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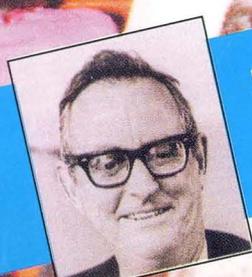
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Great-Grandson of Daniel Bliss





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## David S. Dodge Named Acting President



Mr. David Dodge.

In a memorandum to members of the AUB Community dated December 20, 1996, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees said:

"This is to inform you that Dr. Robert M. Haddad will be leaving office as president of the University and will be on terminal leave, effective today. The trustees of the University extend their thanks to Dr. Haddad for the efforts he has made on behalf of the University over the past four years during a very challenging period.

"The University is pleased to announce that David S. Dodge, who has served the University for many years both as a trustee and as a leading member of the administration, has agreed to serve as acting president and will continue in office pending a search for a new president. To that end, the trustees have formed a search committee chaired by Dr. Thomas Morris, vice chairman of the University's board of trustees.

"Mr. Dodge will work closely with the Deputy President, the Deans and the other senior members of the University administration. It is vital during this period of transition that all of the members of the AUB community--faculty, staff and students--join together as a team to work effectively in AUB's behalf."



Dr. Dodge with Premier Saeb Salam in the early 1970's.

### David S. Dodge

Born in Beirut on November 17, 1922, David S. Dodge is the great-grandson of AUB founder, Daniel Bliss and the son of Bayard Dodge, former president of AUB. He is married and has four children.

Mr. Dodge earned a BA in history from Princeton University, 1945 and an MA in Near East Studies in 1949, also from Princeton University.

Mr. Dodge was employed by Arabian American Oil Company (Dhahran, Saudi Arabia) and its subsidiary Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company (Beirut, Lebanon) from 1949 to 1976, and he served in several management positions, including Manager of Government Relations.

Mr. Dodge was elected in 1961 to the Board of Trustees of AUB. He served as an administrative officer of AUB, in-

cluding Vice President for Administration, in 1978-1979, and as Acting President, in 1981-1982. In 1982 he was taken hostage in Lebanon and held for one year. He again joined the Board of Trustees in 1983 and has since continued to serve as Trustee of the University. He is also Chairman of AUB's Daniel Bliss Society.

Mr. Dodge is Chairman of the Board of the Near East Foundation, Inc. and was formerly its President. He is also a Member of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation.

Mr. Dodge has served his alma mater, Princeton University, as a member of the Princeton Middle East Society, Recorder of Gifts for its Development Office, and in other capacities.

# 1996-97 Academic Year

AUB launched its 1996-97 academic year with the sense of new beginnings. The campus was again populated, as old and new students bid farewell to summer and geared up to take on the challenges that come with every new semester. They rushed from one department to another registering or confirming a course, or just checking out the changes that had taken place during their absence.

AUB officially commenced its 130th academic year with a ceremony at Assembly Hall on October 2, 1996. And, as they are at the start of every year, new students were invited to a reception in the Marquand House gardens. The reception created a relaxed atmosphere where students from different cultures mingled and got acquainted with one another.

Receptions and parties were also given by student societies to allow students a chance to chat with their professors in a casual atmosphere. Women's dormitories opened their doors to the boys, who were eager to check out the girls' rooms, especially the New Women's Dormitory. After the room doors were closed and everything was back to normal, parties were held in the lounges.

There are 492 residents in AUB's women's dormitories and 475 in the men's. The New Women's Dormitory, constructed in 1996, has been designed and furnished to meet student residents' needs. The building houses 165.

When the **Bulletin** asked Dania Ismail, a freshman arts student, what she thought about the open house parties, she said "It's nice going around the rooms and getting free food, but it was a bit too crowded."

## Orientation

The beginning of the new ac-



*Students crowd the campus on the first day of classes.*

ademic year had its serious side as well. The Career Guidance Center held orientation sessions for new students and conducted tours around Jafet Library. The PC Support Unit joined in with sessions on Internet via AUBnet.

More orientation took place when the Career Guidance Center, in collaboration with the Hariri Foundation and the International Exhibitions Company, organized "Career Day" for prospective University students.

For those eager to further their professional development in fields such as Arabic Calligraphy and languages, the AUB Extension Programs offered several new courses.

Other positive changes were noted. The Student Cafeteria was renovated during the summer with improvements including the addition of a TV set and an air conditioner. The cafeteria now opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m. Classrooms in Nicely Hall are now equipped with desks for left-handers.

This year students did not have

to wait for hours to get their new I.D. pictures taken. The AUB Registrar Office used the photographs students had submitted with their application forms. The new I.D.s are magnetic and this facilitates students' services at the University.

But not everything was in good order. Students complained about having to stand in line for hours to collect their statements of fees instead of receiving them in their mail boxes.

## Extra-curricular Activities

AUB's extra-curricular activities are aimed at widening student's horizons and at the same time providing entertainment.

Its Student Clubs offer a wide variety of activities to meet different interests. Whether Drama, Photography or Debating, all clubs highlight students' talents.

## Outlook revived

**Outlook**, the weekly newspaper run by students under the Student Scholarship Program, is being revived this year. Many stu-

dents have applied, hoping to be part of the publication's working team.

Chairman of **Outlook** Committee, Dean of Student Affairs Fawzi Hajj, told the **Bulletin** that the committee was forming the Editorial Board for **Outlook**. This will be composed of eight students and four faculty members as well as a responsible director--normally AUB's Director of Information and Public Relations.

The Board will be chaired by the Dean of Student Affairs. Other student officers will be appointed as required. Dean Hajj said that he hoped the first issue of **Outlook** will come out soon.

Loulwa Ajlani, freshman sciences, and Zeina Takeddine, freshman arts, talked to the **Bulletin** about their expectations for **Outlook**.

"We're hoping that this newspaper will keep AUB students informed of worldwide events, so students, especially those living at the dorms, won't lose touch with the world outside the AUB community," said Zeina.

**Outlook** is a university student publication registered with the Lebanese government, providing a medium for the student body to express responsibly its views and concerns, in accordance with the principles of democracy and freedom of expression. It shall maintain a non-political and non-sectarian policy stance, and it shall observe the Lebanese laws and regulations, and its contents shall be in conformity with rules and regulations of the University. **Outlook** will include news, pertaining to extra curricular student activities of educational, cultural, social and athletic significance. It will be distributed free of charge to AUB students and its community at large.

**Lina Badih**

## Ceremony Opens 1996-97 Academic Year



*The Faculty procession entering Assembly Hall.*

October 2 1996 marked the opening of the 131st academic year at AUB with the ceremony at Assembly Hall drawing an unprecedented student turn-out.

The ceremony began with the Faculty Procession entering Assembly Hall in formal academic attire. The Lebanese National Anthem was then played.

The message from President Robert Haddad to the students was read by Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Makhlof Haddadin. In his message President Haddad pointed out the strong connection between the academic freedom enjoyed at AUB and the political freedom enjoyed in Leb-

anon as a whole. Dr. Haddad urged students to work hard at protecting and strengthening political liberty, as well as discovering new fields and areas of specialization.

Deputy President Samir Makdisi then delivered his address, which discussed the University's culture. This is a culture that rejects any kind of prejudice or bias and stands for strong principles of justice and equality, principles, he stressed, that will always be respected.

In closing, the Alma Mater was played with Professor Robert Betts at the organ. The audience enthusiastically joined in the singing.



*Deputy President Makdisi addresses the audience.*

## 1996-1997 Opening Ceremony Address

### **Dr. Robert Haddad: Preserve, Strengthen Political freedom**

This, my fourth convocation message, differs from the three preceding in being written in the happy certainty that I shall become acquainted with many of you personally before you leave AUB with degrees in hand. Continuous residence on campus remains elusive for me but, as many of you know, I have been able to visit the University three times since December 1995 and I look forward to another visit before long. I persist in the hope that the U.S. State Department's ban will soon be relegated to oblivion and I shall be where a university president ought to be-- squarely on his own campus.

For now, however, I am compelled once more to extend from afar my heartiest greeting to you, the members of the entering class, as well as to the faculty, administrators and staff of the American University of Beirut, the fundamental obligation of all of whom being the facilitation of your education.

You the students enjoy the distinction of having gained entry to AUB solely on the basis of your academic merit. You also enter the University of your own free will and are bound to observe AUB's regulations and not seek to bend them to any external political or sectarian will. Nor shall any effort to do so be tolerated. A university that fails to remain a forum for the free exchange of ideas loses all credibility as a university. I remind you, therefore, of your

duty to preserve indeed, to strengthen AUB as an institution free of political or sectarian domination.

I call your attention to the firm connection between the academic freedom enjoyed by your University and the degree of political freedom that obtains in AUB's host country, Lebanon. I remind you, therefore, of your duty to preserve indeed, to strengthen that political freedom, for without it AUB as a bastion of free intellectual inquiry cannot long endure. In sum, I call you to your duty to leave AUB at least as strong as when you found it - a University without peer in the Arab East, a University fully prepared to dispense to successive generations of students the finest education available in Lebanon and in the entire region.

Many, perhaps most, of you enter AUB convinced of the major course of study you wish to pursue. I ask only that you test that conviction by enrolling in some courses distantly removed from your major. A liberal education is ill-served by a single-minded focus on a particular specialization. A liberal education demands serious exposure to the widest range of disciplines and to different subject matter within disciplines. I would urge you to see your years at AUB in that light.

I hope that I shall meet all of you sometime before your graduation.∞ I send, in any event, my warmest regards to each of you.

### **Dr. Samir Makdisi: A Common Heritage Binds Graduates**

On behalf of the University, its administration and faculty, I welcome all the new students who have joined this great institution. To the returning students we say Welcome Home.

You come from various regions in Lebanon and other countries; from different backgrounds and perhaps social traditions. As the academic year begins and you interact with one another, with your professors and with various University departments, those of you who have just joined us will soon discover the meaning of being at AUB. You will find that this is an institution which is rich with academic and cultural tradition.

AUB is an institution with old traditions--the tradition of liberal education, the search for knowledge, constructive and open dialogue, belief in the improvement of life and service to the community.

This basic message of the University has remained unchanged since it was founded 130 years ago and its role in achieving its objectives has never been compromised.

You are the new generation of students who will inherit this tradition and who, upon graduation, will carry it with you wherever you go and whatever endeavor you will in the future undertake. Take advantage of everything that the University has to offer -academically, culturally and socially. Once you complete your term of study and graduate you will, as generations have before you, take

pride in the fact you have become part of the unique and distinctive experience of having had an AUB education.

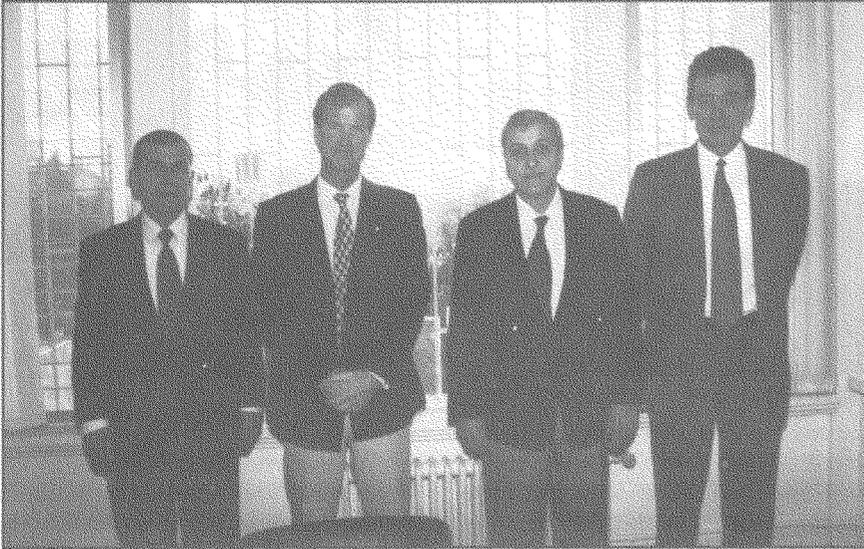
The graduates of this University feel a common heritage binds them. There are at present 37,000 alumni around the world. They constitute a major support group for the University and are bearers of the principles which this University upholds.

These principles, you will come to know, reject discrimination and divisive influence and strongly uphold equity and fairness. These same principles demand that academic and professional standards should guide the University's policies and decisions at all levels. These principles shall be upheld, and it will be your place to help them and to make sure that fairness and decency be the call words of your time at AUB.

As you begin this academic year I ask you to be filled with determination in achieving your goals and ambitions. Work hard but enjoy yourselves in extracurricular activities. Help to preserve the beauty of your campus and enjoy its surroundings as have the generations which preceded you.

I take this opportunity to welcome, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, the new members of the faculty, staff and administration when I wish each one of you the best of luck and the greatest success and happiness in the coming year.

# AUB and British Bank Foundation Establish Scholarship Grant



Left to right: Mr. Zeidan, Mr. Neathercoat, Dr. Makdisi and Mr. Kelly.

AUB and the British Bank Foundation announced on February 17, 1997, the establishment of a scholarship grant to promote the education of Lebanese students at the graduate level. Mr. D J Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of the British Bank and Mr. Colin Neathercoat, Public Affairs Manager, met Deputy President Samir Makdisi in his office to initiate this grant. Mr. Nazih Zei-

dan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs attended the meeting.

The grant will be paid annually by the British Bank Foundation over a period of two years starting with academic year 1997-98. It will cover two full tuition scholarships to Lebanese undergraduates who achieve a GPA score of 85% or more and who wish to study full time for a

masters degree at AUB's Faculty of Arts and Sciences or for a Masters of Engineering Management degree at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

The scholarship grant will be discontinued for any student who does not maintain a good academic record.

Mr. Kelly and Mr. Neathercoat welcomed the opportunity to help talented young people from Lebanon. Deputy President Makdisi expressed, on behalf of AUB, his appreciation for the British Bank Foundation's support of AUB's scholarship program and looked forward to continued cooperation between the two institutions.

## AUB/BBME Affinity Visa Card

AUB and the British Bank of the Middle East have set up a partnership to issue Affinity Visa Cards to all AUB members, students, staff, alumni and their immediate families.

The card allows the user to buy goods and services worldwide as well as at the most prestigious establishments in Lebanon. Card holders also benefit from a 45-day interest-free credit facility, 24-hour service, free \$100,000 global accident and travel coverage, as well as inter-

national acceptance and recognition.

What you need to apply:

1. AUB/Alumni ID.
2. Two color photos passport size. (Optional)
3. Photocopy of personal ID or the first 3 pages of passport.
4. Employment letter from Personnel Department stating salary, position, and years of service.

Whether you bank with BBME or another bank you can enjoy the benefit of this card.

## Biological Conference

AUB was a key participant in the International Biological Conference on Plant Cell Identification, which was held by the Lebanese Association for Scientific Development at the Marriott Hotel in Beirut. The conference, which took place on September 24, was under the patronage of Minister of Agriculture Shawki Fakhoury, representing Prime Minister Rafic Hariri.

In attendance were the Secretary of the Association Dr. Osama Moarbel, Director of Lebanon's National Board for Scientific Research Dr. George Tohme, as well as AUB's Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Makhluif Haddadin, Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Dr. Nuhad Dagher, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Dr. Samir Najjar, and Vice President for Research and External Programs Dr. Abdul-Hamid Halab. A number of Arab scientists and researchers also participated in the conference.

# AAAL Delegation Visits AUB

On October 16, a delegation made up of the founders of the newly established American Alumni Association of Lebanon visited AUB. The delegation included the AAAL President Dr. Sami Rayshouny, Secretary Dr. Naji Saghir, Treasurer Mr. Yaser Halabi and Mr. Abdullah El-Hayek, Officer.

Deputy President Samir Makdisi met the delegation in the company of Director of Information and Public Relations Mr. Ibrahim Khoury.

The delegation advised Dr. Makdisi of the association's goals:

1. To increase cooperation and strengthen social ties between US graduates and to promote their continuing professional education.
2. To establish relationships between American universities and institutes of higher education in or-



*The AAAL delegation meets with Deputy President Makdisi.*

der to help exchange expertise, send scientific missions, organize meetings and congresses and promote academic and scientific research.

3. To work together with all concerned groups in their cultural and

scientific fields.

At the end of the meeting, an agreement was made to establish strong relations between the American University of Beirut and the Association.

Founded in July 1996, the Association plans to convene conferences and expositions in all scientific and cultural fields and to work to help students who wish to study and specialize in the US.

Further information can be obtained from Dr. Naji Saghir, paging number 403.

## JAMES PRITCHARD 1910-1997

Noted biblical scholar and archaeology professor James Pritchard, a former AUB Trustee, died in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania on January 1, 1997. He was 87 years old.

Born in Louisville, Ky., Dr. Pritchard earned his bachelor's degree at Asbury College in 1930, a bachelor of divinity degree at Drew University in 1935, and a Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1942. His thesis was **Palestinian Figurines in Relation to Certain Goddesses Known Through Literature**. He began his field work at Dhiban, Jordan, on an expedition with the American School of Oriental Research in 1950. The following year, he was field director of an expedition at Jericho. In a dig at Tell es-Sa'idiyeh in the 1960's he found the richest tomb in Jordan up to that time. Between 1969 and 1975 he headed a team from the University of Pennsylvania which excavated Sarafand (ancient Sarepta) in South Lebanon.

Among his many books are **Gibeon, Where the Sun Stood Still**, and **Recovering Sarepta, a Phoenician City**. He also edited the important two-volume work, **Ancient Near-Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament** and **The Ancient Near East in Pictures Relating to the Old Testament**.

Dr. Pritchard was Hays Fulbright Professor of Archaeology at AUB in 1967. In 1970 he was appointed AUB Trustee, a position he held until 1979 when he was elected Trustee Emeritus. In 1993 the University of Pennsylvania endowed the James B. Pritchard Chair for Biblical Archaeology and Related Fields.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Cassidy Pritchard, daughters Sally Hayman and Mary Mitchell, four grandchildren and a sister.

## Ghosn Ghosn: Director of Housing

Mr. George Tomey, Vice President for Administration, recently announced the appointment of Mr. Ghosn Ghosn as Director of Housing, effective January 1, 1997. Mr. Tomey congratulated Mr. Ghosn on his promotion, noting that the new director's experience, knowledge and dedication are exemplary.

Mr. Tomey also thanked Mrs. Hana Naja for her past services to the Housing Department and for meeting the challenges of this demanding managerial position.

## Corporate Lebanon 2000



*Dr. Makdisi, Mr. Hallab, Minister Al-Khalil, and Mrs. Baasiri at the opening ceremony of the Corporate Lebanon 2000 conference.*

Last September, Research and External Programs held a three-day forum entitled "Corporate Lebanon 2000" at the Al-Bustan Hotel. Minister of Administrative Reform Anwar Al-Khalil, representing Prime Minister Hariri, delivered the opening statement. Minister of State for Finance, Fouad Siniora, also spoke at the ceremony.

Deputy President Makdisi, Vice President for Research and External Programs Dr. Abdul-Hamid Hallab, and representatives of more than 30 companies attended the forum.

## Career Guidance Center Raises Hopes for Further Education

Long-term career education, which is absent from both private and public Lebanese schools, would allow students to make the right career choices, said Nazli Hamadeh, head of the Career Guidance Center at AUB.

"All concepts to do with career guidance should be taught very early, so that students can make their own informed choices later on," she said.

Ms. Hamadeh spoke following the opening of the Career Guidance Fair, 'Careers for the Future,' at the Beirut Exhibition Center in Martyrs Square. The event was organized by the Center and the Hariri Foundation and held in October 1996.

Eight institutions, both governmental and private, were represented at the fair, which was de-

signed to help secondary students explore available alternatives and decide what careers to pursue, said Ms Hamadeh.

Some 11,000 Baccalaureate students from schools all over Lebanon registered to attend the four-day event.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Maurice Slim of the Military Academy, there was a rush of students interested in an army career. "We're not here to recruit students into the army. We just try to provide the direction young people need," he said.

Institutions participating in the fair included AUB, Lebanese University, Lebanese American University, Arab University of Beirut, Notre Dame University, Balamand University and the University of the Holy Spirit-Kaslik.

### Trustee Emeritus Mary Gaiser 1911-1996

Trustee Emeritus Mrs. Mary Cooper Jewett Gaiser, who was a Trustee of AUB from 1954 until 1970, died on December 15, 1996. She was 85.

Over the years, Mrs. Gaiser served on the boards of numerous institutions that were beneficiaries of her largess, in the fields of education, community service and the arts. Her philanthropy extended to educational institutions such as AUB, Whitman College in Walla Walla and Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California, all of which she served as a trustee.

In addition, Mrs. Gaiser (pronounced "geyser") was on the board of the Spokane Arts Commission, which she helped set up. The Commission is now the Spokane Symphony Orchestra, in whose founding she was instrumental.

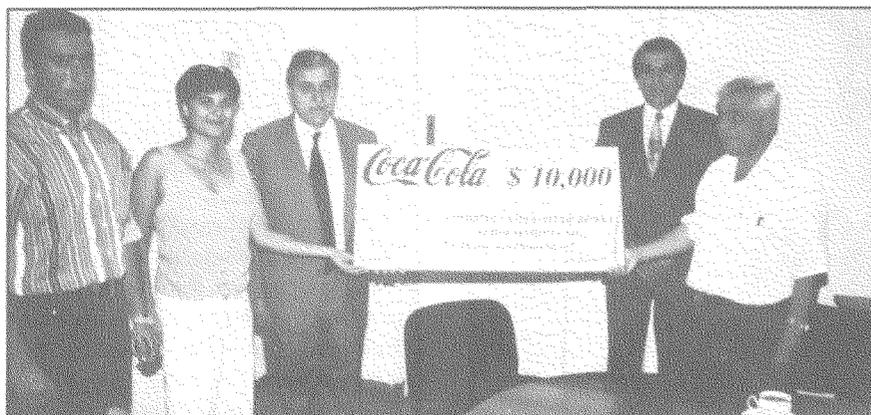
#### Sharing

In 1987, after donating \$225,000 to the orchestra's endowment, Mrs. Gaiser said: "Half the fun of life is sharing. People are missing a lot of satisfaction if they don't get pleasure from using their abilities to help others."

A doctor's daughter, Mrs. Gaiser was born in Ogdensburg, N.Y. She received a bachelor's degree from Wellesley in 1933, and taught school in Bronxville, N.Y. until she married Dr. David Wesley Gaiser, a surgeon, in 1961. He died in 1985.

Mrs. Gaiser is survived by a son, a daughter, six grand children, nine great-grand children, a sister, and a brother.

## Coca-Cola Near East Supports AUB Scholarship Program



*With Coca-Cola's contribution check are two AUB students, left, then Deputy President Makdisi, Mr. Georgiou and Dean Hajj. (September 1996).*

Realizing the difficulties many AUB students face in providing for their university education, AUB is relentlessly soliciting funds for its scholarship program.

Many friends and alumni have made generous contributions and these have helped more than a thousand students during academic year 1995-1996. Now Coca-Cola Near East has joined the list of sponsors contributing to the scholarship fund at AUB.

Coca-Cola has been a generous donor to the AUB program. It contributed \$10,000 in July 1991 and June 1995 to support the general activities of the University. In September 1996 the company made a third gift of \$10,000 to the AUB scholarship fund, bringing the total to \$30,000.

The recent \$10,000 gift was presented to Deputy President Samir Makdisi in a short ceremony at the President's Office on campus. Mr. Philippe Georgiou, Coca-Cola's regional manager in Nicosia, Cyprus, flew to Beirut for the occasion and presented the check on behalf of Coca-Cola Near East.

Dean Fawzi Hajj and two student representatives, as well as Mr. Ibrahim Khoury, Director of Information and Public Relations

and Mr. Sadik Assa'd, Assistant Director of Development attended the ceremony.

In welcoming Mr. Georgiou and his colleagues, Dr. Makdisi expressed the University's appreciation for the timely gesture, and hoped that other conglomerates would follow suit. He also hoped that this initial gift to the scholarship program would snowball into a larger regular annual donation to enable more needy students to continue their education.

Mr. Georgiou thanked Dr. Makdisi and AUB for providing Coca-Cola with the opportunity to share in the education of qualified and needy students.

Mr. Georgiou, who graduated from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture in 1971, expressed his pride in being an AUB alumnus. He said that throughout the past twenty-five years AUB has always been close to his heart. Many Coca-Cola agents and bottlers in the near East are AUB alumni, he added.

Mr. Georgiou concluded by assuring the University of Coca-Cola's continued support for its scholarship program.

## REP to Help Dar Al-Zakat Plan Hospital

Under a consultancy contract signed December 2 by Dar Al-Zakat and AUB, the Department of Health Services Administration (HSA) will assist in the planning phase of a non-profit hospital in Beirut.

### Consulting

Most of the work will involve consulting on equipment for the 50-bed hospital, as well as for management of the hospital's human resources and the administration of its services.

The HSA Department will prepare practice guidelines for managing the physical, financial and human resources at the proposed hospital. This will include five areas of Hospital Management: administrative, management, information systems, finance, and human resources and technology.

### HSA Involvement

Across all these phases, the HSA Department will be involved in preparing and conducting training sessions on policies and procedures as well as on the operation of hospital and health services administration. Training encompasses resource management--including human, financial, materials and information management. The HSA Department faculty will also oversee the structural design presented by Dar El-Handasah.

Dr. Marwan Kabbani, Chairman of Dar Al-Zakat, and Dr. Abdul Hamid Hallab, Vice President for Research and External Programs, signed the agreement on behalf of their institutions.

# Cypriot Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism at AUB



*The Cypriot Minister Christofi, center, with Dr. Makdisi to his left and Mr. Hallab to his right. They are surrounded by the visiting Cypriot delegation.*

A group of alumni from Cyprus headed by Mr. Kyriakos Christofi, Cypriot Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, visited Lebanon on October 11-13.

The alumni were in town to co-sponsor an exhibition by Cypriot artist Maria Doriti on October 11. The show, part of whose proceeds

were set aside to assist Cypriot students at AUB, was also sponsored by Mr. Fares Boueiz, Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs. The delegation included Mrs. Soula Zavou, President of the Cyprus Alumni, Vice President Mrs. Toula Lambrou and her husband George, who is also an alumnus.

The next day the delegation visited the AUB campus where they met with Deputy President Samir Makdisi. Also present for the meeting were Vice President Abdul Hamid Hallab, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs Mr. Nazih Zeidan and Director of Information and Public Relations Mr. Ibrahim Khoury.

During the meeting Mrs. Zavou presented Dr. Makdisi with a check from the Cyprus alumni for the College Hall fund. She also invited Dr. Makdisi and Mr. Zeidan to attend the Cyprus Alumni Convention on November 8-10.

At the Alumni Club the delegation met with its President Ambassador Nadim Dimechkieh, Dr. Jacob Thaddeus, General Sec-

retary, and Mrs. Mona Kanaan, Coordinator, Managing Board of Affairs. The delegation was later invited for lunch at the Club where they were joined by Mr. Yassin Jaber, Lebanese Minister of Economy and Mr. Zeidan, Lebanese Ambassador to Cyprus. Deputy President Makdisi, Vice President George Tomey, Vice President Hallab and Mr. Nazih Zeidan were present as well.

Welcoming the guests, Ambassador Dimechkieh expressed his thanks to alumni in Cyprus for their active support. Minister Christofi spoke next, expressing his delight at being back at AUB and emphasizing the good relations between Cyprus and Lebanon. Minister Jaber said he looked forward to furthering relations between Cyprus and Lebanon. Next, Dr. Makdisi praised the efforts of the Cyprus alumni and stressed the need for closer ties between alumni and their Alma Mater.

## **New Director of Internal Audit**

Mr. Maurice Carlier was appointed Director of Internal Audit effective January 17. Mr. Carlier, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, has twenty years of financial, corporate and operational management experience to his credit. Most recently, he was Vice President for Operations at the Northern College of Applied Arts & Technology.

Mr. Tomey, Vice President for Administration, welcomed Mr. Carlier to the AUB community. He also thanked Mr. Elie Safar, Assistant Director of Internal Audit, for ably assuming the leadership during the transition period.

## **Alumni in New Lebanese Government**

A number of AUB alumni are in the Government formed last fall and headed by Premier Hariri. Ministers Walid Junblat, Yassine Jaber, Fouad Siniora, Farouk Barbir, Bshara Mirhij, Hagop Demerdjian, and Ali Harajli are all AUB alumni.

Minister Baheej Tabbarah is a former AUB student, and Prime Minister Hariri is a member of the AUB Board of Trustees.

Since independence, most Lebanese governments have included alumni and former students of AUB.

# Founders' Day Ceremony

The 130th anniversary of the founding of the Syrian Protestant College on December 3, 1866 was celebrated on December 3, 1996 in a ceremony at Assembly Hall. The event was attended by senior administrators, faculty members, students and staff, as well as by political and diplomatic figures.

A stately procession of faculty in their full academic regalia opened the proceedings. This was followed by the AUB Choir singing the Lebanese National Anthem.

Vice President Makhluif Haddadin took the stand first to read a special message from President Haddad.

"The effort to recreate AUB as bastion of meritocracy and free inquiry continues apace," the President said. But he pointed out that its preservation "demands nothing less than constant vigilance by the constituent parts of the AUB community.... and an essential aspect of that vigilance is unqualified ac-



*Dr. Fouad Sami Haddad delivers keynote address at the Founders' Day ceremony in December 1996.*

knowledge on the part of trustees, faculty, students, administration and staff that authority confers responsibility rather than privilege."

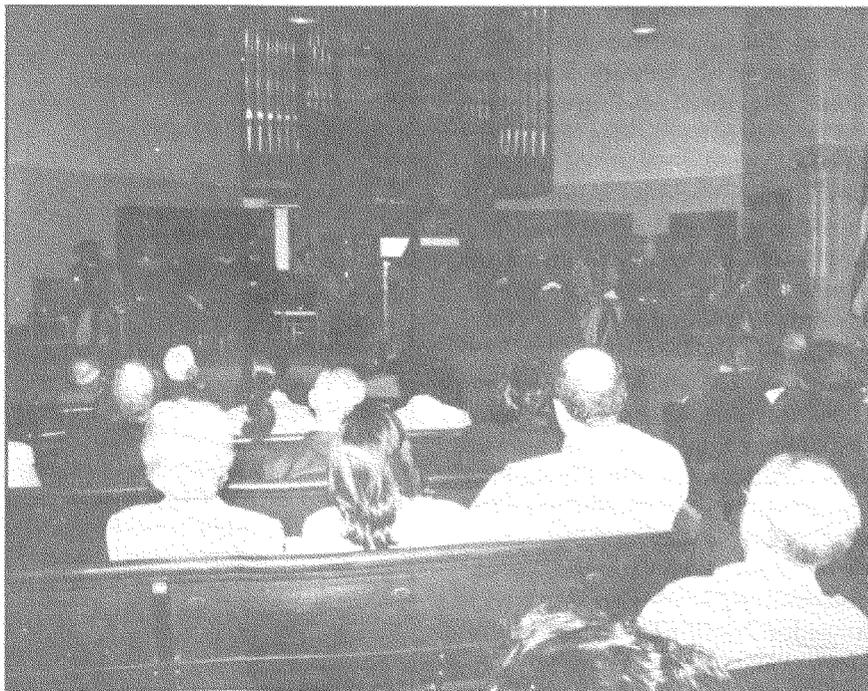
Deputy President Makdisi then addressed the audience, noting

that this was in fact a celebration of "the continuity of ideals" which AUB espouses. AUB remains a center for intellectual and personal interactions that can only be enriching to the lives of its students and faculty," he said, "and has remained faithful to the message of its first President Daniel Bliss when at the time of its founding in 1866 he said: "This College is for all conditions and classes of men without regard to color, nationality, race or religion."

The keystone speaker, Dr. Fouad Sami Haddad, reviewed the long history of AUB and the ordeals it has had to face. Particularly moving was his account of the united stand taken by the faculty in November 1975 against the closure of the university.

The ceremony closed with the Alma Mater, sung by the AUB Choir under the direction of Robert Betts. Speeches given on this Founders' Day are reproduced on the following pages.

**Henry Matthews**



## Haddad: Authority Confers Responsibility

Like any university worthy of the name, the American University of Beirut continues to recreate itself. The regional and, more slowly, the international complexion of AUB is being restored. The University's vulnerability to external sectarian pressures, be they political or religious, has been greatly diminished.

AUB has been restored as a University to which students gain entrance, and from which they graduate, solely on the basis of their academic merit and their willingness to adhere to the University's own regulations. While the ability of the professoriate to profess, without fear, is not quite complete, it has surely been enhanced.

In sum, the effort to recreate AUB as bastion of meritocracy and free inquiry continues apace. This reminder, however: the preservation of such a bastion demands nothing less than constant vigilance by the constituent parts of the AUB community. And an essential aspect of that vigilance is unqualified acknowledgment on the part of the trustees, faculty, students, administration and staff that authority confers responsibility rather than privilege.

There exists no more salient physical symbol of AUB's revitalization than the rise of the new College Hall. But let us return, for a moment, to the era that witnessed the construction of the original College Hall and hear the words written by Daniel Bliss to his wife, at the time living in the United States, words that could be echoed by this incumbent president:

"... There are many things to be done, and the funds are low. [Mr. Dodge] wrote me not to finish the tower, but it seemed a pity to leave such a prominent part unfinished, especially when we had the stone on hand, and the scaffolding all up.. The tower is a beauty. It is a comfort to have room enough. The halls are now ringing with laughter and singing."

A second round of laughter and, perhaps, singing, awaits completion of the new College Hall in December 1997. Meanwhile, we seek comfort in the Founder's gentle admonition to Mrs. Bliss, written as the original College Hall was taking shape: "Do keep up courage. There is life alone in duty done."

## Makdisi: Firmly Established Traditions

We celebrate today the 130th anniversary of the founding of this great University, initially as the Syrian Protestant College, becoming the American University of Beirut in 1920.

As we celebrate this day, we are in fact celebrating the continuity of ideals which this University espouses. I should like to remind our student body, and in particular the new students who joined us this year, that the role of AUB over the past 130 years has been and will remain much more than educating them in various academic disciplines, important as this education may be.

The University has throughout its long history sought to advance the principles of liberal education which seeks to widen our horizons beyond narrow specializations. The University heritage has been safeguarded and enriched by the ideals and principles of cultural understanding and tolerance.

Historically the University has been and remains the meeting place for students and faculty belonging to varying cultural, social and political backgrounds and nationalities. It has been and remains a center for intellectual and personal interactions that can only be enriching to the lives of its students and faculty. It has remained faithful to the message of its first President Daniel Bliss when at the time of its founding in 1866 he said: "This College is for all conditions and classes of men without regard to color, nationality, race or religion."

To our students and especially the new students, we say you have now become part of an institution with firmly established traditions, the traditions of liberal education, search for knowledge, open and constructive dialogue and service to the community.

The years you spend at AUB will impress upon you the

principles of justice, fairness, democracy and the betterment of your society for which the University stands. When breaches occur, it is up to you to demand the rendering of justice, for it does not come alone; it needs people to make it happen. AUB will prepare you for your future careers. But important as material achievement at the national and individual levels may be, on its own, it is a highly distorted indicator of advancement. The true indicator of an advanced society is the extent to which the principles of justice, democracy and fairness are upheld and the extent to which members of society work for the public good.

I say this because I want you to rest assured that the temptations now and later, but especially after you graduate, to abandon these principles will always face you. It will be a measure of your strength to resist such temptations and remain true to the principles which reject discrimination and divisive influences and uphold equity and fairness.

Lebanon and the countries to which you may belong are in great need of the education and professional expertise which you will acquire at this University. We have no doubt that as AUB graduates you will make your mark in the development of your respective societies and countries.

You only have to look at the record of generations of graduates that have preceded you. Their distinguished contribution in various endeavors is a matter of tremendous pride to the University. You will take pride in the fact that you have become part of the unique and distinctive experience of having had an AUB education.

On behalf of the University I welcome the new faculty members and the students who joined the University this fall. And all the best to one and all for a productive academic year.

## F. Haddad: The Second Foundation of AUB

Mr. Deputy President, fellow faculty members, honored friends and dear students.

In July 1996, I completed forty-four years of service at AUB. My father before me served this institution for thirty five years. This explains my love for AUB and my deep concern about its future.

We are gathered here today to celebrate the 130th Founders' day. On December 3, 1866, exactly 130 years ago, Reverend Daniel Bliss, the Father and prime Founder, started his venture with only 16 students. He presided over a faculty of four: John Fraser for the English language, Sheikh Nassif al-Yaziji for the Arabic language, As'ad al-Shadudi for Mathematics and Monsieur Charles Bazier for the French language.

It is interesting to note that except for Reverend Bliss none of the other faculty is considered a Founding Father. Who, therefore, are the Founders?

According to Professor Adnan Iskandar, the Founding Fathers of this Institution are: the Reverend Daniel Bliss (1866), the Reverend David Stuart Dodge (1866), Dr. Cornelius Van Dyck (1867), Dr. George Edward Post (1867), Dr. John Wortabet (1867), Dr. Edwin Lewis (1870) and Dr. Harvey Porter (1870). All were members of the American Mission to the Middle East. Even though all spoke and wrote perfect Arabic, none was of Arab descent.

Although no Lebanese is considered a founding father, the survival of this institution depended and shall always depend on its native faculty. I will briefly review the beginnings of this institution of learning and the turbulent history of our Alma Mater and conclude with some thoughts as to where we ought to be heading.

The beginnings were indeed very humble and modest. Who would have imagined, then, that this small freshman class, not even a school, would one day become a University of 5,000 students and about 500 faculty members. Yet, Daniel Bliss, a person of wisdom, conviction and far reaching vision, forecast a rich, prosperous and bright future for the College.

Although the beginnings were in a small quarter rented in the property of al-Madrassa al-Wtaniyyah of Muallem Butros al-Bustani and for seven years moved to several other minor locations, Daniel Bliss, elected to "secure" for his dream, a large tract of land outside the confines of the city of Beirut, "The best location on the Syrian coast", to quote his own words. It took seven years to simultaneously construct the first three buildings: the Medical Hall, the Ada Dodge Me-

morial Hall and College Hall, called after the name chosen for the institution: The Syrian Protestant College.

