chin in her hand and staring sightlessly ahead whenever she is bored in class.

**Nabil Jacir** - Typical of Nabil is the sarcastic comment, delivered with an air of benign innocence, which usually sends his audience into hysterics. He cares about his health almost to the verge of hypochondria, and he probably holds the Colds hand-washing per day record. Nabil gives the impression of being older than he really is, and looks down indulgently on the follies of the 'youngsters' around him. However, he can be relied on to appreciate a good joke, particularly if directed at himself.

**Adel Jayyousi** - As one gets acquainted with Adel, one realizes that he has, besides a loving nature a sense of humour and sweet reasonableness. He is usually seen surrounded by students listening to him making the simple events of the day seem hilarious. Some of the mischief of his childhood days remain with him in his relationship with his ten Sophomore Science mates. Nevertheless he can be very serious when the occasion demands. Excellent guy Adel. Best of luck in Oklahoma.

**Maha Jubrail** : She is a charming typ of girl who accepts responsibility. Maha does not lack courage and can face any emergency bravely as proved in her ability of dealing with a situation when huge masses of visitors fludded the Science Fair. She has a strange hobby of keeping tortoises as pets. She has fixed standards which she adheres to tenaciously. This is her persistence to remain a science student where others have failed. Three cheers for Maha.

**Samir Ghawi** : Samir is a fine figure of a man who is attractive to the girls. He is a true Cypriot for he always sings Greek songs. His bad Arabic allows him to read only the headline of the newspapers. He is in many ways an estimable person yet he has not the wisdom or the intuition to recognize his worth. Arak is his favourite drink and playing the harmonica is one of his many hobbies ( the others are unprintable ).

**George Giacaman** - George is the perfect gentleman and suffers from a chronic Inability to let the other person pay. He has an endearing habit of playing with his hair while staring into empty space. Also, he is one of the few people around who have a special pair of trousers for sitting down in. Finally; George has eyes which many young ladies would give anything to acquire.

**Lavinia Jaber** - Due to constant changing of hair-style, it it is sometimes difficult to recognise Lavinia immediately. But as soon as she laughs, all doubts vanish. It is impossible to mistake that full of life impression she gives. Lavinia is also well-known for her lengthy telephone conversations- good thing her father isn't a doctor, or some patients would really be in trouble.

- Joseph Odeh - Referred to by his friends as Chief Five-Barrels, Joseph might be kindly described as substantial. He is known for his Freudian outlook on life, and will analyze anybody at the slightest provocation. He is very active and is involved in most of the activities in campus, especially the slightly disreputable ones. His favourite activity, as might be inferred from the above description, is having enormous meals-not to mention drinks-at Costi's.
- Peter Selassi : The young man with the many incomplete projects. Seen around campus carrying botanical books from the libraries to make the algae classification. Never the less he has a glint of laughter in his eyes, and elaborates much on certain points, that he may open a window in your head and make you take an aspirin pill of his own production. Peter never pretended to be something he wasn't. Free from vanity or unrealisable ambition, he is able to enjoy each day as it came. Although he is greatly interested in organic chemistry, yet he dislikes drinking all organic compounds of the general formula R-OH.
- Basma Malhas - A happy-go-lucky girl who is sometimes capable of being extremely boyish, especially when she wears her famous trouser-suit. When she puts on make-up, however, anybody who mistakes her for a boy needs to have his eyes examined. Basma deserves credit for being the only girl to have lasted-out the Economics course for the whole year. Sure made it more interesting for the boys!
- Jack Kattan - Commonly referred to as Jack-ass, Jack is anything but that. He is well-known for his quick, sarcastic retorts, which he delivers with an apparent air of innocence. Jack is one of the few people around, who if they smoke 11 cigarettes one day, restrain themselves to 9 the next, in order to bring
- Basheer El-Issa : An authority on pop music since he accompanies every singer. An authority on pop music as you can never hear a song in his presence without his accompaniment. Basheer is extremely generous as he is in the habit of offering Kleenex during Luch time. He is the type of the absent-minded student who gives you the answer to a problem as A when he means B, while it is written in the book C and where the right answer is D. He likes madly the trio L. L. L. as he spends most of his time either in the : Library, Laboratory or Lavatory. He is keen on offering a hand to any body who does not need it, well anyhow he is good-hearted!
- Nadia Tabba'a - Nadia was once well-described as 'Antar. The power of her personality is often overwhelming. But this is not a disadvantage--she has been Treasurer in the history of the Statesman Club; people seem to enjoy paying their dues to her. Also, Nadia's remarkable memory has often made unwary people--Mr. Mogannam for example--regret changing their opinions at all.
- Shakeeb Otaqui : The objective observer who tries to tell us some thing about shakeeb, would have to admit that his company is quite restful, for shakeeb usually does most of the talking. Yet, trying also to be honest, he would have to emphasize that what shakeeb talks about is usually interesting and suits the occasion and the circumstance. This would be true if we keep in mind that he is not the type of chap who takes Plato to his dancing party. It is noteworthy to add that shakeeb wins the respect and admiration of his mates.
- M. Shahankari : Shahankari is one of the interesting figures on campus. As a non conformist he has certain anarchical tendencies combined with some Machiavelian inclinations. The latter were particularly sharpened after completing his Political Science term paper, the subject of which was Machiavelli's political philosophy. His unconventional opinions were a source of much discussion at class and with Mr. Mogannam in particular. He is known among the students for his unflinching wit, and it is notable to add that his wit never fails him in class too.

