

PROFESSOR BUSHRUI EXPLAINS GIBRAN'S CENTENARY

As member of the higher committee formed by the Council of Ministers to organize the celebrations of the centenary of Gibran Kahlil Gibran (born January 6, 1883), Professor Suheil Bushrui explained on TV recently the varied programs of Gibran's international year, placed under the auspices of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Sheikh Amin Gemael.

The centennial celebrations are planned in two stages. A panel discussion on TV, on January 6, which opened the Year is to be followed by series of lectures and literary and artistic evenings, exhibitions, posters, publications and the like to introduce Gibran, the man-of-letters and the artist.

The second stage activities include a first international congress in Beirut, to be attended by admirers of Gibran's works from all over the world, especially from the United States, and to sponsor lectures in Arabic, English and French. The inauguration of Gibran's permanent exhibition in his hometown of Bsherry is also planned.

Professor Bushrui said further that celebrations are planned by different universities and organizations in Paris, London, New York, Washington, Boston and Madrid, with a special program at Oxford University, under the supervision of the distinguished poet Francis Warner.

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Vice President Thabet is quoted as saying that the University is keen to participate in the collective work in which the country is now involved.

Dr. Thabet explains AUB's academic organization and speaks of its financial difficulties. He stresses the University's concern with its pluri-disciplinarity and its emphasis on the global formation of students. It is not a matter of transplanting an American system, he says, but of modifying it and adapting it to the nature of the Lebanese and their needs during a precise period, that of the post war, with all its problems and the great dynamism it generates.

Dr. Thabet concludes by stating that AUB is keen to offer its programs, its technological, human and academic possibilities for the reconstruction of the country, free of charge, a normal tribute to the homeland. Why call in foreign experts, he wonders, when very competent experts in all fields are among us. Let the country's universities offer all their potential for the construction of this country that we want to merit, he said.



Mr. Moghabghab with President Kerr

FOURTH ANNUAL DONATION FROM IBM

Mr. N. K. Moghabghab, Branch Manager of IBM World Trade Corporation Lebanon, visited the University last November to present the annual contribution from IBM of \$20,000 to President Malcolm H. Kerr. This gift is the fourth annual payment on IBM's pledge of \$100,000 which was made in

1979 payable over a period of five years. The amount will be used by the University to sustain its current academic program.

In making the presentation, Mr. Moghabghab assured President Kerr of IBM's continued interest in AUB and its support of its activities.



Mr. Shaaban and Mr. Shaya between President Kerr and Dr. Henry

PROCTOR & GAMBLE CONFIRMS ITS INTEREST IN AUB PROGRAM

Last November President Malcolm H. Kerr received in his office Mr. Z. M. Shaaban, of Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company of Lebanon, representing Procter & Gamble AG, Switzerland. The occasion was to present the annual donation of \$6,960 from Procter & Gamble AG to the scholarship program of the University. This ceremony was attended by Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Assistant to the President, Dr. Clement Henry, Director of the Graduate School of Business and Management and

Mr. Christian Shaya, the recipient of the Procter & Gamble scholarship for this academic year.

The Procter & Gamble full-cost scholarship was established in 1968. It provides for the tuition fees of a senior Arab student in Business Administration and at the same time helps to meet the costs directly related to instruction as well as indirect administrative costs. With this gift, Procter & Gamble's contributions over the past fifteen years total \$56,043.

FAFS - FAO MEETINGS ON MANPOWER SUPPORT

Dr. Raja I. Tannous, Acting Dean of Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Dr. Shawky Dagher, Associate Professor of Food Technology and Nutrition visited FAO in Rome recently and held intensive meetings with all the staff of the Food Policy and Nutrition Division. Their visit concentrated on the efforts of FAO to initiate manpower support in the fields of Food and Nutrition in the Near East region. Recommendations were formulated relating to workshops and training courses in nutrition education programs, school feeding programs, food and nutrition surveys, food control systems and development of nutrition institutes. Professors Tannous and Dagher stressed the advantages of selecting AUB as the focal point for such activities in the region.