During the 130 years of its existence, AUB witnessed several upheavals, each so dangerous as to compromise its very existence. The first occurred on July 19, 1882, when the College was only 16 years old. Dr. Edwin Lewis, one of the Founding Fathers, delivered the commencement address in perfect literary Arabic. His speech was entitled "Knowledge, Science and Wisdom". Among other things he spoke of Darwin and of his book **The Origin of Species**. Thereafter a polemic took place in Arabic on the pages of **al-Muqtataf** beginning with a letter from the American Missionary James Dennis condemning the allusion to Darwin and to his unacceptable theory of evolution.

An answer from Dr. Lewis in justification of himself as well as an endorsement of his address by one of the graduates of the College, M. Yusuf Hayek, appeared in the next issue of **al-Muqtataf**. A serious schism ensued dividing the College officials and student body. Dr. Lewis submitted his explanations to the Board of Trustees and tendered his resignation.

On December 1st, and I would like you to remember this date, on December 1st, 1882, Dr. Bliss received a telegram from the Board of Trustees informing him that the resignation of Dr. Lewis had been unanimously accepted and immediately effective.

The announcement of this decision provoked a series of repercussions. Two other Founding Fathers, Dr. Van Dyck and Dr. Wortabet as well as two members of the already small faculty resigned. Almost all the medical students, including Jirji Zaydan and Amin Fuleihan, left the College in solidarity with the defecting faculty.

This action shook the College to its foundations and at one time the demise of the College was thought imminent. Daniel Bliss was quick to react. He immediately hired new faculty from the United States of America. This change in faculty was the main reason for switching the language of teaching from Arabic to English, the new faculty not being proficient in our mother tongue. The College survived the storm.

During World War I, thanks to his friendship with the governing Ottomans who were at war with America, Reverend Howard Bliss, son of Daniel Bliss obtained full protection for the Syrian Protestant College from the Ottoman army and administration. Except

for two weeks in 1917, the College never discontinued its classes.

During World War II, even while the Germans occupied Lebanon under cover of Vichy France, AUB, under the wise management of President Dodge, was able to grow and flourish.

The recent war in Lebanon brought about a different situation and had by far the worst effect on the future of the University. Unfortunately there was no Bliss or Dodge to help in this situation. The protracted war in Lebanon affected AUB very adversely. It was waged, in part, close to the gates of AUB and at times on its own campus. More distressing was the fact that AUB was ignored and, at times, forgotten and forsaken by its own management.

Discipline on campus was lacking, security was absent. The sources of income were greatly reduced and the hospital, filled with the injured, became a financial burden on the University. Almost all the foreign faculty was repatriated. A great number of professors and teachers left the premises because of financial hardships or for safety reasons and went abroad seeking greener pastures.

The future was gloomy, the outcome unclear. Those who stayed at AUB did so at great personal risk. We toiled night and day without rest and in fear. We were always under the threat of being blackmailed, kidnapped, injured or even killed. As a matter of fact some were. We placed our families in great danger.

We chose to hold the fort despite several very lucrative and enticing offers from Europe, the United States or the Gulf. We chose to stand steadfastly behind to offer AUB the best we had and to remain true to the spirit of the Founders. Rumors spread that AUB was to be transferred to Jordan, Turkey, Egypt or Iran.

Towards the end of November 1975, President Kirkwood announced, in a plenary meeting, the administration's intent to mothball the University and to turn the Hospital into a community hospital. That same evening I rushed to Marquand House and had a long chat with the President. I told him in unequivocal terms that we had placed ourselves and our families under the greatest of dangers to preserve this institution and carry it through the very hard times it was witnessing.

I assured him that we would not allow the American University of Beirut to close its doors. We could not see our dreams and all we had sacrificed crumble and go to pieces. The next morning the faculty met informally and opted to defy any decision to close AUB. The order of the day was, "The American University of Beirut is ours and we shall run it in case it is forsaken."

We pledged, on behalf of the entire remaining faculty, to give AUB the equivalent of one month's salary. On December 1st, 1975 (the fateful December first), that is, 93 years after the dismissal of Dr. Edwin Lewis, the Faculty of Medicine adopted the memorable motion which stated in part that "The survival of the American University of Beirut is neither conditional nor revocable, and is the concern of its faculty, students, alumni and staff and not only of its administration and trustees. We ask the Board of Trustees to reverse their decision concerning the preliminary moves for the shut-down of the University including the issuing of termination notices."

This strong stand on the part of the remaining loyal faculty had the greatest influence on reversing the decision to dim AUB into oblivion. Our efforts were not in vain. This date, December 1st, 1975, is what I consider the Second Foundation of AUB. This Institution, on the brink of catastrophe, was saved by the unflinching stand of its native faculty.

This does not mean that we can claim full victory. The war in Lebanon has left its deep ugly imprint on our University. It is true AUB has survived but what kind of life do we seek for it? Do we want a mere place for learning? Should we be satisfied to produce only erudite robots? No! for, Knowledge without Character can indeed be very dangerous.

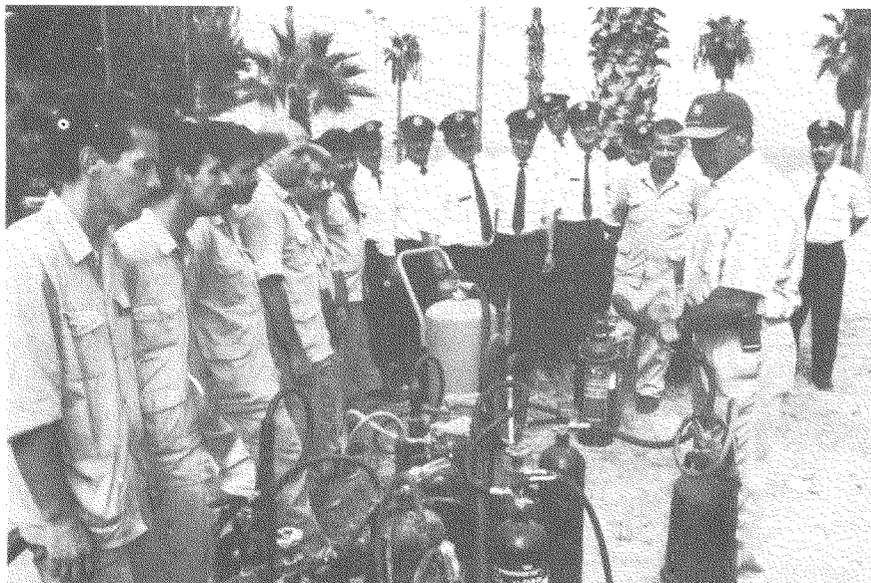
It can bring the downfall of a University, of a community, indeed, of a nation. We have to offer our youth methods to properly mold their character, to teach them the love for and respect of others, to promote their sense of honor, honesty and integrity, to promote their wisdom. In short we should preserve and enhance the traditions we received from our forbears and, through our students, transmit these same traditions as well as the devotion and loyalty to our alma mater to the coming generations.

We should fulfill the wish of our Founder Reverend Daniel Bliss who, at the time of his retirement in 1902, at the ripe age of 80 and after about forty years of service, declared, "This is the purpose, the object of this College, to make noble men, manly men, perfect men."

Greatness is never bestowed it has to be earned. It is not by sitting and watching, by stagnating and being part of happenings that this bastion of education will return to its former greatness. We should earn this greatness. It will never be handed over to us.

Let us therefore all join hands and aim at achieving the goals of our Founders. Let us restore the American University of Beirut to its previous grandeur and its former standing among the best Universities and return it to its deserved rank: the first in the Middle East. Let them have life and have it abundantly.

## Azmi Imad is Director of Environmental Health and Safety Center at AUB



*Mr. Azmi Imad briefs AUB security personnel on fire extinguishing procedures.*

After twenty years of absence, the University is proud to welcome the return of Azmi Philip Imad as Director of the newly established Environmental Health and Safety Center. Mr. Imad was the Director of the Safety Center from 1972 to 1976. In 1976, he emigrated to the United States where he served as Environmental Protection Specialist at the University of Maryland, College Park, from 1976 to 1979. In 1979, he was selected from among 79 applicants to become the first Director of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Mr. Imad's achievements, honors and awards during his stay in the US include the following:

He was a medical research safety consultant to the National Institute of Health in 1976, and assumed the presidency of the National Campus Safety Association in 1988 and 1989.

He established and directed the first environmental health safety department for the University of Colorado, developing an effective

hazardous material management program that made the University of Colorado a national leader in the field of hazardous material management.

As a result of this, Mr. Imad was invited by the National Safety Council as well as the Hudson-Mawhawk Association of Colleges and Universities, to present seminars on safety and hazardous materials throughout the United States. He also produced a video tape training program on laboratory safety that was sold nationally. His technical and managerial papers in the field of environmental health and safety have been published in several journals and books. Recently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) referenced his original work in their laboratory safety standard.

Mr. Imad is listed in **Who Is Who in the West**, and has received several national awards for outstanding safety services (1983) and outstanding leadership in safety (1987, 90, 93, and 94).

Mr. Imad's professional cer-



tification includes: Certified Safety Profession (CSP), Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), and Registration Safety Engineer (RSE).

His education includes a Master's Degree in Medical Relation Physics from the University of London, which he earned while he was a fellow of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of the United Nations.

Mr. Imad visited the University on two occasions before his current appointment. In October 1995 he was consulted to review a report prepared for AUB by an environmental firm. In February 1996, he used his expertise to clean up the Biology Department from hazardous material that had been accumulating for more than 25 years. He also presented plans for cleaning up the rest of the University. On both these occasions, he donated his fees to the University.

In his new appointment, Mr. Imad has been asked to establish the Environmental Health and Safety Center under the leadership of Vice President George Tomey.

This center will include the following services: Risk Management, Laboratory, Workshop and Occupational Safety, Hazardous Material Management and Disposal, Radiation Safety, Sanitation, Biological Safety, Fire Production and Training for the Main Campus, Medical Center, Hospital and Farm.

Among his many achievements in the last two months is the fire fighting training session, the first he has given since leaving AUB in 1976. It was a hands-on training activity preceded by a classroom session where the trainees were given detailed information on what to do in case of fire. This training will be repeated two more times this year until AUB has at least 100 trained personnel.

Other accomplishments include agreements for mutual cooperation with the Beirut Fire Brigade and the Lebanese Army. Mr. Imad will provide his expertise as needed and when time allows, and these two agencies will help the University in fire fighting and the ultimate disposal of explosive chemicals.

Several surveys have been made and actions taken to reduce the risk of explosion in buildings and to improve storage conditions. The hospital was visited and recommendations made to help it meet the standards of the joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO).

Mr. Imad said that AUB is one of the very few institutions that have been accumulating their waste chemicals for many years. He noted that in a way this is responsible action, since other institutions may have dumped their waste with normal trash and thus endangered the environment.

However, the accumulation of waste is a big challenge for Mr. Imad, who has to find innovative means of safe disposal in Lebanon

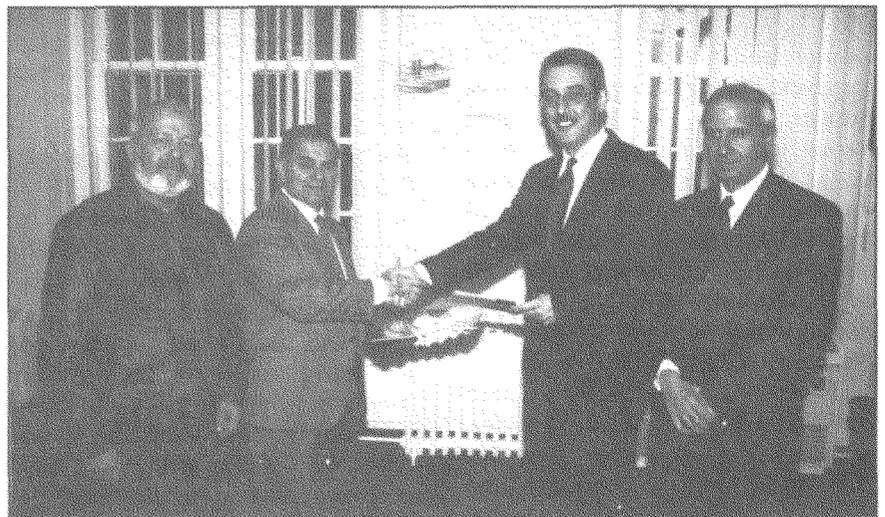
where the country is still without effective regulations regarding hazardous wastes. It is hoped that the systems developed by AUB will become models for other institutions and perhaps for the Lebanese authorities.

Before his arrival at AUB, Mr. Imad was approached by the United Nations Development Program to help the Ministry of Industry

and Oil develop health and safety standards for Lebanon.

Mr. Imad has been encouraged by Vice President Tomey to cooperate fully with government agencies as time permits in the fulfillment of the public service mission of the University. It is believed that other government agencies will also take advantage of Mr. Imad's expertise.

## Middle East Aviation Management Diploma



*At VP-REP office after signing the agreement with AACO-RTC; left to right: Mr. Ahmad Sabbagh, VP A-H Hallab, Mr. A-W Tefaha, and Mr. Musa Anz.*

Under an agreement with the Arab Air Carriers Organization Regional Training Center (AACO-RTC), AUB will design and implement a Middle East Aviation Management Diploma.

The agreement was signed on February 4, 1997 at the Office of the Vice President for Research and External Programs (REP). Vice President Hallab signed for AUB and Mr. Abdul Wahab Tefaha, Secretary General of AACO, represented his organization.

Under this agreement AUB will design a diploma program to develop future aviation executives and enhance the performance of upper middle managers. The diploma is awarded jointly by AACO-RTC and AUB upon the

successful completion of twelve one-week to-three-week modules in two to four years. Its program covers four core areas:

- a) The Changing Regional and International Environment
- b) Management Concepts and Applications
- c) The Organizational Environment
- d) The Manager as an Individual

REP, in coordination with the School of Business and Management, will offer the expertise needed to design and implement the twelve training modules. In addition, REP will offer other courses when requested by AACO-RTC, such as Total Quality Management, Training of Trainers, and Situational Leadership.

## Fulbright Awardee Muhammad Faour Interviewed by the Bulletin

Fulbright awardee and Chairman of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences Professor Muhammad Faour, who is researching Lebanese social and political values and norms, will continue his research at Georgetown University, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies in the spring and summer 1996-1997. He will investigate the prevalence of a set of social and political values and norms among Lebanese women and youth, and will then compare the results with relevant prewar data. The values and norms include family issues such as obedience to parents, particularly the father, priority of the family to the individual over all other group affiliations, love and care for family and kin, and the imperative to get married, especially for women.

Faour is also examining conventions related to gender, such as the modesty code for women, family honor, the traditional role of women as wives and mothers, restricted freedom of women, and sex stereotypes, the traditional belief that women are inferior to men, emotional, irrational, economically dependent on men, and can occupy only 'feminine' jobs.

The last division of norms Faour deals with pertains to confessionalism, parochial loyalties, tolerance of different viewpoints, and acceptance of coexistence with members of other religious sects. The impact of personal attributes such as age, marital status, education, religious affiliation, religiosity, place of residence, and ideological orientation, on these social norms and values will also be investigated.

Faour told the *Bulletin's* Lina Badeeh that the data he has

collected are drawn from a number of recent sample surveys of women and college students conducted after the end of hostilities in Lebanon in 1990. The surveys consist of three representative sample surveys of AUB students carried out in 1991, 1993 and 1994, and a quota-sample survey of adult Lebanese women conducted in 1995. Faour has already processed the current survey data. He collected more data between January and June 1996 from intensive interviews of young Lebanese students and employed adults, veiled Muslim women, and female soldiers and officers.

Faour eventually intends to compare findings of the recent data with relevant, traditional values and norms that are characteristic of Lebanese and Arab society, and with comparable, empirical studies conducted before 1975. Then he will study the similarities and differences along with their main determinants and implications.

"For a better understanding of changing value orientations, the study will be placed in its proper historical context by briefly reviewing the present and past characteristics of the social structure and political system," said Faour.

Professor Faour also spent seven weeks last summer at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California at Berkeley. While there he was appointed as Research Associate in order to prepare the literature review for his research on "Changing Social Norms Among Women and Youth in Post-war Lebanon." At UC-Berkeley, he attended a number of classes in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in order to examine and compare the curricula and teaching methods used at Berkeley with those at AUB.

### Fulbright Award to AUB Professors Abed and Faour



*Dr. Abed.*

*Dr. Faour.*

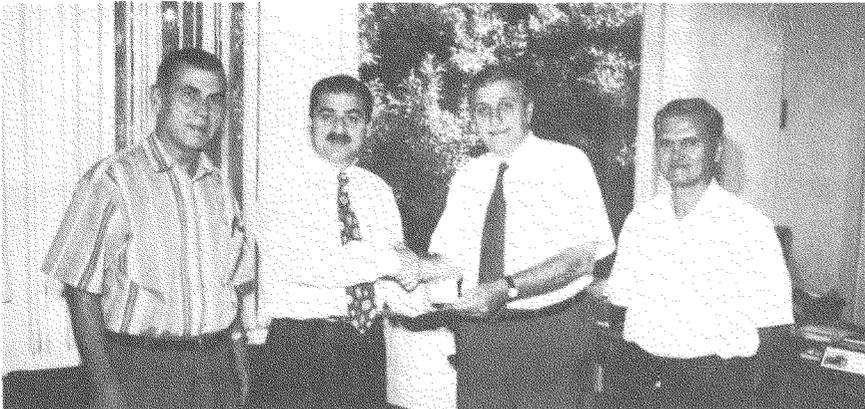
The Cultural Section of the US Embassy recently granted Fulbright Award Scholarships to three Lebanese researchers. Among the grantees are Dr. Jammal Abed of the Department of Architecture and Design, and Professor Muhammad Faour of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

#### The Fulbright Award

Granted to distinguished university researchers, the Fulbright Award covers one year of study and research at a US university of the awardee's choice. The Award, originally proposed by Senator J. William Fulbright, was approved by the US Congress in 1946. Its purpose is to strengthen understanding between peoples. The program is administered by the US Information Agency and the US Embassies in 85 countries and financed by the US Congress, contributions from other governments and from the private sector.

A 12-member committee appointed by the US President decides on the award. Mrs. Maggie Teen, in charge of the Cultural Section at the US Embassy, said that the Fulbright Award Program has helped 31,000 US scientists and 34,000 foreign scientists in their research.

# Hazar Media Group Scholarship



*Mr. Ahmad Dabbous, Managing Director of Hazar Media Group, presents a check to Deputy President Samir Makdisi. Left to right: Mr. N. Zeidan, Mr. Dabbous, Dr. Makdisi and Mr. Sadik Assa'd*

The Hazar Media Group and AUB recently announced the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund to help needy and qualified students. The capital of this fund, which stands at US \$33,000, will be invested and the income used as outright grants. Awards from the fund will begin in academic year 1997-1998.

**Alumni Directory:** The establishment of this scholarship fund is the culmination of a joint effort which began early in 1991. At that time Hazar offered to underwrite the costs of compiling and up-dating alumni addresses and publishing them in an elegant leather-bound directory. The last Directory of Alumni had been published in June 1967.

Hazar Media, a Lebanese-based Pan Arab group, is ably run by its Managing Director Ahmad Dabbous, BE Civil 1973. The United Information Systems, owned by AUB alumnus Ahmad Zrain, M.S. Agriculture 1987, provided the computer programs and technical advice free of charge. Earlier plans to publish a new directory had failed for a number of reasons: the unstable political and security situation in Lebanon, lack of an adequate communication system to contact alumni worldwide, the high cost involved, demographic changes in Lebanon, and continuous changes in the addresses of alumni.

On December 8, 1990, an Alumni Conference in Beirut made plans for

celebrating AUB's 125th anniversary in July 1991. At this meeting the Office of Development presented a Working Paper emphasizing the need for a worldwide directory to facilitate contacts among alumni.

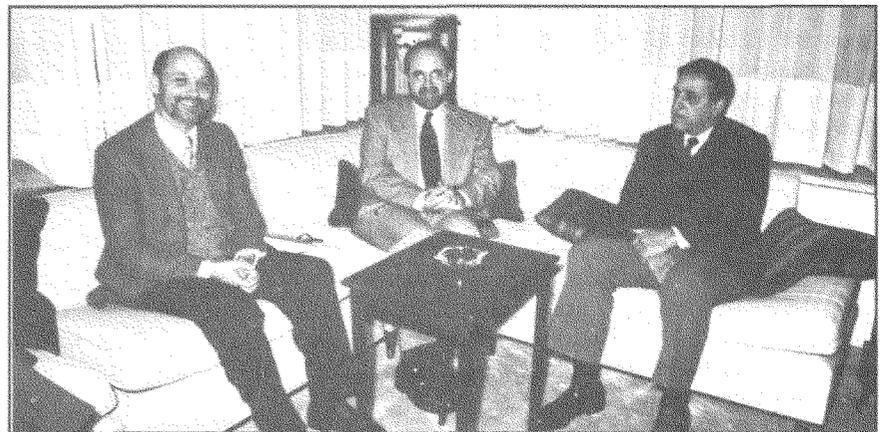
The process of compiling and up-dating addresses began in March

1991 and was completed in November 1992. Alumni branches worldwide were asked to provide up-to-date lists. Advertisements in local and international media called on alumni to provide the University with the necessary information.

The "Directory of Alumni 1870-1991" was published at the beginning of 1993 and was sold at US \$30 to alumni throughout the world. Copies are now available at the Office of Development, Medical Library second floor. Proceeds from the sale will supplement the capital of this endowed scholarship fund.

On October 8, 1996, Mr. Ahmad Dabbous visited the AUB campus and presented a check to Deputy President Samir Makdisi, on behalf of Hazar Media Group. This check represented proceeds from the sale of the directory. Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Mr. Sadik Assa'd, Assistant Director of Development, were present for the occa-

## USIS Delegation Visits AUB



*Left to right: Mr. Data, Mr. Schlicher and Dr. Makdisi.*

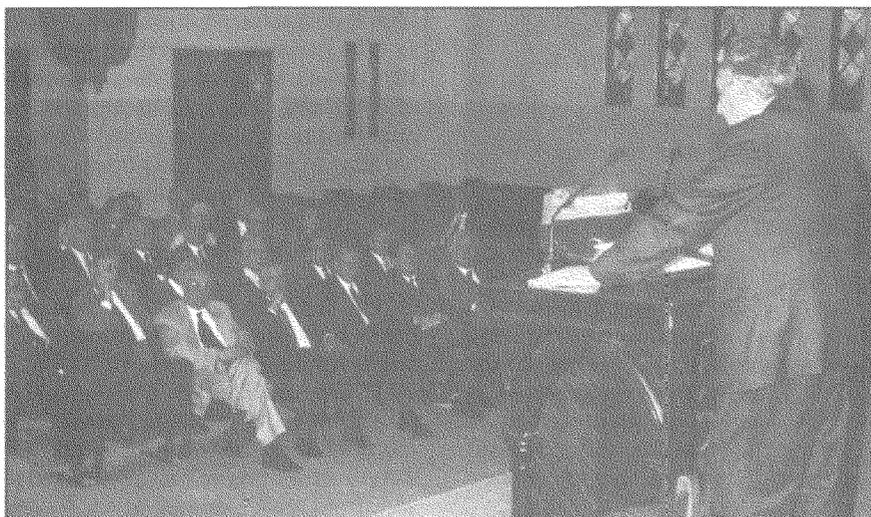
On January 23, 1997, US Chargé D'Affaires Ronald Schlicher visited AUB and LAU. He was accompanied by USIS Mideast Media Executive Christopher Data, Political and Economic Advisor Donald Title and Cultural Advisor Maggie Tean.

Deputy President Makdisi, Vice Presidents and Deans were on hand to receive the US delegation.

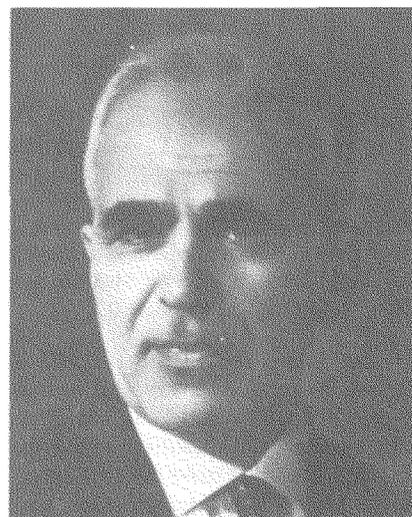
Discussion centered on means of supporting cultural relations between Lebanon and the USA, using the educational training programs of the US Information Service (USIS).

Mr. Data expressed his appreciation for the academic standards of both universities, promising them his full support in recognition of their role in US-Lebanese cultural relations.

## PROFESSOR EMERITUS ZEINE ZEINE 1908-1996



*President Robert Haddad pays tribute to the late Professor Emeritus Zeine Zeine at the memorial ceremony held October 26, 1996 at Assembly Hall.*



*Professor Emeritus Zeine Zeine, in a picture from 1962.*

One of the most respected figures in AUB, Professor Emeritus Zeine Nouredine Zeine, passed away on October 17, 1996.

Professor Zeine taught Modern History of the Near East for more than four decades. He has written several books, among them such prominent titles such as **Arab-Turkish-Relations and the Emergence of Arab Nationalism; The Emergence of Arab Nationalism; The Struggle for Arab Independence; and Western Diplomacy and the Rise and Fall of Faisal's Kingdom in Syria.**

Zeine Nouredine Zeine was born on April 5, 1908 in Haifa, Palestine and earned his BA and MA from AUB in 1929 and 1945. He received his Ph.D from the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University.

Professor Zeine was married to Mary Howie and is survived by his three children Lina, Ramsey and Soumaya. He was holder of the Order of the Cedars (Chevalier Rank).

On Sunday October 26, a memorial ceremony was held for the late Professor Zeine at Assembly Hall. Speeches were given by President Haddad, Professor Kamal Salibi, Minister Walid Junblat, and Mr. Ramsey Zeine, Architect. Dr. Jacob Thaddeus served as Master of Ceremonies and the organist was Professor Robert B. Betts.

Dr. Thaddeus was the first to speak. "Professor Zeine ... lives forever in the minds and hearts of all of us who were fortunate enough to know him and to be associated with him."

President Haddad said that he had read Professor Zeine's works with such "profit and pleasure" that he made them required reading in a number of his courses.

Dr. Haddad added that Zeine Zeine excelled in scholarship and teaching and remains one of the few teachers who is praised on three continents. The President concluded: "Let those of us that at once mourn and celebrate Zeine Zeine

honor his memory by laboring to resurrect the Lebanon that gave him comfort, and by keeping free of sectarian and political intrusion the University his scholarship and teaching adorned."

Speaking next, Professor Kamal Salibi recalled the life and times of his former teacher. He said that Professor Zeine held his students spellbound when he spoke and always chose to dwell on meaningful subjects. He said that Professor Zeine was a brilliant and captivating teacher of Ottoman and modern Middle Eastern history. He remembered him as "the sage: the mold of young minds, and hence of things to come."

Minister Junblat spoke on behalf of Professor Zeine's friends.

Architect Ramsey Zeine, Professor Zeine Zeine's son, closed the ceremony, speaking on behalf of the Zeine family. He recalled his father as a family man and concluded by thanking all those who attended the ceremony.

## PROFESSOR EMERITUS LEVON BABIKIAN 1917-1996



It is with regret that we report the death of Professor Emeritus Levon Babikian on October 28, 1996.

Dr. Babikian was born in Aintab, Turkey on September 8, 1917. He began his career as assistant instructor of chemistry at the AUB School of Nursing in 1941, and in Biology in 1944. Obtaining his Ph.D at the University of Wisconsin in 1958, with a major in Zoology and a minor in Biochemistry, he specialized in Endocrinology. In 1964 he was promoted to full professor and continued to teach until his retirement in 1987. Dr. Babikian became Emeritus Professor in 1993.

During World War II he was an active member of a group from the Departments of Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Microbiology and Pharmacy who prepared biological products and vaccines that were not easily available in Beirut.

### At War

During his second chairmanship of the Department of Biology 1974-1977, he carried the heavy responsibility of

keeping the Department going, even though the faculty was severely depleted because of Lebanon's war. He defended the existence of the Biology Department as a basic necessity in the School of Arts and Sciences. He was a long-time member of the Medical Admissions Committee that selected candidates for the School of Medicine, and his opinion was highly appreciated.

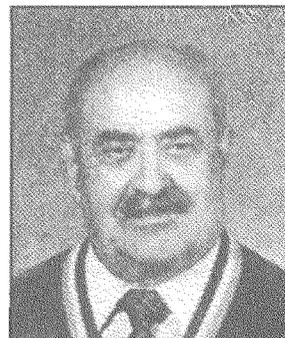
Dr. Babikian was an expert in his field who demanded a high standard of achievement from his students, both graduates and undergraduates. An excellent teacher, he was liked and respected by students and colleagues. Dr. Babikian, who always maintained the highest integrity of character and demanded absolute honesty from his students, also possessed a developed sense of civic responsibility. It was this sense of responsibility that led him to advise a number of social and educational organizations in the Armenian community.

### Main Pillar

In a letter to Dr. Babikian dated November 7, 1977 Dean of A&S, Dr. Elie Salem wrote: "You have given the Department of Biology more than anybody else can give and you have done that under the most difficult conditions. You held the Department with firm hands when everything around you was in flux...you constitute the main pillar in the structure of the Department...."

The AUB community extends to Mrs. Babikian, her daughter Arlene and two sons Arnold and Donald their sincerest condolences.

## ADIB J. SARKIS 1909-1996



Those who knew Dr. Adib Sarkis knew in him a forceful man who had a smile on his face, and a touch of humor that denoted the poet in the scientist.

Adib Sarkis was born in Bishmezzine, Koura, in 1909. After completing his secondary school studies he taught at Brummana High School, and in Iraq. He then came to AUB to continue his higher studies, receiving his BA in 1939. In October of that year, he began teaching at AUB. Pursuing his studies while teaching, he earned an MA in 1942 and a Ph.D. in 1957 from Ohio State University.

Dr. Sarkis taught chemistry at AUB and served as chairman of that Department. Although he retired from AUB in 1976, he continued his research work, including time at the University of California-San Diego. He also taught chemistry at Balamand University until his last days. In July 1994 AUB named him Professor Emeritus of Chemistry.

Dr. Sarkis has several published articles in the field of chemistry. He also chaired the Lebanese Chemistry Association from 1971 until 1974.

Dr. Sarkis married Samira Jaber, and raised a family of four: Daisy, May, Huda, and Pierre. He will always be remembered by his students and many friends.

# Sheikha Hussah al-Sabah at AUB Museum



*Sheikha Hussah al-Sabah at the AUB Museum.*

A large audience gathered at the Museum on October 30 to hear an illustrated lecture by Sheikha Hussah Sabah Salim al-Sabah of Kuwait. Sponsored by the Society of the Friends of the Museum, the lecture addressed "The Artistic Genesis in Wood and Precious Stones: Objects From the Islamic Art Museum in Kuwait."

Kuwait-born Sheikha Hussah holds a BA in English Literature from the University of Kuwait and is co-owner with her husband, Sheikh Nasser al-Sabah al-Ahmad, of the Kuwait Museum's al-Sabah Collection. She has been director of the Dar-al-Athar al-Islamiyyah since it opened in 1983, and is also a member of the board of the Council for Culture, Arts and Letters in Kuwait.

After briefly discussing the Dar-al-Athar al-Islamiyyah, which is a public institution based on the Al-Sabah collection, Sheikha Hussah showed slides of representative pieces.

The lecture itself began with an exploration of the design, background and history of a pair of

wooden doors, probably made in Morocco during the Marinid dynasty (1248-1428 c AD.)

The doors are divided into two sections. The upper panels display a typical Maghribi approach, where huge many-pointed stars are used. The lower panels have a star pattern based on the repetition of the equilateral triangle, with twelve-pointed stars at their apexes.

Emeralds, well known in the ancient world, were the main focus of the lecture. Until the discovery of emeralds in South America by the Spaniards in the early 16th century, the chief source was Qus in Egypt. Unlike the relatively poor quality of the Qus emeralds, the South American stones were incredibly deep-green, with extraordinary luster.

**The Bibi Emerald:** Sheikha Hussah talked about "The Bibi Emerald," which according to most gem experts and art historians is unique for its purity, intensity of color, size and engraving.

It has been dated to 1575-1585/

95 by comparing the carving to the sandstone relief panels in a Turkish Sultana's house at Fathpur Sikri. The carving shows wind swept palm trees, ashoka trees or else a stand of bamboo or papyrus.

In purely Islamic terms this Indian tradition of asymmetry and naturalism is first seen in the mihrab screen dated 1191, of the Quwwat ul-Islam in Delhi.

**Garden of Eternal Spring:** "The Kidney-shaped Emerald, weighing 178.9 carats, dates to the last quarter of the 17th century. To understand this emerald with a poppy design, Sheikha Hussah said, one must first examine the reign of Akbar's son Jahangir and that of his grandson, Shah Jehan.

In March of 1620, when Jahangir made his first visit to Kashmir, he wrote that "Kashmir is a garden of eternal spring."

The emperor's first impression was reflected in all the art of his time. The style, however, gradually departed from the naturalistic to an increasingly free flowing stylized interpretation under Jahangi.

The third emerald in this study is a 73.2-carat hexagonal stone engraved with the al-Kursi verse from the Qur'an. This dates from 1650.

The delicacy of the engraving sets this gem apart from other surviving calligraphic Moghul emeralds. "The engraver had such control over his medium that it is difficult to believe that such an inscription could be engraved into an emerald," she said.

In conclusion, Sheikha Hussah shocked her audience by reminding them that the whereabouts of the three beautiful emeralds she had just discussed are unknown. They disappeared during the war in Kuwait and Iraq, and are presumed stolen.

## Lecture by Dr. Hayat Salam - Liebich: Who Built Tripoli?



*Dr. Hayat Salam - Liebich: the New Tripoli was built by the Mamluks.*

Dr. Hayat Salam - Liebich gave an illustrated lecture entitled "Who Built Tripoli?" at the AUB Museum on February 19. She spoke at the invitation of the Society of the Friends of the AUB Museum.

Dr. Salam - Liebich said that Tripoli, founded by the Phoenicians in the 8th century BC, became in turn a Greek, Roman, Arab and Crusader City. When recaptured by the Arabs in 1293, old Tripoli was razed to the ground and a whole

new city was built to replace it. The "New Tripoli," built by the Mamluks, about 700 years ago, was made up of a harmonious group of monuments reflecting the social, cultural and economic needs of the times as well as the architectural trends of the period.

Dr. Salam - Liebich said that the uniqueness of Tripoli lies in the fact that it was a city conceived at one time and built from scratch over two centuries.

Dr. Salam - Liebich pointed out that 35 monuments of this Mamluk city are still standing and mostly functioning. The buildings cover the whole range of civil, religious and military architecture. She said that this coherent corpus of buildings can tell us who in 14th - 15th century built Tripoli, what type of building it was, and for what purpose.

As to the style of these unique monuments, Dr. Salam - Liebich said they drew heavily on known elements (minarets, domes, windows,....) of the time. The Mamluk influences of Cairo, Damascus and Aleppo were important, but so were borrowings from the Crusaders, the Classical World and the Moslem West (i.e. Morocco).

She added: "While the local aristocracy and central authority sponsored the secular buildings (such as *khans* and *hammams*) at the very beginning of the reconstruction of the new city, religious buildings were endowed equally by local officials and the city bourgeoisie, without much differentiation in terms of size or timing."

### Jafet Online

On March 10 Jafet Library launched the test version of its online catalog. Users are now able to access collections in Jafet, Science and Engineering from Jafet Library alone. Means of accessing the catalog via the web will be announced later. Using the card catalog is still necessary, however, since titles received and processed after January 1996 and the Arabic titles are not yet included in the system.

Training sessions on using the system will be held in Jafet Library every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, twice a day, from 11:00 am to 11:30 am, and from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### Dr. Mona Amyuni in US Tour

Dr. Mona Amyuni, professor in the Civilization Sequence Program, recently toured the US, giving lectures at several universities. At UCLA (University of California Los Angeles) Dr. Amyuni's lecture entitled "The Literature of War in Lebanon: 1975-1995" was given at the invitation of the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Enrichment Program and the G. E. Von Grunbaum Centre for Near Eastern Studies.

Dr. Amyuni was invited by the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University to present a lecture entitled: "What Has Happened to the Arab Man/

Arab Woman's Psyche Since the 1960's: A Study in a Few Literary Masks."

Dr. Amyuni also participated in the thirtieth annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) in Providence, Rhode Island. Her presentation was entitled: "Shifting Boundaries: Beirut 1993-1995."

Dr. Amyuni is the author of many articles on Arabic Literature including: "The Literature of Wounded Beirut," "Women in Contemporary Arabic and Francophone Fiction," and "Women and Writing in Lebanon Today."

# Phoenician Entrance to Beirut Found



*Above and below: two views of Beirut's Phoenician wall.*

The third round of excavations in the area between El-Saifi and the former Rivoli has uncovered the entrance of Phoenician Beirut.

Between August 28 and October 2 a German team led by Professor Hover Vinc Bainer of Tubingen University returned to the downtown Beirut excavation site. The team continued its work with the help of a Lebanese team headed by Dr. Helen Sader. Dr. Sader earned her Ph.D in Ancient Semitic Epigraphy and Assyriology in Germany.

The team's work was rewarded with the discovery of a stairway in the heart of the Phoenician wall. The stairway consisted of four steps going from the southeast to the northwest. It was evident that the stairway formed the entrance to the Phoenician city, which was surrounded by a wall. It is believed that this entrance was used by both pedestrians and animals. In a later period, a small room was built to reinforce the stairway and protect it.

Dr. Sader said that there were two goals in resuming work on the site. The first was to find out

what the use of the entrance was. The second was to continue a stratigraphical study of the site. A study of the stratified rocks over the Phoenician wall would help in an exact interpretation and reconstruction of history.

Indeed, layers of different periods going back to 800 BC have appeared. They range from Byzantine, Roman and Hellenic to Persian and Phoenician. Dr. Sader also confirmed that the wall surrounding the city was built before 900 BC, although the exact date could not be determined.

Five dog skeletons were found in the site. Interestingly, eight other dog skeletons had previously been unearthed there. Such discoveries confirm the presence of a cemetery very similar to the ones in Khaldeh and Ashkelon in Palestine.