Wijdan Awad - Wijdan is so quiet that one sometimes wonders if she is there at all. She has beautiful long hair--nice to see among the supposedly fashionable short crops --and a very pleasant, if rather bashful, smile. wijdan has a funny habit of turning her eyes up to heaven in mock despair whenever she is bored or irritated by something.

Alhaj Adnan Hannoun : Although Al-Haj is largely an upholder of the status quo, he has certain liberal inclinations. Not too surprisingly Adnan believes in the education of women to its final stages. During the past scholastic year and as a prefect at the boys hostel, Al-Haj has carried his job quite efficiently. No doubt this is so for he is of the public spirited type, and that accounts for much of the respect he gains from students.

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Regression !!



Why is everybody interested in Joseph?



If only they used their imaginations when studying



BZC Students leaving Mental Hospital, should they??



Go easy on the bottle Dr. Gaby



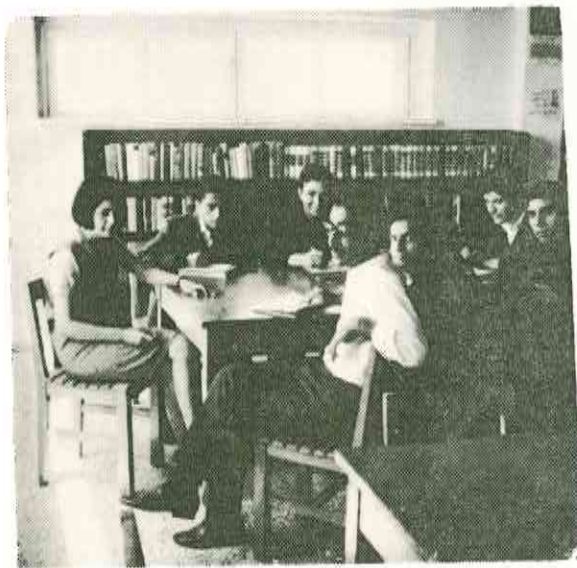
BZC Students indulging in their favourite hobby



That would make a good picture Mary



Somebody is out numbered

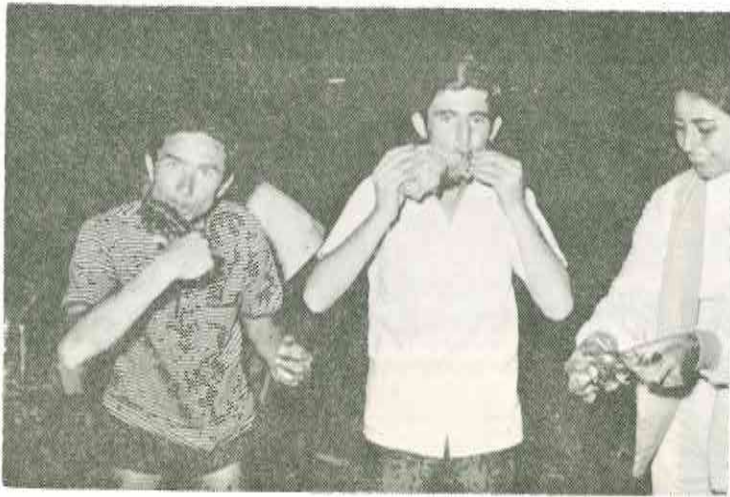


Somebody else is out numbered





Flirting again Mr. Fasheh?



