

# Benitah Extreme Patriot Of Israel



Moshe Benitah of Israel discusses a point of interest with Linda Cockman and Mary Spaulding.

"I am a very extreme patriot," he says. And he means it.

Emigrating from Morocco to Israel in 1957, Moshe Benitah, then 12, began what has become the passion of his life: to serve his country well. Israel is a lone Hebrew Island, surrounded by a sea of hostile Arabs seeking to submerge its existence. Moshe reflects on this: "In Israel, constant war dominates life. The country is like an army base. There is always tension, always preparation." Even now, while in America attending Southeastern at the quest of Circuit Rider Rubin Kessner, he is still uncompromisingly committed to his duty in his country. He says "I want to

finish my studies of electronic engineering and go back. I owe Israel much and the army has need of me."

Smaller than average, Moshe does not look very impressive. An easy enthusiasm and boyish smile betray his intensity and maturity. But his record stands for itself. He is a soldier, a sergeant in the Israeli paratroops. That, in itself, is quite an achievement. As a part of the tough grueling commands training he has undergone, is 120 mile hikes in full gear while carrying a man on a stretcher. "It is very hot," he elaborates, "and we drink water only every forty miles." He has also trained for two whole days without rest,

without sleep." It is "very, very hard", but there is no such words as "I can't" in Israeli paratroopers."

This training paid off for him in the Six Day War in which he gained his baptism of fire. Participating in rescue missions, blowing bridges behind enemy lines, dangerous mine sweeping operations, and raiding terrorist Arab camps became just so much of a day's work for Moshe. It was an exhilarating victory for him, but having his "best buddy shot between the eyes" by an Arab sniper stole away some of the joy.

At Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where Moshe was enrolled before quitting to join the army, he attended class six days a week, seven to eight hours a day, and usually studied in the library four or five hours every evening. "In Israel, we study for a reason," he explains. "You study to reach something. You know what you want, so you take marks seriously."

Moshe wants "to like the United States." He is still not accustomed to the calmness of a country that is not plagued by terrorism and the "great wealth" that is so easily taken for granted. He doesn't want to "just see big buildings, pretty buildings," but also wants to see "American life as it really is."

Not without his humor, Moshe observes that American girls do not have "the salt, the flavoring spice" of the Israeli girls, because they live the "easy life." It is also his opinion that "it takes two Israeli girls to make one Israeli boy, and two American girls equal one Israeli girl." "And," he adds, "that makes for four American girls to equal one Israeli boy!" He laughs, "I think I'm good in mathematics." And then he laughs again.



Carol Styron of Southport is the only girl member of Automotive Mechanics Course being offered this quarter.

## Girl Mechanic Works For Degree

Carol Styron is an unusual girl—unusual because she is learning to be a lady mechanic.

This eighteen year old Wilmingtonian is the first and only girl to study auto mechanics at Southeastern. "Since I was very young," Carol said, "fast cars have always fascinated me."

"My main ambition is to be a good wife. I hope to use my skill to keep my own car running and maybe open a shop for my friends." She thinks the public is too hard to please.

Right now Carol has a 1960 Chevrolet body. She plans to put a 396 cubic inch engine and a four-speed transmission in it. Then off to the strip she goes.

When asked about the boys in the classroom and shop, she said, "They're great! They watch their language and are always considerate and helpful."

"My boyfriend has mixed emotions about my being a mechanic. He's glad I can help him with his car but he doesn't want me to become a tomboy," Carol said.

Carol plans to graduate from the PIC here at Southeastern. She is making good grades.

After mechanics, she may take a business course.

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## Sasser Heads Dancing Class

COME ON OVER WHERE THE ACTION IS—Miss Sandra Sasser's Dance Class.

"Only thing, they can't dance," Miss Sasser comments about her students with a big

laugh. "We all laugh quite a bit, especially in the square dancing when I call the wrong thing—they enjoy it."

The purpose of the Dance Course is to introduce dance in some of its various forms and to create an interest in its importance in education and recreation. However, Miss Sasser

feels the reason some of her students take the course "is to get credit." She finds they "enjoy the course more than they thought they would, but

there is a lot of hard work they didn't expect."

When Miss Sasser squares couples in sets, for square dancing, each set tries to out do the other set, creating

competition which proves interesting. "Especially when boys have to dance with

boys—they try to show off and act like girls," she added.

On Wednesday, February 26, everyone is invited to the 11:30 and 1:30 dance classes for an hour of social dancing.

"Bring your popular records," said Miss Sasser.



Students of Physical Education 202 learn the basic steps of square dancing as a part of their curriculum.



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