Although the cemetery could not be fully explained, Dr. Sader said that dogs were symbols of a healing goddess and this was why they were worshipped. This may have been related to the disease rabies.

The joint Lebanese-German

team submitted a project to the Directorate of Antiquities for preserving the site. The team suggested that a pathway for pedestrians be built at the base of the wall, where people could pass. This plan would give an impression of the greatness of the defensive wall. In addition, the presence of the stairway would be an important factor in preserving the site and demonstrating its importance.

Dr. Sader noted that although the excavation site was very narrow, they had found three walls there: The first, a Phoenician wall from the Iron Age dating to 900 BC. The second was a wall from the Middle Bronze Age which dates to early 2000 BC. The third wall was from the Late Bronze Age, about 2500 BC.

Although the base of the wall was reached, the excavation between the Rivoli and Saifi has not yet ended. The site remains as all the other excavation sites do, dependent on available funds.

**Amal Abi Rafeh.**



## Feminist Writing? Let me think



*Hanane El-Cheikh.*

Early in December 1996, noted writer Hanane El-Cheikh visited Beirut and spoke at AUB in a discussion entitled: Feminist Writing? Let me think.

The event was organized by the Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages.

## EU-Lebanon Partnership



*Albert de Maes.*

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration recently presented a lecture by European Union consultant Albert de Maes. The subject of his lecture was the partnership between the European Union and Lebanon. The event took place at the Nicely Conference Hall in collaboration with the European Union Delegation in Lebanon.

## New Book by AUB Publications

**Franco-Arab Encounters**, edited by L. Carl Brown and Matthew s. Gordon, has just been published by AUB Academic Publications.

Over the last two centuries the French dimension of Arab history has loomed large. The Arab world has, equally, played a major role in recent French history. **Franco-Arab Encounters** treats the many aspects of this interaction, tracing not just the political but the cultural, social and intellectual as well. Twenty authors present these "encounters" in seven sections, covering the Arab world from Morocco to Saudi Arabia over the past two hundred years. Several chapters deal with Lebanon, including reminiscences from Dr. Kamal Salibi, who writes of Ras Beirut and AUB in the 1940's and 50's.

**Franco-Arab Encounters** is dedicated to the memory of David C. Gordon, a pioneer and leader in this field of scholarship, who taught history at AUB in 1949-1955, and again in 1958-1975.

The hardcover illustrated book is available at LL40,000 from the AUB Bookstore or from Naufal Press in Beirut (opposite Idriss Supermarket).

## Reception for Economics Students Society



*Professor Ghazi Sirhan addresses the faculty.*

The Economics Students Society annual reception, held October 14, was attended by almost 150 faculty members and students.

Mr. Danny Dagher, Society president, introduced his cabinet members and then welcomed the Economics Faculty. He also reported on the Society's activities in academic year 1995-1996.

Next, Professor Ghazi Sirhan, Chairman of the Economics Department, thanked the Society for

inviting the faculty. He also welcomed the sophomore students who had recently joined the Department.

Next on the program were Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi and Dr. Bassel Fuleihan, economic advisor to the Minister of Finance, who spoke on job opportunities for young economists.

Business over, food and drinks were served, followed by a lively tombola.

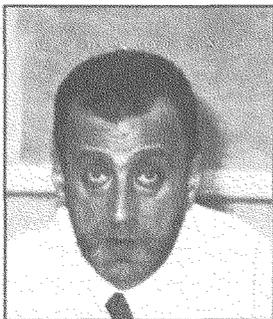
## Moussalli on the Arab-Israeli Peace Process

The CS Forum began its lecture series for the 1996-1997 academic year on October 23, with Professor Ahmad Moussalli of the PSPA Department. He spoke on the Prospects of the Arab-Israeli Peace Process.

CS Forum Coordinator Professor Seta Dadoyan introduced Professor Moussalli with a brief account of his academic achievements. The author of many books and articles, Professor Moussalli has received several awards. One of his publications, **Radical Islamic Fundamentalists**, has been selected as an outstanding academic book. He has also won the Abdul-Hamid Shoman Prize for Young Arab Scientists.

Professor Moussalli opened his lecture by pointing out the strategic interests of the United States in the Middle East region-- mainly, oil and Israel.

"The US uses Israel as its weapon in the Middle East and the center of the new regional order, of which Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey are the new pillars," said Moussalli. "On the other hand, the



US is applying a dual containment doctrine to Iran and Iraq, stirring them up against each other."

The lecturer said that the Arab-Israeli conflict was the principal problem en-

countered by the Americans, as well as the emergence of multipolar structures that are attempting to draw a balance with the power of the US.

The majority of Israelis, according to Mousalli, do not support peace with the Arabs, Dr. Moussalli. While Muslim activists regard Jerusalem as an Islamic endowment which cannot be bargained over, the Jews highly revere the city and attach similar political relevance to it. The conflict is turning into a religious one.

He added that the peace process has reached a deadlock. In delaying it, the Israelis are postponing a solution not only to the prevailing problem, but to the ultimate resolution of a final Palestinian settlement.

The Syrians, he pointed out, are not only negotiating over the Golan Heights but their role in the new regional order.

The lecturer expected Israel to launch a deadly but short war, which would change the terms of current agreements and give Israel time to delay the setting up of a Palestinian state. He added that the poor economic situation the Arabs are experiencing is intensifying the conflict. For example, 60% of the Palestinians are unemployed. Palestine is not excluding the possibility of war. Neither is Egypt or Syria. Moussalli ended the lecture by drawing a few scenarios, with war the most likely. There followed a period of discussion about the prospects of war and peace in the Middle East.

Professor Moussalli has engaged in many international scholarly activities concerning Islamic studies. He participated in a conference in Amsterdam in September 1995 and another in Copenhagen in June 1996. He also contributed to two conferences in Amman in spring of 1996. In addition he has given frequent lectures at conferences in Beirut.

## Theroux speaks on the Politics of Censorship

On October 29, 1996 American writer and translator Peter Theroux spoke on "The Politics of Censorship." The lecture was given at the invitation of AUB's Center for Behavioral Research .

In Beirut on assignment for **National Geographic Magazine**, Theroux focused on his experience translating nine Arabic books, mostly novels and most of them censored for political, religious or social reasons in some Arab countries. These include the **Cities of Salt** series of



novels by Abdel Rahman Munif, **Children of the Alley** by Najib Mahfouz and **Saraya the Ogre's Daughter** by Emile Habiby.

The discussion period dealt with out-

right political censorship as well as direct and indirect restrictions on the publication, translation, distribution and promotion of literary works in the Middle East,

Europe and North America.

Outside the Middle East, in Theroux's view, cultural shortcomings and commercial motives are most likely to slow down the publication of new Arab works, although the success of the novels of Mahfouz, Munif, Hanan El-Cheikh, Jean Said Makdisi and others are changing the thinking of publishers.

Theroux has previously written **National Geographic** articles on Syria, Cairo and the Nile River Delta. The article on the city of Beirut will appear in mid-1997.

# DR. WILLIAM WARD

1928-1996

Long-time member and Chairman of the Department of History and Archaeology, Professor William Ward died suddenly on September 13, 1996 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1928, William Ward's life was relatively short in terms of years, but in a professional sense, it was long and full.

After receiving his MA from the University of Chicago in 1955, and his Ph.D. from Brandeis University a few years later, William Ward embarked upon an academic career which was to last as long as he lived. In all the universities at which he taught, in Lebanon and in the USA, Professor Ward was known as an inspiring and generous teacher, patiently unlocking the secrets of archaeology for his students and recreating for them the splendor of Egypt's ancient civilization and its contacts with its neighbors, particularly the Phoenicians.

But it was as a researcher and writer that he made his greatest impact. In the course of three decades he became a leading authority in the field of Egyptology as it related to scarabs, seals and amulets, to ancient religious thought and practice, and to cross-cultural relations and trade in the ancient Mediterranean. He published more than ten scholarly books and monographs on the subject, the most important being *The Spirit of Ancient Egypt, The 12th Dynasty Scarab-Amulets*, as well as his last book, entitled *Scarabs and their Contexts*. Dr. Ward's many articles, numbering about one hundred, have appeared in many of the most prestigious periodicals devoted to the study of Ancient Egypt and the Levant. As a body, these articles attest to the diversity



*Dr. Ward in 1963.*

of his academic preoccupations, the depth of his knowledge, and the maturity of his thought.

Professionally, ancient Egypt and the Levant were William Ward's academic home. But, existentially and spiritually, Lebanon was the home he never left, although in the closing years of his life he was compelled to stay away. His greatest academic satisfaction may well have derived from the fact that in 1969 he was able to return *Berytus Archaeological Studies* to its original place of publication at AUB, in the Faculty of Arts & Sciences. As its editor for many years, he raised it to what is most probably the most important archaeological journal in the Middle East. The work which he started will thus survive him. This, surely, is how he would have wanted it.

William Ward is survived by his wife Ula, and his six sons and daughters. To them, the Department of History and Archaeology extends its condolences, sharing in their bereavment, and mourning with them the death of a loving father, an eminent colleague and a dear friend.

## Hall Winslow

Hall Winslow, 78, of Atlanta, a writer and photographer, died on July 5, 1996. After World War II service in the US Navy, he graduated from Columbia University and later received a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Pratt Institute. He came to AUB in the Fall of 1949 as an Instructor in English and in the newly-established class of Journalism. Under his guidance *Outlook*, the AUB newspaper, was launched.

After leaving the University he served as Editor of *al-Kulliyah, Middle East Forum*. He returned to the US and worked as a planner for the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission in New York. Residing in Atlanta since 1986, he was active in community development of the Great Park area. His poems have appeared in the *Chattahoochee Review* and other journals and his photographs of Greece were exhibited at the Oxford Art Gallery in 1994. His works have also been shown in other galleries in Atlanta and New York City.

Hall Winslow is survived by his former wife Maryette Charlton who also taught Fine Arts at AUB in the fifties, and a son, Kirk A. Winslow, both of New York.

## A Modern English Version of the Qur'an

A modern English version of the Qur'an, translated by AUB Emeritus Professor of Philosophy Majid Fakhry, was published in fall 1996 by Garnet Publishing Ltd., in England.

This comprehensive and accurate rendering of the Qur'an into modern English will introduce it to a much wider audience than before. The clear, rigorous translation makes it accessible to students, teachers of religious studies, non-Arab Muslims and all who are interested in Islam.

# European Union Peace Delegate Talks About the ME Peace Process



*Dr. Samir Khalaf, left, introduces Ambassador Moratinos.*

On March 10, 1997, AUB's Center for Behavioral Research (CBR), headed by Dr. Samir Khalaf, presented a lecture by Ambassador Miguel Angel Moratinos. His subject was the State of the Middle East Peace Process and the European Role in the Process.

In his lecture, Ambassador Moratinos proposed an EU formula for negotiations under a new slogan: Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories in exchange for "full security" for all the countries in the region. Contrary to public opinion, Moratinos said, "the reported death of the Middle East Peace process is greatly exaggerated."

Moratinos discussed the Israelis' favorable mood for a quick settlement with the Arabs and remarked on the progress that has already been made. "Who would have imagined that there would be a partnership between the Palestinians and Israelis?" he asked. Who would have thought that Netanyahu would be shaking hands

with Yasser Arafat, releasing female prisoners, and signing the Hebron agreement?"

Moratinos denied that Europe and the US were competing for a major role in the region, saying that the two roles are complementary.

"There were some misunderstandings and some his-

torical events that were not the best pages in diplomatic history," he said," but that is all in the past."

With regard to Lebanon's role in the region, Moratinos said that Lebanon should become "economically competitive." The country "has the right and the assets to be an open, free and independent state," he said. Lebanon has Europe's full support, but it needs "to overcome certain political obstacles."

"This is where Europe's role comes in," Ambassador Moratinos said; "to help overcome the situation prevailing in southern Lebanon, to recover the full sovereignty of the country."

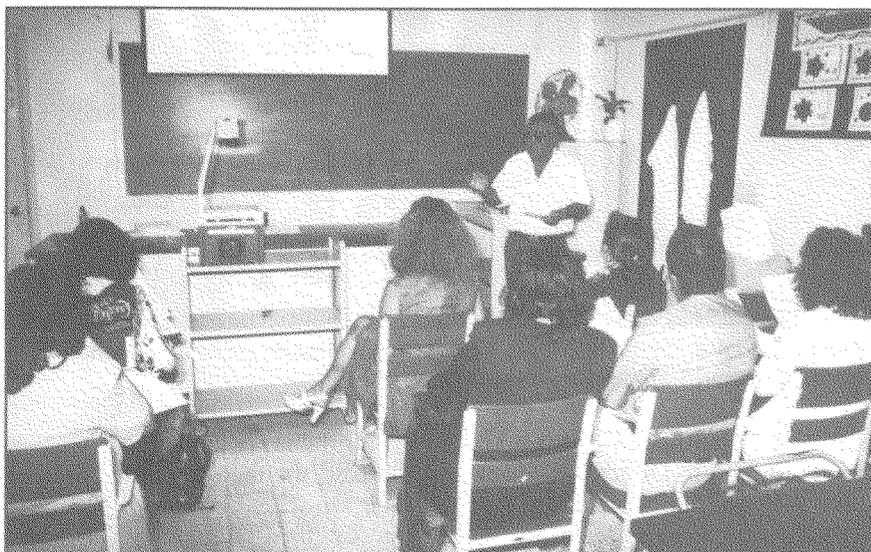
A well known expert on Mediterranean policy issues, Miguel Moratinos has been Ambassador to several countries in the Middle East. He has degrees in law, political science and international studies and was in the European Special Delegation to the Middle East peace talks.



*Ambassador Moratinos to his audience: Lebanon should become economically competitive.*

## DIVISION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### Education Seminars in September

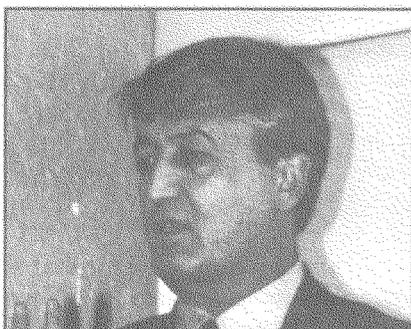


*Dr. Murad Jurdak at an education seminar.*

The Division of Education Programs organized thirteen educational training seminars last September. The seminars covered a wide variety of education topics including teaching English, teaching mathematics and science, administration, inspection methods, and pre-school education.

Participating were 322 instructors and administrators from over 40 schools in Lebanon, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Teachers from the Education Department of AUB lectured at the events, as did several teachers from other Lebanese educational institutions.

### SMEC Lecture



*Dr. Mustafa Yaghi.*

On December 11 Dr. Mustafa Yaghi, Director of the Science Section and General Coordinator of the Science Curriculum Committees at the National Center for Research

and Development (CERD) lectured on "The New Proposed Science Curricula in Lebanon."

The lecture was attended by University faculty and personnel from a variety of schools and universities. This was the first of a series of lectures organized by the Science and Math Education Center during the 1996-97 academic year.

Dr. Yaghi's lecture focused on the process and content of the new science curricula at the elementary, intermediate and secondary levels. A discussion afterwards focused on the possible implications of implementing the new curriculum at the national level.

### Education Forum



*Dr. Frank Dall at the Education Forum.*

The Education Forum launched its season for fall 1996-97 with a presentation by Dr. Frank Dall, UNICEF Regional Education Advisor, who spoke on "UNICEF Education Strategies/Compulsory Free Education." The presentation, held in Fisk Hall on November 12, was attended by Mr. Thomas Ikvall, UNICEF Representative in Lebanon, UN officials, and faculty members from AUB, LAU and other institutions. Dr. Dall gave evidence from research in support of compulsory free education and its long term financial benefits. He also outlined UNICEF's current educational strategies in the region.

### "An Outing in Lebanon"

A competition for third intermediary private and public school students was launched on November 26 at the Dar An-Nadwa cultural establishment in Beirut. Entitled "An Outing in Lebanon," it is organized by the Ajialana (our generations) Association.

The competition is the idea of DEP's Dr. Najla Bashour. "Its purpose is to familiarize youth with their country and to encourage them to get to know it better through educational and entertaining incentives," she said.

# Special English Program Closes



*Reception for Special English instructors, left. In the photo at right, left to right: Vice President Hallab, Professor Shaaban, Deputy President Makdisi and Mr. Mustafa Zaatari, Director General of the Hariri Foundation.*

The Special English Language Training (SET) Program, sponsored by the Hariri Foundation since 1984, discontinued operations on August 31. The Hariri Foundation took this step in order to emphasize other priorities and to concentrate on vocational training for Foundation loan applicants.

Dr. Abdel-Hamid Hallab, VP-

REP and Mr. Mustafa Zaatari, Hariri Foundation Director General, gave the program instructors a reception on September 6 in appreciation for their twelve years of dedicated service. Among those present at the Marquand House garden were Deputy President Makdisi, deans, and faculty with whom the instructors had worked.

Both Dr. Hallab and Mr. Zaatari thanked the instructors for helping their students become proficient in the English language. They also praised the instructors for meeting the many challenges they had faced at AUB and for going beyond the call of duty. Everyone at the reception wished them continued success in their careers.

## Education Student Society Get-together



*New cabinet of the Education Student Society. Left to right: Rola Hussein, Member at Large; Rasha Hassanieh, secretary; Sandra Azar, Vice President; Fida Rahhal, President; Rola Zein, Treasurer; and Dr. Amal Bouzeineddine, Advisor.*

On November 15 the Education Student Society organized an acquaintance gathering for its faculty members, students and staff.

Miss Fida Korfali President of the Cabinet began the proceedings with a short speech encouraging members of the Education Society

to participate in the activities planned for the coming year. She then introduced the members of the cabinet. First named was Cabinet advisor Dr. Amal Bou Zeineddine, who in addition to her successful academic efforts, contributes to the successes of Education Department activities. Other members are: Miss Sandra Azar--Vice President, Miss Rola Zein--Treasurer, Miss Rania Hussein--Public Relations and Miss Rasha Hassanieh-- Secretary.

Also attending were a number of faculty members including Professors M. Jurdak, H. Yaghi, M. Abou Saba, G. Gaith, F. Haddad, S. Boujaoude, K. Al Hassan, S. Mukkalid A. Bou-Zeineddine and N. Hassan.

Many education students were also present.

## National Cleanliness Day

On November 16, 1996 the Health Sciences Chapter of the AUB Alumni Association marked National Cleanliness Day by participating in a series of special activities. These events were held in collaboration with the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The program began as students, faculty members and alumni joined representatives from other organizations and universities who gathered on Hamra Street. While there, they met with Minister of Environment Mr. Akram Chuhayyeb.

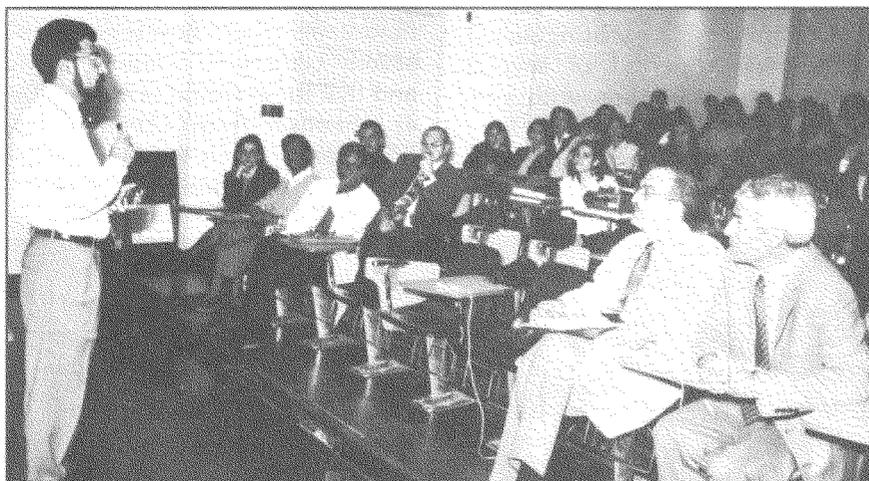
The AUB group then marched to the sea front area facing the AUB Beach gate where under the auspices of the *Mouhafez* of Beirut Mr. Nicolas Saba they planted palm trees. Mr. Saba thanked the AUB group for their efforts in promoting a healthier environment and hoped

that this experience would set an example for other communities in Beirut and Lebanon.

In the afternoon, AUB Environmental Health experts discussed current issues with students and alumni at the Faculty of Health Sciences Amphitheater. Mr. Raif Milki, environmental health lecturer at AUB, described the concept of National Cleanliness Day as initiated by the Australian Ambassador Mr. Ian Parmeter. Drs. Jurdi and Nuwayhid then discussed solid-waste management in Lebanon and its ramifications on public health.

The Alumni Health Sciences Chapter and the Faculty of Health and Sciences thanked all those who made the event a success, specially AUB's Physical Plant, which provided the Washington Palm trees and assisted in the planting.

## Weekly FHS Seminars



*Dr. Iman Nuwayhed introduces Drs. Salti and Khogali at an FHS seminar.*

FHS holds weekly seminars (Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.) on various health-related topics. These seminars are attended by FHS faculty, staff, students and interested members of the AUB community.

Dr. Elie Karam, the first guest speaker in this year's series, gave a seminar entitled "War and Mental

Health in Lebanon War - Studies: Tools and Results." Other seminars included a joint lecture by Drs. Ibrahim Salti and Mustafa Khogali on "Risk Factors Among the Lebanese Population;" Dr. Antoine Haddad on "Poverty in Lebanon" and Dr. Nasri Kawar on "Pesticides in Lebanon: Policies and Regulations."

## EEC Collaborative Grant to Abla Sibai of FHS

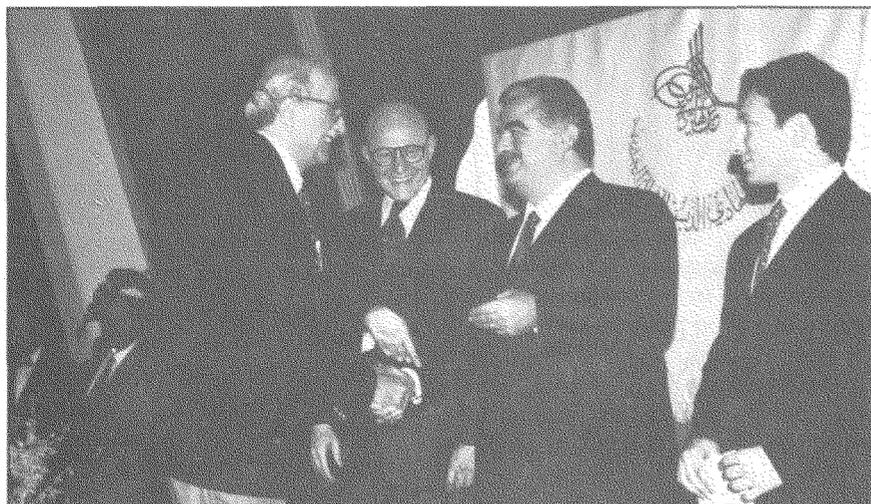
Ms. Abla Sibai, instructor in the Faculty of Health Sciences, has been awarded a 79,000 ECU collaborative grant from the European Economic Commission (EEC). The grant will allow her to conduct a project entitled "A Proposal to Assess the Impact on Families and State of Traumatic Injury - Related Disability."

The project is a collaborative study among researchers from different countries, including France, England and the Autonomous Palestinian Authority. The overall objective of the study is to assess the prevalence of disability, both physical and mental. It will also examine and evaluate current arrangements and available support, focusing on the interface between private and public health social care provision. Findings of the project, which will last 33 months starting September 1996, will be disseminated in the region through meetings and workshops.

## Dr. May Jurdi in Seminar on Water Resources in Lebanon

Dr. May Jurdi from AUB's Faculty of Health Sciences recently took part in a seminar about establishing an information bank on water resources in Lebanon. The seminar was organized by the National Council for Scientific Research and held in collaboration with the Arab League and the Ebert Foundation of Germany.

## 1996 Debs Prize for Excellence Awarded to Professor Suhayl Jabbur



*Professor Jabbur receiving the award from Premier Hariri. H.E. Tammam Salam is to the right of the Premier, while Mr. Bassam Abdel Hadi Debs, son of the founder of the awarding association, is on his left.*

Professor Suhayl J. Jabbur was awarded the 1996 Prize for Excellence for best achievement in the field of Science in Lebanon. Professor Jabbur received the Prize, offered by the "Abdul Hadi Debs Welfare Association in Lebanon," from Prime Minister Rafic Hariri at a nationally televised ceremony. The ceremony at the Coral Beach Hotel on December 9 was attended by about 400 people, including representatives of governmental, religious, educational and research institutions in Lebanon.

The Debs Welfare Association was established in 1994 and the Prize Program was launched in early 1996. Its purpose is to acknowledge and encourage excellence in creative work in the fields of Islamic studies, the humanities, the sciences and the arts.

Each prize consists of a certificate and a cash reward of \$50,000. Nominations in each of the four

fields are evaluated and judged by a Committee of Distinguished Peers over a period of several months in consultation with specialists from abroad.

This year, only two of the four fields were deemed worthy of the

prize: in the field of Science to Dr. Jabbur and in the Arts to the musician, Mr. Toufic el-Bacha.

Master of Ceremonies Dr. Hisham Nashabi gave a brief resume of each laureate's career. This was followed by Prime Minister Hariri and President of the Debs Association and the Makassed Foundation, M.P. Tammam Salam, who spoke to the assembled guests.

After receiving his Prize, Dr. Jabbur spoke about the importance of team work and the climate of freedom in Lebanon which had made research possible during his thirty-six years of academic work at AUB, including the trying years of the Lebanese war. He expressed his strong hope that in the future the Lebanese mountains would host regional research centers in various fields and that these would bring together scientists from Lebanon, the neighboring Arab region, Europe and North America.



*Dignitaries at the ceremony where Professor Suhayl Jabbur was awarded the 1996 Debs Prize for Excellence.*

## DR. SAMIH ALAMI 1931-1997



Announcing the death of Dr. Samih Alami, Director of the Clinical Laboratory at AUH, Dr. Samir S. Najjar, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, made the following statement:

"It gives me great pain and sadness to announce to the AUB community at large and to the Faculty of Medicine and the Medical Center family in particular, the untimely death of Dr. Samih Alami. Samih passed away the morning of Wednesday March 5, 1997.

Dr. Alami was born in 1931 in Gaza, Palestine. He received his BA in 1952 from AUB and his MA in 1955 from the University of Texas. He earned his Ph.D. in 1960 from the University of Oklahoma and his MD in 1965 from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Alami did his Internship at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center and his Clinical Pathology Residency at Baylor University Medical Center.

Dr. Alami's involvement with this Institution as a student and faculty member spans a period of almost fifty years, during which his contributions to the University and to the Faculty of Medicine and the Medical Center have been generous and surpass enumeration.

His loyalty to AUB had no limits and never wavered. His fundraising efforts sustained the University in some of its most difficult times. Scores of students benefited from scholarships and other forms of financial aid he solicited from friends and acquaintances.

Dr. Alami built, and for thirty years directed, a first-rate Clinical Laboratory that is the pride of the Medical Center. Here again he reached his friends to donate equipment when the University budget was very limited.

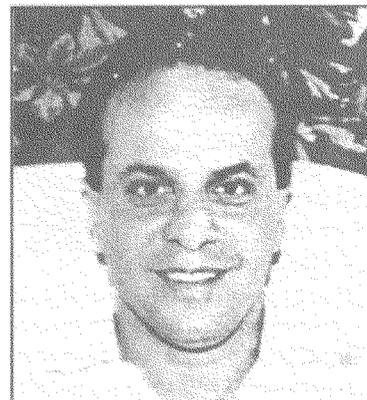
Most of all, his congenial personality and his enthusiasm for helping the needy will always be remembered and cherished.

In view of his superb personal qualities, his professional ability and valuable contribution to education, the medical profession, and countless numbers of students and patients, I am confident that his memory will long live with us."

Writing in **An-Nahar** daily, journalist Ali Barada said Dr. Alami was an advisor for many institutions around the world, and a published researcher with more than 50 published works. He added that Dr. Alami was one of those who stayed at AUB during the most dangerous times of the war, refusing to abandon it and seek safety and material comfort elsewhere.

Palestinian researcher Youssef Sayegh, also writing in **An-Nahar**, described the late Dr. Alami as a warm friend and a unique scientist who was always eager to help. Colleagues and former students of Dr. Alami wrote in various media, lauding his outstanding character and achievements.

## Death of Dr. Mohieddine Fahl



On September 24, 1996 the University community was saddened by the death of Dr. Mohieddine Fahl, Associate Professor of Diagnostic Radiology and Acting Chairman of the Department.

Announcing the tragic news, Dr. Samir Najjar, Dean of Medicine, issued the following statement:

"It gives me great pain and sadness to announce the premature death of Dr. Mohieddine Fahl, Associate Professor of Diagnostic Radiology and Acting Chairman of the Department.

Dr. Fahl will be sorely missed for his ebullient, friendly, pleasant and congenial personality, for his enthusiasm to accommodate all those who seek his help, for his skills in the art of his profession and for his leadership of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology during the worst times faced by the Medical Center. For his exceptional and outstanding contributions, particularly during the civil unrest, the Faculty of Medicine, the Medical Center and the University will always be in his debt."

# Dieter Kuntz: New AUH Director

Mr. Dieter Kuntz was appointed Director of AUH as of October 1, 1996,

Notice of the appointment came on August 22, when Deputy President Makdissi circulated an announcement from President Haddad:



"It is with great satisfaction that I announce the appointment of Mr. Dieter Kuntz as Director of the American University Hospital. Mr. Kuntz brings to his new position twenty eight years of experience in senior management, in teaching as well as in community hospitals in his native Canada. Mr. Kuntz will report at AUH on September 9, 1996 and assume the position of Hospital Director on October 1, 1996. I ask the AUB community to extend every courtesy to Mr. Kuntz while also recalling the stellar service rendered the Hospital by our departing Director, Dr. Raif Nassif. Dr. Nassif has placed all of us in his debt.

I am sure you join me in welcoming Mr. Kuntz to AUB."

Mr. Dieter Kuntz has been a Healthcare Executive for more than 20 years, holding positions in both large teaching and community hospitals. He worked successfully in support of the organization with provincial, regional and local governments. He represented professional (Healthcare Executives) in Canada, both provincially and nationally, providing voluntarily services to community boards and agencies.

Most recently, Mr. Kuntz was President and Chief Executive Officer of Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. A 368-bed acute care hospital with an annual operating budget of 60 million Ca-

nadian dollars and three-year redevelopment and expansion program estimated at 50 million Canadian dollars. Other posts held include Executive Director of Victoria General Hospital, for 13 years, and Assistant

Executive Director with the Calgary General Hospital, an 855-bed teaching hospital.

Professional affiliations of Dr.

Kuntz include membership in the Canadian College of Health Services Executives, whose Board he chaired for one year. He is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and has been invited several times to travel and study healthcare systems of different countries, with International King's Fund College. Mr. Kuntz has a Masters in Health Administration from the University of Toronto and an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Andrews, Michigan, USA.

## AUH Declared Smoke-Free

Effective January 1, 1997, AUH was declared a smoke-free hospital. This follows a 1993 no-smoking regulation at the hospital that excluded designated areas such as private offices. The regulation was the first step to a fully smoke-free hospital. "We are long overdue in fully supporting the original intention of the policy," AUH Director Dieter Kuntz said.

"As a health care provider, we have the responsibility to show leadership in promoting good health to the community we serve. As responsible citizens, you are requested to refrain from smoking in the hospital and to assist us in reminding others who may be violating the policy. Let us remember that smoking and the inhalation of second hand smoke is hazardous to our health."

## SML Newsletter

Fall 1996 witnessed the launch of a quarterly newsletter published by staff of the Saab Medical Library. Titled "SML Newsletter," the new publication is intended to inform readers about what is new at the Library, what services are given, and to receive their feedback and suggestions.

The first issue includes a brief history and description of the Saab Medical Library, opening hours, rules and regulations for using the Library, and an alphabetical list of journals subscribed to in 1996.

The second issue (Winter 1997) describes the Library's Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC).

The Saab Medical Library is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Nicholas Saab, a graduate of the AUB School of Medicine in 1959. The Medical Library has been functioning in its present quarters as part of the Medical Center since 1975 and qualifies as one of the best medical libraries in the Middle East. Its collection consists of 1,451 periodical subscriptions, nearly 39,000 books, over 2,000 of historical value, and nearly 2,000 audio-visual items, including computer software. There are six CD-ROM databases. All this ranks SML as a large-medium sized medical library according to international standards.

The Saab Medical Library is fully automated and has been on-line since 1984. Presently it has a local area network (LAN) for its collection of CD-ROMs, the most widely used of which is Medicine.

# Molecular Biology is Growing at AUB

A group of molecular biology investigators at AUB is contributing to ongoing research in basic cellular and molecular biology. The research is being conducted under the leadership of Nadim Cortas, Associate Dean for Research and Development in the Faculty of Medicine,

The program will allow faculty members to do research using sophisticated up-to-date technology. It is oriented to Faculty of Medicine graduate students working on their theses.

"Outstanding graduate and medical students, residents and fellows, will have a chance to develop careers in academic medicine and prepare themselves for competitive positions anywhere in the world," Cortas said.

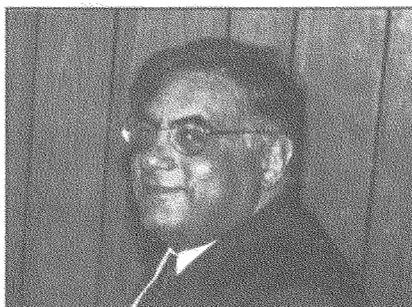
Among the objectives of the research is to database variation in genes and identify familiar clusters and patterns in Lebanon.

AUB has adequate support facilities for research in molecular biology, including a complete facility for work with radioactivity, a protein core laboratory, tissue culture facility, EPA (Environment Protection Agency) standard extraction and an analytical laboratory, confocal microscopy and PTI (photon technology imaging) facility, patch clamp facility and an up-to-date animal care facility.

The Polymerase Chain Reactor (PCR), introduced to AUB in 1994, is an instrument that amplifies sequences of genes. PCR is used, among other applications, to achieve early diagnosis of genetic and microbiological diseases. Detection of a bacterium or virus is much faster by PCR than by culture.

The various facilities are run by committees of users. These are primarily from the Faculty of Medicine, but also include members of other faculties. Since 1994 the groups have expanded to 24 investigators.

Investigators from the Faculty of Medicine are working on different research projects.



*Professor Nadim Cortas*

Professor Nadim Cortas, Assistant Professors Julnar Usta and Su-leima Chamat are involved in characterizing copper and zinc transporting enzymes. They are trying to clone the zinc transporting gene and the putative beta sub-unit of the copper transporting gene.

"Zinc is extremely important in the structure of proteins and copper in the process of oxidation and reduction which is significant in minimizing toxic injury," Cortas explained.

Assistant Professor Salma Talhouk of the Faculty of Agriculture is heading a study on plant diversity.

"Current agricultural and environmental studies raise concerns about plant diversity. There is a realization that native varieties might contain genes of interest because they have evolved in a certain environment," Talhouk said.

Investigators are assessing cultivated as well as wild varieties of almonds and pistachios by characterizing the morphological traits of the species. They have a collection of almonds from all Lebanese regions.

Talhouk describes the PCR facility as a specialized water bath.

"The PCR is a machine which permits shifting temperature within seconds. It is a thermocycler in which we start with very small amounts. It yields a larger quantity, so we are able to visualize the diversity of the species.

"As a result of this research we can identify hot spots of plant diversity in Lebanon and seek their *in situ* conversation," she said.

Agricultural researchers will also update information on the distribution of native trees. The most recent figures, Talhouk pointed out, are more than 30 years old.

Leila Zahed, assistant professor and director of the cytogenetics laboratory at AUH, has conducted research for the past two years about mutations of a genetic disorder called Beta Thalassemia.

She has identified 16 samples taken from different groups of Lebanese people.

Zahed is now engaged in further study to update the results of the initial project, such as detecting the origins of the mutations and scrutinizing specific mutations of the various religious groups in Lebanon.

Assistant Professor Ghassan Matar is in charge of a project involving PCR detection of bacterium *B Cereus*, which produces a toxin, and of the etiology of the ear infection, chronic otitis.

Matar and Professor Alexander Abdelnoor are at work on a joint project between AUB and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention at Atlanta, Georgia, to monitor variant strains of HIV.

"We chop the gene, digest it and find different patterns, and on their bases, we classify the different strains of the organisms," Matar said.

Assistant Professor Rima Slim is investigating chromosomal abnormalities.

Molecular evaluation of chromosomal abnormalities in some particular cases is necessary to allow more accurate diagnosis, genetic counseling and prognosis, according to Slim.

The investigators intend to establish a database containing permanent cell lines for abnormalities.

"This database will permit us to pool our pathological material in order to prepare for a better medical research future in Lebanon," concluded Slim.

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## Retiring Dr. Nassim Nabbut Honored

On October 15, 1996, a reception was held at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology to honor Dr. Nassim Nabbut, who was retiring after 28 years of service.

The reception was attended by Associate Dean Dr. Joseph Simaan as well as



*Dr. Alexander Abdelnoor, right, presents a shield to retiring Dr. Nassim Nabbut.*

by faculty members, staff, graduate students, colleagues and friends.

Speaking for the faculty, Department Chairman Dr. Alexander Abdelnoor expressed his gratitude to Dr. Nabbut for his contributions, briefly noting some of his accomplishments.

\* He taught Medical and Graduate courses in Microbiology.

\* For many years he taught and coordinated Microbiology courses to Medical Technology and Nursing Students.

\* He was advisor to a number of graduate students.

\* He has a total of 69 publications related to his research work.

When the war broke out in 1975 many people left the country but Dr. Nabbut stayed behind to serve as Acting Chairman. For one year, he single-handedly ran the Department. "If it were not for people like him," Dr. Abdelnoor said, "we probably would not have a University today."

On behalf of the Department, Dr. Abdelnoor then presented Dr. Nabbut with a shield in appreciation of his contributions.

