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## LEBANON: PAST AND PRESENT TURMOIL

by Lara Gibbs

Today Beirut, Lebanon is a city of violence and turmoil with sporadic fighting between members of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the Lebanese army, Israeli soldiers and small groups of United States Marines sent as a peace keeping force. The present disturbance began this year when Israeli troops entered Beirut to force the P.L.O. from their headquarters and to stop the attacks across the border of Israel made by the terrorists. The Israeli troops did not want to leave Lebanon after the P.L.O. was flushed out because they knew they would return to Beirut and attack Israel even more fiercely. The situation has reached a crisis level and the United States has sent Marines to try to stabilize the Lebanese government.

The root of the violence in the Middle East began in 1948 when Israel was established as a homeland for the Jews by England' Balfour Declaration written in 1917. When the Jews came to Israel, British soldiers and United Nations forces made room for them by forcing the Palestinians to leave or be killed. Mrs. Campbell, a professor of Biology at St. Mary's College recounted her story of what happened to the Palestinians as they were forced to leave Palestine. She told me that she can still remember stepping over the dead bodies in the street and on the ground as her family fled in the night for protection in a local chapel. Her family was poor and could not afford to go to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, or to the West as the wealthy Palestinians did. Mrs. Campbell's family survived in Israel and they worked hard to obtain jobs as a minority in a country where the Jewish majority grew rapidly. She is glad that her family did stay in Israel because the plight of the Palestinian refugees was much worse. These 170,000 refugees were not accepted by other Arab countries and they still live in camps today. For over thirty five years these people have lived without security, decent housing, or education and they have had enough time to grow bitter. That is why the terrorist group the P.L.O. is constantly attacking settlements, schools, and embassies in Israel. This group has resorted to violence because they feel it is the only way it can win back Palestine or have the needs of its people fulfilled. They act violently because they were ejected from their land violently without just cause or remuneration.

## HUNT VS. HELMS IN '84

by Vaiden Kramer

It is now well-known that there is a good possibility that Governor Hunt will run against Sen. Jesse Helms in the 1984 Senate elections. This race promises to be one of the hottest in North Carolina history.

Gov. Hunt is from Wilson, N.C. He was Lt. Governor under Governor Holeshouser, and has been our Governor for the past two terms. Hunt was recently involved in proposing the new D.W.I. legislation, which included raising the drinking age to 19. However, unpopular the new laws may be among teenagers, they ought to put votes in his corner around election time.

Sen. Jesse Helms has been our elected Senator for the past two terms. Helms is well-known for filibustering the Senate, including the most recent filibuster he initiated against Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday becoming a national holiday. Helms has at times been a good force in Washington, though, especially during his chairmanship of the Senate Agricultural Committee. He worked hard to protect N.C. tobacco farmers during that time.

Though Hunt and Helms disagree on many things, they do agree on three major points - the new drinking laws, prayer in schools and illegalized abortion.



St. Mary's Chapel  
by Jerry Miller



UNC Bell Tower



Duke Chapel



N. C. State Bell Tower

## SGA UPDATE

by Jeannie Trueblood

The SGA is trying to offer students more opportunities for fun and fellowship. It would be a dream come true if every student, boarders and Day Students alike, would become involved in some aspect of campus life.

Consequently, we decided to try a club carnival and picnic. We could not have been more pleased with its success; we thank all the clubs and the inter-club council as it could not have been a success without their enthusiastic participation. We thank all participants for their enthusiasm and spirit.

We also hope the Freshman and Sophomores enjoyed their ice cream and pizza parties last Tuesday. Thanks for taking part in the fun!

The inter-club council sponsored "Break in Week" last week. Everyone seemed to enjoy the flag-football game - players, referees, and fans alike. Despite the Senior's and Sophomores' awesome defense, the game remained scoreless. (Of course it was all premeditated; what do you think they schemed about while they waited for me to buy a football?) We're sure that everyone will enjoy her respective night out - (833-8801)!!

Another Honor Week has come and gone; the candlelight procession through the grove was something new that we hope will become a tradition.

Realizing the food is a very popular subject around here, we organized a food committee that will meet monthly with Mr. Murphy in hopes of pleasing both students and dining hall employees. (Courtesy is a two-way street.) Their first meeting was last Thursday.

We thank everyone for helping us with our survey.

One girl requested that we try to get the gym open longer on weekends - this has become yet another of our goals.

Finally, the SGA pushed to get drink and vendind machines in Holt, and a vending machine in Penick and Cruikshank. President Rice was instrumental in obtaining them for us. Please take good care of and enjoy them.

Our next goal is to get another change machine. Furthermore, with the Business office's support, we hope to witness the reality of MasterCard and Visa set-ups in the bookstore. This would prove most valuable for students as well as parents.

Also, please know that at ALL TIMES we welcome your comments and suggestions. We cannot effectively represent the students' voice if they do not come to us with their thoughts.

Please, if you have not already paid your SGA dues, do so. We apologize to those students who had already paid and whose names were posted anyway. About dues, remember, "He who receives a benefit with gratitude repays the first installment of his debt."