PROFESSOR SALAMEH PRESENTS PAPER AT CAIRO CONFERENCE

Dr. Moueen Salameh of the Department of Mechanical Engineering attended the Mechanical Design and Production Conference held last December in Meridien Hotel in Cairo. At one of the conference sessions Dr. Salameh presented a paper on "Fluctuating Demand in Reserve Stock Analysis" and discussed the relevance of his research to industrial problems in developing countries. The opening session of the conference was held in the presence of the Egyptian Minister of Industry Mr. Fuad Abu Zaghla. Researchers from 19 countries including USA, England, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, and Lebanon, presented papers in the following fields: Machine Design, Mechanics of Deformable Solids, Dynamics of Machines, Materials Science, Production Technology and Industrial Engineering.

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THIRD ISLAMIC BOOK EXHIBITION ORGANIZED BY MAKASSED STUDENT GROUP

The Third Islamic Book Exhibition, organized in West Hall by the Makassed Student Group at AUB under the patronage of Mr. Tammam Salam, President of The Makassed Islamic Charitable Association, was opened last week by President Malcolm H. Kerr. Vice President Samir K. Thabet, Dr. Jamil Kibbeh, MP and member of the Association's Board, Dr. Hisham Nashabeh, Dean of Education at the Association, Dr. Fawzi M. Hajj, Dean of Students and Director of Bursary at AUB were present at the opening ceremony, together with a large number of students and guests.

Speaking in Arabic, President Kerr said the University considered Mr. Tammam Salam as a member of its large family and looked forward to a very long period of cooperation with the Association. He congratulated the Makassed

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SALUTES AUB

In its February issue the National Geographic carries an article entitled "Beirut - Up From The Rubble" which includes a couple of paragraphs in praise of AUB's services. Author William Ellis and photographer Steve McCurry first came to Beirut last spring. Both the Lebanese Ministry of Information and AUB's own Office of Information cooperated closely in providing factual material and helping the two to make contacts. Publication, scheduled for September, had to be postponed when the war invalidated the article's contents. Author and photographer returned in the fall for a second round of interviews and pictures.

This is what the article has to say about AUB:

"Although heavily burdened with financial and other problems, the educational and medical facilities here, led by the American University of Beirut and its hospital, continue to offer high-quality care of the mind and body."

"Under the direction of a new president, Malcolm Kerr, AUB is making strong efforts to regain its internationalism and to renew its status as a premier seat of learning in the Arab world."

The writer, Mr. Ellis, notes as well that there is sadness on

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President Kerr and Mr. Salam admiring exhibits

Student Group for their efforts in organizing the exhibition, noting that this activity was a praiseworthy initiative of students. The exhibition, Dr. Kerr said, was a wonderful reminder of Lebanon's 300 publishing firms whose products in very difficult years are a vital proof of the existence of the Lebanese people and their aspirations and progress.

Dr. Kerr pointed out that AUB is committed to religious studies and the importance of Islamic and Arabic studies. He mentioned the University's Sheikh Zayid Bin Sultan Al Nahyyan Chair of Islamic Studies and its Center for Arab and Middle East Studies. President Kerr concluded by hoping for more such exhibitions

through the blessed efforts of students and for increased cooperation with the Makassed Association.

In a brief word on his arrival a little late straight from the Airport, coming from U.K., Mr. Salam also stressed the importance of the continued cooperation between AUB and the Makassed in all possible fields.

Dr. Kibbeh said the exhibition contributed to the fulfillment of man's humanity, the enrichment of his mind, the widening of his knowledge and the refinement of his feelings.

Speaking for the Makassed Student Group Mr. Khalid Itani said AUB and the Makassed were

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« PHOENICIAN EXPANSION » FOR CHILDREN'S DAY AT MUSEUM



Diligently at work

On the initiative of the Society of Friends of the Museum, 80 very enthusiastic children gathered on a Sunday last month at the Museum for Children's Day, one of the activities started in 1981 by Dr. Leila Badre, the Museum Curator. The Day's theme was Phoenician expansion in the Mediterranean and the commercial settlements they

established in Cyprus, Sicily, Sardinia, Malta, Spain and Carthage.