Dr. Antoun Salem followed with words of praise for Dr. Nabbut:

"You may find a replacement who teaches better than he teaches,

You may find a replacement who does better research than he does,

You may find a replacement

who knows the up-to-date techniques in the field,

But you will never find a replacement who is as faithful, as sincere and as kind-hearted as Dr. Nassim Nabbut."

Associate Dean Dr. Simaan then discussed the contributions made by Dr. Nabbut.

Professor Nabbut expressed his gratitude for the warm reception, thanking Department Chairman Dr. Alexander Abdelnoor, members of the Department, staff, students colleagues and friends, particularly Associate Dean, Dr. Joseph Simaan. "When I look back at my many years of service in this Department, Professor Nabbut said, "I cannot but admire the many improvements in the organization, administration and the smooth running of the Department as well as the advancements and development in the undergraduate and graduate teaching and research programs, which were introduced by Dr. Abdelnoor.

### Mrs. Rima Shaar

Mrs. Rima Shaar, Secretary in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, was recently awarded a pin for her 10 years of service. "Rima is one of the best secretaries the Department has ever had," Department Chairman Dr. Alexander Abdelnoor said.

## French Prize to Dr. Ali Bazarbachi



*Dr. Ali Bazarbachi*

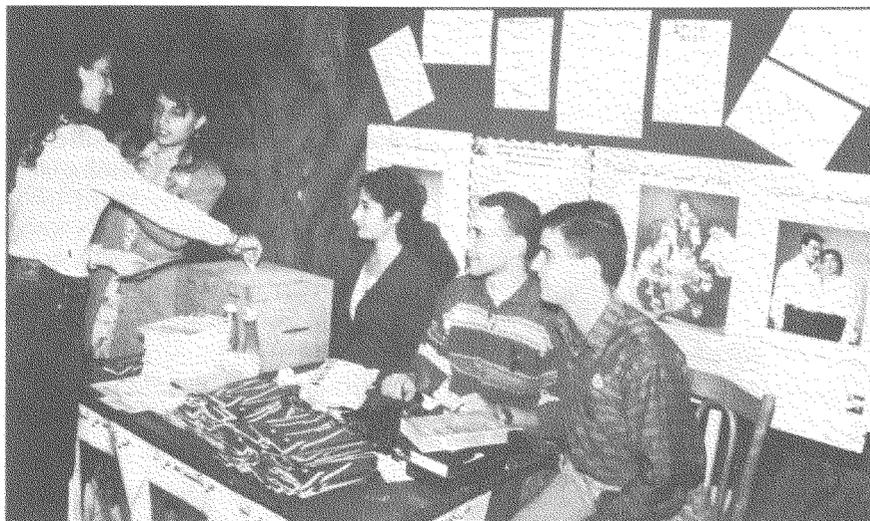
Dr. Ali Bazarbachi, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Hematology-oncology) at AUB, was recently awarded a prestigious French national prize in the field of cancer research.

Dr. Bazarbachi shared the \$30,000 prize from the "Ligue Nationale Française Contre Le Cancer," which is given annually by the French National Federation for Cancer Research, with Dr. Olivier Hermine of France.

Dr. Bazarbachi received the honor in person at an official ceremony held on November 27, 1996. The event received wide coverage in France and Europe.

Dr. Bazarbachi and his colleagues received the prize for research work published in 1995 in the **New England Journal of Medicine**. Their work successfully treated a very malignant form of Adult T-cell Leukemia with anti viral medications. It was also instrumental in showing that this form of leukemia is caused by a virus, HTLV-1, a relative of the HIV virus that causes AIDS. Their use of AZT (a medication also used to treat AIDS) with alpha-interferon produced complete remission in 80 percent of the treated patients. This is a major breakthrough considering that the median survival of patients with this leukemia, which is resistant to conventional chemotherapy, is only four months.

# National AIDS Day



*AIDS information stand at West Hall.*

Since the year 1981 when the first case of AIDS was discovered in Los Angeles, efforts have been directed to finding either a cure or a vaccine against HIV. So far, however, work has not succeeded and AIDS is still an incurable disease.

Statistics show that the number of AIDS patients will increase to around 40 million worldwide by the year 2000 compared with 27 million HIV positive individuals today.

As far as Lebanon is concerned, officially reported AIDS cases number only around 400, a figure that probably represents the tip of the iceberg, or at best, an underestimation of the real situation.

Given these facts, a group of nursing, medicine and biology students, working under the supervision of the Nursing Students Society and SCOAS (Standing Committee on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases), organized a series of activities on December 2 and 3, 1996, for World's AIDS day.

First, a questionnaire was distributed to a random sample of 400 AUB students to assess their knowledge about modes of transmission of HIV and ways of protecting against it. It was found that despite

improved general awareness about AIDS, many areas still need work. For example, 45% of the students who answered the questionnaire did not know that a mother can transmit the virus to her child through breast feeding, while 58% were unaware that a lipid soluble lubricant (e. g. Vaseline, Nivea) can interact with the condom and make it more likely to break. Another 12% did not know that the virus is not transmitted by insect bites.

To help fill this information gap

a series of informative video films were presented during the week of December 2-6. After each video, a discussion was held to clarify points and exchange information.

A stand was set up in West Hall where informed people were available to answer student questions. Posters designed by students or provided by the World Health Organization were put up on campus. Red ribbons were distributed, while donations were collected from students, faculty and staff. About 2 million Lebanese pounds were collected for the Lebanese AIDS Society which helps needy AIDS patients.

The fight against AIDS will continue. Future plans of action at AUB include a contest for the most expressive AIDS poster. It is hoped that the contest will concentrate the efforts of all Lebanese students and universities because in the end, the main message is: we are all concerned about AIDS for we are all human and committed to our society. Therefore, let us all direct our efforts to "Avoid ignorance and overcome AIDS".

**Lara Jeha**  
**Faculty of Medicine**

## **Dr. Laila Farhood Attends Conferences**

Dr. Laila Farhood, Professor at the School of Nursing, presented the following conference papers:

- 1) "Description of Patterns of Psychiatric Illnesses as They Relate to Stressful War Situation," Presented at the 2nd Nursing Research Conference - AUB November 24, 1995.
- 2) "Nursing Research: Journey from Novice to Expert" May 30, 1996, AUB Alumni Association Nurses' Chapter.
- 3) "Nursing Ethics," presented at the 7th International Health and Hospitalization Congress, October 16-19, 1996, Beirut - Lebanon.
- 4) "War and Non-War Stressors, Resources and Coping Among Lebanese Families." Paper was accepted at 7th International Congress of Psychiatric Epidemiology August 29-September 1, 1996 - Spain.
- 5) PTSD, Depression and Health Status in Lebanese Civilians Exposed to a Church Explosion: Presented at 7th International Pan-Arab Congress of Psychiatry, November 12-15, 1996 Kaslik - Lebanon.

# Now Where Did Pharmacy Go?



Whichever way you look, you see changes taking place. Like the beautiful old buildings of Beirut that have been torn down to make way for the high-rises with no character related to the Lebanese environment. Question: What is, or has become of, the Lebanese environment??

You enter Campus through the Medical Gate, and to your left you see a clean white building. The building was spray-cleaned on the outside, its tiled roof repaired, its interior remodeled and air-conditioned. There is a sign that says "Purchasing Department," indicating the ground floor, but there also is the Internal Auditors' Office and the Department of Population Studies on the upper floor, and Business Services at the far end of the building.

But what is the name of this building? You come closer and read the inscription on the marble plaque which says "SCHOOL OF PHARMACY" and under it "1893."

Now where did Pharmacy go?

The School of Pharmacy started in 1871 while the building itself was completed in 1873 and used as a chemistry laboratory. It was later enlarged to house the School of Pharmacy as well as the University

Hospital Pharmacy.

In 1931, when the Chemistry Building (now the Department of Architecture, and the University Stores) was completed, the Chemistry Department moved into it. This allowed the School of Pharmacy to expand. The School had even more elbow room when the University Hospital Pharmacy moved out, and into its new premises at the Medical Center, completed in 1970.

Unfortunately the School closed down in 1977, and the building was only partially used until it was completely renovated in 1994.

During its lifetime the School of Pharmacy awarded 1,211 degrees to its graduates, 998 of them male and 213 female.

Nabeel G. Ashkar

## Pharmacy Graduates

Doctor of Pharmacy	003
Pharmacy Master	290
Pharmaceutical Chemist	308
Graduate in Pharmacy	073
Master of Science in Pharmacy	026
Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy	505
Public Analyst	006
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,211</b>

## Professor S. Alam in Cardiology Conference

Professor Samir Alam, Chairman of Internal Medicine and Cardiology and President of the Lebanese Cardiologist Society, attended the Third International Conference for Cardiac Diseases held by the Society. The event took place in October 1996 at the Al-Bustan Hotel in Beit Mery under the patronage of President Hraoui. The President was represented by Minister of Health, Marwan Hamadeh.

## Epidemiology Conference

The Lebanese Epidemiology Association held its Second Scientific Conference at Issam Fares Hall on 28 October, under the auspices of the Lebanese Order of Physicians.

## Dermatology Conference

On November 2-3 the Lebanese Dermatological Society held its Second Annual Conference, "Dermatology Update," in collaboration with AUB's Department of Dermatology.

## Students Continue Humanitarian Action

In late October 1996, AUB students presented special equipment to clinics in Qana, Tyre, Hmeiri and Nabatieh in South Lebanon. This was a continuation of their humanitarian efforts made during the Israeli aggression in April 1996.

# General Assembly For Medical Students

On September 23, 1996, the Student Representative Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, together with the Medical Social Club, held a general assembly for medical students. In addition to students from the various medical classes, the function was attended by Associate Dean J. Simaan.

The goal of the assembly was to introduce the students to the International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA) and encourage them to become involved. Another reason for the assembly was to discuss the General Assembly of the IFMSA held in Prague last August and the Club's achievements there.

The program began with president of the Student Representative Committee, Nabil Jamal, who introduced the audience to the Committee and the Medical Social Club.

Khaled Sakhel, president of the Lebanese delegation, then talked about the IFMSA meeting in Prague, the first Lebanon had at-

tended. He noted the accomplishments of the delegation members--notably the election of Michel Zeinati to the Constitution Credentials Committee, the highest legislative body in the IFMSA and the appointment of Aline Daou as coordinator of a subcommittee to study stress among medical students. He mentioned his own appointment as contact person to UNRWA and that he had been proposed for international coordinator of the Sudan Refugee Project.

The other five delegates then discussed their experiences at the General Assembly.

Fadi Akoum talked about the Standing Committee on Public Health, and about starting contacts in Lebanon to study the feasibility of a Village Concept in the Akkar region to promote public health awareness.

Aline Daou (the only female delegate, an accomplishment in itself) introduced the Standing Committee on Medical Education.

Michel Kafrouni informed the audience about the Standing Committee on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and his plans for World AIDS day on December 1.

Firas Ado Mikdashi, who had attended the Working Committee on Computers and Communication, emphasized the importance of computers as a means of communication.

Michel Zeinati discussed the Standing Committee on Professional Exchange, and plans to set up an exchange program for Lebanese medical students with the 50 other member countries already in this program.

Finally, Khaled Sakhel talked about the Standing Committee on Refugees and Peace, and the plans for an international workshop on the subject of war and medicine in Lebanon next summer.

At a cocktail party after the assembly, delegation members answered questions from members of the audience.

**Michel Zeinati**  
SRC Secretary

## Nursing Graduates Brunch



*On July 1 the School of Nursing held a brunch in honor of the 1996 B.S.N. graduates. Faculty members and the graduating class attended the event. Mr. Elie Daddeh congratulated the graduates on behalf of the Bank of Beirut, the organization sponsoring the brunch. The photo shows the faculty and the 1996 graduates with Mr. Daddeh.*

## Saab Medical Library Opening Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m-8:00p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00am-1:00 p.m.

## Corrigendum

In the September 1996 issue, there were a few errors in the article published on page 26. The AUB residency program cannot be compared to other residency programs because this information is not provided by CREOG. There are no calculations possible using local data only. The AUB residents are allowed to take the exam, which does not necessarily mean that the program is approved by CREOG or the USA Residency Review Committee.

# BT and PNTN Nursing Graduation



In a ceremony on August 30, 1996, twelve graduating nurses from the BT Program and fourteen from the Practical Nurse Training Program received their diplomas.

The graduation, held under the

patronage of Minister of Health Marwan Hamadeh, was attended by Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi. Also present were Acting Dean Dr. Joseph Simaan, Vice President Mr. George Tomey, Dr. Ad-

nan Mroueh, Dr. and Mrs. Raif Nassif, Dr. Samir Atweh, Dr. Mounir Obeid, Acting Chief of Staff Dr. George Fawwaz, department heads and many others.

Ms. Mouro opened the ceremony with a speech to the graduates emphasizing the need for nurses to be concerned with patient care and to unite to form a nursing order. Ms. Mouro then presented Dr. Nassif, the Hospital Director, with a silver plate in recognition of his services and in appreciation for his support. This was followed by remarks from Minister Hamadeh urging graduates to remain in Lebanon despite attractive financial rewards abroad. The minister was also presented with a silver plate. After the nurses took the Florence Nightingale Pledge, diplomas were distributed. Mary Ann Ajami placed first in the BT class, while the first in the Practical Program was Hussein Jaafar.

## School of Nursing Conferences

The following faculty members attended conferences, in trips abroad, sponsored by the School of Nursing.

**Marina Adra and Nuhad Doumit**, Assistant Professors at the School of Nursing, attended the 4th International Middle East Nursing Conference on May 7-8, 1996, in Irbid, Jordan.

**Mary Arevian**, Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing, attended the 3rd International Interdisciplinary Qualitative Health Research Conference, hosted by the Institute of Health and Community Studies, Bournemouth University, England, from October 30 to November 1, 1996. The Conference, which brought together more than 500 professionals and academics in the field of health and social care, recognized the increasing importance of qualitative health research as a means of exploring the real world of health and social care.

**Sossy Balian**, Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing attended the 7th International Congress on Women's Health Issues in Khon Kaen, Thailand, on November 4-8, 1996. The Congress was sponsored by Khon Kaen University in collaboration with the International Council on Women's Health Issues. Professor Balian also attended the board meeting before the Congress. During the 4-day Congress more than 200 participants from 15 countries presented research papers on aging, abuse and violence, empowerment, feminism and sexuality, HIV and AIDS, cancer, reproductive health, women in minority/cross cultural groups, youth and women as professionals and health care providers.

**Nuhad Bu Raad Azoury**, Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing attended the 9th International Conference on Cancer Nursing, on August 12-15, 1996, in Brighton - England.

Dr. Selwa Makarem, Director of the School of Nursing - AUB, attended the following conferences:

- 1) International Council for Global Health Progress, January 14-18, 1996, Paris, France.
- 2) The First Global Network Conference of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing /Midwifery Development, March 5-7, 1996, Bahrain.
- 3) The 4th International Middle East Nursing Conference, May 7-8, 1996, Irbid, Jordan.
- 4) Shaping Our Future Through Nursing Research, sponsored by American Nurses Association - Council for Nursing Research, June 14-16, 1996, Washington.

## Degrees Celebrated



The Nursing Services held a gathering for two of its staff nurses who graduated with a Masters degree: Mrs. Najwa Kais (Coordinator BT Program), and Miss Rania Asmar (Head Nurse).

## New Documentation Forms



*Miss Hind Fayyad.*

Miss Hind Fayyad has been working on the new JCAHO documentation forms for the Nursing Services. With her 22 years of experience in Critical Care Areas and enthusiastic attitude, she has introduced the system on 9 South as a pilot study. The staff of 9 South, headed by Miss Najwa Shoujaa took on the challenge and pioneered the use of this new documentation.

## Hospital Unit Remodeled



AUH's newly remodeled 7 North re-opened on October 30, 1996, in a ceremony organized by the Nursing Services Department there.

The nurses thanked the

President, Board of Trustees, Vice President Tomey, and the AUH Administration for supporting the project and making them proud of the newly remodeled unit.

## Christmas at AUH



On December 23, 1996 Pediatrics units witnessed a touching Christmas celebration. Ms. Rania Asmar, Randa Shahine and Nadia Issa led the Nursing Staff of pediatrics floors 6 North and 6 South in organizing a nativity scene where the patients themselves were the actors.

The children enacted the birth of Jesus Christ and the visit of the three wise kings. The music and the lights were artfully selected and combined to provide an atmosphere of contemplation and

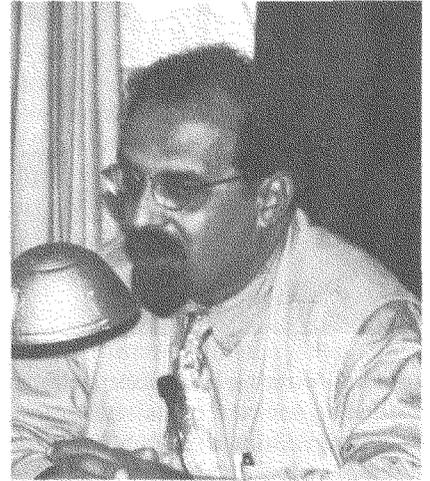
prayer. Even the children, usually noisy and active, remained quiet and awed by the atmosphere. Misery, suffering, and illness were forgotten for a short moment.

Christmas songs were then sung by both nurses and doctors: Arax Balian, RN, Violin, Liza Mardoyan, RN, organ, Dr. Khaled Sakhel, Med III, Physician, voice. Games were also organized and Santa Claus distributed gifts to all patients--ambulatory and those confined to their beds.

## Jordanian Architect Lectures at AUB



Left: First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui, MP Bahia Hariri and Dean Sabah at the lecture of Jordanian Architect Rassem Badrane , shown right.



Mr. Rassem Badrane, a prominent Jordanian architect, gave a lecture on December 9, 1996 at West Hall auditorium. The lecture took place under the auspices of Member of Parliament Mrs. Bahia Hariri, Chairperson of the Education Parliamentary Committee, and President of the Saida Association for the Preservation of Heritage and the

Environment.

Dr. Nassir Sabah, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, was on hand to receive Mrs. Hariri as well as First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui, both of whom attended the lecture. AUB faculty members, administrators, engineers, and students were also present.

Mr. Badrane discussed his interest and concern regarding vernacular architecture and architecture of "place" in the urban settings of various Arab societies.

The lecture was illustrated by slides highlighting research on the topic and the way research governed the speaker's recent designs. The context and relationship of buildings, spatial qualities and details of ornamentation were discussed for the subject of each slide.

## Dr. Bent Michael Piasecki Appointed CE Assistant Professor

Dr. Bent Michael Piasecki was appointed Assistant Professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department as of September 1, 1996.

Dr. Piasecki received his degree of Diplome-Ingenieur in CE from the University of Hanover, Germany in 1990 and his Ph.D. degree in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering from the University of Michigan. His Ph.D. dissertation was entitled: "Control of Hazardous Waste Disposals in Rivers and Estuaries Using the Adjoint Equation



Solution." His areas of interest are free or subsurface environment flow problems and associated applications regarding water quality modeling in rivers, channels, estuaries, lakes and near shore areas as well as in ground water

flow.

Dr. Piasecki has had practical experience in Germany and was a research assistant, post-doctoral fellow and adjunct lecturer at the University of Michigan. He has four publications in international journals and five conference publications.

### Software Donation

The Khatib & Alami Consolidated Engineering Company recently donated fifteen software licenses worth \$50,800 to FEA. These include Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Arc/Info for Windows NT University Lab Kit, by the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). The software will be used in a GIS graduate course to be offered in the 1996-1997 Spring Semester.

FEA is grateful to Khatib & Alami for this donation and for its continued support to FEA.

# Rowe Talks About Low-Cost Housing

On November 28 Professor Peter G. Rowe of Harvard University gave a slide presentation on the design of low-cost housing. Professor Rowe's visit to Lebanon, at the invitation of the Center for Behavioral Research, was his first.

Professor Samir Khalaf, Director of the Center, welcomed Professor Rowe and introduced him to the audience. Peter Rowe is Dean of the Graduate School of Design and Raymond Garbe Professor of Architecture and Urban Design at Harvard. In addition to his many articles, he authored several books.

As a renowned scholar, he is concerned with the relationship of urban form to resource conservation, land-use planning and cultural interpretation of design.

Professor Rowe began his presentation by noting that design is the resolution of architectural paradoxes, and that it is especially needed for low-cost housing. He introduced six design paradoxes and dealt with their dimensions and choices, which vary from one country to another.

The first paradox Professor Rowe discussed is open-mindedness versus pre-determination in housing design. He showed as examples pictures of housing compounds in Rabat, pointing out the dangers of the increasing population density in these compounds, including disease and lack of air.

Appearance of anonymity vs distinction is the second paradox, which suggests tension between progressive and traditional attempts in housing compounds. Saudi Arabia, for instance, has adopted modern housing designs which preserve features of the Saudi heritage, especially private quarters for women. Professor Rowe said that the familiarity of a building's appearance, particularly in a pluralistic society, is important.



*Professor Peter G. Rowe.*

This paradox also includes the difficulty in choosing between renovating old housing compounds and building completely new ones.

Professor Rowe defined the third paradox as the preference for ordinary instead of distinguished buildings, which he illustrated with pictures of housing compounds in Manila, the US and Mexico. He attributed the fourth paradox to the choice between houses which are isolated from downtown areas and those located in city centers. Professor Rowe discussed both alternatives with their pros and cons.

The fifth paradox, he explained, is contained in the technological

choice suitable to the housing compounds. Modern housing compounds in Singapore are one example. He warned against neglecting the architectural characteristics of unhealthy suburbs and advocated using technology in building.

The final paradox was another one of choice, represented in the selection between temporary and permanent compounds.

Professor Rowe then expressed his viewpoint on each of the paradoxes discussed. "I believe sovereignty should be used in building housing compounds, but by degrees," he said. He added that compounds should be part of the city and constructed in accordance with the new practical technologies.

"Housing should be housing, without considering low income or high income, or else we would be letting these considerations get in the way of design," Rowe concluded. He recommended that the architect always consider the contemporary age and consult other people.

**L.B.**

## **New FEA Award**

Dean Nassir Sabah recently announced the new Engineering and Architecture Alumni Chapter Innovation In Teaching Award. This award, which recognizes outstanding innovation in teaching, evaluation and student guidance, consists of a certificate, inscription of the recipient's name in the Board Room of the Bechtel Engineering Building and a \$2,000 prize. Should the Award Committee deem that no candidate is meritorious in any given year, the award may be withheld.

All full and part-time members of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture are eligible. A faculty member may receive the Award more than once in different years.

The Dean of FEA will act as Chairman of the Award Committee, which will also include the following members:

- President of the Engineering and Architecture Alumni Chapter
- Vice President of the Engineering and Architecture Alumni Chapter
- Director of the Division of Education Programs, AUB
- President of the Student Representative Committee, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

# Reception to Honor Retiring Professor Inglessis



*Dean Sabah presents an engraved silver tray to retiring Professor Constantine Inglessis.*

In honor of retiring Professor Constantine Inglessis, FEA Dean and Mrs. Nassir H. Sabah held a reception on October 11, 1996. Among the guests were Deputy President Makdisi, deans, vice presidents, University officers, and members of the BOT. Also attending were the President of Engineering and Architecture Alumni Chapter and members of the Executive committee, as well as FEA Faculty members and their spouses.

Dean Sabah began by speaking in praise of Pro-

fessor Constantine Inglessis, who retired from FEA on September 30 after forty years of dedicated service. Dean Sabah wished him and Mrs. Inglessis a happy retirement. Then, on behalf of FEA he presented the Professor with an engraved silver tray.

Professor Inglessis in turn, thanked Dean and Mrs. Sabah, FEA and AUB for honoring his retirement and for the forty enjoyable years he spent at AUB.

Constantine Inglessis was born in Jerusalem on December 24, 1930 to a Greek father and a Palestinian mother. He received his primary and secondary education in Jerusalem, then went to Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, where he graduated with a B.S. C.E. in 1955. After working for a year in the United States he joined the AUB Faculty of Engineering in 1956.

In 1963 he went to Colorado State University, Fort Collins, where he graduated with an M.S. C.E. in 1964. He was promoted to Associate Professor of Civil Engineering on a tenure appointment in July 1965. Between 1976 and 1981 Professor Inglessis served as Chairman of the Civil Engineering Department.

During his years of service to FEA, Professor Inglessis was elected or appointed to many Faculty Committees. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and member of the American and Geophysical Union.

Married to Jacqueline George Khayat in 1957, they have two daughters, Cynthia who is married and lives in Cyprus and Joyce, who resides in Beirut.

Faculty, staff members and students of FEA wish Professor and Mrs. Inglessis many long, healthy, happy and fruitful years.

## Dr. Karim Abdel-Malak Appointed CE Assistant Professor

Dr. Karim Abdel-Malek was appointed Assistant Professor at the Mechanical Engineering Department effective October 1, 1996. Dr. Abdel-Malek obtained his B.S. degree in ME from the University of Jordan in 1988. He earned his M.S. degree in 1990 and his Ph.D. in 1993, both in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

His Ph.D. dissertation was entitled: "Off-Line Programming Using Existing CAD Systems, and De-



sign Criteria for Intensely High Accuracy Robot." His areas of interest are machine design, CAD systems, robotics, control, and automation.

Dr. Abdel-Malek was a consultant at the UTI Corporation in Pennsylvania from 1990 to 1994, and assistant professor and research leader at the University of Iowa from 1994 until he joined the Faculty of Engineering at AUB. He has 13 publications in international journals, eight publications in ASME Conferences, a

US patent on Graphical Interface for Robot, and two US software copyrights.

He received a Fulbright Scholarship in 1988-1990, a Career Scientific Research Award in 1995 from the University of Iowa, and a Central Investment Fund for Research Enhancement in 1995 from Iowa City. He has supervised three M.S. and three Ph.D. students and has been awarded more than \$ 1.4 million for research from UIT Corp., TACOM, Uniform Tubes Inc., NASA, Electricore Consortium and ARPA.

## Zaha Hadid Visits AUB



Zaha Hadid and her audience.

On November 18 Professor Zaha Hadid, an international architect, gave a slide presentation at the Lecture Hall of the Architecture and Design Building.

Department Chairperson Nabih Sinnou introduced the guest. Iraqi by birth, Zaha Hadid graduated from AUB in the late sixties with a BS in Mathematics. She then moved to London where she studied architecture at the Architectural Association.

Zaha Hadid taught at Columbia University, Harvard University and the Architectural Association and has also lectured at other prominent universities. She is the creator of a number of ground-breaking projects, the most famous of which are the Hong Kong Mound, the Solderove Center for Art and Information, the Fire Fighting Center in Germany in addition to projects in Australia, Japan and others.

The speaker presented 80 slides of her works to classes of architecture and graphic design. Discussing the stylistic aspects of her dynamic and exuberant designs, she said: "If the Lebanese people have energy, then they should show it."

Hadid believes in the universality of architecture. To her, architecture is a cultural profession, and its ultimate goal is a better life. Thus, she tries to create ideas to improve the quality of life and to actualize these concepts in an unconventional way. An architect should consider people's needs when designing buildings, she notes. The function of the building comes first, not its shape.

Hadid, who visited the work site of Solidere in downtown Beirut, describes it as thrilling. "One of the most exciting things I've ever seen," she said.

"Rebuilding Beirut is achievable. But the city won't ever be the same," said Hadid. "It will be as good in terms of quality, but in a different way."

L. B.

## New Discovery in Computer Science

Starting last fall, 166 sophomore computer science students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) began learning a new result discovered by an AUB faculty member and his student.

Dr. Mohammad Akra from the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at AUB, and with his student, Mr. Louay Bazzi (CCE Class 96), discovered a generalization of the Master Method—the most widely taught approach to solving divide-and-conquer recurrences, which are ubiquitous in the analysis of algorithms.

Professor Tom Leighton, Department of Mathematics and Laboratory for Computer Science, MIT, and currently editor in-chief of the Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), has described the new method as "a surprisingly elegant generalization of the Master Method that yields a very simple formula for solving most divide-and-conquer recurrences." He wrote an article providing an "inductive proof of the Akra-Bazzi result that is suitable for use in an undergraduate algorithms or discrete math class" and "showing that the Akra-Bazzi result holds for a more general class of recurrences that commonly arise in practice and that are often considered difficult to solve."

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"Mathematics for Computer Science," attended by all sophomore computer science students at MIT, Dr. Leighton chose to include the new results in his course.

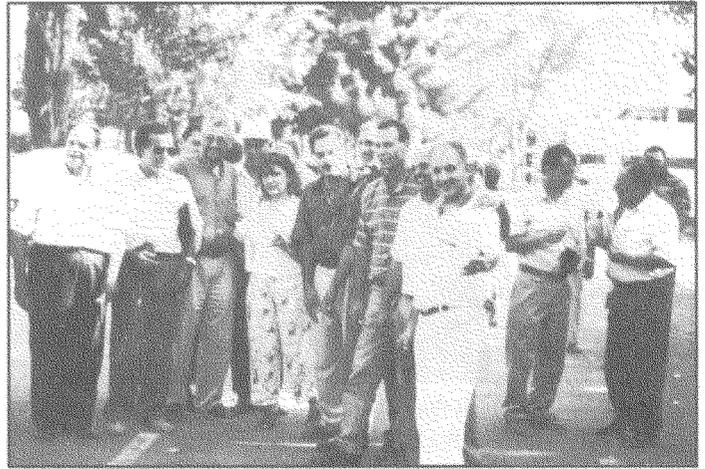
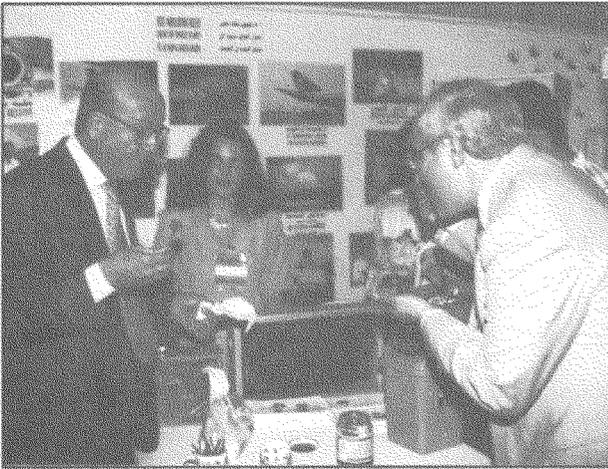
The Akra-Bazzi result was developed from a fall 1995-1996 term paper of Mr. Bazzi in the course EE775C "Advanced Topics in Algorithms," which Dr. Akra teaches to Computer and Communications Engineering majors at AUB. Dr. Akra is no stranger to MIT, having earned his Master's and Ph.D. (1993) from MIT after graduating from AUB. He is on leave at MIT for the academic year 1996-1997 following up on his research.

Immediately following his graduation, Mr. Bazzi spent summer 1996 at MIT supported by the Engineering and Architecture Alumni Chapter. He was quickly snapped up by MIT, offered a visiting scientist appointment for one year and invited to apply for graduate study.

### Dr. Rami Abboud

Dr. Rami Joseph Abboud, who graduated from AUB in 1988 with a degree in electrical engineering, recently received a Ph.D in Medical Engineering from the Royal Dundee University in Scotland. Aged 31, Dr. Abboud is the first Lebanese to earn this degree.

## Arab Apicultural Congress



Ministers Demerdjian and Fakhoury taste honey at a conference exhibit. Conference participants are seen at right.

The Federation of Arab Beekeepers' Union, in cooperation with the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS), held the first International Arab

Apicultural Congress at FAFS between August 17 and 20.

Speakers opening the ceremony were the Minister of Agriculture Mr. Shawki Fakhoury,

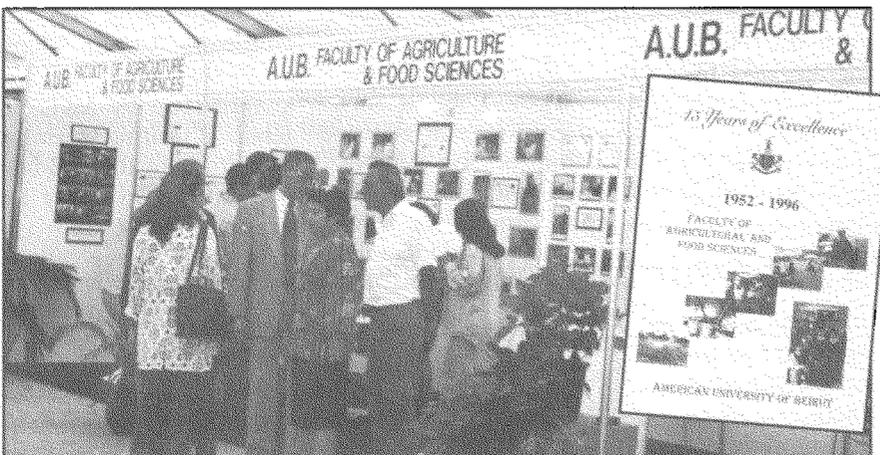
representative of President Elias Hraoui; Minister Hagob Demerdjian, representative of Prime Minister Rafic Hariri; Dr. Yahya Bakkour, Director of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development and Dr. N. Dagher, Dean of FAFS. Mr. Rachid Yazbek, Regional Secretary of the Arab Beekeepers' Union, headed the organizing committee for the Congress. Other members included Drs. Raja Tannous and E. Abou Fakhr from FAFS.

Dr. Abou Fakhr was the coordinator of the Congress at FAFS in cooperation with Dr. M. Nimah, who represented the Agriculture Chapter of the Alumni Association.

The program of the Congress included seminars, a bee-keeping and honey products exhibit and a one-day field trip to the Agricultural Research and Education Center (AREC) in the Beqaa.

About 25 lecturers from Arab countries gave seminars related to the limitations of honey production and beekeeping in their countries. They also discussed the pests that attack bee colonies and cause economics loss.

### FAFS Participates in Career Guidance Week

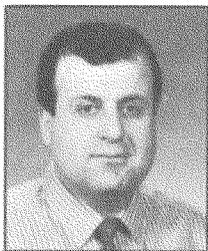


FAFS exhibit at Career Fair. Inset: FAFS brochure distributed in the fair.

On October 24-27, 1996, the Academic Career Fair For High School Students, organized by the Career Guidance Center, was held at the Beirut Exhibition Center in Martyrs Square. AUB and other participating Lebanese universities organized stands explaining their activities. The FAFS stand featured pictures, educational video films and examples of the activities carried out by the Faculty's five departments and AREC.

A brochure entitled: "45 Years of Excellence" describing the curricula offered in Agriculture and Nutrition and Dietetics was distributed to visitors. More than 10,000 high school students from 150 schools attended the fair.

## Dr. Hamdar Visits New York and Spain



Last September Dr. Bassam Hamdar, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics at the FAFS Environmental Program visited Cornell University. His two-week stay was associated with the AUB Environmental Program and had as its objective the exploration of innovations in the field of Resource and Environmental Economics, at both the practical and theoretical levels.

On December 9-16, Dr. Hamdar visited the "Centre International De Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Meditteranennes" in Spain, where he attended a week-long training course on "International Marketing of Mediterranean Agricultural products."

The course addressed recent issues in world trade, specifically trade agreements and institutions, (i.e., GATT, NAFTA, APEC, and CAP) and their impact on world economies.

### IPGRI Grant to FAFS

The Department of Crop Production and Protection recently received a \$41,500 grant from the International Plant Genetic Resource Institute (IPGRI). The grant is in support of graduate students working on Plant Genetic Diversity in the region.

The Department has initiated several projects to assess the diversity of wild and cultivated plants native to the region of West Asia and North Africa. Collection expeditions have been initiated, and different methods of germplasm characterization, including DNA fingerprinting, are being tested.

## AED's Agricultural Credit Seminar



Left to right: Dr. Hobeika, former minister Cortas and Dr. Hamdar.

On December 18 the Agricultural Economics Department at FAFS hosted a seminar entitled "Agricultural Credit in Lebanon: Implications for Development." Dr. Youssif El-Khalil presented a paper on Agricultural Credit which was then discussed by Dr. Louis Hobeika. Moderator of the Seminar was Dr. Adel Cortas, former Minister of Agriculture.

Among those attending were Dr. Nuhad Dagher, Dean of FAFS, a large crowd from private and public academic institutions and businessmen.

Recommendations for improving the effectiveness of Agricultural credit provision in Lebanon were drawn up. The most notable were related to activation of the Agricultural Credit Bank, formulation of a national agricultural policy, and the revival of agricultural credit cooperatives. The seminar coordinator was Dr. Bassam Hamdar, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics.

## Awards to the Faculty

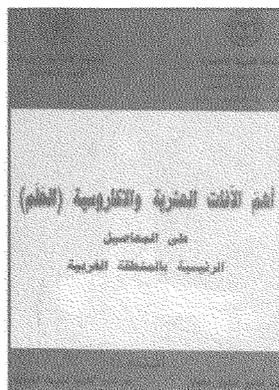
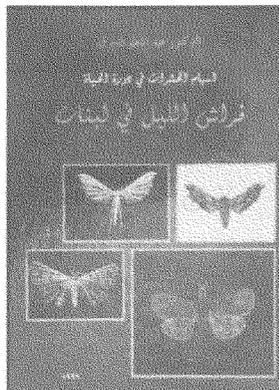
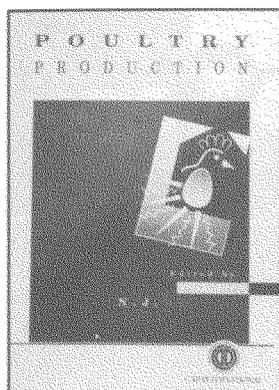


Minister Fakhoury visits AUB booth at Zahle '96 Fair.

The Committee of the Zahle '96 Agricultural Fair awarded prizes to FAFS for its booth as well as for its active participation. The fair took place between September 17 and 22.

Minister of Agriculture Shawky Fakhoury, Dr. N. J. Dagher, Dean of FAFS and members of the faculty visited the booth and complimented Dr. M. T. Farran, FAFS Coordinator for the Fair, on its success.

## Three New Books by Faculty Members



**Poultry Production in Hot Climates**, edited by Dr. N. J. Dagher, was published by CAB International in the U.K. and printed at the Cambridge University Press. Dr. Dagher is editor and author of seven of the ten chapters that make up the book.

The last two decades have seen a major expansion in the poultry industry in the warm regions of the world, where eggs and poultry meat are an important source of protein.

