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## Iranian Lifestyle Different

Whenever one travels from one city to another or from one state to another, there are always minor or major adjustments to make, or points to consider. Questions such as, "What am I doing and where am I going from here?" are quite prevalent. If the traveler between cities or states must consider many things then it almost goes without saying that anyone traveling from one country to another must definitely make many adjustments and considerations.

Imagine yourself traveling from Iran to the United States to attend college. In general, it is conceded that the average college student must make many adjustments, such as moving from home to campus. Moreover, for the foreign student, these adjustments can be multiplied and magnified, traveling from one culture to another. The three Iranian students at G-W, Mohammad, Hamid, and Shahrohk had to face many new social situations and cultural problems.

All three will quickly point out that American dormitory life is unsettling for an Iranian. The lack of privacy in bathrooms is quite astonishing and frustrating to anyone from Iran—a country where nudity is not a light matter, but is governed by strict cultural guidelines of privacy. And then there is the adjustment to American food, means of transportation, means of communication, and such. Iran is Western in many ways, but significant basic differences between Iran and the U.S. obviously exist.

Getting into a university in Iran is very difficult, one reason why so many students come to the U.S. The lack of space and the strict entrance requirements force many to study in a foreign country such as the United States. Many decide on the U.S. because English is the second language of Iran, with Arabic being the third.

The Iranian student arriving in America finds many familiar things, however. Donna Summer, Robert Redford, and Elvis Presley are as big in Iran as in the U.S. The streets of Tehran are filled with Detroit autos as well as the familiar Japanese and German makes. The men and women of Tehran dress (for the most part) in the typical Western fashions found anywhere in the U.S.

One cultural gap between Iran and America, growing larger all the time, exists in the status of women and ideas about the family unit. The male is considered to be superior to the female in Iran, a fact of Iranian homelife, politics, and religion. The woman is expected to be a virgin for marriage, but this is not necessarily true for the man. In the U.S., the average eighteen year old goes off to college or gets a job, usually leaving home in one way or another, whereas in Iran, the family is closer. The son or daughter maintains close ties (living in the same house for example) throughout his or her life. Also, Iranian elders are given the utmost in respect and privilege by all.

Mohammad, Hamid, and Sharohk met in Charlotte at the English Language School prior to their arrival at G-W. All three were interested in going to a small town college and a friend recommended G-W to them. Basically, all three have found G-W to be a friendly, liveable place. One thing has very much surprised and disappointed them: The average Iranian learns an enormous amount about the U.S.—its customs, history, geography, etc. However, the average American knows very little about Iran. How or why such a discrepancy came to be is a subject that deserves attention, but the most important step in correcting such an embarrassing fact is to first recognize that it exists. One of the very best means of alleviating our knowledge currently resides here. So why not take a few minutes soon to speak to Hamid, Mohammad, or Sharohk.

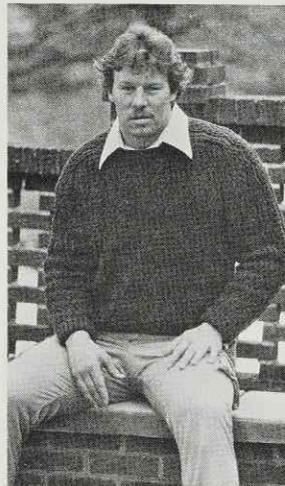
## Spring Jubilee To Be Held

Spring Jubilee this year will certainly be different! The semi-formal dance will be held on Friday, April 25, from 9:00-1:00. The band "Hotcakes" plays a variety of music including floor show. The cafeteria is catering the refreshments while the Social Committee is working on decorations.

Then, on Saturday, the So-

cial Committee in conjunction with the cafeteria is sponsoring a pig pickin' on the intramural grounds. Field day activities such as three legged relay, sack hop, water balloon throw, greased pole, and a possible mud pit will highlight the day.

The weekend promises something for everyone. If you like dreamy romantic



Man, Oh Man!

Every semester, Gardner-Webb (like all other colleges) receives its share of new faces. Unfortunately, all too often, they fade into the blend of those already present. However, occasionally one or two unique characters stand out in the crowd.

If you have happened across what you may think is "The Hulk of Gardner-Webb" don't be scared because he doesn't turn green. It's only Dennis Thurman and he is one such character that stands out—WAY OUT. It's not just his size (suit size 50 extra long) that has brought him fame. For the past two seasons Dennis has played professional football in the Canadian Football League (the CFL.) The 6'5"—261 pound defensive and signed with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (which is the Eastern Division of the CFL) in May 1978. Dennis has played football practically all of his life; since he was 11 years old (he is now 24 years old.)

Prior to his professional career, Dennis played for our own "Running Bulldogs" two years under the direction of former head coach Oval Jaynes. Jaynes recruited Dennis while he was playing high school football in Washington, D.C. Dennis also played two years at Fer-

rum Junior College where he and other teammates claimed a National Championship Title. Dennis left Gardner-Webb in December 1977 and by May 1978 found himself in Hamilton, Ontario. He started with a rough summer of training. Dennis' most memorable incident of that first summer took place the first day. Upon arrival at the airport in Toronto, Dennis was to meet a representative from the team who would in turn transport him to St. Catharine's (training camp for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.) After a long three hour wait, Dennis decided to call a cab. Little did he know St. Catharine's was over 125 miles away! He ran up an \$85.00 cab fare, charged it to the team, and in turn received his first team fine. Well, to say the least, Dennis made it to camp and began his first season with the Tiger-Cats.

## Goliath Comes To GWC

by Margaret Rabon

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Dennis says he is just the average size of most lineman in the league if you can imagine that! Both of Dennis' seasons with the Tiger-Cats yielded a 5-9-1 record, but he was overjoyed to have played in the league. While living in Ontario, Dennis stated that he most enjoyed "being on my own and playing pro-ball."

With that ending of his contract in October 1979, Dennis decided to re-apply and come back to Gardner-Webb to finish up and graduate. Dennis is majoring in Business and plans on



Handsome Dennis Thurman finishing in July 1980. However, being back in school has not rid Dennis of football. Dennis trains five days a week for approximately 2½ hours a day. He lifts weights, runs lightly, and stays on a special diet to maintain his present weight. Hopes for the future? Well, Dennis plans on "coming home" and signing with an NFL team next spring. When asked his thoughts pertaining to school and a football career, Dennis doesn't regret what he did but his advice to others is, "You can't play football all your life, and the percentage of people playing pro-ball is so minute that you can't bank on it. Stick with school and get your degree and the rest will come later!"

## Spring: Things Are Growing (Including Your Tuition)

### Tuition and Price Increases

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| 1. Tuition (\$80 per semester hour if less than 12 hours)  |        |
| (\$80 per semester hour if over 18 hours)  | \$1325 |
| 2. Room: HAPY, Stroup, Decker, Lutz-Yelton, Mauney, Campus House, Community, Portable Housing/Mobile Unit. | 285    |
| Nanney, Myers, Spangler, Royster Hall  | 325    |
| 3. Board: 5 Day Plan   | 355    |
| 7 Day Plan   | 420    |
| 4. Data Processing Fee, per programming course   | 460    |
| 5. Art Fee (Art Students Only)   | 25     |
| 6. Applied Music:  | 40     |
| <b>Piano, Voice, Brass:</b>  |        |
| One Lesson per week, private   | 95     |
| Two Lessons per week, private  | 165    |
| <b>Organ:</b>  |        |
| One Lesson per week, private   | 100    |
| Two Lessons per week, private  | 175    |