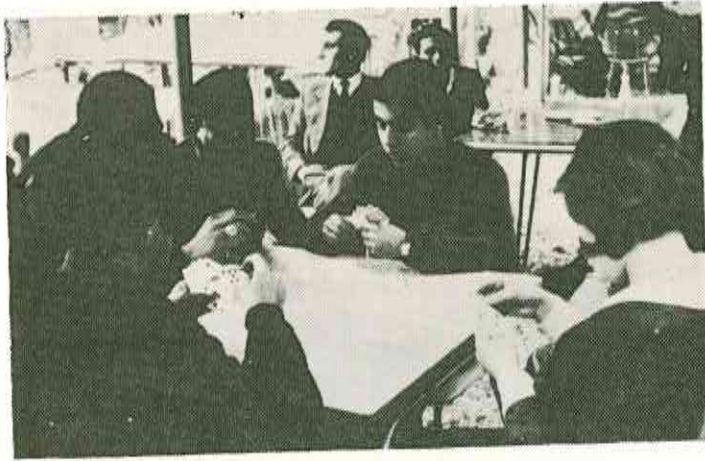
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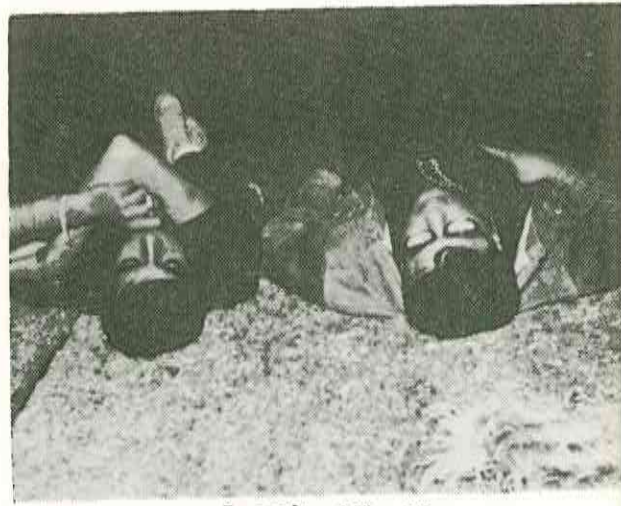
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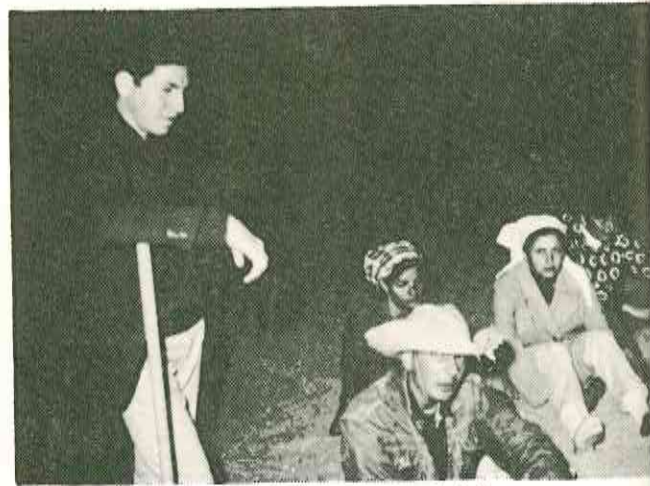
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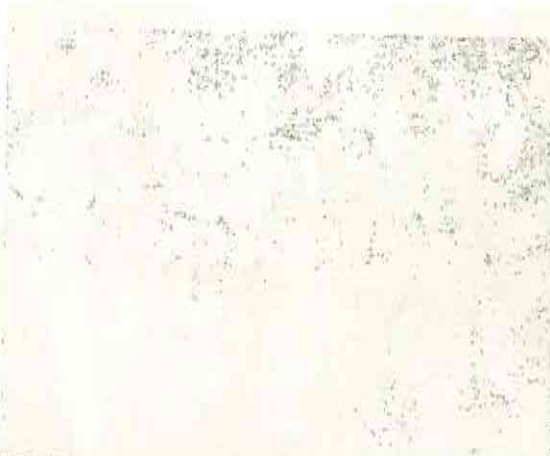
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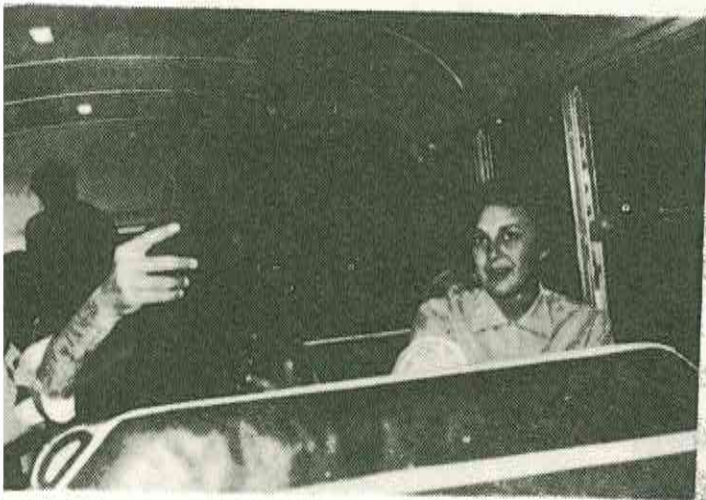
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Standing guard ??