This book presents a well-referenced comprehensive review of current information on poultry production at high temperatures. It describes how the detrimental effects of heat stress can be reduced through the manipulation of housing, breeding, nutrition and management.

The book is suitable as an advanced textbook and reference for students and research workers in poultry science as well as for professionals within the poultry industry.

**The Moths of Lebanon**, in Arabic, by Dr. Abdel-Munim S. Talhouk, Emeritus Professor, was published by the Lebanese National Commission of UNESCO and printed at the Catholic Press.

The book is divided into two sections. The first, containing 15 chapters, covers the role of insects in life cycle. The various aspects of

insect life and their relationships to other animals and plants are discussed in these chapters.

The second section contains about 450 colored photographs of moths collected by Dr. Talhouk since 1935. The damage caused by each moth is also included. The book serves as an excellent reference for students and entomologists. An English edition is at press and will appear soon.

**The Most Important Insects and Mite Pests on the Major Crops in the Western Region of Saudi Arabia**, in Arabic, co-authored by Dr. Nasri S. Kawar, Dr. A.M. Ajlan and Mr. Y. M. Salloum, was published by the FAO and the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture. It was printed by the Golden Press in Riyadh.

The book covers pests of citrus, date palms, vegetables and field crops. Field observations on the life cycle and damage caused by each pest were collected over a period of nine years while Dr. Kawar was working with FAO in Saudi Arabia.

Seventy colored photographs of each pest and the damage it causes are included. Control measures, stressing an integrated approach instead of complete dependence on pesticides are recommended. The book is useful as a reference for students and extension workers.

## Reception in Honor of Dean Dagher

Deputy President Samir Makdisi and Mrs. Makdisi hosted a reception at Marquand House on January 8 in honor of Dean of FAFS and Mrs. Nuhad Dagher and to welcome them to AUB.

The reception was attended by Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors, members of the Senate and members of the FAFS. Dr. Salim Hoss and Ambassador Nadim Dimechkieh were also present. Dr. Makdisi welcomed the guests and relayed the best wishes of the AUB community to Dean and Mrs. Dagher.

Dean Dagher thanked Dr. Makdisi and expressed his happiness at being back at AUB and working with old and new colleagues. He said that AUB was and continued to be one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the Middle East and that he was pleased to be a part of it.

## Dr. Abou-Jawdah in Morocco

Dr. Y Abou-Jawdah attended the Mediterranean Colloquium on Protected Cultivation at Agadir, Morocco October 6-9. While there, Dr. Abou-Jawdah presented a paper entitled IPM in Protected Cultivation in Lebanon.

## Dr. Ibrahim Rubeiz in US Meeting

Dr. Ibrahim Rubeiz, Associate Professor of Horticulture, attended the annual meeting of the tri-societies ASA-CSSA-SSSA, held on November 3-8 in Indianapolis, USA. He presented a paper based on his research at FAFS entitled "Broiled Litter and Inorganic Nitrogen Fertilizer Influence on Yield of Cabbage".

# The Story of Music at AUB



*The European Union Chamber Orchestra at Assembly Hall.*

From the earliest days of the Syrian Protestant College (later AUB), music played a part in the social and cultural life of the University.

From 1886 until the First World War, music was simple and informal, consisting mostly of hymns, chapel services and school songs. Music sessions, especially for children, were held in the homes of teachers and professors such as Mrs. Daniel Bliss and Dr. Harry Dorman (medical doctor at the hospital between 1903-1941). The installation of a pipe organ in the chapel in 1891 increased the importance of music in University life.

Mr. Bayard Dodge, who became president of AUB in 1923, was an avid music lover and wished to enlarge its role at the University. The influx of Armenian and Russian refugees from World War I and the Russian Revolution helped enrich the musical spectrum in the Middle East, particularly at AUB. Many of these refugees performed at AUB concerts, notably the Chorus of Bayan. This group, made up of 25 Russian refugees, performed at

West Hall in February 1930. Others joined the University orchestra, for example, Mr. M.E. Chve'de, who became first violin in 1927.

Between 1923 and 1928 a profusion of solos, ensemble recitals and symphonic concerts were presented under the directorship of Mr. Arkadie Kouguell. The seasonal concerts, approximately ten a year, often featured special guests. The most distinguished of these was the pianist Arthur Rubinstein (1887- 1982), known as the world's greatest interpreter of Chopin.

The University orchestra's repertoire included works by Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Sibelius and more. Concerts were made accessible to the AUB community, while outsiders had to pay. (Tickets were 5 piasters in the 1920's.)

With the success of this musical experiment and the growing popularity of classical music, the Institute of Music was established. Authorized by the French authorities as the Institute of Music of the American University of Beirut, its Honorary President was Mr.

Bayard Dodge and the Founding President was Mr. Arkadie Kouguell. The directors from AUB were Professor Julius A. Brown and Mr. Laurell Seelye. (Another director was appointed by the Normal School of Music in Paris).

The original language of instruction was French and there were three stages of study: elementary, secondary and advanced. Successful students received a normal university diploma. Partial studies, especially with voice, were also provided. Candidates received a certificate at the end of these studies.

The first to be graduated (1931) were Mishan Abi Haydar and Navart Domodian. The last two graduates were Agnes Devletian and Fadlou Shehadeh in 1948.

With World War II looming many professors left, and in 1948 so did the Kouguells. Others joined the Music Conservatory (established in 1925). As a result, the Institute of Music at AUB closed but this did not mean that music at AUB was dead.

Mr. Bayard Dodge and Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose decided to introduce music into the regular curriculum and in 1944 courses in music became obligatory, non credit courses. In this way, an AUB Choir and orchestra were organized under the supervision of Mr. Rolla Foley, Dr. Dikran Kasouny and Mr. Nedko Etinoff (who served AUB for 30 years). The Choir and orchestra took part in the University Nights (variety shows), Sunday evening services, Christmas concerts and other important occasions.

In 1949, Professor Salvador Arnita, an organist, lecturer and choir director, organized and enlarged the choir. It included professionals and amateurs. A Vocal Quartet was

also put together including President Penrose (bass), Professor E. Kennedy (Baritone), Nedko Etinoff (tenor) and Dr. W. Ward (second tenor).

The 1950's and 1960's saw further integration of music into the regular curriculum. In 1965 music became a part of the Department of Fine Arts, with Miss Diana Ta-kieddine, the well known Lebanese pianist, among the professors.

In 1966, the BA program in music was set. Candidates were to perform on two instruments (instruction to be received outside AUB) and were to take requirements which included history, counterpoint, harmony, formal analysis, composition, orchestration, conducting and instrumental performance.

The first BA graduates included Kifah Fakhoury, Diane Shill, Eileen

Hadidian, Marlene Kassab, Arpi Yacoubian and Madelaine Bas-madjian.

With the economic malaise of the 1970's, program study committees recommended reducing the University's overloaded budget. As a result, some majors were eliminated, including the Department of Fine Arts--a sad end to such an enlightening major as Music. Nevertheless, even during the war years in Lebanon, AUB never lost its interest in music. Musical activities continued at Assembly Hall even under shelling, thanks mainly to the number of foreign cultural centers who never stopped bringing musical talent in Lebanon.

However, it was not until 1984, when choirmaster and music teacher Vatsche Barsoumian joined AUB, that a new choir was formed under the name of "AUB Chorus"; it com-

prised not only students and faculty, but also members of the former Orpheus Choir, as well as other singers from the community. However, due to conditions during the water in Lebanon, membership was continuously fluctuating either because people could not commute, or because several members who were foreigners had left Lebanon. Finally, after 1988, when Vatsche Barsoumian left AUB to continue higher studies abroad, the choral activities at AUB came to a standstill.

In the 1990's the University Choir was revived under Professor Robert Betts. Made up largely of students who join voluntarily or are taking the one-credit course, performances usually take place at Christmas and Easter.

Beatrice Maaloufova

## Assembly Hall Activities 1995-1996

### 1995

#### October

- 1 and 12: Armenia Jazz Quintet
- 5: Opening Ceremony
- 22: Piano students of Miss Mariella Abou Jaoudé
- 27: Saxophone Quartet Bohemia
- 28: Inma' - ceremony for distribution of awards
- 31: Soumaya Deeb (soprano) - Jonathan Gill (piano)

#### November

- 19: Piano students of Mrs. Tekelian
- 27: Jad Azkoul (guitar)
- 29: "Aureus" - chamber music ensemble
- 30: Nizar Kabbani

#### December

- 1: Founders' Day (Dec.3) Ceremony
- 1: Irina Puryzynskaya (piano)
- 3: Hariri Foundation - distribution of awards
- 5: José Maria Gallardo del Rey (guitar)
- 12: Waleed Howrani (piano)

- 13 and 14: Beirut Symphonic Band Christmas Concert '95
- 16: Margot Babikian Piano Contest
- 19 and 21: AUB Choir - Christmas Concert

### 1996

#### January

- 12: Wassim Hussaini (piano)
- 16: Sandra Vidal (jazz pianist)
- 20: Ara Melikian (violin) - Serouj Kradjian (piano)

#### March

- Feb. 29 and Mar. 1: AUB Choir - "Carmina Burana"
- 8: Vahakn Stamboltsian (organ)
- 9: Carla Rizkallah (piano)
- 21: Joseph Ishkhanian (guitar) and Joseph Atallah ('oud)
- 27: Julian Gallant (piano)
- 28: The National Committee for the Lebanese Child (ceremony)
- 29: Majida el Roumi (vocal concert)
- 31: Pilar Jurado (soprano) - Sebastian Mariné (piano)

#### April

- 2: Prague Childrens' Choir
- 9: Christopher Poppen (violin) -

- Emilia Kilcher (piano)
- 10: Walid Akl (piano)
- 30: Ingeborg Schoepf (soprano)

#### May

- 8: Nadim Taleb (guitar)
- 9: MEMA Opening Ceremony
- 10: Fadlo Shehadeh (baritone) - Joseph Fakhri (piano)
- 15 and 16: AUB Choir Spring Concert - guest conductor Peter Phillips

#### June

- 5: Abdel Rahman el Bacha (piano)
- 9: Piano students of Miss Sarkissian
- 11: Robert B. Betts (organ)
- 15: Piano Students of Mrs. Florinda Hatoum
- 16: Piano students of Mrs. Sultan
- 18: Instrumental and Choral Concert "Hayastan" Chamber Music Ensemble "Koussan" Choir
- 20: Mattar Ensemble

#### July

- 8: Traditional Japanese Music

# First Semester Concert Season at AUB



*The Posaunenquintett Berlin ensemble.*

The recent music season at Assembly Hall was particularly rich in chamber music, beginning on October 14 with the Edinburgh Quartet which featured Lebanese oboist Etienne Kupelian as soloist. Other works included quartets by Haydn, Mozart and Schubert and two shorter pieces, one well known (Puccini's "Chrysanthemums") and one not ("Gaelic Melodies" by the contemporary Scottish composer Ronald Duncan).

The group came across as world class from the opening phrase of the concert and upheld the highest standards throughout. The second Schubert quartet, which featured Mr. Kupelian, was particularly rewarding and brilliantly executed by both the soloist and the other three members of the group (violin, viola and cello).

The third week in November brought us two very fine European ensembles, the Posaunenquintett Berlin on the 19th and the European Union Chamber Orchestra on the 21st.

The first group, composed of four trombones (one alto, two tenor and one bass) and a tuba, played with extraordinary polish

and perfect intonation. The wide-ranging program included works from the Renaissance, Baroque and the 20th century. It concluded with a virtuoso rendition of Khachaturian's famous "Sabre Dance" taken at a breathtaking clip. Overall, this concert ranks at the top of the many fine performances I have heard since coming to AUB in 1992.

The European Union Chamber Orchestra, whose members come from all the states of the European Community, gave a very musically satisfying performance. The program included a Haydn Symphony (#64), a Mozart Symphony (his first, composed at age 8) plus his Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola. There was also a contemporary adaptation for orchestra by someone named Woolrich (no first name given on the program) of an aria sung by Odysseus in Monteverdi's opera "il ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria"). The orchestra, under the direction of Lavard Skou Larsen, played with skill and enthusiasm.

On December 18 the Cervantes Institute of the Spanish Embassy sponsored an exceptionally interesting evening of harp music from

16th-18th century Spain. It was played by Nuria Llopis Areny, a leading performer on the uniquely Spanish instrument, the harp "dos ordenes" (two sets of strings). All the works on the program were quite short but immensely varied in style and tempo which made for a lovely, well-balanced offering.

The Embassy of the Republic of Armenia sponsored an evening with "Les Artistes d'Armenie" on January 19th which was particularly well-attended. The performers, singers and instrumentalists, were drawn from the large reserve of fine Armenian musicians, and thoroughly delighted the enthusiastic, if largely partisan, audience. The program was varied and interesting with a fortuitous mixture of well-known Western and less-known (to the reviewer at least) Armenian compositions, all of which were first-rate, both in content and in execution.

On January 23 the Italian Cultural Institute sponsored another brass quintet, the Quintetto Rossini, in a program spanning the Baroque to the contemporary. Alas, in comparison with the Posaunenquintett Berlin, they were a disappointment. Frequent lapses of intonation, wrong notes and consistent over-blowing marred the performance from start to finish.

Happily the contemporary works of the second half of the program were given a better reading than the earlier pieces. Perhaps the fact that the heating in the Assembly Hall was not working was a cause for some of the problems. In any event it was not a particularly auspicious conclusion to the first semester's musical fare.

**Robert Brenton Betts**

# Choir Sings Twice During Christmas Season



*The AUB Choir at Assembly Hall, December 1996.*

This year the AUB Choir treated us to two different programs for the Christmas season. The first, on December 3, presented two major works from the Baroque: Vivaldi's famous "Gloria" and Marc-Antoine Charpentier's delightful "Messe de Minuit pour Noel."

The choir had performed both pieces two years earlier (although the first performance of the Mass did not include the largest section, the "Credo"). It was therefore obvious to someone like myself, who heard both, just how far the choir has come in a short period.

Assisted by the Barock Ensemble of 12 string and woodwind players under the direction of Loti Adaimi, the Choir (double the size it was in 1994) performed with confidence and control. It needed little direction from Professor Betts, who conducted from the Steinway keyboard while playing the continuo part.

It was obvious why he deleted the Credo of Charpentier's Mass in the first performance. It is by far the most difficult part of this otherwise simple (perhaps deceptively so) work based on a series of 17th century French "Noels"

or Christmas carols. The constantly changing rhythmic patterns, tempi and tonalities of this central movement were clearly a challenge that Professor Betts must have felt his group was not up to two years ago. But now it clearly was.

Vivaldi's "Gloria" profited from the larger numbers, as its choruses nearly always require a full sound and often forte volume. The intricate fugal concluding movement, "Cum sancto spirito", sung with much spirit, brought the concert to a rousing finish.

The solo sections, sung by sopranos Martine Francis, Nada Hamadeh and Farideh Irsheid, and altos Joanna Abdallah and Talar Shahsuvarian, were far more polished than in their first performance, and showed fine technique and a larger, warmer sound.

The second concert, only a week later on December 9th and 10th, featured a collection of Christmas carols and other seasonal pieces, some from previous concerts. But there were also many new, often elaborate, works and settings of familiar tunes sung in simpler versions in years past. Of

particular note was John Rutter's setting of "Three Kings of Orient" which prompted cries of "bravo" from the audience (a full house on both nights), and his own composition, "The Jesus Child". Following the first carol concert the choir and audience adjourned to the Christmas tree in the front of the Museum to sing further carols as it was lit.

Both concerts showed clear evidence of a great deal of work by both director and singers, and it is gratifying to see students performing with such skill and professionalism.

Two concerts, are planned for the Spring as well. The first is for Easter with Fauré's "Requiem" and the "Mass in G" by Franz Schubert whose bicentenary we are celebrating this year. The second at the end of May, will feature Brahms's "Liebeslieder" (Love Song) Waltzes and medleys of famous tunes from Rogers and Hammerstein's best known Broadway shows, "Oklahoma", "South Pacific" and "Carousel". We shall certainly look forward to both of them.

**Professor Lloyd H. J. Precious**

## Dr. Toufic Kerbage Lectures on Mozart's Magic Flute



*Dr. Toufic Kerbage.*

On January 9 Dr. Toufic Kerbage gave a lecture entitled "The Mystery of Mozart's Magic Flute" at the Issam Fares Hall. The event was jointly presented by AUB's CS Forum and the Friends of Al Bustan Festival.

In her opening remarks, Professor Seta Dadoyan, Coordinator of the CS Forum, explained that the Forum dealt with both academic and artistic themes. It also collaborated with institutions outside AUB. But the novelty of giving the lecture within the CS Forum lay in lending intellectual dimensions to a cultural event.

Professor Dadoyan then remarked that the public was familiar with Mozart's **Magic Flute**, which, like all great works of music, stimulates the imagination, the feelings and the intellect. Enjoyment on this level, is a "romantic" and not an "artistic" experience, she said. "What we seek to achieve through our initiative is to help promote artistic audiences."

Professor Dadoyan then invited AUB Trustee and President of the Association of the Al Bustan Festival, Mrs. Myrna Bustani, to introduce the lecturer.

Mrs. Bustani thanked all who participated in the event and un-

derlined the special importance that Al Bustan Festival gives to its educational role, in addition to its artistic-cultural mission. The Al Bustan Festival, said Mrs. Bustani, "has a program of master classes which are given free of charge by participating musicians at the Conservatoire Nationale. For example, the Shakespearean actors give workshops at various schools and universities and Moscow Ballet dancers offer similar sessions at the Georgette Gebara School of Ballet."

Introducing Dr. Kerbage, Mrs. Bustani noted that he holds a Doctorate degree in musicology from the University of Copenhagen. A composer, he is also the author of several articles and books on the history and theory of both Western and Arab music. Currently he teaches at Kaslik, the Lebanese National Conservatory and the Lebanese University.

Dr. Kerbage began with references from the well-known film *Amadeus*. Recalling the life, personality and music of Mozart, he underlined elements in the film which were removed from the reality of Mozart's personality and the events of his times. Mozart's own view of people and events, as expressed in his letters, and the circumstances surrounding his strange burial were also discussed.

He next gave an elaborate exposé of the way various influences and musical traditions helped create Mozart's musical personality.

Dr. Kerbage then explained the problems emanating from Mozart's encounters with some major figures of his time, and on whom his work and livelihood depended. The fashion around the end of the 18th century, the lack of and the need for symbolism, the humanitarian ideals of Mozart, his sensitivities, and finally his ac-



*Trustee Myrna Bustani,*

ceptance of Freemasonry found their musical expression in his work.

The **Magic Flute** and two other works were devoted to the ideals and symbols of Freemasonry. After briefly discussing the *Magic Flute*'s theme and plot, which Wagner considered the first truly German opera, the lecturer produced illustrations from the famous version of the Salzburg Marionettes then projected several scenes from the Ingmar Bergman production of the *Magic Flute*.

### Painting Exhibition by

#### Mr. David Kurani

Mr. David Kurani, art instructor in the Fine Arts Program at AUB, gave an exhibition of his paintings at the Galerie Epreuve d'Artiste in Beirut. The exhibition was inaugurated on Tuesday March 3 and continued until Saturday March 15. Reviews of the exhibition were published in several newspapers and were highly appreciative of the artist and his work, mainly in water colors.

# An Evening With Schubert



*Professor Azouri.*



*Professor Dadoyan.*



*Dr. Gholmieh.*

As in many world capitals, the bicentenary of Schubert's birth (on the 31st of January, 1797) was celebrated in Beirut. The program at AUB's Issam Fares Hall was presented by the Forum of the Civilization Program in collaboration with the Friends of Al Bustan Festival. In her opening remarks, Professor Seta Dadoyan, coordinator of the C.S. Forum, welcomed the audience to this seventh meeting of the Forum, and the second in the series of illustrated lectures.

She expressed satisfaction at the success of the lecture series parallel to musical events. She then presented the theme of the evening, "Schubert", one of the most prominent figures of Romantic music and the founder of "art-song" or "lied"-solo song accompanied by the piano. Professor Dadoyan noted the long tradition of the solo song accompanied by a single instrument, in the Arab musical tradition.

Dr. Walid Gholmieh, Director

of the National Higher Conservatory of Music, introduced the speaker, Professor Pierre Azoury. The lecturer is a member of the Faculty of Engineering at AUB as well as a musician in his own right. Indeed with the reserve and the style of a scientist, with no commentary, critique or emotional involvement, the lecturer allowed the images and sounds to speak for themselves.

After a brief presentation of Schubert's biography with slides, Professor Azoury played five video recordings from various works of Schubert: the fourth movement of the Piano Quintet in A major, Op.114 (The Trout); the second movement of the String Quartet in D minor (Death and the Maiden); Impromptu in G flat major Op.90, No. 3; three songs from the Swan Song. The Schubert Evening concluded with the Finale of Symphony No. 9 in C major (The Great).

## Simon Shaheen Determined to Preserve Arabic Music



*Simon Shaheen (standing).*

Palestinian composer and musician Simon Shaheen tackled classical Arabic music and enchanted his audience by playing oud at

AUB on January 22. Shaheen had been invited to lecture by the Civilization Sequence Forum and was presented to the audience by Pro-

fessor Seta Dadoyan, Forum coordinator.

Shaheen is particularly attached to his oriental roots and is passionate about preserving the heritage of Arabic music. He is working on establishing the Arab Art Institute in New York. Shaheen believes in the unique quality of Arabic music, which, according to him, should not be influenced by western culture.

A graduate of the Academy of Music in Jerusalem, Shaheen continued his studies at the Manhattan School of Music and Columbia University, in which he studied musicology and music education. He has taught at several prominent universities, including Harvard, Princeton, and Yale.

## ALUMNI

### Abu Dhabi Alumni Donate \$80,000 to Scholarship Program



*Mr. Ramzi Kteily presents UAE Alumni contribution to Dr. Makdisi. Looking on are Mr. Zeidan and UAE alumni members.*

Mr. Ramzi Kteily, President of the AUB Alumni Association-Abu Dhabi, recently presented AUB with a check for \$80,000. This

generous gift, given to Dr. Makdisi on August 28, will provide financial assistance to needy and qualified students from

South Lebanon.

Mr. Kteily was accompanied by three members of the Abu Dhabi committee: Mr. Jirji Bsheer, former President, Miss Samar Ghantous and Mr. Ibrahim Raphael. Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, was also present for the occasion.

Abu Dhabi Alumni has been very active in supporting various AUB programs. The total of \$724,321 donated so far has gone towards two endowed scholarships, College Hall reconstruction, Endocrine Fellowship Training and current scholarships. More than 60 students have received financial assistance from the Abu Dhabi Alumni Scholarship Funds since academic year 1991-92.

### Mount Lebanon Alumni Activity



*Cutting the ceremonial cake: Ambassador Dimechkieh, Minister Jumblat and engineer Azar.*

The Mir Amin Palace in Beiteddine was the scene of the Mount Lebanon AUB Alumni Association reception on September 23.

Among those present were Minister Walid Junblat and his wife, as well as Members of Parliament Mr. Nabee Al-Bustani, Mr. Alaa Tirro and Mr. George Deeb Nehmeh.

Also on hand were President of the AUB Alumni Association Ambassador Nadim Dimechkieh, AUB Vice President Mr. George Tomey, members of the Associa-

tion's higher council and many alumni.

Welcoming remarks were given by branch president, engineer George Mitri Azar, who defined the goals of the Association and Branch.

Mr. Junblat then addressed the audience, expressing his total support for the Alumni Branch. He spoke of his years at the University, noting that AUB has produced some of the most prominent men and women in Lebanon and the Arab world. Mr. Junblat called upon everyone to preserve AUB's culture and tradition, which encourage nationalism and freedom of thought.

A month later, on October 30, the Mount Lebanon Alumni met in Bshamoun to discuss the goals and objectives of the branch. Members of Parliament Talal Erslan, Akram Shuhayyeb, and Abdou Bajjani, as well as AUB Alumni Association President, Ambassador Nadim Dimechkieh, and several political and academic personalities were present.

In mid-December 1996, the Mount Lebanon Alumni held its annual dinner at the Regency Hotel in the town of Adma, north of Beirut. Among those attending were First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui, Deputy President Makdisi, and Branch President George Azar. The speeches focused on AUB's cultural, educational and national role.

# Three International Students from One Family



Antoine, left, Huda and Michel Makhoul.

Three dynamic Lebanese students from one family are enrolled at the Medical University of South Carolina. Michel, Huda and Antoine Makhoul are from Raskifa, a small town north Lebanon. And they are all AUB graduates.

Michel and Antoine are enrolled in the M.D./Ph.D. program in the Colleges of Graduate Studies and Medicine and Huda is enrolled in the Ph.D. program in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. They are the youngest of a family of eight children. The first five are already physicians in various stages of residency training or practice. When Michel and Tony and Huda graduate from the Medical University, the entire family will have attained doctoral level degrees.

Michel was accepted to the MUSC M.D/Ph.D. in September 1992. As he pursued his undergraduate degree in Lebanon he realized that he had a special interest in the biological sciences; however, he also wished to follow in the steps of his father and sister in the delivery of health care.

His goal is to combine his scientific curiosity with his love for medicine. Michel chose the field of physiology as the focus of his basic science research. He feels that through the study of both physiology and medicine he will have a

better insight into clinical diagnosis and patient care. Michel is deeply committed to his studies but he takes time to actively participate in the MUSC International Association. He is the immediate Past President of the International Association and served as a member of the Student Government Association. Hobbies include soccer, sports and computer programming.

When asked what he liked best about the US, Michel replied: "Freedom of speech and respect for human rights." Asked what do you like most about Lebanon? he said: "I miss my family and friends. In Lebanon social relationships are stronger, people know each other better and family ties are very important."

Antoine (Tony), joined the M.D/Ph.D. program in 1993. His basic science major is Molecular and Cellular Biology and Pathobiology. Tony "inherited" a keen interest in the biomedical sciences at a very early age. He found that the acquisition of knowledge is as challenging as its clinical application. His goal is to contribute to research and teaching as he pursues a clinical career.

He firmly believes that the early involvement of medical students in scientific research will help them work closely with researchers and maintain the clinical abilities nec-

essary for patient care. Tony's hobbies include soccer, computer programming, table-tennis and reading.

What did you like best about the United States? Tony's reply: "Freedom of speech and expression is the greatest legacy and I enjoy the many parks, beaches and public libraries available in the US. What do you like best about Lebanon? "What I like best about Lebanon are the social activities with friends and family."

Huda enrolled in the Ph.D. Program in Microbiology and Immunology in 1994. She became interested in microbiology while she was in undergraduate school. She feels that Microbiology is the cornerstone of a wide spectrum of applications ranging from wine making to genetic engineering. She is very outgoing and has many interests, including movies, cooking, soccer, music and dancing. Through her leadership, the International Association is growing very rapidly. She served as Vice President of the Association and became President in September 1996. What do you like best about he United States? Huda's reply: "What I like most about the States is the people! They are friendly, understanding and down to earth . America is a country full of opportunities where good people are appreciated and encouraged.

What do you like best about Lebanon? "What I like about my home is my hometown, the history of Lebanon, the mountains, the pine forests, the cedars and the blue Mediterranean sea. I also love the olive fields and wine making in September. I have many friends in America, however, I love and miss my family and friends in Lebanon."

(From *The Catalyst*, newsletter of the Medical University of South Carolina).

# Cyprus Alumni Reunion



*Mr. Alecos Michaelides, Cypriot Minister of Foreign Affairs, addresses the audience. Mrs. Soula Zavou, President of the Cyprus Alumni Branch is on the left.*

The AUB Alumni Association - Cyprus Branch organized a reunion in Limassol November 8-10, 1996. Although invitations were sent to alumni branches in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Qatar, Egypt, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Greece and the United Kingdom, only representatives from Lebanon and Syria were able to attend.

Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs represented the University, while Mrs. Mona Kanaan represented the AUB Alumni Association and Mr. Joseph Abdallah the branch in Syria.

The Cyprus Alumni Committee, headed by Mrs. Soula Zavou, arranged a number of activities. Guests were invited to dinner at a Greek taverna on Friday. The next day, a group went on a sightseeing tour to Paphos, the ancient capital of Cyprus. In the evening alumni gathered at the Saint Raphael Hotel for a "Lebanese Night" gala dinner attended

by more than 220 alumni and their spouses.

Mr. Alecos Michaelides, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Kyriakos Christophi, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism; and Mr. Zeidan Zeidan, Lebanese Ambassador to Cyprus were among the distinguished guests.

In her welcoming speech, Mrs. Zavou outlined the activities of the Cyprus Branch and its future plans. Mr. Zeidan spoke about AUB activities and congratulated

the alumni in Cyprus for their outstanding support of AUB.

Minister Alecos Michaelides, under whose auspices the "Lebanese Night" was held, addressed the audience, emphasizing the importance of AUB to the region. Mrs. Mona Kanaan praised the Branch's achievements and presented a plaque to Mrs. Zavou in appreciation of her able leadership over the past two years.

On Sunday a meeting was held at the Saint Raphael Hotel to discuss issues related to AUB and its alumni. Representatives from Lebanon and Syria attended, as well as Mr. Dinos Kittis, Honorary President of the Branch; Mrs. S. Zavou; Ms. Toula Lambrou, Vice President; Ms. Nitsa Papadustodoulou, Secretary; and Branch members: Ms. Maria Pieridou, Ms. Ghada Christofidou and Ms. Cleo Liasidou.

At the meeting, the importance of alumni reunions was emphasized. It was agreed to ask the AUB Alumni Association in Beirut to organize alumni reunions in various countries. The participants also discussed possible means of encouraging Cypriot students to join AUB.

## Bahrain Alumni Elections

Dr. Adnan Bseisu, Coordinator of the Bahrain Alumni Branch, recently announced the election of a new committee at the Annual General Meeting on December 9.

Officers were elected by the committee on December 11, as follows:

- Dr. Dhafer Al Umran, president
- Mr. Hamed Abul, vice president
- Mr. Nawaf Beyhoum, treasurer
- Mrs. Maha Fahoom, information officer
- Mrs. Shuhra Al Sharif, social officer
- Mrs. Salma Malas (Basha), cultural officer
- Mrs. Adrine Kalaidjian (Katachadurian), secretary

# Cedrus Libani Planted in London Ceremony



*Councillor John Corbet-Singleton, Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, planting the Cedrus Libani at Holland Park, London, on December 12, 1996. Standing next to him are the Lebanese Ambassador M. Hammoud and immediately to his right, Chairman of the UK Alumni Mr. Hisham El-Solh. In the background are Arab Ambassadors, the Lady Mayoress and Trustee Myrna Bustani.*

To mark the 130th anniversary of AUB's founding, the AUB Alumni Association (UK) planted a cedar tree in Holland Park gardens, West London. The ceremony took place on December 12, 1996. The program included welcoming remarks by the Chairman of the Association, followed by addresses from the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and by the Ambassador of Lebanon to the UK. After the cedar was planted a reception took place at the "Orangery".

A large number of dignitaries attended including, Dr. Mahmoud Hammoud, Ambassador of Lebanon; Councillor John Corbet-Singleton, Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Lady Mayoress; Councillor Priscilla Frazer, Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea; Councillor Carolyn Keen, Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster; Dr. Mohammad Shaker, Ambassador of Egypt and Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps; Dr. Mohammad Khodor, Ambassador of Syria; Sheikh Abdul Aziz Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Ambassador of

Bahrain; Dr. Hussein Al-Amri, Ambassador of Yemen; Mr. Ghayth Armanazi, Head of the Arab League mission; Mr. Michael Macy, Cultural Attaché representing the US Ambassador; Ms. Myrna Bustani, member of AUB's Board of Trustees; and a number of British Ambassadors who served in the Arab World: Sir Terrance Clark, Sir Harold Walker and Sir Ivor Lukas.

Mr. Hisham El-Solh, Chairman of the AUB Alumni Association (UK), welcomed the guests "to this tree planting ceremony in beautiful Holland Park, in Kensington (or Ras Beirut, as many alumni and friends like to call it)." Mr. El-Solh stressed the importance of the gifts made by generous donors from Great Britain in the nineteenth century which enabled Dr. Daniel Bliss to establish what was then known as the Syrian Protestant College.

He added: "The performance and reputation of AUB is evidence of the vision of the University's founding fathers and the wisdom and generosity of our distinguished British patrons. It is both a privilege and an

honor to plant this Cedrus Libani to mark our gratitude to Great Britain".

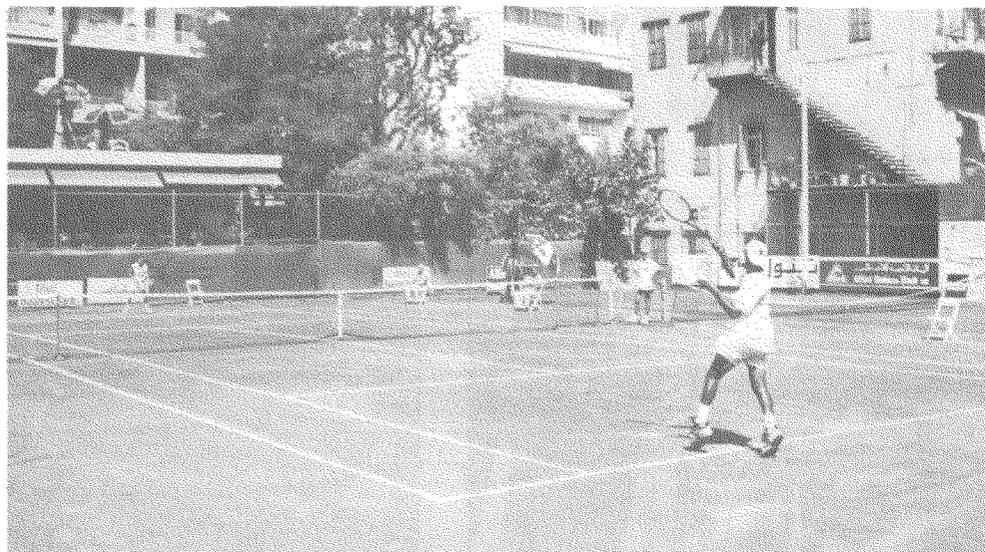
Councillor John Corbet-Singleton, Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, thanked the Association for the Cedar tree and emphasized the important role of the Arab community in Great Britain.

Dr. Mahmoud Hammoud stressed the importance of the Lebanese community in London which: "...remains a vital bridge in strengthening and expanding relations between Great Britain and Lebanon." He expressed his warm appreciation to the AUB Alumni Association (UK) for its gesture.

## UK Alumni Elections

The administrative committee of the UK Alumni Association-London met on September 24 to elect Hisham Al-Solh as Chairperson, Randa Osseiran Representative of the Chairperson, Samia Haddad Secretary and Sani Uwaida Treasurer. These officers will serve for the next two years.

# Alumni Tennis Club in the Spotlight



*Caspar Martinjak, winner of the ITF competition at the Alumni Club Tennis Courts.*

Under the sponsorship of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), the AUB Alumni Association's Tennis Club organized the ITF World Ranking Junior competition matches on the Alumni courts on September 2-6, 1996.

This successful event highlighted the importance of the Alumni Tennis Club, the first to hold an international tournament of this magnitude in Lebanon.

Invitations were extended to 120 ITF member countries, with entry restricted to boys and girls born between January 1, 1978 and December 31, 1983. By the deadline, junior boys from 9 countries had signed up to play: 5 from Kuwait, 4 from Pakistan, 3 from Morocco, 3 from Armenia, 3 from Egypt, 2 from Syria, 2 from Saudi Arabia, 1 from Qatar and 1 from Slovenia. In addition to these players, Lebanon (the host country) was represented by 8 players. Unfortunately, because of insufficient participation, the girls' competition was not held.

It was indeed a pleasure to watch the skill and prowess of these junior players throughout the five days of competition. The 8 Lebanese contenders fought valiantly

against superior players but were unable to pass the second round.

The outstanding singles and doubles finals on September 6 were transmitted live by Future Television. No. 4 seed Gaspar Martinjak of Solvenia played elegantly to win the singles title, beating No. 1 seed Talal Ouahabi of Morocco. In the doubles match the Pakistani team of Aisam Oureishi and Nasser Shirazi won over the Syrians, Abu Hassoun and El Amin.

The Alumni Tennis Club expressed its thanks to the 9 sponsors who contributed to the success of the event, with special gratitude to

the major contributor, Mr. Habib Abu Fadel of the Allied Business Bank. His constant support, especially for the Club's junior program, has been greatly appreciated by the Alumni Association and its Tennis Club.

The AUB Alumni Association salutes its Tennis Club whose teams have succeeded in becoming the champions of Lebanon over three consecutive years. The Club's achievements in Lebanon, in the region and internationally, are acknowledged with pride by the AUB and its Alumni Association.

## **Dr. Zahi Hawa Tournament**

The Seventh Dr. Zahi Hawa Tennis Tournament for AUB Alumni Members was held a short time later. It ended on September 27, with the following winners:

Singles: Mazen Dallal.

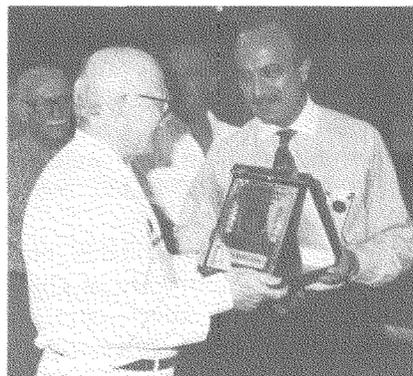
Singles, veterans: Sami Al-amuddin

Doubles, men: Taher and Saba

Mixed doubles: Saba and Abou Izzeddin

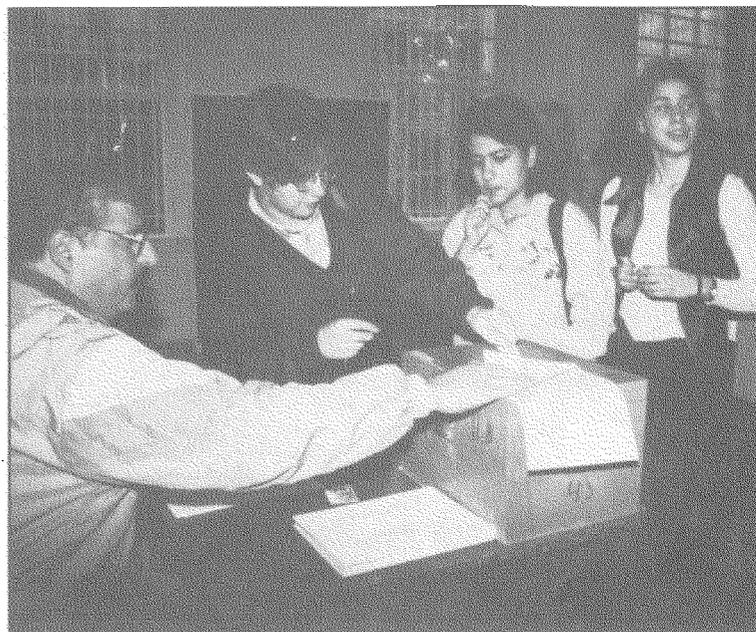
Singles, men: Sharif Saba.