Children between seven and 12 were divided into three age groups and taken in charge by the Society's "youth committee" members: Mrs. Maud Khayat, Mrs. Hala Homsy, Mrs. Mona Issa el-Khoury, Mrs. Lina Beydoun, Mrs. Bouchra

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PROFESSOR BUSHRUI GIVES GIBRAN CENTENARY INAUGURAL LECTURE

The inaugural lecture of Kahlil Gibran Centenary International Commemoration 1983 was given last month by Dr. Suheil Bushrui at Beit al-Mustaqbal, in Naccach. The Centenary commemoration activities are under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Sheikh Amin Gemayel who has formed an ad hoc presidential committee of which Professor Bushrui is a member.

The lecture was especially organized for the benefit of the diplomatic corps, of the international press, and of the foreign communities in Lebanon. A large and eminent audience heard Professor Bushrui speak authoritatively of Gibran and his work and influence. Professor Bushrui was introduced by H.E. the Minister of Education, Mr. Issam Khoury as an outstanding scholar of international standing and as a man of great integrity.

One month earlier, at the annual reception for the Diplomatic Corps, President Gemayel quoted the following paragraph from Gibran in his address:

"You are my brother and I love you. I love you worshipping in your church, kneeling in your temple, or praying in your mosque. You and I and all our children are of one religion, for the varied paths of religion are but the fingers of the loving hand of the Supreme Being, extended to all, offering completeness of spirit to all, anxious to receive it."

The following elegant passage from Dr. Bushrui's lecture pays tribute to Gibran and the people and country he came from:

If the South West of England and its thick overlay of historical associations provided Thomas Hardy with the terrain which he imaginatively reshaped (in his mind) to create the setting for his Wessex novels; if the verdant woodlands and sea-drowned valleys of New England - that oasis of rural tranquility in the midst of industrial America - inspired the verse of Robert Frost; if the sands of Sligo Bay, the emerald loughs and rivers of Western Ireland, and the legendary mountains of Ben Bulbin and Knocknarea gave William Butler Yeats an inexhaustible store of symbol and image which fired his poetic imagination; then it was

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Lebanon, unique in so many ways — in its geographical position, in its role in history, in its admixture of ethnic and religious groups — Lebanon of the sacred cedar grove, of the dreaming ruins of the Temple of Astarte, of the lofty snow-capped mountains soaring into heaven, that gave shape to the genius of Kahlil Gibran, and provided the lasting inspiration for his work. Much of what he gave to the world he owed, directly or indirectly, to his homeland; perhaps most of all he owed his awareness of the inestimable blessings that flow from the harmonious co-existence of differing peoples and faiths, and his vivid apprehension of the catastrophes that must inevitably result from the breakdown of such co-existence. He therefore spoke in two voices: a voice of consolation, of hope, and survival in the pursuit of peace and unity; and a voice of admonition, of warning, and the threat of dire consequences should mankind ever cease to pursue these goals.

In a period of history characterized by some as the "Age of Anxiety" — when anger, disintegration, corruption, disorientation, and anarchy were the rule of the day — Kahlil Gibran stood on his own, emphasizing the importance of reconciling reason and passion, of balancing the material with the spiritual, of perceiving the divine order that is inherent in all there is in earth and heaven, and conforming to its bidding. Gibran's constancy in proclaiming his views when similar schools of thought were in disordered retreat before the amassed battalions of materialism, existentialism and cynicism, surely foreshadowed the resilience and fortitude displayed by his countrymen half a century after his death, who, in the face of devastating and convulsive upheavals, have stood firm in defence of the values enunciated by Gibran, and, with unflinching resolve, continue to proclaim his message, the message of Lebanon, to an unheeding world.

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**KHALIL GIBRAN
CENTENARY**



Twenty-five of the honored employees

800 YEARS OF SERVICE

Service awards for 1981 and 1982 were made last month to 42 Physical Plant employees. A large reception, held in the Faculty Lounge, Ada Dodge Hall, on this occasion was attended by Vice President Samir K. Thabet, Deputy Vice President George Sayegh, Mr. Salam Rayes and Mr. George Harran, Director and Assistant Director of Personnel respectively, the president of the Syndicate of AUB Workers and Employees, Mr. John Saba and all Syndicate Council members. Emblems of the awards were presented by Vice President Thabet and Mr. Richard Mishalani, Physical Plant director.

