It may be possible to forget a great many things about our years at AUB, but I doubt that anyone could ever forget the beautiful garden that was our Campus.

**AUB CAMPUS: PERENNIAL GARDEN OF OUR YOUTH**

Though Campus flora was the subject of a cover article in the *al-Kulliyah Autumn Issue, 1972*, we thought it was time to reprint it with an addition on the history of Campus trees.

EVERY ONE who visits the campus is immediately struck by its beauty. This beauty derives not only from its panoramic site but in a large measure from its green mantle. The A.U.B. campus is a veritable botanical garden of herbs, shrubs and trees. Its flora is as cosmopolitan as its human population.

The visitor to the campus can now identify a number of interesting trees as he walks through the grounds by reading the copper plates affixed to representative specimens of the different species. These plates were prepared through the efforts of Mrs. Winnie Edgecombe, then Associate Professor of Plant Taxonomy at the Faculty of Agriculture. Earlier name plates, installed through the joint efforts of Mr. Oscar Asly of the older Department of Agriculture, the late Mr. Aziz Nahhas, Director of Buildings & Grounds, and the author, had completely disappeared. Many of the smaller shrubs, however, are not labeled.

Throughout the years since the founding of the University, numerous plant introductions were made into the campus, ranging from the jacaranda planted by Reverend Daniel Bliss, the first president, to the lebbeck tree, one of many plants introduced by Mrs. Kirkwood, wife of President Samuel B. Kirkwood. Mrs. Grace H. Kirkwood is a landscape architect in her own right. She was an Honorary Lecturer at the AUB Faculty of Engineering and Architecture and is well known in Lebanon for her volunteer work in landscape design.

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