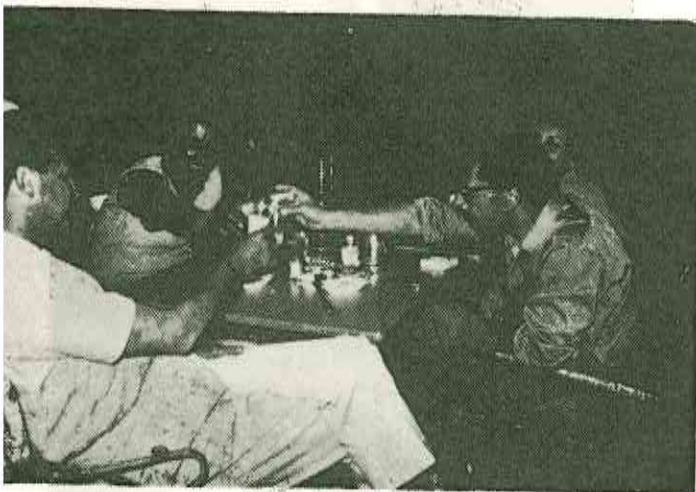
How do you like it Mrs. Nasser?



Are you frightened of appearing with Nadia, George??



Sorry, I can't hear you.



Cheers ...



B.Z.C. students at the four homes of mercy in Bethany



Careful it doesn't fall out - I am still hungry



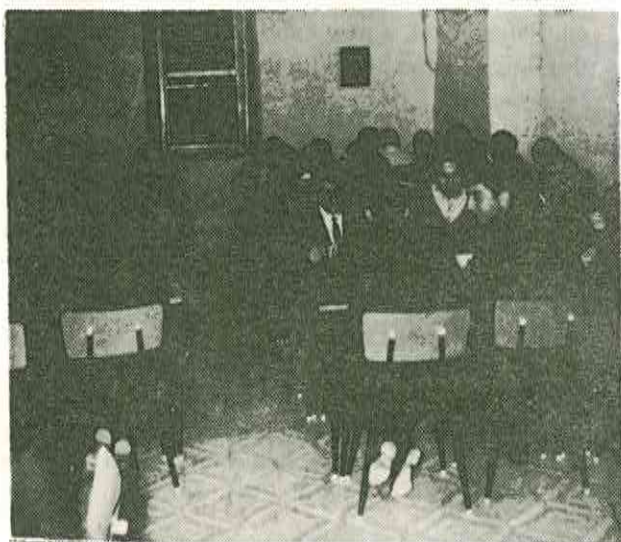
Hail to the chief



Dr. M. Farra addressing B. Z. C. Students



The Deen trying to be one of the boys



What is wrong with the food, Adnan

## THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS

My main concern as I sit before my typewriter right now, is to say something to the graduates, just anything. It does not make any difference whether it makes much sense or not. Guess they are used to that. And as long as I am talking to the graduates, I shall be informal, exactly as they have known me, exactly as I have known them.

