

Lebanese Students Attend G. W.

by Steve Gray

The Lebanese language has finally acquired Southern accents, as Gardner-Webb welcomes two recent arrivals to this country. The pair, Saad N. Ghaawi and Aziz Abdulmassih, both reside on campus in Decker as first year students.

Saad, known as "Sam" to his friends, was born in Jafa, Palestine, to parents of Greek descent. He later moved to Beirut, Lebanon, where he began attending the National Protestant School. In 1962 he graduated from Alkhalil High School, and went on to Kafarshima College, which is similar to our high schools. Then began a two year period of employment with Middle East Publishing Service as a magazine designer and layout man. In addition he worked evenings as a mechanic, specializing in Jaguars and Fiats.

After completing Gardner-Webb, his plans are indefinite, but he hopes to continue his education in America and eventually return to Lebanon as an aeronautical engineer.

Also from Beirut, Aziz Abdulmassih comes to America, both to become an electrical engineer and to make it his future home.

Aziz, born to parents of Assyrian descent, attended the Assyrian Orthodox Elementary School. After obtaining his Lebanese Elementary Certificate in 1958, he went on to graduate from the Beirut Baptist High School in 1965. He picked Gardner-Webb because of the Christian influence and its small community atmosphere. As Aziz wishes to discuss current problems with as many people of varied ethnic, cul-

tural and nationality groups as possible, he considered the smaller college ideal.

When asked about their likes and dislikes about this country, their main like was our system of instruction in schools. In Lebanon, still under the pre-colonial French educational system, the emphasis is upon student discipline, unswerving adherence to lesson assignments, and rote. They feel the American system allows more freedom and offers more opportunity for the student to develop his particular interests.

Another positive aspect noted by the pair was the community spirit of American communities, where, by making it possible through institutional grants, scholarships, etc., for an individual to raise himself, they hope to raise the level of the whole community. This allows for many more opportunities to be available than in most parts of the world.

But there were things they disliked. One was the independence of American young people. In Lebanon the family is extremely close, the children showing obedience and respect to their parents regardless of age. There is no "leaving home to make good." In Lebanon, children live with parents all their lives. If a young Lebanese gets married, the couple usually lives with the boy's parents. As it is unusual for a young Lebanese to support himself, he does not send himself through college; his parents must. If the parents cannot, he does not go.

Although finding the slang and accent hard to understand, and the climate difficult to adjust to, they like their stay here. Their main complaint about the place? The food!

C. V. B. Plans Two Trips

by Jean Garganus

In spite of the fact that the only musical instruments they play are the piano and organ, the Christian Volunteer Band remains one of the most active of campus organizations. Operating as a branch of the Baptist Student Union and under the capable leadership of Buddy Wright, president, the Band has already made two successful trips. They have held their first meeting and made plans for other trips. Sponsor for the group is Mr. Tom Ballard.

The band's first trip was to Mulberry Baptist Church in Charlotte, September 8-11 for a Youth Led Revival. Gardner-Webb students were in complete charge of Worship services and fellowships. Buddy Wright, Don Ledbetter, and Mike Buford shared the preaching responsibilities. Special Music was provided by Ivy Miller, Linda Newman, and Eugenia Roten. Other band members served as Moderators and Sunday School teachers. Still others gave their personal testimony. Among other Gardner-Webb students participating were Mike Smith, Milton Head, Kay Rogers, Susan Grant, and Jean Garganus. Many local young people and several band members were drawn closer to Christ through experiences of this weekend. Indeed, this was the inspiration for future trips.

Fallston Baptist Church hosted a team from the band Sunday night, September 25. The team was composed of Mike Buford, preacher; Ivy Miller and Eugenia Roten, special music, and Milton Head, Jean Garganus, and Monty Sanders.

President Buddy Wright says that many trips to churches in the area are in the planning stages. "There is a need for students to fulfill, and a joy to be gained from fulfilling. Everyone who is willing to go with the CVB and work for Christ is needed. We need the prayers and support of this campus as a whole."

The CVB plans more than weekend trips to area churches. To help fulfill the greater aim of BSU — To serve the students in Christian love — the Band hopes to be an active, serving organization on campus. The possibility of symposiums and student led Revivals have been mentioned but no action has been taken.

Perhaps the meaning of the organization is best described by the new name proposed by the president, Fellowship Of Christians United in Service, FOCUS on Christ, needs, and the future.

Phi Theta Kappa Taps New Members

Five Sophomores who were recently tapped into the Gardner-Webb Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa were inducted at the September meeting of the society. Ann Wise, Milton Head, Paul Washburn, Barry Yelton, and Jerry McSwain were installed with an oath given by president Phil Storm. After taking the pledge, new members were welcomed and asked to enter their names in the record book.

Following installations of new members, the president conducted a business session in which the matters of meeting attendance, dues, and projects for the society were discussed. It was decided that during this year Phi Theta Kappa would attend cultural activities including plays and concerts in addition to the regular project of reading a novel for discussion.

President Storm began the evening's program by introducing Mr. Bill Stowe to lead a discussion on THE CATCHER IN THE RYE by J. D. Salinger. Discussion followed with several members bringing out points of interest and asking questions. After a thought stimulating evening, refreshments were served and the meeting was dismissed.

B.S.U. To Show Five Movies

The B. S. U. has been given permission to schedule a series of five movies to be shown in the E. B. Hamrick Building. The titles of all of the movies nor the dates they will be shown are not certain at this time.

It is hoped that the first to be shown will be Oct. 15 with "On The Waterfront" as the attraction.

October Calendar Of Events

- Oct. 8 Chowan H
- Oct. 11 Theodore Ullman
- Oct. 13 Good Earth
- Oct. 15 Harigraave A
- Oct. 20-21 Midterms



By Tina Ussery

The sophomore nursing students sponsored a cook-out at Rutherford Hospital Sept. 18 to welcome their freshman "little sisters." Before the freshman nursing students arrived for hot dogs, hamburgers, and baked beans, a demonstration prenatal class was held by the sophomore nurses. After the cook-out, devotions were presented in the hospital chapel by Judy Hardin.

Newly elected Student Nurses Association Officers are: President, Linda Lavander; Vice President, Lois Clay; Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Ramsey; and Treasurer, Linda Gibson.

Two sophomore nursing students have announced their engagements: Jo Ann Shields of Shelby and Linda Lavander of Marion. Congratulations, girls!