Awards were presented to the winners in the presence of Ramzi Alamuddin and members of the Hawa family.



*Dr. G. Zaytoun presents Mr. H. Abu Fadel with an award of appreciation for his support for the Tennis Club.*

# SRC Elections Go Smoothly



*SRC Elections 1996. Left: Dean Fawzi Hajj announces results, and students voting, right.*

On November 20, excitement over the Student Representative Committee (SRC) Elections was unmistakable, and it continued until the evening, when the Dean of Student Affairs announced the results. On the Big Day, election signs and slogans were seen everywhere in West Hall as candidates and their helpers distributed lists and tried to persuade students to vote for them. Enthusiastic crowds gathered outside West Hall Common Room and other voting places.

Faculty members who helped organize the student elections witnessed an easy-going day. Chairperson of the English Department Kassim Shaaban told the **Bulletin**: "Voting is going on very nicely this year. The students seem to understand the rules of the game, and nobody is causing any problems."

According to the Student Affairs Office, 52.11% of AUB's 5,000 students exercised their right to vote for members of the Council.

Three different lists--the Societies List (also called the Independent Students' list), the Choice List, and the People's List, took over stands at West Hall the day before elections. Each group publicized its members and distributed brochures describing their goals and plans to benefit the students.

Candidates were very enthusiastic about the elections and seemed confident of the lists they chose. Student candidate Rana Abou Zaki, a sophomore running on the Choice List, said that their slogan was, "You [the students] make the choice. We make the changes." She added, "I feel that something needs to be changed. I think the last SRC didn't really achieve anything."

Most of the candidates emphasized the importance of eliminating political interference in student affairs at the University.

Salam Sbeity, a senior who was a candidate on the Societies' List, criticized other lists for involving

politics in the elections. "They are turning the University into a stage of political conflict. We're trying to make it a neutral student campaign," said Salam.

Many students, on the other hand, decided to go through the elections experience as independent candidates. Rami Hannoush, who nominated himself for the senior class, said, "I want the elections to be true and fair, removed from political and sectarian interests. To me, the SRC is a delegation of AUB students that works on changing what should be changed."

Asked by the **Bulletin's** Lina Badih what she thought of the elections, Mouna Haidar, a member of the SRC in 1994-95, said, "I consider the SRC an experience rather than a committee with goals to be achieved. I hope that the new SRC members will act as students concerned about student issues and take their responsibility seriously, and not get involved for the prestige."

## 1996-97 Student Election Results

<p><b>FAS</b></p> <p>Freshman (4):            Maria Atoui            Ali Halawi            Hassan Osman            Ramzi Rached</p> <p>Sophomore (11):            Hussain Abdul-Hussain            Lara Abou-Ezzeddine            Rana Abou-Zaki            Mais Al-Jundi            Charlotte-Maria Karam            Wissam Khoury            Abdul-Hamid Mihrez            Hani Mounneh            Jaafar Moussawi            Sally Shamieh            Moh'd-Zakaria Siblini</p> <p>Junior (4):            Kabalan Frangieh            Karim Knio            Genane Maalouf            Emile Tabanji</p> <p>Senior (6):            Karim Baalbaki            Assad Ghoussoh            Rami Hannoush            Cassius-Iyad Ochoa-Chaar            Rami Sayegh            Hammad Sioufi</p> <p>Graduate (4):            Gabi Afram            Fida Dankar (tie)            Ali Haddarah            Rima Koteich (tie)            Fares El-Zein</p>	<p>Nut. and Diet. II (1):            Joanna Chatila</p> <p>Nut. and Diet. III (1):            Maya Sayadi</p> <p>Graduate (4):            Samer Harb            Aline Kahawaty            Mazen Makke            Mohamed Shmoury</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEP</b></p> <p>Graduate (2):            Rana Ismail            Amira Natout</p> <p>Teaching Diploma (2):            Lamia El-Husseiny</p> <p>Sophomore, Junior and Senior Education (1):            Nisrine Adada</p> <p>University Orientation Program (2):            Darine Dandahly            Bahaa Soubra</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEA</b></p> <p>En'g. I (4):            Alexandre El-Hawat            Edourad Koukaz            Rashad Mounneh            Charbel Sfeir</p> <p>Eng'g. II (4):            Jad Jawad            Mario Kozma            Samer Mehaidly            Ahmad Shoukair</p> <p>Eng'g. III (4):            Jihad Abbas            Nader Antar            Elie Sawaya            Anis Solh</p> <p>Eng'g. IV (3):            Youssef Heneine            Joe Sfeir            Fu'ad Zreik</p> <p>Graduate (2):            Naji Edde            Mahmoud Machaka            Graphic Design I &amp; II (1):            Dana Dimashkieh</p>	<p>Graphic Design III &amp; IV (1):            Iyad Zahlan</p> <p>Architecture I, II &amp; III (1):            Maher Zebian</p> <p>Architecture IV &amp; V (1):            Carlos Haddad</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>School of Nursing</b></p> <p>BSN II &amp; III (2):            Mariam Kayle            Lara Rizk</p> <p>BSN IV (1):            Saleh Sayyour</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FM</b></p> <p>Med. I (2):            Wassim Jaber</p> <p>Med. II (2):            Michel Kafrouni            Wadih Zein</p> <p>Med. III (2):            Sarah Houssayni            Riad Khouzami</p> <p>Med. IV (2):            Nabil Jamal (tie)            Oussama Nakat            Salah Zein-el-dine (tie)</p> <p>Graduate Medicine (1):            Rabih Halwani (tie)            Ashraf Makki</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FHS</b></p> <p>Public Health I (2):            Mohammed Ansary            Faysal Jaafar</p> <p>Public Health II (2):            Afamia Kaddour            Wassim Merhy</p> <p>Public Health III (2):            Ali Hamadeh            Kifah Shahin</p> <p>Graduate (3):            Karima Ajhar            Choghik Boulghourjian            Wadih Maalouf</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FAFS</b></p> <p>Agriculture I (3):            Ziad Antar            Nisrine El-Danaf            Carla Sfeir</p> <p>Agriculture II (2):            Antoine Serhal            Wassim Tanbouzeh Al-Husseini</p> <p>Agriculture III (1):            Hassan Rahhal</p> <p>Agriculture IV (1):            Karim El-Jisr</p> <p>Nut. and Diet. I (1):            Maha Sabbagh</p>		

## Reception for President's Club



*President Robert Haddad addresses the President's Club Committee.*

During his visit to the campus in October 1996, President Robert Haddad and the President's Club Administrative Committee gave a reception at West Hall in honor of the club members. Attending were AUB Trustee Dr. Salim Hoss, as well as Members of Parliament Nabil El-Bustani, Nasib Lahhood, Ibrahim Azar, Bahaeddin Itani, Adnan Arkaj and Ismail Sukkarieh. AUB Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi, vice-presidents and deans were also present. Launching the evening's festivities, Dr. Haddad thanked club members for supporting student facilities such as the new library equipment for visually impaired students.

Club president Mrs. Leila Baroudy spoke of the club's achievements, including the renovation and lighting of the tennis courts. She also revealed that the club plans to renovate the Green Field some time next summer.

Mrs. Baroudy then introduced Mrs. Samia Saab and the Sarab Group, who presented a fashion show entitled "Tradition," illustrating the development of traditional Lebanese attire.

## Women's League Christmas Program

On December 2, the Women's League celebrated Christmas with a lovely group of young girls of different nationalities. The girls, wearing long white dresses and holding candles, walked around the lecture room in West Hall singing Christmas carols and Santa Lucia songs.

The Santa Lucia feast, which is celebrated in the Swedish tradition, falls on December 13. Lucia or Lucy is a Christian virgin martyr who has been highly venerated since the 7th century.

The girls who participated are:

Sietske Noshie- Dutch  
Daisy Katra-Danish  
Laurie Hyslop- Canadian  
Lina Genadri-Danish

Rebekka Giesen- German  
Catrin El Hage- Norwegian

At the piano was Mrs. Ellen Genadre, of Danish nationality.

## Christmas at the Women's Auxiliary



The Women's Auxiliary of AUH held its annual Christmas party on December 19 at the Ecluse restaurant. Mrs. Leila Khalaf, president of the organization, welcomed the members, extending a special welcome to the honorary guests. Among these special guests were Dr.



and Mrs. Samir Makdisi, Mr. and Mrs. George Tomey, Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Kuntz, Dr. and Mrs. Samir Najjar, Dr. and Mrs. Raif Nassif, and Mr. and Mrs. Ibrahim Khoury.

A Christmas atmosphere reigned as Mrs. Khalaf enlivened the gathering by singing Christmas carols.

# A Short History of the Women's League

The year was 1919 and the Middle East was still reeling from the effects of WWI. Some food items were scarce and there was a need for women in the Beirut community to get together and discuss common concerns. On October 13, 1919, AUB housewives met at Marquand House to discuss "provisioning." Two weeks later they met again to discuss organization and elect a temporary chairperson.

On November 3, 1919, the Women's League became an official organization. The group decided to meet once a month, adopted a constitution, invited speakers, prepared and distributed a pamphlet for newcomers, published "At Home" lists for social entertaining, and assisted the community in placing bulk orders for imported food and supplies.

Social service began naturally in the League's early history. There was so much work to be done and willing women to do it. They organized an employment agency, began early work in the prison reform movement, donated clothes, food and money to war refugees. The pioneering work of the maternity center committee started in 1929, was later taken over by the AUB Hospital. The Mother's Club provided far-reaching assistance to families all over Lebanon by translating into Arabic pamphlets on sex hygiene and child care.

The League worked closely with other Lebanese Women's groups to deal with social problems in Beirut. In 1922 they were represented in the joint Women's Federation of Clubs and Organizations, formed to coordinate activities and social responsibility. Since then, the League has been represented in this organization, now known as the Lebanese National Council of Women.

In the 1930's when a women's suffrage movement was underway and women were trying to shed their veils, and again in the 1940's

when Lebanon was fighting for its independence, League members played an active role.

Although many of the League's social service activities have been taken over by new specialized agencies, the league has remained concerned and involved in the work of these institutions. Individual members of the League have been the founders of many such institutions. In more recent years, the League gave scholarships to college women, and supported charitable work when the treasury permitted.

The League's membership steadily increased over the years: from a dozen or so founders in 1919 to around 100 at the twenty-fifth anniversary, to over 200 by the time the League celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. Projects such as the Dorcas Society, Bible Study Group, Music Appreciation Group, and Variety Show will not soon be forgotten by those members who participated in them.

To many, the League's greatest value is the opportunity it gives for broad acquaintance among women of all nationalities. The President's report dated May 6, 1929, written by Mrs. Kate Chambers Seelye, still seems to be relevant today: "As the only thoroughly international club in Beirut, the Women's League holds a unique position, and can be very useful in encouraging women to work together and for the community at large..."

The League enjoyed good fortune until 1975, when the war started. During the years of fighting, the Women's League could hold only limited activities, but its few members did not forsake it and were adamant in their efforts to keep it alive. With the return of peace and stability, the League started to recover its former glory. Not all the various interest groups have been re-activated but this will happen in time and the League looks forward to a bright future.

## Dr. G. Moufarrej at Women's League Meeting



*Dr. George Moufarrej speaks at the Women's League meeting.*

The Women's League held its first general meeting for 1996-1997 on November 2 in West Hall.

Dr. George Moufarrej, General Manager of "Expomed" and medical advisor to the first "Home Care Agency" in Lebanon, talked to the ladies about "Home Health Care" and the advantages and facilities this organization provides. After the meeting refreshments were thoughtfully provided by the "The Home Care" agency.

# Women's Auxiliary Toy Tea Party



*Assyla models parade their attractive oriental fashions. The audience, seen below, was very appreciative.*

On July 2, the Women's Auxiliary closed its fiscal year 1995-1996 with the traditional Toy Tea Party in the gardens of Marquand House. After the National Anthem was played, Auxiliary President Mrs. Leila Khalaf opened the program. She talked briefly about the Women's Auxiliary's fundraising activities and its purpose of helping needy patients, especially in the Pediatrics Department.

This was followed by a very successful showing of abayas created by the famous Assyla of Baalbeck. The program was prepared by Nuhad Nassif and Helen Harmoush and the models were AUB students and wives of AUH doctors.

After the show outstanding nursing students Misses Rola Hammoud, Liza Mardoyan, Nicole Saber and Suha Shidiac, were each awarded a gift of \$150. A full scholarship was donated to Miss Houry Puzantian, a 4th year nurs-

ing student, who had received the award last year .

Dr. Salwa Makarem then spoke on behalf of the Nursing School, thanking the Women's Auxiliary for their support and benevolent activities.

At the end of the program, refreshments were served with desserts donated by Women's Auxiliary Volunteers.

**Leila Khalaf  
President**



## Women's League Lecture on Allergies

The Women's League meeting on January 6 featured a lecture by Dr. Fouad Ramadan, who spoke about allergies, their symptoms, causes and how to deal with them. Afterwards, members and their guests gathered around the traditional tea table which was covered with cakes and cookies provided by members.

## Ceremonies at Assembly Hall

A ceremony was held at Assembly Hall in early November to honor and award distinguished students who received their intermediary diplomas (Lebanese Brevet). The ceremony was held by the Inma Foundation under the patronage of the First Lady.

Later in November, the Hariri Foundation held a ceremony at Assembly Hall to honor 119 of its students. Premier Hariri spoke in the ceremony.

## Independence Day Marked on Campus



*Deputy President Makdisi and Dean Hajj raising the Lebanese flag in front of West Hall.*

Flag Day, November 21, which precedes Lebanese Independence Day on November 22, was observed at AUB with a flag-raising ceremony in front of West Hall. Deputy President Samir Makdisi, Dean of Student Affairs Fawzi Hajj and other deans, teachers and students took part.

## Women's Auxiliary Honors Dr. Nassif



*Mrs. Leila Khalaf with Dr. Raif Nassif.*

On October 29 the Woman's Auxiliary of AUH held a reception at the Coffee Shop in honor of Dr. Raif Nassif, departing director of AUH.

At the reception, the ladies also welcomed Mr. Dieter Kuntz, the new hospital director and wished him a happy stay in Lebanon.

## Women's Auxiliary Trip to Horsh Ehden



On October 19th, 1996, Program Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary Mrs. Nouhad Nassif organized a trip to the Horsh Ehden Nature Reserve.

The 54 people who joined the trip enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Ferdaous Restaurant in Mar Sarkis. Dr. Raif Nassif, who knows every restaurant and secluded spot in Lebanon, was the perfect guide.

When the group reached Koura, Mrs. Nabila Ferzli recited a beautiful poem, "Salma El Kuranyya" written by the great Al Akhtal Al Sageer.

## 1996 Winter Tournament Results

### Preliminary Matches

#### Football (Men)

AUB beat Hagazian: 6-0  
AUB Staff beat NDU-Chekka: 5-4  
NDU beat LAU-Beirut: 4-2  
BAU beat Balamand: 6-2  
AUB-Jv beat LAU-Jbeil: 3-2  
AUB-V beat AUB Staff: 6-0  
NDU beat BAU by free kicks

#### Volleyball (Women)

AUB beat NDU: 2-0  
BAU beat USEK: 2-1  
AUB beat LAU-Beirut 2-0

#### Volleyball (Men)

AUB beat LAU-Beirut: 2-0  
BAU beat Balamand: 2-0  
NDU beat LAU-Jbeil: 2-0  
BAU beat AUB: 2-1

#### Basketball (Men)

AUB-Jv beat NDU-Chekka: 99-61  
AUB-V beat Balamand: 70-44  
BAU beat USEK: 73-55  
NDU beat LAU-Jbeil: 69-57  
LAU-Beirut beat Hagazian: 76-52

#### Basketball (Women)

AUB beat BAU: 36-34  
Hagazian beat Balamand by  
forfeit  
LAU-Beirut beat Hagazian: 57-45  
LAU-Beirut beat AUB: 37-36

### Final Results

**1st Place:** LAU-Beirut

**2nd Place:** AUB

**3rd Place:** Hagazian

#### Key:

BAU: Beirut arab University.  
NDU: Notre Dame University.  
LAU: Lebanese American University,  
formerly BUC (Beirut University Col-  
lege).  
USEK: Université St. Esprit Kaslik.

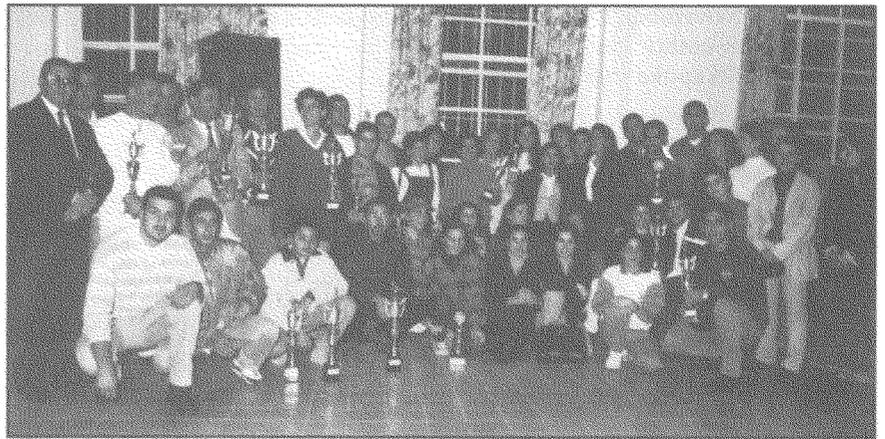
## AUB Basketball Team Wins Over Egyptian Marine Academy

The AUB basketball team beat the Marine Academy of Egypt in an exciting game at the AUB indoor court on October 24. The score was 74/51.

Among the spectators were Dr. Mohammad Ali, Director of The Marine Academy and Mr. Ghaleb Halimi, Director of Athletics at AUB.

After the awards and trophies were presented the guests invited the AUB varsities to Alexandria in the spring for a return visit.

## Awards for 1996 Winter Tournament



*The 1996 Awards Ceremony.*

On December 21 the AUB Athletics Department held an awards distribution party for the 1996 Winter Tournament. The celebration, at the West Hall Common Room, was attended by officials from all participating universities.

AUB was represented by Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Fawzi Hajj, Dean of FEA Dr. Nassir Sabah and Dr. Kassem Chaaban Acting Dean of Arts & Sciences. Also on hand were Dr. Waddah Nasr, Registrar and Mr. Ibrahim Houry, Director of Information and Public Relations.

Dr. Leila Nimeh Vice President of Student Affairs, and Mrs. Aida Talhouk Director of Student Affairs represented LAU Beirut. Mr. Hassan Dalati and Mr. Mohamad Kam-mourieh represented Beirut Arab University.

Mr. Ghaleb Halimi Director of Athletics at AUB announced the final results of the tournament and

trophies were distributed to winners. Following the awards, guests were served cakes and refreshments.

### Flying Colors for AUB in Sports Competitions

#### TABLE TENNIS

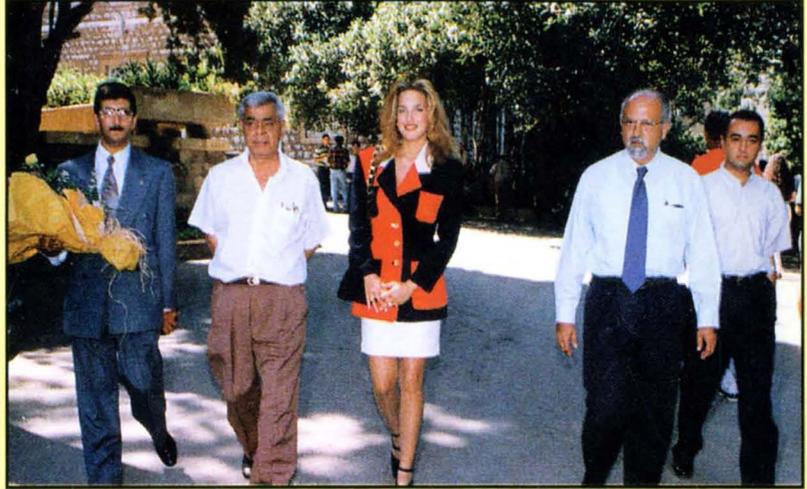
At a table tennis tournament on January 16 at LAU Beirut, AUB took first place, with its men players overcoming LAU 6-0. The AUB ladies beat LAU 6-1. Trophies and medals were distributed to the winners.

#### VOLLEYBALL

In a volleyball tournament for men AUB won 2-0 against St. Elie School (Beirut), The score was 15-12 in the first game and 15-9 in the second.

AUB players also beat Kfer-chima Club 2-0, scoring 15-14 in the first game and 15-12 in the second.

# Former Miss Lebanon Dina Azar at the Women's Rights Club



Close-up of Miss Dina Azar, seen right on a tour of the campus, escorted by senior administrators.

With the invitation to "simply come and speak loudly," the Women's Rights Club at AUB called for a debate on "Women and Beauty Contests" on December 12. Dina Azar, former Miss Lebanon and an AUB graduate, was on hand to share her experiences with the students.

The Club Members maintained that beauty contests, local and international, neglect the intellectual faculties of the contestants and present them as 'sex objects' in bathing suits and revealing evening gowns. The debate centered around two issues. The first was whether beauty contests are the best way to represent Lebanon. The second was whether Miss Lebanon should be chosen for her physical beauty or her ability to converse well on stage.

Many students mentioned the disappointing on-stage performance of one of the 1996 finalists, who did not know what the UN was.

Miss Azar, commented that what the contestants are taught back-stage is very different from the decisive moment on stage.

"Part of your character is cou-

rageous and daring enough. It's a fairy tale that thousands of women around the world dream about," she said.

Most of the students agreed that Miss Lebanon has a mission to accomplish, and argued about whether this should be taken into consideration by the jury. Regarding her activities as Miss Lebanon, Azar said that she participated in fundraising for many humanitarian organizations that serve the handicapped, orphans, Arab Children and the Red Cross.

Speaking of her experience as Miss Lebanon, Dina Azar said: "It was a wonderful year for me. I learned a lot--good and bad. It was a challenge, and always a part of the fun."

Dina Azar concluded that a Miss Lebanon has to be up to people's expectations and look beautiful whether she is intellectual or not, because after all, she does represent beauty.

Club Advisor Professor Lamia Shehadeh, who gives a feminist theory course at AUB, attended the debate. She told the **Bulletin**:

"I'm not against beauty contests. I don't understand why people

make a fuss about them. As long as a woman is not forced to participate then she's not being treated as an object, and that's the issue about feminism."

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## Women's Rights Club

The Women's Rights Club was started in 1995 by a group of motivated students, aware of the problems confronting women around the globe. Members of the Club, who include male students, subscribe to the motto "It's time to cross the line, shake the walls, liberate the truth, to CHANGE."

The Club's agenda involves activities, such as movies that highlight women's issues and collective reading. Members have also initiated an awareness program among the student body, placing a bulletin board in the cafeteria with quotes by popular writers about women. They will also distribute 'flash' flyers on the subject.

# AUB Alumna Parachutes into North Pole



Christine Assouad, in arctic gear with the explorers' flags and in a more normal setting.



Many AUB students reach the top, but not in the dramatic way Christine Assouad did. On April 20, 1996 she skydived from 11,000 feet to land on the North Pole and fixed the Lebanese flag in its snow next to the flags of the US, Canada, and other countries.

After acquiring her B.S. degree in nutrition and dietetics from AUB, Christine Assouad, 22, enrolled in McGill University, Canada where she earned an M.A. degree in food sciences.

She tried all kinds of sports, from rafting to paragliding, kayaking, martial arts, and ballet until she took up skydiving as a passion. She also has a pilot's license.

While surfing the Internet, she came across the North Pole Expedition 1996, organized by the Russian Red Cross. Her passion for adventure and skydiving, in addition to her family's support, led her to join the expedition.

Other countries taking part were Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Holland, India, Russia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, the UK, the US, and Zimbabwe.

The expedition started off from Moscow on April 17 but had to stop several times in Northern Siberia before reaching its ultimate goal.

The helicopter hovers 11,000 feet above Arctica. The thermometer

indicates -65 degrees C. At 8:40 p.m. Siberian time, Christine jumps out.

She recounts the view from top of the world: "The freefall was amazing. Thanks to the adrenaline rush, I didn't feel the cold. The view was unbelievable. A white desert, with frozen rivers, and the curved horizon proving once more that the Earth is round!"

She describes her landing as nice and soft. "At 4000 feet, we opened the chute, and it was the most magnificent descent in my existence, with my Lebanese flag, above the North Pole."

The expedition visited an Eskimo village, which Christine says

was a very important and emotional part of the trip: "We landed near twenty houses in the middle of nowhere. The Eskimo kids were touching us to make sure that we were human like them. When we gave them chocolate and candies, they didn't know how to use them."

Christine holds the whole experience in her memory as magical. She was given a certificate from the Russian Red Cross and the title "Miss North Pole." She thanks her parents and her sponsors, Tecmo Industries and Dunkin' Donuts, who made the trip possible.

Her ambition does not stop here. The adventurous skydiver is looking for sponsors so she can join the First South Pole Skydiving Expedition in January.

Christine now works as an employee trainer with Meeting Point, a company which is bringing Dunkin' Donuts to Lebanon.

**Lina Badih**



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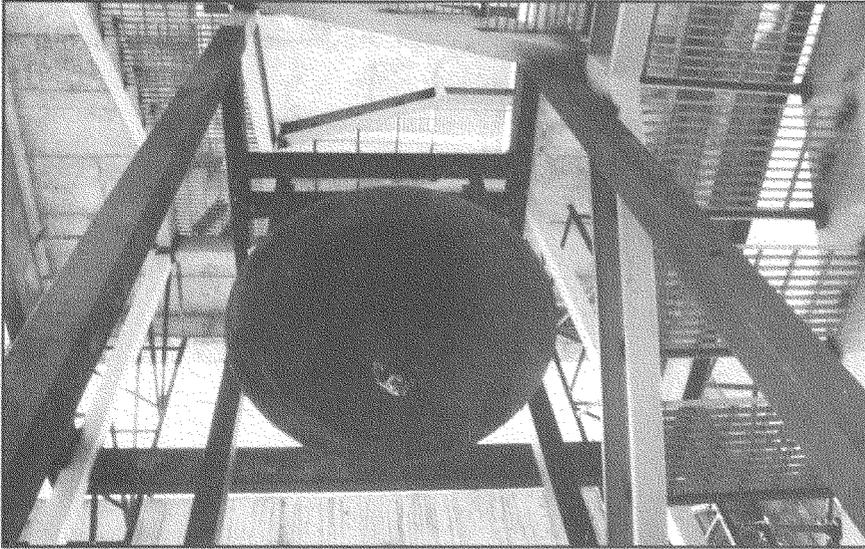
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# For Whom the Bell Tolls



7 August 1997: College Hall's bell in position.

On Thursday August 7, 1997, a long-absent sound reverberated briefly in the clear sky above the AUB Campus: the bell of the College Hall Clock Tower.

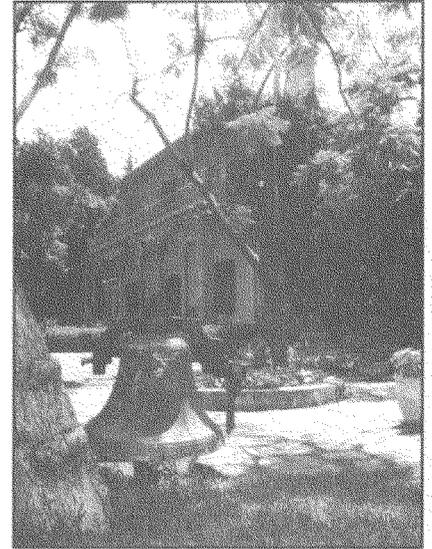
Newcomers to this green oasis of ours paid scant attention, but for those who have been with AUB for some years, the sound had all the makings of a drama with a happy ending. There were smiles, some tears and many remembrances. One does not forget the numbing explosion that destroyed College Hall in the early hours of November 8, 1991 and that relegated its famous bell to the grounds of Marquand House for nearly six years.

There were also thoughts for Munir Salha, who perished in the blast and for the tearful students who stood beside the rubble, candles in hand, singing the Alma Mater. There were memories of the Long Live AUB posters, the yellow ribbons, the difficult days in the aftermath when one walked in disbelief over debris and through dust. But most of all, one remembers the overwhelming re-

solve that AUB would survive.

With the tolling of the bell this August the final phase of College Hall's reconstruction began. The bell, weighing 450 kilograms, and built in 1955 by Naffaa Bros (Beit Shabab, Lebanon), was originally installed in College Hall's clock tower the same year. It replaced an older bell that had been in use since 1936.

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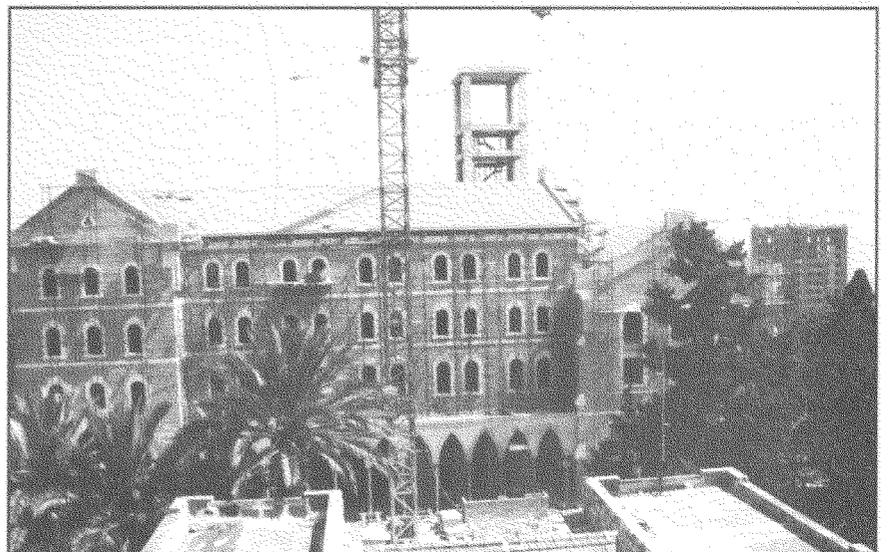


The bell at Marquand House grounds.

for the present bell, an electronic clock from Switzerland, will be installed.

It won't be long before College Hall, the oldest and most important building on the campus, is once again buzzing with activity. And high in its tower the bell will toll the time once again, a sign of rebirth and hope for AUB.

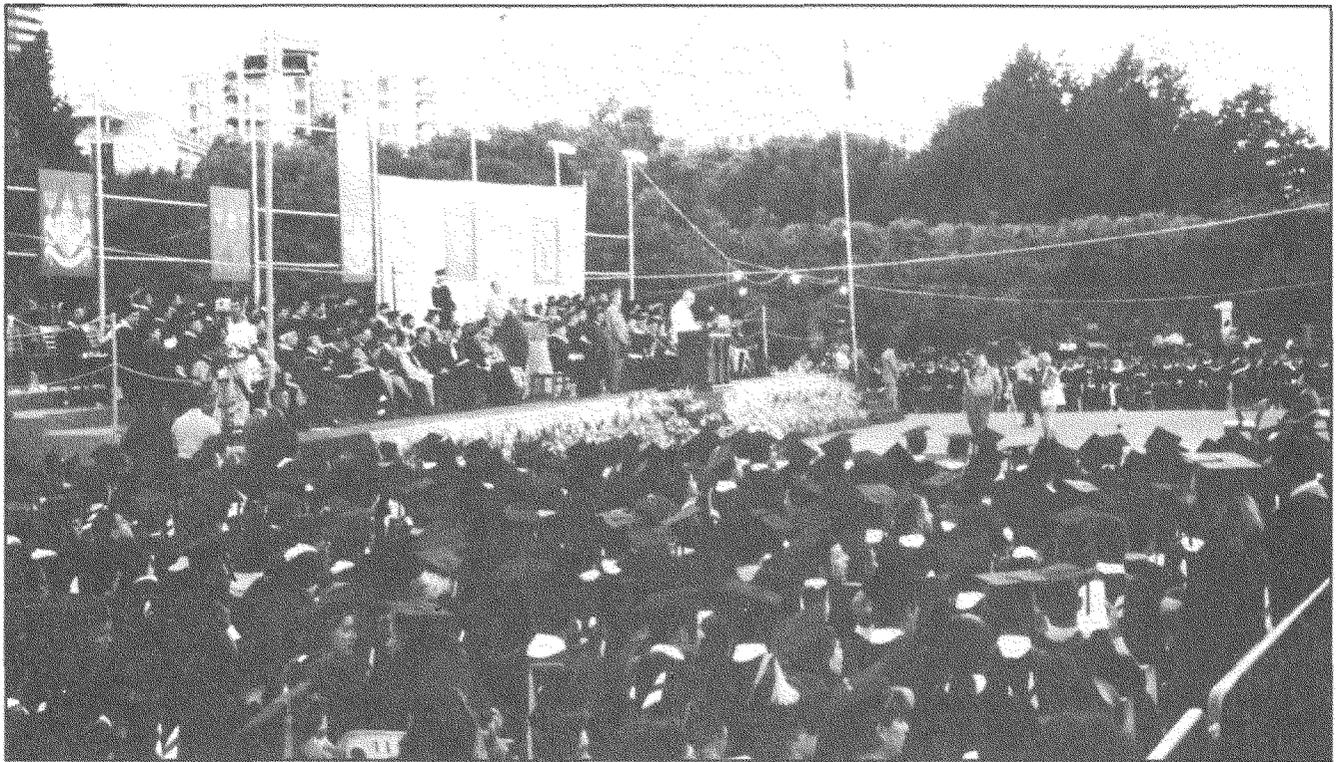
**Henry Matthews**



College Hall as it stands now, with construction almost complete.

# 128th Commencement Exercises

## One Thousand Students Graduate In Imposing Ceremony



*General view of Commencement Exercises 1997. President Hraoui is speaking.*

On July 7, the Green Field took on a festive air as AUB celebrated its 128th Commencement with a crowd of 10,000 looking on. The ceremonies took place under the auspices of the President of the Republic, who attended in person.

In the usual tradition, the Lebanese National Anthem was played, then the procession of graduates and faculty made its entrance to the strains of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance." More than 1,000 students were present to receive their degrees from seven faculties and schools.

Deputy President Samir Makdisi welcomed the audience, pointing out that the University was looking to the future with great confidence. "Our confidence is merely a reflection of AUB's glorious and continued heritage of 131 years, during which it never stopped fulfilling its mission."

Makdisi reminded the students that their own countries needed the skills and expertise that they had acquired. He warned that Lebanon and the Arab world are going through a challenging period, and pointed out that acquiring specialization and technical skills alone is not enough; technical and academic qualifications are linked to human, moral and educational values. "Success, regionally and internationally, hinges on an inextricable link between technical and academic specialization and human, moral and educational values."

Next to speak was Vice-President Makhluף Haddadin, who read a special message from Acting President David Dodge. "Whether you have prepared to become a nurse, engineer, or business executive, a teacher, civil ser-

vant, agriculturist, or doctor, you will be vital to rebuilding Beirut and Lebanon," he told the graduates. Dodge said that Lebanon is poised to regain its position of preeminence in commerce and culture. "As a new chapter begins in Lebanon's story, you will be here to fill the pages."

Despite years of hardship, AUB is again attracting new faculty and students from around the world, the Acting President pointed out.

Rami Sayegh, vice president of the University Student-Faculty Committee, then spoke on behalf of the graduating classes of 1997, a tradition reinstated this year after a 25-year break. Sayegh called upon the University to provide improved and well-maintained facilities and to put a cap on ever-increasing tuition fees. He also demanded that the University up-



*Dignitaries in front row. President Hraoui, left, with Minister Shahe Barsoumian.*

grade the funding process and financial aid, and avoid depriving needy and qualified students from continuing their education.

Dr. Ray Irani, AUB Trustee and Chairman of the Board, and chief executive officer of Occidental Petroleum Corporation in California, expected the graduates to be agents of change because of their education at AUB: They should "not only respond to change, but create change where it is needed," he said.

The last speaker in the ceremony was President Hraoui, who said that a university should empower its students to partake of national and democratic life and to be committed to building the future.

The President said that it is in the Lebanese national character to embark on journeys to serve the world, not to exploit or subjugate it. He said the coming epoch raises daunting challenges and difficult questions which they, the gradu-

ates, would have to tackle.

Addressing the American people, the President said that the Lebanese are now struggling for freedom, democracy, human

rights, justice and peace, in the way that the Americans had done.

The ceremony was concluded by the awarding of degrees.



*On July 5 Deputy President and Mrs. Makdisi gave a reception for graduating students and their families in the gardens of Marquand House.*

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## Deputy President Makdisi: Human, Moral and Educational Values

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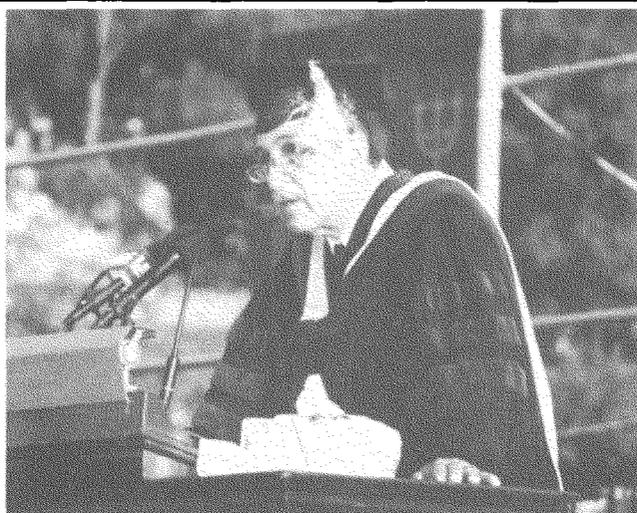
AUB celebrates its 128th Commencement today as it looks to the future with great confidence and gears itself to enter the twenty-first century, eager to continue its pioneering educational, scientific and cultural mission in Lebanon and the Arab World.