Awards for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service, totalling 800 years, were presented to the

following employees:

10 Years: Kamil Bassit, George Hilu, Samir Khalil, George Shukri, Butros Waked.

15 Years: Nadim Abi Khalil, Nicola Akar, Hikmat Alam, Hasan Badran, Simonne Beck, Mhawish Dargham, Jirius Elias, Elizabeth Kapterian, Sami Kattan, Munir Manufar, Rashid Nahra, Marun Sarhal, Diab Sawwan, Kamil Tarabulsi, Ali Tufaili.

20 Years: Shakib Abbud, Jirji Haddad, Yusif Karam, Hanna Khuri, Elias Sham'un.

25 Years: Mukhayil Abdo, Tawfic Abu Ajram, Awdi Awad, Habib Ayrani, Jirji Bridi, Butros Butros, Farah Farah, Mihiyiddin Hamdan, Hasan Hamzeh, Emile Jeha, Wahib Kadi, Ahmad Karaki, Hanna Kizhayya, Kamil Mansur, Butros Nun. Joseph Rufayil, Yusif Safi.

DECORATION OF OPD PEDIATRICS WALL



Miss Bahlawan (in white, left) with BSN IV 1983 students and their work

At the School of Nursing BSN IV students have spent around one month on painting comic characters and familiar figures along a very large wall of the OPD Pediatrics on the sixth floor of the Medical Center. Miss Sawsan Bahlawan, of the School of Nursing organized and supervised this student activity. She was aided by Mrs. Christine Haddad, and the Medical Center provided around LL 600 to buy the required quantity of acrylic painting for this purpose.

The students who enthusiastically undertook to cheer up the lounge of the

department managed to do this work during their Christmas vacation and on weekends. The principal designs represent Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy.

BEIRUT OF TOMORROW

Reconstruction experiences in Great Britain by Mr. W. Ferrie Wood DA DipTP RIBA MRTPI Vice Principal of the Edinburgh College of Art on Thursday, 17 March, at 17:30 hrs, Engineering Lecture Hall. Courtesy of British Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM JAFET LIBRARY

1. New Library Hours

Weekdays

Readers' Services (Reference, Circulation, Serials)

7:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Reserve Reading Room

7:30 AM to 10:00 PM

Weekends

Readers' Services

Saturday 8:00 to 5:00

Sunday 1:00 to 6:00

2. Enforcement of Fines

March 14-18- Grace period at circulation desk. All borrowed items accepted without fines or questions.

After March 18- Standard fines to be imposed:

Reserve Books: LP 25 for each overdue hour or part of it.

All other items: LP 25 per day.

3. Carrels

Carrels are housed on the 3rd floor of the Library. Graduate students and professors need to apply at the Circulation desk and will be considered on a first-come first-served basis. Questions and suggestions may be addressed to the circulation librarian, ext. 28039.

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two main pillars of education in Lebanon.

The following publishing firms were represented at the exhibition: the Islamic Makassed, the Arabic Book, Al-Hayat Library, the World Bureau, the Lebanese Book, Al-Nafais, the Saudi, the Islamic Bureau, Al-Maarifah, the United Distribution Firm, Al-Qalam, Al-Rissala Institution, Iqra, Al Shurook, Scientific Books for the Revival of Arab Heritage, Al Assriyah Library; Lebanon Bookshop.

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Yamout and Miss Maha Najjar: The children were provided with plasticine, "pate à bois" and other material to make models of Phoenician temples, merchant ships, jars, figurines, trees, etc. They were helped in their work by the painter Odile Mazloum Andraos who taught them how to manipulate the material they were using.

The program interested President Malcolm H. Kerr and Vice-President Samir K. Thabet, who visited the children at the Museum and had a long conversation with Mrs. Josette Kettaneh, President of the Society.