The publication you are just through with is only an attempt and is only a start for a yearbook, the finish is for the administration to carry. Editors have said it in the past, and I can understand why this book at its worst is better than 99% of the best of other yearbooks. And the main reason for this is that this book is you, the students at Bir Zeit College. Though you make fun of the school, and many things about it are ridiculously funny; though you criticize it, and it needs much more constructive criticism - this college, because of you, is one of the most thrilling, exciting and interesting colleges in the Middle East.

Don't know what you all think of the year that was at BZC. as for me, I have made up my mind and I thought it was great. It has been colored by exuberance then crushing despair and disappointment. One cannot live with my controversial post for a year and not run the gambit of emotion. But, that does not change the fact that it was a great year.

I had most of you in my psychology and education courses and you must have felt how I found joy in every session. You really impressed me as searchers for the truth in the vast perplexed world of man. The search is never over and it is my hope that you carry it to its full extent.

You really were outstanding in many ways, and if I am to mention one, it is how you managed to have something to complain about all the time. It was either the exams, teachers, the cafeteria, the food, the location of the college, the girls, the boys, no activities, too much activities or the weather. But you know, you were nice about it and it gave you something to talk about.

And it is my wish right now to leave you with some thoughts that mean a lot to me as we associated together and as we worked together searching for the welfare of our fellowman:

"We have been shocked awake. We are discovering that this is a terribly sick world needing our immediate assistance-fast and vast-on a tremendous scale. If we do not hurry, we shall all perish together,"

"I have noticed that when I forget other people I become fatigued quickly. When I am reminded of my purpose and start again holding people, seen and unseen, before God, a new exhilaration comes to me, and all the fatigue vanishes. The joy which I have within cannot be described."

"I feel confident about one thing. If we are to change the direction of the world, and save it from its present tailspin disaster, many, many more of us must take the whole world into their hearts and begin to work for the welfare of mankind."

"God, help me to give this student the greatest hour of his life, and the beginning of all Thou dost hope for him."

Jamil Shami

# EDITORIAL

The Editorial Board of this Graduation Issue has been involved, during the past year, in the production of "Al-Ghadeer". This experience has given us a new insight into the psychology of students in general, and those at Birzeit in particular. In the hope that this experience may prove helpful to anyone trying to organize any activity at Birzeit, and in the more optimistic hope that students in general may be stimulated to give more assistance to such organizers, we take this final opportunity to record our observations on the matter.

The first problem encountered in trying to produce a magazine of College standard is the amazing lack of talent at Birzeit. It seems remarkable that out of approximately two hundred students in the college, it is difficult to find a dozen who won't reply "Sorry, I can't write" when asked for contributions. We find it difficult to believe that such a lack of talent is really the case, rather than just an excuse to hide what is obviously a 'couldn't-care-less' attitude. The experience of the various Club presidents in trying to get some activity out of their members appears to reinforce this view.

Secondly, it is remarkable how such a lazy bunch of students suddenly wake up and spring to action when the magazine, due to no effort of their own, is finally ready. Their desire to offer 'helpful' criticism is quite extraordinary; until, that is, one realizes that what is being offered is negative (even destructive) criticism at its worst. They find it easy to say "Why dont you do ...", but appear incapable of doing anything about it themselves.

For the benefit of those so ready with their criticism, we would like to give a brief account of the problems involved in producing a magazine like "Al-Ghadeer". Apart from having, for obvious reasons, to write most of the articles ourselves, we have to undergo the process known in journalistic circles as 'putting the baby to bed', i. e. seeing that it gets printed roughly in the way it was written-which is more difficult than one would imagine due to the quality of type-setters available. This necessitates almost daily trips to the press, and even so does not result in perfection.

We do not write this in order to get sympathy or gratitude, there is enough satisfaction in knowing that one has done a job to the best of his ability; and after all, criticism from such an obviously uninterested readership can hardly be taken to heart. But it is obvious that however hard they try, a small group can never achieve the standard desirable in a College magazine, and since we feel that Birzeit is capable of producing something better if only more people would co-operate, this editorial is an appeal for such co-operation in the future.

So, to the future editors of "Al-Ghadeer", we give our best wishes and hope that they will be able to achieve ever higher standards. And to the students who will form the next sophomore class, we hope that they will admit to higher talents than these exhibited by our generation, and do some work accordingly. In any case, we would like to say that our job, despite the frustrations inherent in it, has been enjoyable and rewarding and that relief at relinquishing it is not unmingled with regret.

Editorial Board.