Our confidence in the future is merely a reflection of AUB's glorious and continued heritage of 131 years, during which it never stopped fulfilling its mission, ever since it was founded in 1866.

This message is essentially based on the development of open intellectual interaction, and is an assertion that educational, cultural and university work is an act of faith in the high principles that illuminate our path towards consolidating the roots of a society governed by justice, democracy, freedom of expression, and the safeguarding of public welfare.

We are confident in the future because AUB has never ceased keeping pace with developments in science and education, and attracting distinguished academic expertise to enhance its academic and professional curricula.

Dear graduates, if graduation ceremonies are opportunities to give advice and to spur you on to face challenges of the future with your knowledge, culture and values, then allow me to voice a word, not of advice, but as a reminder and an assertion: Lebanon and your individual countries not only need your specializations (fully bearing in mind their importance) but also your implementation of the major objectives of university education in its broad civilizational and hu-



*Deputy President Makdisi.*

manitarian meaning: acquiring knowledge, belief in values, constructive dialogue, giving, commitment to society and working to improve it. Thus your expected contribution to the renaissance of your country does not only imply taking part in its various economic activities but, also, complying with rules of civic behavior, confirming the humanitarian and social values so inherent to our heritage. Your contribution also means accepting to faithfully bear the responsibility, as individuals and institutions, and acquiescing that rights and duties are inseparably entwined.

I realize as I say this that Lebanon and the Arab world are going through a period of major challenges, regionally and internationally. As globalization advances and national economies open up, as communication and information networks spread at astonishing speed, you the graduates, face a world that was not in being fifteen years ago or less. We want our country to have a foothold in the future. Acquiring specialization and technical skills alone is not enough to meet the

challenges resulting from the current world-wide changes. The ability to successfully face up, regionally and internationally, hinges on an inextricable link between technical and academic specialization and human, moral and educational values. These values should be the shelter which contains specialization. Failing that, we will be trying in vain to build a country that can compete with other countries; futile would our efforts be to establish a society where justice, freedom and democracy prevail. Futile would our efforts be to join the arena of regional and international competition.

You owe it to your country to contribute in building a better and stronger society. You are the apostles entrusted with redressing the wrongs of the past, the wrongs of the preceding generations. We are fully confident that you will be up to the standard required to lead your country and your society to greater heights, and to consolidate its foundations in the world of tomorrow. You will thus be true to the principles and values that you have absorbed in the University.

We welcome His Excellency the President, and the guests and friends of the University. We congratulate our graduates for what they have achieved and for the ambitions that they have fulfilled. We wish them continuing success. We also salute their fathers and mothers for all their sacrifices toward their success.

Long live AUB.

Long live Lebanon.

(Translated from the Arabic).

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## Acting President Dodge: As a New Chapter Begins in Lebanon's Story, You Will Be Here to Fill the Pages

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*Vice-President Haddadin hooding Dr. Siham Aboujaoudeh.*

With each new day peace in Lebanon appears more and more to be a welcome and lasting reality. I fervently hope that the next University president will have the pleasure of holding office here on campus in the new College Hall, and officiating at commencement next year. But for now I must remain in New York, and it is therefore from afar that I salute you, the class of 1997, on your accomplishment. I congratulate each one of you.

Today marks a bittersweet ending, but it is also an unparalleled time of new beginnings for you, the class of 1997, for the American University of Beirut, and for Lebanon and the region. Your graduation comes at a period in time like no other in this region, a time of great possibility and renewed hope. Armed with the power of a fine education, you are now charged with the great and stimulating responsibility of making a positive mark on your world.

Many of you will stay here in

Lebanon, and you will have a direct impact on the development of your country. Whether you have prepared to become a nurse, engineer or business executive, a teacher, civil servant, agriculturist or doctor, you will be vital to rebuilding Beirut and Lebanon. The ugliness of war is slowly falling away to reveal the distinct beauty around us. Lebanon is poised to regain its position of prominence in commerce and culture. As a new chapter begins in Lebanon's story, you will be here to fill the pages.

As for those of you who have come from countries other than Lebanon, you are well prepared to be functional citizens and will no doubt have an impact on the improvement of your home communities.

You now have the skill and education that can take you anywhere in the world if you so choose. Some of you will travel far, but I hope that you can return from time to time to this beautiful

campus, to see College Hall standing proudly against the Beirut skyline, once again a symbol of the power of education and enlightenment. Wherever you go, remain loyal to you alma mater. As my great grand-father Daniel Bliss said, "the life and work of our graduates is the best advertisement for our college." I am confident that every one of you will reflect well on AUB, and inspire a future generation to attend.

Many changes have taken place here on our campus over the past four years. The most obvious is the resurrection of the College Hall, which stands nearly rebuilt. But more subtle changes are also underway. Despite the years of hardship, AUB is again attracting new faculty and students from around the globe. We are investing in renovation, equipment and the latest technology.

The world stands impressed at the resilience of the University in the most troubling of times, and recognizes its enduring importance as an oasis of rational and enlightened thought in the midst of the worst that humanity can offer. Your future accomplishments will demonstrate the excellence and importance of the education you have received, and act as a lasting testament to the importance of AUB.

In 1912, Daniel Bliss wrote, "If a succeeding generation does not advance upon its predecessors, the world will stand still." I implore you to learn from the past, from the successes and failures of your predecessors, but more importantly to look to the future and make it yours. Go forth from this beautiful campus and try your best to do meaningful things in the world. Again I salute you and congratulate you.

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## Trustee Ray Irani: Live Life With Self-Respect

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*President Hraoui with Trustee Ray Irani.*

Thank you very much for the privilege of addressing you on this important day. I am especially pleased because this occasion brings back happy memories of my graduation here 44 years ago as a proud member of the class of 1953. Today, that sense of pride is renewed by the presence of my niece Karma, who is a member of the graduating class.

I salute and congratulate each of you who are receiving your degree today. Your presence here is a testament to hard work, determination and ability--all of which will serve you as you pursue the careers that lie ahead of you. You should feel justifiably proud of your accomplishment. And you should take a moment to reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of your families and loved ones, whose support was critical to your success.

Over the next few minutes of this ceremony and throughout this special day, I hope you also will

reflect on your experiences at this wonderful institution. Because this faculty and this curriculum have challenged you and changed you; you are ready to cope with the ambiguities and uncertainties ahead. Furthermore, because of your AUB education, you are expected to be agents of change.. not only to respond to change, but to create change where it is needed.

As I look out across this sea of caps and gowns, I see young men and women of different religions, diverse political beliefs and widely varied family backgrounds. Here you sit side by side as equals about to begin a grand adventure. You have learned not only from the teachings of your professors, but also from your interaction with each other.

The lessons you have learned here go beyond the purely academic. This institution places a high value on promoting understanding and tolerance for widely diverse views. You have learned

to live together and learn together, to deepen your understanding of human nature and your tolerance of human differences.

The primary job of a commencement speaker is to give advice. I sincerely hope that you will remember at least a portion of the advice I am about to share with you. And the first piece of advice is to live life with self-respect and that means having a deep sense of personal responsibility for your thoughts and actions. It means keeping your word. It means being faithful to your family and friends. It means believing in what you are doing and working hard, because hard work adds flavor to life. It means being counted on to perform well in good times and in bad times. It means setting your own internal standards, and not comparing yourselves to others, for each has unique talents. It means not worrying about who gets the credit, but rather getting the job done well.

I'd like to give you a list of ten basic rules that I believe can help each of you achieve your full potential. These are simple rules that are easy to remember.

First, be willing to pay the price. Today's preparation determines tomorrow's achievement. If you want to be successful in your chosen field, find out what it takes to excel. Time... Practice... Commitment... Sacrifice.. There is a price. Success is never on sale. It's just a matter of deciding how much you are willing to pay.

Second, exercise self-discipline. Discipline to put in the necessary hours... Discipline to stay up-to-date in your field...Discipline to read...Discipline to use your time well.. Discipline to stay with a task. Self-discipline is self-control.

Third, have a bold, clear vision of what you want to do, and remain true to it. Remaining true to your vision means that you can't just set goals one day, and then the next day act as though your goals didn't exist. Your goals should govern every decision, every day. That's the only way you have achieved anything worthwhile. Remember that choice not chance determines one's destiny.

Fourth, learn to get along with others. You may not please all of the people all of the time, but you can please most of the people most of the time, if in no other way but being open to their criticism. Weigh the considerations of others. People seldom improve when they have only their own standards to measure themselves by. So measure yourself with someone else's ruler occasionally.

Fifth, be a dreamer. We've often heard George Bernard Shaw's distinction between men: "Some men see things as they are and say why?" I dream things that never were, and say, 'why not?' We need men and women like you entering the work force to say "WHY NOT?" The world has many problems that require solutions. Dare to dream up some ways to resolve them. So keep your head in the clouds and dream. But at the same time, try to keep both feet on the ground. By that I mean that while it is important to be a dreamer, it is also important not to lose sight of what is practical.

Sixth, take risks. Don't be afraid to fail. Obstacles are those things you see when you take your eyes off your goal. The world is full of people who follow wherever the path leads. You need to take some risks by striking out where there is no path and create your own trail.

Seventh, stay informed. Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original shape. I trust that after your years

here, your mind has been stretched so that you will never stop learning about the world around you. Someone said recently in commenting about the modern world, "wealth was once measured in gold. Now it's measured by what we know." So, stay alert and keep informed.

Eighth, be ethical. Know when to compromise and when to hold fast to your convictions. What you once knew to be right and wrong is still right and wrong. Right has been, and always will be right.

Ninth, learn the value of humor and laughter as a remedy for disappointment. Setbacks happen, but they need not be so devastating if you can laugh at life and laugh at yourself. The best antidote for all the adversities that you will encounter will be a sense of humor.

Tenth, define success in your own terms. To many people, success is defined as getting to the top in achievement. But we all can't get to the top. Besides, that's not what life is all about anyway. Life is an endless process of self-

discovery, an endless and unpredictable dialogue between our potential as human beings and the life situations in which we find ourselves. Your success as individuals will depend on your capacity to continue learning and growing in the face of life's unending challenges and changes.

Let me close with this challenge to each of you. The past is yours, learn from it--the present is yours, improve it--the future is yours, define it--knowledge is yours, use it--tolerance is yours, practice it--freedom is yours, defend it--faith in the quality of human dignity is yours, respect it.

Never allow yourselves to be blinded by injustice or prejudice, disheartened by adversity or discouraged by misfortune. Don't let anything paralyze your mind, bind your hands or destroy your spirit. Go out into the world not to dominate it, but to serve it--not to exploit it, but to enrich it.

Thank you - and congratulations once again to you, the AUB Class of 1997.

## Commencement Committee 1997

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## President Hraoui: Go Out and Spread Light, Development and Peace

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Dear students,  
In addition to dispensing knowledge, skills and know-how, a university's mission is to empower its students to partake in national and democratic life.

This mission means a commitment to building the future, and not just the evocation of the past. Thus, whoever graduates from this AUB carries with him the banner of Lebanon..

Friend Ray Irani's advice to you is in essence a description of the Lebanese national character, namely self confidence, coexistence, commitment to noble aims, daring, turning dreams into reality, attachment to freedom and democracy.

The Lebanese national character also implies embarking on journeys to serve the world and not to exploit or subjugate it. This is the Lebanese presence at home and overseas.

Dear graduates,

Your country needs you and needs all the graduates of all our universities, as well as the Lebanese graduates of major universities abroad.

As you graduate, one epoch ends and another begins. Another epoch, which raises daunting challenges and difficult questions, such as:

Market economy or state economy?

Globalization, return to traditions or modernization?

Ethics and values or chaos and rip-offs?

A just peace or capitulation?

Dear graduates,

You graduate at the end of an epoch marked, on one hand, by



*President Hraoui.*

the speed of technical and scientific progress, communication, medicine, astronautics, and on the other hand, by the speed of the failure of ideologies, running unemployment, drugs, new diseases, and transgression of international legality.

Therefore the challenge that faces graduates at the end of this epoch is how to be the graduates of a dawning new era .

Dear graduates,

We are in support of a real renaissance for the good of our country, our area, and humanity at large.

A real renaissance is the embodiment of a healthy metabolism on all levels and in all sectors.

We believe that the new sciences are more useful in a country freeing itself from occupation, from transgression of sovereignty, and from Israel's insistence on defying international resolutions.

Thus we address our friends, the American people, to say: What you struggled for to establish your nation and your independence, is what others now are struggling for, namely freedom, democracy,

human rights, justice and peace.

These ideals are ingrained in our heritage, and will not be abandoned or left undeveloped.

And we expect the US Administration to lift the ban on travel to Lebanon, as quickly as possible.

We ask US President Bill Clinton to act to implement international justice in our region before the peace process collapses.

One can only see the US as a full and honest partner in the peace process.

One cannot have the same stand vis-a-vis the oppressor and the oppressed, the pacifier by force and the worker towards a just peace, between the schemer against peace and the upholder of the application of Resolution 425 and other international resolutions.

Where are the human rights of the detainees who are tortured in Israeli prisons?

No amount of Israeli pressure will make us surrender.

We ask: did unilateral treaties establish peace?

Is the blockage of peace negotiations the way to build a just and comprehensive peace?

What do you call the events now taking place in the region?

Dear graduates, as much as you take pride in your caps and gowns, strive to make your University proud of you. Be loyal to your families and nation. Go out and spread light, development and peace.

Congratulations .

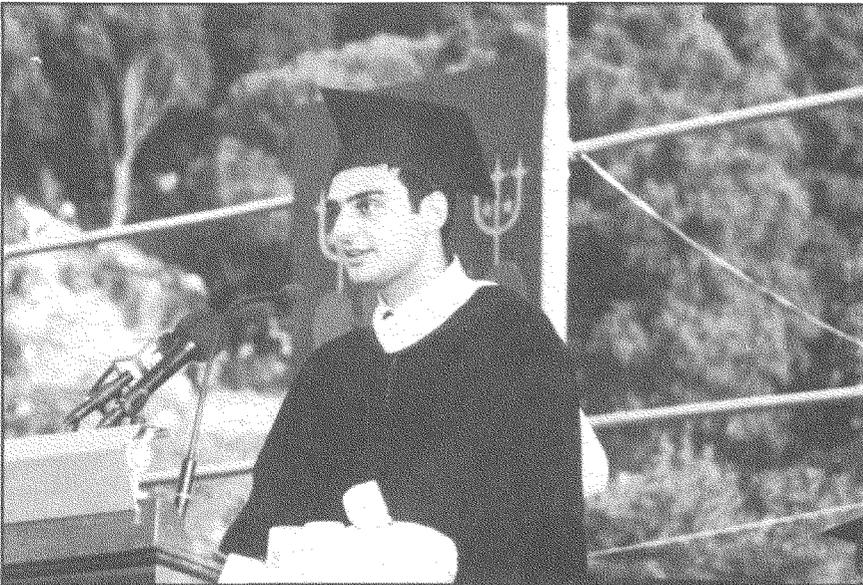
Long live Lebanon and you.

(Translated from the Arabic).

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## Rami Sayegh: Transparency in Interaction and Democracy in Practice

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*Rami Sayegh.*

On Behalf of the Student Representative Body and the graduating classes, I welcome you to the 128th commencement ceremony and would like, within the next minutes, to share with you a few thoughts.

First we would like to express our appreciation to Acting President David Dodge and to the University administration for reinstating after 25 years, the long-ignored and forgotten democratic tradition of inviting a representative of the students to address our distinguished guests and the graduating class.

Second, we would like to share with you our two major concerns; transparency in interaction and democracy in practice.

Third, we would like, in your presence, to undertake a commitment which we will permanently honor and uphold.

Our first concern is transparency. AUB students, like their colleagues in other Lebanese universities, believe in an honest and open exchange of ideas and opin-

ions. When we indulge in a noble cause, it is exercised in crystal-clear transparency. Our activities related to political, social and economic changes and developments are expressions of our genuine dedication to Lebanon.

Our social and cultural functions stimulate our aspirations for freedom. Our compassion for the children of Qana is an embodiment of love and national pride. Our effort in encouraging hesitant and non-committed students to participate in student life and activities is a continuous process. Our demands for an enlightened and devoted academia reveal an attachment to quality education and to the search of truth.

Our appeals to the administration are centered among other demands to: Provide improved and well maintained facilities, put a cap on the ever-increasing tuition fees, upgrade the funding process and the financial aid program, avoid depriving deserving and needy students from continuing their education.

At the base of all these appeals is a genuine and transparent concern for the well being of our society and our distinguished University. It is our sincere hope that the University's administration, Faculty and Staff exercise the same openness and transparency towards us in providing a better relationship. Although there are some positive signs in this respect, we are still awaiting the response to our requests. Let us not forget that we are one family and, as beneficiaries in this educational enterprise, our concerns should be those of the University at large.

Our second concern is democracy on Campus. We are fortunate that our country has been historically committed to democracy, and that all efforts to shake our belief in the democratic process have failed. We do recognize and are grateful to this institution for planting and nurturing the seeds of democracy in thousands of graduates over a period exceeding 130 years. Were it not for the role of AUB and other academic institutions in Lebanon in fostering democratic ideals and practices, freedom would have long been curtailed and forgotten. Democracy should be lived existentially on campus in its fullest expression. The motto of AUB "that they may have life and have it more abundantly" is attained through the acquisition of the elements of truth and through a fair representation of the will of the students.

On the verge of the 21st century, we trust that AUB will maintain what it has practiced and championed for generations. Democracy is a pre-requisite for the exercise of freedom. It is true that the University granted students

the opportunity to express their opinion through various committees but, we believe that we have reached the time and maturity to activate an independent student representative body.

We turn now to our commitment. As AUB students, we proceed with devotion in championing a noble cause, be it political, social, compassionate, human love or sports. Idealism, often being our basic drive, is coupled with a commitment to achieve a better society. Ethical and moral values emanating from religion or from other valued standards of behavior are expressed and experienced by us with deep respect for each other.

One may migrate into different convictions but the basic elements of truth, honesty, compassion and love for each other will be maintained in our behavior. Those of us who are graduating this year will be embarking soon on some sort of productive employment, each in his or her profession and expertise.

While the Lebanese among us, in particular, pledge to share in this process of the reconstruction of the country, all AUB graduates are committed to share in the development of their societies and in presenting a model of efficiency, character and leadership. To our alma mater, we pledge our devotion and full support in the years to come.

Distinguished members of the Board of Trustees

Distinguished Faculty and members of the administration

...We would like to assure you that we cherish democracy, foster transparency and honor commitments. Help us achieve our aspirations, strengthen our sense of competence and then, rely upon us for a better future for Lebanon and the region.

Long Live AUB

Long Live Lebanon!

## Degrees and Diplomas Awarded 1996-1997

Faculty	Male	Female	Total
<b>Faculty of Arts &amp; Sciences</b>			
Bachelor of Business Administration	62	53	115
Bachelor of Arts	59	163	222
Bachelor of Science	137	57	194
Master of Business Administration	12	20	32
Master of Money and Banking	6	15	21
Master of Arts	11	11	22
Master of Science	5	3	8
Doctor of Philosophy		1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>615</b>
<b>Faculty of Medicine</b>			
Master of Science	1	11	12
Doctor of Medicine	49	19	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>School of Nursing</b>			
<b>Bachelor of Science in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Faculty of Engineering &amp; Architecture</b>			
Bachelor of Architecture	12	12	24
Bachelor of Graphic Design	10	14	24
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)	38	3	41
Bachelor of Engineering ( Computer and Communication)	41	7	48
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical)	36	4	40
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)	43	2	45
Master of Engineering	14	9	23
Master of Engineering Management	10	5	15
Master of Mechanical Engineering			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>Faculty of Agricultural &amp; Food Sciences</b>			
Bachelor of Engineering (Agriculture)	16	20	36
Diploma of Ingenieur Agricole	16	20	36
Bachelor of Science (Nutrition & Dietetic)	7	24	31
Master of Science	8	17	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Faculty of Health Sciences</b>			
Bachelor of Science (Environmental Health)	7	21	28
Bachelor of Science (Medical Lab Tech)	9	14	28
Master of Science	1	9	10
Master of Public Health	7	18	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Division of Education Programs</b>			
Bachelor of Arts		7	7
Master of Arts		14	14
Diplomas	7	49	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1,266</b>

## Dr. John Waterbury Appointed New AUB President

On July 7, Dr. Richard Debs, Chairman of AUB's Board of Trustees, announced the appointment of Dr. John Waterbury as the new President of the AUB effective end 1997. Dr. Waterbury has been director of Princeton University's Center of International Studies, and is now the William Stewart Tod Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton.

In 1992, Dr. Waterbury became director of Princeton's Center of International Studies, which is devoted to the research of international affairs, war and peace, and development. The Center publishes the prestigious quarterly journal *World Politics*, for which Dr. Waterbury has served as editor since 1992.

Dr. Waterbury earned a B.A. in



Oriental Studies from Princeton University, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia Uni-

versity. His research and teaching have been primarily focused on the Middle East. In 1961-1962 he was a Fulbright scholar in Egypt, where he studied Arabic. Following three years of graduate work at Columbia, he spent nearly three years in Morocco carrying out dissertation research.

From 1968 to 1971 Dr. Waterbury taught political science at the University of Michigan, and then spent six years in Cairo, serving as the Middle East correspondent for the American Universities Field Staff. In 1977-1978, he taught at the Université Aix-Marseilles III in France before joining the faculty at Princeton in 1978.

At Princeton, Dr. Waterbury taught Middle East politics at the undergraduate level, and political economy of development at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. In the latter capacity, he did research in a wide range of developing countries, including India, Mexico, Senegal and Turkey.

For the past two years, Dr. Waterbury's research has focused primarily on two issues: public ownership, private enterprise and privatization as seen in several countries; and the politics of developing international river basins. He has published extensively in both fields.

In 1995-1996, Dr. Waterbury was a Fulbright research scholar in Ethiopia and Uganda, where he carried out research on the increasingly important water development policies in the Upper Nile Basin.

### Mr. Frank Crosby Appointed Vice-President of Finance

Acting President David Dodge recently announced the appointment of Mr. Frank Crosby as Vice-President of Finance, effective August 11, 1997.

Mr. Crosby assumes the duties previously performed by Messrs. William Rice and William Van Arsdale. Although based in New York, he will work closely with the administrative staff and faculty in Beirut, making frequent visits to the Middle East.

Mr. Crosby has had extensive business, financial, and ad-

ministrative experience. He was Executive Director and Financial Manager at the Cornell University Medical College in New York City, Director of Management and Finance at General Theological College in New York City, and is currently Vice President for Administration and Finance at Hudson County Community College in New Jersey.

Mr. Crosby holds a BBA degree from Pace University and a MBA degree from Fordham University in New York City.

# End of Travel Ban Opens New Doors for AUB

The end of the US ban on using American passports for travel to Lebanon is expected to have a positive effect on AUB.

In an interview with the **Daily Star**, new AUB presidential appointee John Waterbury said: "I hope that this will encourage American professors to look into coming to Lebanon."

Freedom to travel to Lebanon will also mean the president him-

self can reside on the AUB campus for the first time since 1984.

Mr. Waterbury is expected to assume his post in Beirut next February. "But now that the travel ban is lifted," he said, "there is a possibility I might visit Beirut before then."

Deputy President Samir Makdisi noted that a president based on the campus can only have positive effects on the future of the institution. "It was taken for granted that the American president would serve from Lebanon as soon as the travel ban was lifted," Makdisi said.

Two weeks after the ban was

lifted a delegation of 24 American peace activists arrived in Lebanon. Mainly composed of teachers and health care experts, the delegation was headed by Democratic Congressman Jim McDermott.

After the team toured the AUB Hospital and the faculty of Medicine, one delegate, Dr. John Neff, described the facility as "remarkable." He added that AUB had a high level of proficiency.

Neff told the **Daily Star** that upon its return to the US, the group intended to lobby public opinion and tell friends that Lebanon is rapidly returning to its pre-war glory.

## \$300,000 for Scholarships from Starr Foundation

The Starr Foundation of New York has made a grant of \$300,000, payable over four years, to provide financial assistance to AUB students.

This is the Foundation's second generous grant to AUB. In 1992 it contributed \$250,000 towards architectural and engineering planning costs for rebuilding College Hall. This was the first substantial contribution to the University's College Hall fundraising campaign.

The Starr Foundation was founded in 1955 by Cornelius Vander Starr, whose first insurance venture, American Asiatic Underwriters, began in Shanghai in 1919. The family of companies he headed is today known as American International Group, Inc. (AIG), a worldwide insurance and financial services organization headquartered in New York.

The Starr Foundation, which operates entirely independently of the company, has been a generous benefactor to many colleges and universities throughout the United States. It has also assisted hospitals, libraries, the arts and numerous humanitarian and cultural institutions.

## Richard Murphy on Campus



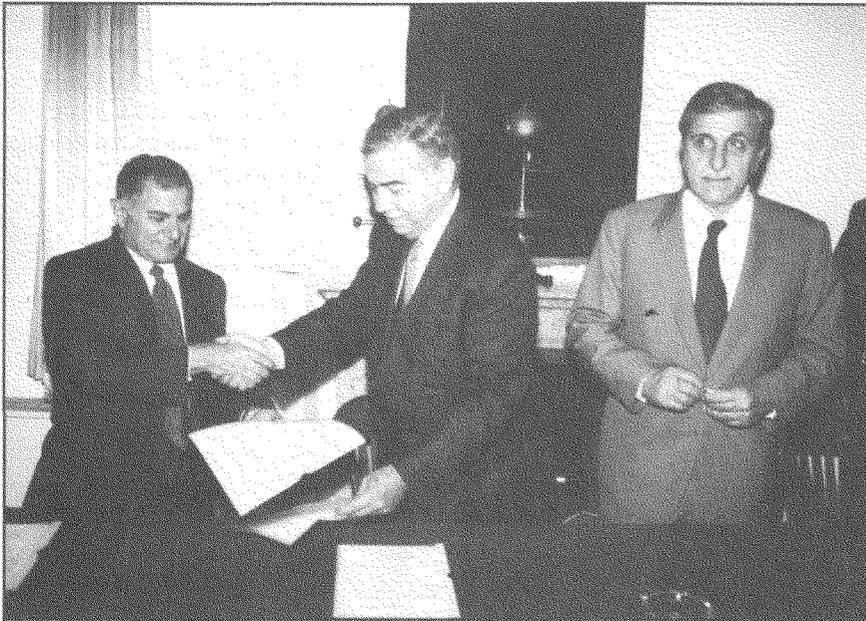
Left to right: Mr. Khoury, Trustee Ghandour, Mr. Murphy and Deputy President Makdisi.

Former US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, an AUB Trustee, visited the campus on September 3. He was received by Deputy President Makdisi, in the presence of Trustee Ali Ghandour and Director of Information and Public Relations Ibrahim Khoury. Matters pertaining to AUB were

reviewed during the meeting, and Mr. Murphy expressed satisfaction with AUB's programs and future aspirations.

Mr. Murphy was escorted by senior AUB administrators on a tour of the campus including an inspection of the new College Hall, now nearing completion.

# MEA Management Program Agreement



Left to right: Dr. A-H Hallab and Mr. Khaled Salam exchanging copies of the agreement, with Deputy President Makdisi looking on.

Under an agreement with Middle East Airlines-Airliban, AUB will design and administer an Executive Development Program to build and reinforce the skills of MEA Upper Management.

The agreement was signed at Marquand House on May 21, 1997 by the Vice President for Research and External Programs, Dr. A-H Hallab representing AUB, and by Mr. Khaled Salam, Chairman of the MEA Board and President of MEA.

Other MEA officials at the ceremony were: Mr. Yusuf Lahoud, Director General; Mr. Khatat Hadathy, Director of Public Relations; Mr. Amin Najjar, Assistant Director General of Personnel; and Dr. Abdo Bardawil, Vice President for training. In addition to Dr. Hallab, AUB was represented in the ceremony by Deputy President Makdisi; Dr. Pierre Abou Ezze, and Mr. Ibrahim Khoury, Director of Information and Public Relations.

The objective of this agreement is to design and administer a specially tailored program for Upper Management to be offered in several stages. The elements deal with Strategic Concepts, Applied Man-

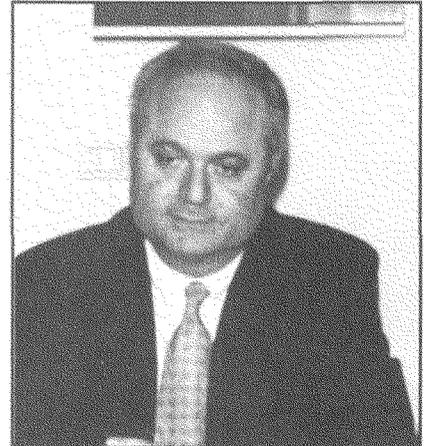
agement Skills and Practices, Airline Specialties, Management Information System and Program Integration. All sessions will be held on Campus and will continue for one year starting June 1997. Participants are to be issued certificates of achievement upon completion of the requirements.

## Pauline Nadim Makdisi Memorial Scholarship

The Pauline Nadim Makdisi Memorial Scholarship Committee recently met to approve the scholarship recipients for academic year 1997-98.

Two students were recommended by the University Committee on Financial Aid: Miss Nadine Boksmati (Senior, Archeology) who was the recipient of the award for 1995-96, and Miss Shams Halat (Senior, Biology) who is a first time recipient.

## Dr. G. K. Najjar New Vice-President for REP, Dr. A-H Hallab Named Special Advisor to the President



Dr. George Najjar.

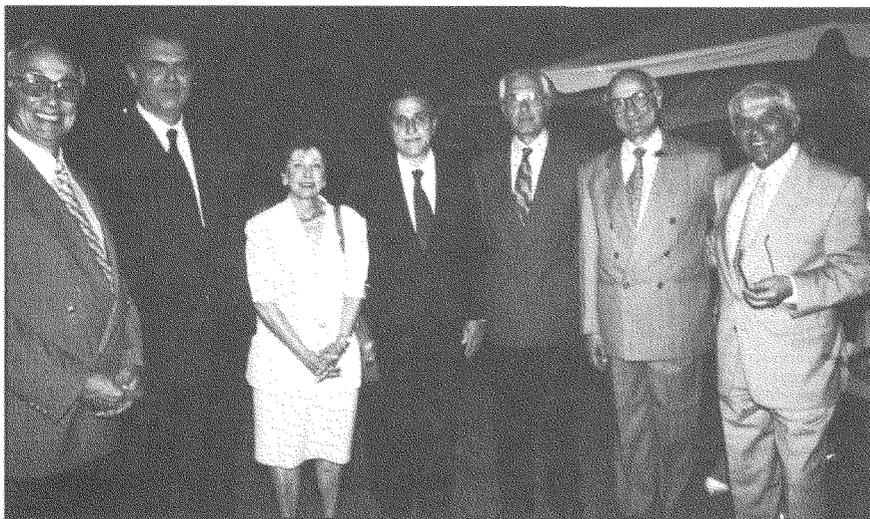
Dr. George Khalil Najjar has been appointed Vice-President for Regional External Programs, succeeding Dr. Abdul-Hamid Hallab.

For the past several years Dr. Najjar has served in the University of Bahrain under REP auspices as Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Business and Management. He is also an Adjunct Professor of AUB.

In his announcement dated June 23, Acting President David S. Dodge said: "Dr. Najjar brings to the job a distinguished performance record. I know I speak for the entire AUB family when I wish him every success and assure him, as I am sure you will, of our full support in his new and challenging role."

In the same memo, Acting President Dodge announced the appointment of Dr. Hallab as special advisor to the President, effective July 1. He added: "I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the University to thank Dr. Hallab for his valuable contribution as Vice President of REP, and for his acceptance to stay on as special advisor."

## Reception for Volunteer Groups Supporting AUB



Left to right: Ali Ghandour, Nassib Lahoud, Kulthum Hussein, Samir Makdisi, Youssef Lahoud, Khalil Mekkawi, Hassan Hussein.

Deputy President and Mrs. Makdisi recently hosted a reception at Marquand House in honor of volunteer groups who are working to support AUB. Attending the event were representatives of the Women's Auxiliary, the President's Club, the Society of the Friends of the Museum and the College Hall Fundraising Committee. Addressing the assembled guests, the Deputy President gave the following speech:

This is a happy occasion. For one thing it has enabled us to bring together all those who have volunteered their time and energy in support of AUB. For another, it gives me the opportunity to express in person, and on behalf of the University, to each of you, our great appreciation for all you have done in support of the University. Acting President Dodge has asked me to convey his warm greetings and best wishes to all of you.

As we extend to you our thanks, we realize that, using economic jargon, your efforts on behalf of the University cannot be monetized. Your devotion to the University is beyond measure in material terms. But it is exemplary of the spirit that binds us all to this institution and to the ideals for

which it stands. I should like to take this opportunity to say a few words about each of the organizations to which this reception is intended to pay tribute.

### Woman's Auxiliary

I begin with the Woman's Auxiliary, which helps needy patients and supports the American University Hospital. Members of this group have worked and continue to work tirelessly in the Bargain Box and the Hospital Coffee Shop in support of the hospital. Over the years, among other things, the Woman's Auxiliary has donated many needed instruments to various departments and has organized the highly appreciated Escort Service.

### President's Club

Members of the President's Club have worked and continue to work hard in support of student activities at AUB. Over the years, through the donations they have raised, the President's Club has made substantial contributions to the upgrading and rehabilitation of sports facilities at AUB (the tennis and basketball courts), have supported the air-conditioning of

West Hall Auditorium and in previous years provided needed appliances to student dormitories. Not least of all, last year the Club donated a multimedia computer for the blind which was placed at the Jafet Library.

### The Friends of the Museum

The Friends of the Museum have been devoting their energies in support of the University Museum and working to create greater awareness and appreciation of the thrills of archaeology. Towards that purpose, exhibitions, lectures, children's programs and field trips have been organized. Artifacts have been purchased and added to the Museum's collection. At present a major project is underway to collect funds that will be used to upgrade and improve the Museum.

### College Hall Fund Raising Committee

Last but not least, the College Hall Fund Raising Committee has for the past two years been engaged, and continues to be engaged, in fund raising for College Hall. For this purpose, numerous activities have been sponsored, including gala dinners and concerts. Indeed, it is largely through the efforts of this Committee that the Cleveland Dodge and Kamal Shair matching grants have been completely matched, and that the Ali Ghandour matching grant is on the way to being fully matched. The Committee has been instrumental in mobilizing support for College Hall from both Alumni and friends.

Once again please accept the University's sincerest thanks and great appreciation for all that you have done and, no doubt, will continue to do, with even greater vigor, in support of AUB.

## XXXIInd Middle East Medical Assembly



*MEMA Chairman Dr. Samir Atweh*



*The MEMA opening ceremony. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Mona Hraoui, MP Bahia Hariri, Mrs. Jean Makdisi, Ambassador Jones, Trustee Ali Gandour, MPs Samir Azar, Ahmad Soueid, Adnan Arakji.*

Under the distinguished patronage of President Elias Hraoui and in the presence of his representative, First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui, the 32nd Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA) opened in Assembly Hall on May 8, 1997. The opening ceremony was attended by hundreds of physicians and guests, including M.P. Bahia Hariri representing Prime Minister Rafic Hariri, the representative of the Army Commander in Chief, and many prominent personalities and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

After the AUB Choir sang the National Anthem, Dr. Samir Atweh, Chairman of the 32nd MEMA Organizing Committee, welcomed the guests and speakers. In his brief speech he outlined the significance of MEMA as the most important scientific meeting in the region.

Dr. Atweh was followed by Dr. Adel Barbari, President of the

Medical Alumni Chapter; Dr. Samir Najjar, Dean of the AUB Faculty of Medicine and Dr. Samir Makdisi, AUB Deputy President.

During a brief interlude the AUB Choir sang a classical piece after which Dr. Fayek Younis, President of the Lebanese Order of Physicians, spoke. Dr. Younis, who is a graduate of the AUB Faculty of Medicine, delivered an inspiring speech about his days at AUB and emphasized the unique role AUB has played in Lebanon.

The last speaker was Mrs. Mona Hraoui, a friend and supporter of AUB and of the Faculty of Medicine. She emphasized the role of AUB in the history of Lebanon, as the center of science and education in the area.

The Master of ceremonies was Mr. Ibrahim Khoury, Director of Information and Public Relations.

Following the opening ceremony, Mrs. Hraoui inaugurated the Scientific Exhibit which was

beautifully displayed in the patio outside the Medical Library. Here well known organizations exhibited the latest medical equipment and supplies.

At 7:00 pm the same day Deputy President and Mrs. Samir Makdisi and Dean Samir and Mrs. Najjar hosted a reception in the delightful Marquand House gardens for MEMA participants and guest speakers.

Beginning at 8:30 am on Friday May 9 and continuing until 5:00 pm on Sunday May 11, a rich scientific program was presented to the hundreds of physicians attending the Assembly. A significant feature of this year's MEMA was that simultaneous sessions were held at three venues: Issam Fares Hall, the Michel Malik Auditorium in the Alumni Club and Lecture Hall SB 101 in the Medical Center.

Some 35 distinguished scientists from Canada, France, Hol-

land, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, the United Kingdom and the United States participated as guest speakers. Six of the physicians from the USA were AUB graduates who have distinguished themselves abroad.

The simultaneous sessions on Friday morning included three symposia: "Update on Internal Medicine," "Neurosurgery" and "Minimal Invasive Surgery." Sessions on Friday afternoon included a symposium on "Diabetes Mellitus," a continuation of "Minimal Invasive Surgery" and a "Workshop in Neurosurgery." "Management of Osteoporosis" was the subject of a symposium from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on Friday.

Saturday morning was devoted to "Vascular Surgery," "Advances in Rheumatology" and an "Advanced Laparo-Endoscopy Course."

Saturday afternoon saw simultaneous sessions on "Molecular Medicine" and a "Workshop on Vascular Surgery."

On Sunday morning there was a symposium on "Obstetrics & Gynecology" in one hall and "Free Communications" in the other. Eight papers on AUB Medical Center research were presented during the "Free Communications." The afternoon was devoted to "Communicating Medical Information in the 21st century." At the end of this session, Dr. Samir Atweh closed the MEMA at 5:00 pm with some appropriate words.

#### Gala Dinner

The traditional MEMA gala dinner took place at the Coral Beach Hotel on Saturday evening. The event was attended by some 425 physicians and guests, in-

cluding First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui, Minister Michel Eddé and Members of Parliament Butros Harb, Marwan Hamadeh and Ismail Sukkariyeh.

Speaking first, Miss Gladys Mouro, Chair of the Social Subcommittee, welcomed the guests. She was followed by Dr. Samir Atweh, then last but not least, Mrs. Hraoui said a few words. The traditional cake was cut and all present danced enthusiastically to tunes sung by an attractive entertainer. There was also a free lottery with some 80 valuable gifts won by members of the audience.

The Organizing Committee and its Scientific, Business and Social Subcommittees have produced yet another successful MEMA this year and are due congratulations and commendations.

**Jacob Thaddeus, MD.**

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## Medical Alumni Luncheon at Alumni Club with 150 Guests Dr. Najib Abu-Haydar: Whatever We Do, We Cannot Repay Our Debt To Our Institution

One of the memorable events of the recent MEMA was a luncheon organized by the Medical Chapter of the AUB Alumni Association.

On May 10 some 150 Alumni guests attended the traditional luncheon at the Alumni Club. It was a festive occasion where medical alumni of different generations met to reminisce about their days at AUB and the Medical Center.

Dr. Adel Berbari, President of the Medical Alumni Chapter, welcomed the guests and in a brief speech outlined the Chapter's future plans. These included the revival of **SCAN**, the Chapter's magazine, and publishing a new Medical Directory which was last updated in 1986. He then introduced Dr. Najib Abu-Haydar, the guest speaker on this occasion.

Dr. Abu-Haydar, MD '48 is a former Minister of Education and is at

present the Director of UNESCO in Lebanon. In a touching speech, he paid tribute to his alma mater and spoke of his days as a student some 50 years ago.

Before Dr. Abu-Haydar took the floor, Dr. Munir Shammas, with his much-appreciated humor, spoke about his long association and friendship with the guest speaker.

Dr. Abu-Haydar's speech follows:

Very few events can keep me away from my garden, my mountain and my duties towards my village on Saturday. However, I made an exception today. Considering the pariah that I was in the eyes of the governing body of our venerable institution, the honor bestowed on me by the Medical Alumni Association gives me a greater satisfaction than tending to my beans.

Mr. President of the Medical

Alumni Association, Dr. Adel Berbari, Chairman of the Middle East Medical Assembly, Dr. Samir Atweh,

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am, whatever I am, the product of the American University of Beirut (AUB). I came to the International College (IC) at the tender age of ten from our village school. I came to the French Section, not knowing any French words other than "bonjour," "bonsoir," and "merci." About sixteen years later I graduated from medical school.

Times have changed. When we were asked why we wanted to become physicians, consciously or unconsciously, we answered: we wanted to alleviate the suffering of sick human beings. The same question when asked today, the answer comes directly: it is an easier way

toward a good life. It may be that the young men of today are more honest in their answer. However, this answer is typical of our times.

The university was a more compact institution in our day. There was closer association between students and teachers and more friendship.

I can also speak fondly of the American members of the staff who were of special quality. They sympathized with our worries, and shared with us our interests. I cannot forget the generous act of Dr. Joseph McDonald, then professor of surgery, who in 1948, during the tragic events in Palestine, encouraged us to start a field hospital in Bint Jbeil, encouraging American doctors and nurses to join us.

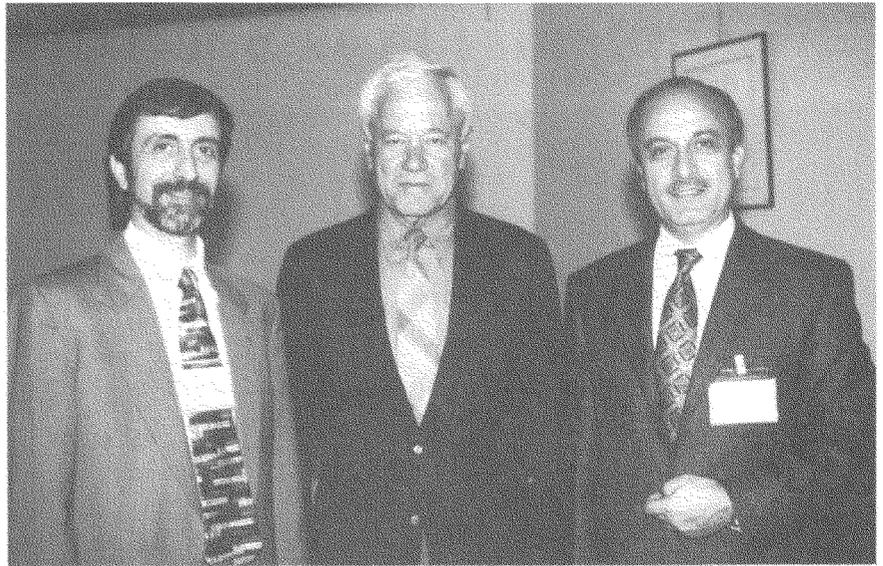
The saintly president of the University of yesteryear, Bayard Dodge, refused to accept financial contributions from governments to finance, build and develop AUB. He rightly thought that the contributor will ultimately call the tune, and this happened when the American government became the major contributor to the treasury of AUB.

Members of the staff, presidents and deans, rightly or wrongly, were suspected to be agents of the American Government. The liberal American members of the staff withdrew en masse and the decline in the spirit of the University started.

AUB was the hub of national political activities. AUB was the major source of concerned and active political leadership. Many a progressive grouping was born at AUB. It was also hub of social and cultural activities, not confined to Beirut, but extending to the heart of the country and the Arab World.

It is unfortunate that the members of the Board of Trustees were either unaware of the dynamism of these activities, or did not approve of them.

The student body of today, while academically competent, is a tame student body; and the professional staff seems to be unaware



*Dr. Atweh left, with Dr. Najib Abu-Haydar, center, and Dr. George Zaytoun.*

of the social and sociological dormancy of the student body.

What were the essential personal qualities of the students sixty years ago? And what are the personal qualities of the students of today? The student of sixty years ago was proud of his heritage and of his society. He was critical of their shortcomings and actively worked to improve them. He was tolerant of ideas and beliefs alien to his own.

His tolerance was an intellectual exercise. The student of today shares the same tolerance, but it is a negative tolerance based on "who cares!!"

I can confidently say every graduate of AUB has a deep attachment to AUB. Every graduate who has spent some years at AUB will tell you those were the best years of his life...

We have to ask ourselves what role does AUB play today in the development of our society.

Close to home what has the medical school contributed to the development of the medical profession in Lebanon? Are we going to remain an ivory tower secure in our sense of superiority, which is actually, contributing very little to improve medical proficiency in our medical society?

I ask how many practitioners in

the neighborhood feel welcome to attend our medical conferences and rounds.

I hope we will soon cease to remain a factory for export, because our product is superior and over-qualified for our society.

In spite of all I have said, AUB remains the best institution of higher learning in Lebanon and the Arab World. The academic freedom enjoyed by the staff and the student body is unique in this area and should remain so.

AUB remains a model to replicate in our Arab world if we aim for the development of the minds and bodies of our youth.

We should maintain our support, moral and financial, of our AUB and IC as well. Whatever we do, we cannot repay our debt to our institution.

I wish you at MEMA good success and continued effort for excellence. Someone once remarked to me that my speeches are excellent. And when I asked what is excellent about them? He answered, without blinking an eye, they are very short.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity of addressing you and sharing this event with you.

Thank you again.

# Diplomas to 47 Specialist Physicians

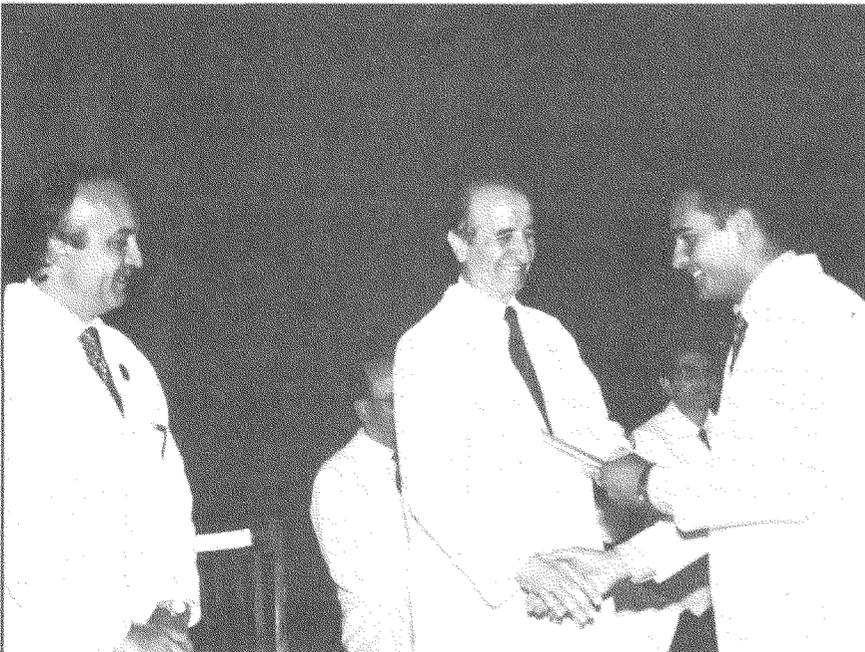


*Minister Franjeh addressing the graduates.*

June 16 saw the distribution of diplomas to 47 specialist physicians at Issam Fares Hall. The event was sponsored by the Minister of Health, Suleiman Franjeh, who also attended. Other attendees were Dean of the Faculty of Med-

icine and Medical Center Dr. Samir Najjar and President of the Lebanese Order of Physicians, Dr. Fayek Younes.

The ceremony began with a procession of physicians and senior faculty members entering the hall



*With Dr. George Zaytoun looking on, Dean Samir Najjar distributes the diplomas.*

to the strains of the Lebanese National Anthem.

Dean of Medicine Dr. Samir Najjar opened the proceedings by welcoming the audience to the 47th specialist physicians graduation ceremony:

"Congratulations on what you have achieved after long years of studying and seeking knowledge. Today you go out into the world to face the future, carrying what you have learned with you. But do not forget the importance of continued learning. It is continued learning that will improve both our attitudes and our health services in the future."

A letter from Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi was read by Dr. Joseph Simaan, Associate Dean of Medicine. He congratulated the 47 physicians and addressed the President of the Lebanese Order of Physicians:

"The institution these graduates belong to sought not only to teach them education, morals, and techniques, but also to develop their sense of leadership, responsibility, and giving."

Dr. Younes then read his paper, speaking about the significance of the Faculty of Medicine at AUB, its history and its importance to the world. He emphasized the necessity for Lebanon to preserve morals in medicine.

In his speech, Minister S. Franjeh talked about how AUB enables its graduates to protest, discuss and hold on to freedom. He called on them to work together in Lebanon to make progress on the medical front and to improve society.

Diplomas were distributed to the graduating physicians, then Dr. Ashraf Moustapha Hamdan, representing the graduates, congratulated them all.

The ceremony ended with the Alma Mater and the recessional of medical faculty and the awardees.

## Candidates Who Have Completed Speciality Medical Training

### **Anesthesiology**

Dr. Nicole Raymond Kawas  
Dr. Antoine Nicolas Moudawar  
Dr. Christian Elias Zaarour

### **Dermatology**

Dr. Aziz Samir Aoun

### **Family Medicine**

Dr. Sami Hassan Nabil Kawas  
Dr. Josette Joseph Sfeir  
Dr. Layla Salem Younes

### **Internal Medicine**

Dr. Walid Joseph AbouJaoude  
Dr. Claud Michel Afif  
Dr. Dolly Albert Bu-Ghaba  
Dr. Lama Michel Al-Khoury  
Dr. Afaf Michel Minari  
Dr. Malek Ali Mohammad  
Dr. Jocelyne Youssef Raad

### **Cardiology**

Dr. Amin Mousa Abou Khamis

### **Endocrinology**

Dr. Marie Thereze M.Estephan  
Dr. Zeinab Ahmad Al Hamawi

### **Gastroenterology**

Dr. Majed Afif El-Bahlawan  
Dr. Lilian Sarkis Deeb

### **Hematology-Oncology**

Dr. Moussa Kazem Dheini  
Dr. Khaled Mohsen Ibrahim

### **Infectious Diseases**

Dr. Nada Mohammad  
Shamseddine

### **Nephrology**

Dr. Jocelyne Afif Saikali

### **Neurology**

Dr. Huda Muhieddine Hachicho

### **Pulmonary Medicine**

Dr. Hassan Abdo Bu Orm

### **Rheumatology**

Dr. Rafic Toufic Katerji

### **Laboratory Medicine**

Dr. Nada Mohammad Kanj

### **Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Dr. Mary Faouzi Chammas  
Dr. Nabil Hani Daou  
Dr. Farid Mohammad Mattar

### **Ophthalmology**

Dr. Samir Georges Farah  
Dr. Adib Hassan Jaber

### **Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**

Dr. Mohammad Ahmed El Bitar  
Dr. Hanna George Ghazi  
Dr. Wael Hisham Kabalan

### **Pathology**

Dr. Najla Fakhruddine Aridi

### **Pediatrics**

Dr. Rita Daoud Aoun  
Dr. Dana Adnan Hasbini  
Dr. Paula Georges El-Hayek  
Dr. Haytham Mohammad Serhal  
Dr. Rolla Mohammad Shbaro

### **General Surgery**

Dr. Fadi Fayez Haddad  
Dr. Jamil Abdel Karim El-Halabi  
Dr. Chawki Fayez El-Zein

### **Orthopedic Surgery**

Dr. Hassan Amine Nassar

### **Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery**

Dr. Ashraf Moustafa Hamdan

### **Urology**

Dr. Walid Fakhri Alameh

## New from AUBMC: Patient's Handbook

The AUB Medical Center recently published a Patient's Handbook explaining the policies and background of the hospital.

The Medical Center is a private, 420-bed facility that serves patients and at the same time trains medical students. The handbook is designed to answer any questions a patient might have, and to reassure him of the quality of care at the facility.

This clear, concise handbook, which contains much relevant information in both Arabic and English, is available to all those admitted to the hospital. You can also ask for it at the reception desk.

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## Shield of Appreciation Presented to AUBMC

A delegation from the Islamic Health Committee headed by Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Tawbeh and Mr. Salah Jumaa recently visited the AUB Medical Center. During their visit they presented the Center with a shield symbolizing the Committee's appreciation and gratitude for its efforts during the Qana crisis.

Dr. Joseph Simaan, Associate Dean for the Faculty of Medicine, Mr. Dieter Kuntz, Hospital Director, Dr. Ramzi Musharrafieh, Head of the Emergency Unit, and Ms. Gladys Mouro, Head of the Nursing Unit, accepted the shield on behalf of the Center.

# The Terry Fox Run For Cancer Research



Participants in last year's Terry Fox Run .

The Terry Fox Run is a non-competitive Marathon of Hope for Cancer Research. It is a yearly event that started after the death of a young Canadian man named Terry Fox, who had an osteosarcoma of his left leg which required amputation in 1980.

Terry Fox had a dream: he wanted every Canadian to donate money and help find a cure for cancer. He decided to run across Canada from coast to coast, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, asking for a donation of one dollar from every Canadian for Cancer Research.

He walked and ran more than half of his planned trip, for 143 days, before he was forced to stop because his cancer showed up in his lungs. Terry Fox did not want anybody to complete his run but to donate more money for Cancer research. His goal was achieved in February 1981 when donations totaled over \$24 million. Terry Fox died in September 1981 and after

his death, Canadians have made it a tradition to organize annual Terry Fox Runs and raise money for cancer research. In Canada vol-

## **National Terry Fox Steering Committee 1997**

1- Canadian Alumni Association of Lebanon (CAAL):

Dr. Abdul-Majid Hadad (CAAL President): 01-399691/692, 06/610128

Michel Nehmeh (Coordinator): 01-282369/370, 03-369120

2- Canadian Embassy: Jocelyne Ross: 01-521163

3- SOLIDERE: Dr. Nazih Khayyat: 01-633685/6

4- Université St. Joseph: Sr. Nouha Dakkash: 01-614048

5- American Community School: Mrs. Monica Jubaily: 03-274499

6- American University of Beirut: Dr. Nagi Saghir: 01-350000 (Pager #534), 347911, 03-827955

unteers organize about 4,000 run sites where people walk, run and bike. In 1996, a total of \$12.5 million (Canadian) was raised and donated to cancer research centers in Canada.

The Terry Fox Foundation, as well as Canadian citizens, embassies and alumni across the world have started to organize similar Terry Fox events for Cancer Research. A total of over \$180 million has been collected worldwide. In 1996, there were over 300 International Run sites in 58 different countries raising \$3.3 million.

Cancer research centers accredited by the Terry Fox Foundation and the International Union against

Cancer (UICC) were the beneficiaries of the collected funds.

In Lebanon, a Terry Fox Run was organized for the first time in 1995 when the Canadian Alumni Association of Lebanon organized the event with substantial help from Ambassador Daniel Marchand and his staff at the Canadian Embassy, along with local groups including the Mohammad Khalid Foundation, the National Cancer Association, Solidere, Caritas, Tele Liban, Radio One, and many more.

The run was a successful non-competitive family event. About 900 people walked, ran, biked, and had a lot fun in the streets of Central Beirut and Martyr's Square. A total of \$8,250 was collected and donated for cancer research at AUB. The money was deposited in a special Terry Fox Fund for Cancer Research.

This donation, and those of many other benefactors, was a boost to AUB's efforts to get back

on track at the international level for cancer research after years of war and steady efforts to maintain AUB at its recognized high standard.

We welcome these donations and the hard work behind them. They will encourage us and help advance our projects and research in basic science as well as clinical medicine. They will also bring Lebanon into the worldwide fight against cancer.

CAAL has started preparations for the 1997 Terry Fox Marathon to be held on October 19, 1997.

All members of the AUB community, administrators, staff, employees, teachers and students, and their families and friends, are invited to participate in this event and make it an ever greater success than before.

Further information is available from Dr. Nagi Saghir at AUH ( page # 534 ) and other members of the 1997 National Steering Committee, as well as from the AUB 1997 Organizing Committee, listed below:

### **AUB - Terry Fox Organizing Committee 1997**

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Youssef Bassim, MD  
Nagi Saghir, MD, (Coordinator)

## **Dr. Fouad Haddad Lectures on the Role of the Faculty**



*Dr. Fouad Haddad .*

In a recent lecture at the AUB Alumni Club Dr. Fouad Haddad of the Department of Surgery called on the Faculty Association not to act like remote-control robots. They should carry out directives from the administration intelligently in order to improve the institution, he said.

Dr. Haddad spoke at the invitation of Dr. As'ad Taha, President of AUB's Faculty Association.

"Most faculty members are not interested and do not want to be involved except in matters that concern them," said Haddad. "This is not the real spirit of a faculty."

Most universities have specific ways to regularize coexistence between the administration and faculty and bring out the best of both, Haddad pointed out. But at AUB, one face is turned to the administration and another to the faculty. The role of the faculty is not limited to education but also includes administrative responsibilities.

The speaker strongly advocated that the faculty should get involved in the proper administration of a university and in the big issues that govern it. "The faculty should be stimulated by the broader aspects of running a university," he said.

The lecturer also gave a quick re-

view of the qualities expected in an individual faculty member.

"To grow and prosper, to keep pace with the rapidly evolving times, a university needs a creative power and the faculty is its brain," he said.

"The Faculty Association is your way of getting your demands met," Dr. Nabil Dajani from the SBS Department told his colleagues. "As the Arabic proverb says, you can break a big stick but not a group of small sticks."

According to Dr. Mary Abu Saba, from the Education Department, the Faculty Association is needed to address matters such as housing and getting a link to the Internet.

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### **Saab Medical Library New Opening Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Corrigendum

In relation to the article: "Molecular Biology is Growing at AUB," in the Spring 1997 issue of the **AUB Bulletin**, please note the following :

1. The article was not proofread by all interviewed investigators including myself.

2. The author of this article has no notion of biological sciences. However, she has been given the responsibility to write an article on an issue which deals with scientific information.

3. The author quoted me on a statement that I did not express as published. The meaning of the statement was totally disfigured and does not reflect what I stated during the interview.

The published statement was: "We chop the gene, digest it and find different patterns, and on their basis, we classify the different strains of the organisms." The correct statement that I expressed it and as should have been published is: "We PCR-amplify a DNA segment of a gene on the HIV genome, then we digest it (chop it) by restriction endonucleases (enzymes) to obtain restriction patterns. On the basis of differences in patterns, strain identification will be done."

4. The current projects I listed to the interviewer were not all mentioned in the article and those stated were not adequately presented. The projects deal with PCR-detection of a) The etiology of bacterial meningitis, b) viral encephalitis, and chronic otitis in infected patients. In addition a PCR-based assay (in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], Atlanta, GA, USA), for the detection of the diarrheal enterotoxin gene of bacillus cereus, was developed and evaluated in our laboratories.

5. The joint (Department of Microbiology and Immunology, AUB-CDC) AIDS project deals with: Global Monitoring for Variant Strains of HIV.

Looking forward to future articles proofread by concerned persons, and where adequate editing is undertaken,

Sincerely yours

**Ghassan M. Matar Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor  
Dept. of Microbiology  
and Immunology

## AUBMC Newsletter

May 1997 saw the advent of the first **AUBMC Newsletter**, a collection of news and articles intended to keep the public up to date on developments at AUBMC. The **Newsletter** is issued every two weeks by the Hospital Administration and the Office of Information and Public Relations at AUB. Dr. Samir Najjar, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center, and Mr. Dieter Kuntz, Medical Center Director, encourage feedback from the public on the publication.

Mrs. Saydeh Nassar, Assistant Hospital Director, noted that "**The Newsletter** reports new appointments, conferences, research programs and related information concerning AUBMC. Each issue also contains a "Tip of the Issue" and a note to readers.

The **AUBMC Newsletter** is not only intended for those associated with the hospital; it contains news of general interest and at the same time it helps the reader get to know the AUBMC better.

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## Dr. A. Al-Kutoubi New Diagnostic Radiology Chairman

Dr. Aghiad Al-Kutoubi recently joined the faculty as a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology. His appointment was effective July 11, 1997.

Dr. Al-Kutoubi graduated with an MD from Damascus University in 1975 and trained in Radiology from 1977 to 1984 at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Since 1984 he has been Consultant Radiologist at St. Mary's Hospital and Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of London. He has served as Director, MRI Unit, St. Mary's Regional Imaging, since 1987.

Dr. Al-Kutoubi is a member of the Fellowship Examination Board, the Royal College of Physicians and examiner FRCR Part II, the Royal College of Radiologists.

In his announcement Dr. Najjar said: "I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Maurice Haddad for a job well done as Acting Chairman of Diagnostic Radiology from September 21, 1996 to July 10, 1997."

## Spring Clinical Meeting for Lebanese Dermatological Society

The Department of Dermatology, in collaboration with the Lebanese Dermatological Society, held its annual Spring Clinical Meeting on May 31.

After welcoming remarks from Drs. Nelly Rubeiz of the Department of Dermatology and Abdul-Ghani Kibbi, President of the Lebanese Dermatological Society, members of the faculty and the Society discussed the cases of twelve patients in depth. The meeting was well attended by dermatologists from across the country.

# International Nurses' Day



*Mrs. Nayla Mouawwad.*

To celebrate International Nurses' Day the Nurses' Chapter of the AUB Alumni Association, in collaboration with the AUB School of Nursing and the AUH Nursing Service, organized a symposium on Lebanese Woman. Entitled "Reflections on the Nursing Pro-



*Dr. Leila Farhood.*

fession," the symposium was held at Issam Fares Hall on May 15 under the patronage of Deputy Nayla Mouawwad.

In the attendance were directors, faculty and students from major Lebanese schools of nursing, and nurses from various hospitals.

Opening remarks were presented by Dr. Laila Farhood, President of the Nurses' Chapter Alumni Association and chair of the Organizing Committee. The message of Acting President Mr. David Dodge was then read by Samir Najjar, Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center.

The symposium included presentations by Deputy Nayla Mouawwad; Dr. Laila Farhood, Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health in the School of Nursing; Dr. Marie Therese Khair Badawi, Psychology Department, Université Saint Joseph and Dr. Lamia Shehadeh, Associate Professor, Civilization Sequence Program. The moderator was Mr. Mohammed Al Firkh, Director, Makassed Hospital.

The speakers focused on the role of Lebanese women in the nursing profession, both in the public sphere and in daily life, where implicit psychological pressures surface against the work of women.

Dr. Farhood presented key issues that have led to the shortage of nurses and the present crisis faced by the nursing profession. Among other factors, the crisis was attributed to the view of nursing as a ghettoized profession that is exclusively female.

The difficulty women usually experience in the work place was attributed to employment issues and gender inequality, as well as to covert pressures against women in professions such as education, media as well as in social roles.

A long and lively discussion on these topics engaged the audience. Afterwards there was a reception and dinner at the Le Jardin at Summerland.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Farhood thanked the organizing committee and those who had helped make this symposium a success.

## Nurses Celebrate Mother's Day

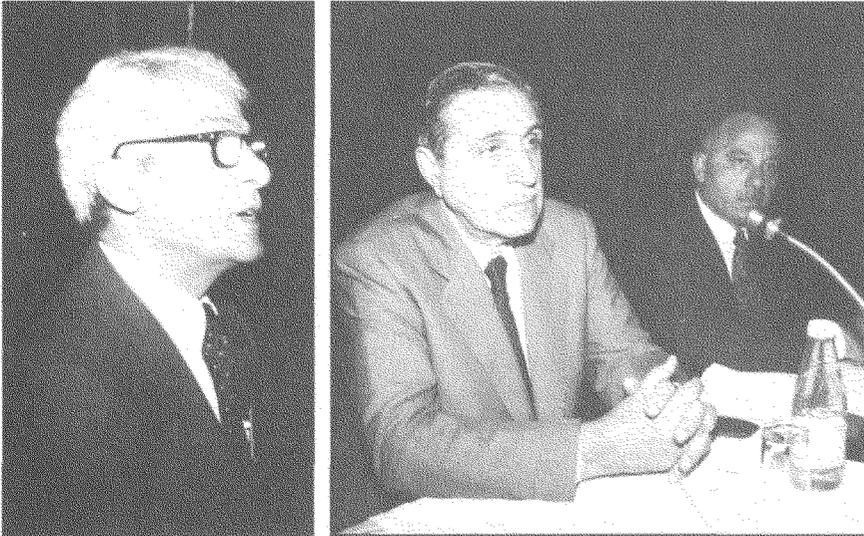


A pleasant activity took place on March 21, in the playroom of the hospital when Mother's Day was celebrated.

Staff and patients joined together in an improvised and heartwarming sketch. Gifts were distributed to the children and snacks were plentiful. As with each such celebration, this one brought a sense of togetherness, caring and joy, at least for a short moment.

Special thanks go to all the nurses, patients, and parents who participated on this special day.

## FHS Holds International Conference



*Left to right: Dr. Haddadin, Dr. Makdisi and Dr. Jokhadar.*

On May 29 and 30 the Faculty of Health Sciences organized a two-day "International Conference on Population, Health and Environment in the Arab Region." The event was held at AUB under the patronage of the Minister of Public Health.

In addition to FHS students and faculty members, 15 scholars from the US, Germany, UK, France, Norway, Egypt, India, Kuwait and Syria attended and presented papers on the major topics of the conference.

Representatives from the public and private sectors, ministries and other governmental agencies attended the opening ceremony. Altogether close to 350 people participated in the conference.

Three participants spoke at the opening session. Dr. Makhluf J. Haddadin on behalf of the faculty; Deputy President Samir Makdisi on behalf of the University; and Dr. Albert Jokhadar representing the Minister of Public Health.

This was followed by three keynote speeches. Professor Dr. Ulrich Laaser from the University

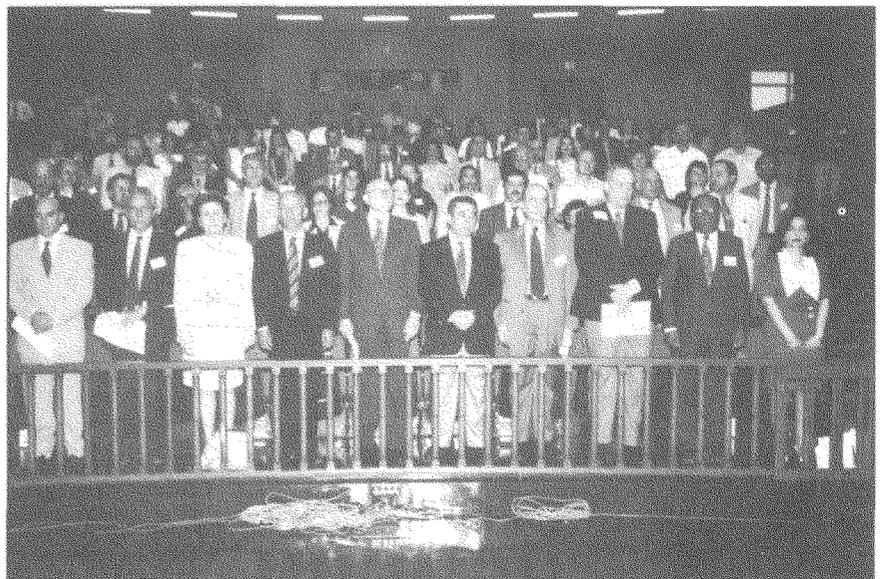
of Bielefeld in Germany spoke on "The Interdependence of Population, Health and Environment: Its Relevance for Societal Development." Dr. Adnan Mroueh, Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, spoke about "Health Care Policies and Reform in Lebanon;" Dr. May Jurdi, Associate Professor-FHS, focused on "Protecting and Pro-

moting Health for Equitable, Sustainable Development in Harmony with the Environment."

Session I dealt with Environmental Policies; Sessions II and III with Fertility and Family Planning; Sessions IV and V with Methodology; Session VI with Migration; Sessions VII and VIII with Morbidity and Mortality; Session IX with Research and Training, and Session X was devoted to the concluding remarks.

As a result of this conference a book will be published including peer reviewed papers that were presented, with a focus on future topics for policymaking and implementation. The Faculty hopes that similar conferences will become a regular activity promoting public health in the region.

The conference was funded by a Ford Foundation Grant to AUB for Teaching, Staff Development and Research at the Faculty of Health Sciences. The British Council gave travel grants to three British scholars coming from the UK.



*The audience stands at attention as the National Anthem is played.*

## Dr. Khalil M. Bitar Appointed Dean of Arts and Sciences



*Dr. Khalil Bitar.*

On May 16 Acting President David S. Dodge announced the appointment of Dr. Khalil M. Bitar as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences effective August 1, 1997.

A native of Beirut, Dr. Bitar earned his B.S. in physics from AUB in 1963, followed by his M.S. and Ph.D. in physics from Yale University. From 1969 to 1987 Dr. Bitar taught physics at AUB, where he was appointed full professor in 1978.

Since 1987, Dr. Bitar has been a research scientist at the Super-computer Computations Research Institute (SCRI) at Florida State University in Tallahassee. The SCRI consists of researchers in fields spanning the physical sciences, engineering, applied mathematics and computer science. The SCRI is one of the premier facilities in the United States for cross-disciplinary large-scale computing.

Dr. Bitar has been the associate director of the SCRI since 1994. A highly respected theoretical physicist, Dr. Bitar works primarily in the field of high energy physics, mostly within the context of quantum field theory. His research is

helping to determine the basic structure of matter. "This is the kind of activity that makes living worthwhile," says Dr. Bitar of his investigations into the nature of atomic particles. His scope has recently broadened to include work in molecular biology.

Dr. Bitar has held visiting positions at numerous institutions, including Fermilab in Batavia, Illinois; the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey; and the University of Illinois. He has published extensively, with nearly 100 papers to his credit.

"I have always wondered what I could do to help AUB," said Dr. Bitar, who was eager to return to

Beirut. "In accepting this position, the challenge of rebuilding the schools is of primary importance to me." While his background is in hard sciences, Dr. Bitar said that he was looking forward to working with the liberal arts departments at AUB. "We are all humanists at some level or another".

Dr. Bitar succeeds Dr. Lutfy Diab, who has served as Dean of the Arts and Sciences since January 1985. Acting President Dodge expressed his deep appreciation for the services of Dr. Diab to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in particular and the University in general during his long tenure as Dean of the Faculty.

### Former Ambassador in PSPA Debate



*Mr. Simon Karam.*

The PSPA society recently organized a debate by former Ambassador to the US Mr. Simon Karam. Under discussion was the vital issue of Lebanon's destiny and the peace process.

First, the audience was presented with a quick overview of Mr. Karam's career. Then, there

was a review of the first steps of the peace process starting with Madrid, going to Washington, and after that to Norway (Oslo) (the Israeli-Palestinian conflict), until the Israeli-Jordanian peace talks in 1994, and at last, the talks about self-authority at Palestine.

Mr. Karam presented all sides of the peace process and the role of the US, the attitude of the other countries towards Lebanon and the presence of all this greed towards Lebanon from other countries. He showed the audience some details concerning Lebanon in the presence of this regional crisis and during the peace process and what was the situation of Syria during these talks.

During the debate, some professors and students asked questions to Mr. Karam about the Lebanese-Syrian relations as well as other regional and Arab problems.

# Center for Behavioral Research



*Edward Said, right, with Professor Samir Khalaf.*

The Center for Behavioral Research has been very active for the last three years under the leadership of Samir Khalaf, professor of Sociology. Also contributing to the Center are professors from the Departments of History, Sociology, Education, PSPA, CS and SBS.

The Center has recently attracted a good deal of foreign attention from groups seeking collaboration and joint workshops and at this time it has seven foreign scholars in residence.

Much of the Center's research is long term. It has formed a "core group" of six scholars to obtain support from the Canadian International Development Research Center for a three year program on Post-War Reconstruction in Lebanon.

Three other long term programs in collaboration with other foundations are: 1) Urban History and Architectural Heritage--with Harvard's Graduate School of Design, 2) Missionaries in the Near

and Middle-East--with the Middle East Institute (Columbia) and Center for Near Eastern Studies (NYU), 3) The Feodor Lynen Fellowship--with the cooperation of the Oriental Institute in Beirut.

In another Research Program, on Social Reconstruction in Lebanon, the Center formed a core group to develop a proposal to explore options for post-war rehabilitation. The group consists of Social Scientists from AUB, Lebanese University and St. Joseph's University.

One of the main interests of the center is the Middle East Research Competition (MERC) Program which has been under the administration of the Ford Foundation in Cairo for the last ten years. The Center for Behavioral Research is now competing with other finalists: AUC, Cairo University and Ibn Khaldoun Center in Cairo. Winning this competition would be extremely beneficial to the Center, and for AUB's reputation.

Other than long-term research

plans, the Center is involved in bi-weekly lectures, whose audiences have grown to standing-room-only proportions. An increasing number of foreign embassies and organizations are notifying the Center of available scholars for these lectures.

Among the scholars to speak this year were Peter Theroux of the **National Geographic Magazine**, Ambassador Miguel Angel Moratinos, a European Special Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process and Dr. John Waterbury, Professor of Politics and Director of the Center of International Studies, Princeton, (and AUB's recently appointed president).

The Center has a Summer Research Fellowship Program, for which the number of applicants has increased by fifty percent since 1995. It also administers the annual Mellon Grant Awards, and is planning to increase the number of awardees next year. This year's winners were Helen Sader (Archeology), Howayda Al-Harithy, (CS program), and Johannes Van Ophuijsen, (CS program).

The seven scholars in residence have access to the library, e-mail and computer facilities. They are: Yasmeen Arif, from the University of Delhi, Nakeema Barbero, Harvard University, Daniel Genberg, Stockholm University, Jens Hansen, University of Oxford, St. Anthony College, Najib Hourani, New York University, Kirsten Idriss, Princeton University and Aseel Sawalha, City University of New York.

This year the Center held a three-day conference in tribute to Edward Said. The event was jointly organized by the Théâtre de Beyrouth in collaboration with Dar al Adab and Dar an-Nahar.

# Noted Journalist Lectures to Creative Writing Class



*Robert Fisk.*

On May 26 Robert Fisk gave a lecture to the Creative Writing class, which debuted this spring in the English Department. Fisk was one of a number professional writers, journalists and critics Mrs. Roseanne Khalaf invited to share their experiences with the class.

Fisk's lecture, "Threats, Lies and Videotapes: Reporting the Middle East" was one of the most upbeat and informative of these. His graphic portrayals of world conflict were denoted in the most eloquent and literary style.

Indeed, we immediately understood why he holds numerous journalistic awards, and is one of the most acclaimed reporters in the Middle East. Robert Fisk, a journalist for *The Independent* and author of *Pity the Nation* had just returned from a US and European tour where he presented the same lecture.

He would probably be the first to agree that flying around the world covering the hottest news stories and putting one's life in danger is not always such a glamorous occupation. However, un-

like other journalists, he puts his life in jeopardy not for the satisfaction of writing a news report, but because he believes in being a witness to history.

He then discussed the current status of journalists with respect to the increasing importance of visual media, and talked about ways in which journalism manipulates history and politics. History, Fisk pointed out is neither recorded nor as carefully preserved as one expects due to the political web of intrigue woven around the countries.

The issue of local newspapers in the Arab world and their relationship with international television networks, such as CNN, was also discussed. The latter, according to Fisk, seem to distort or censor accounts of world issues.

After presenting an overview of the topic, Fisk talked about his personal experience and earlier convictions, one being that "the journalist writes the first draft of history." Through his professional integrity, he wishes to report the truth and to set the record straight

by obtaining direct inquiries into the conflict and conspiracies that surround us.

Moreover, he discussed the difficulties that journalists must deal with such as the inability to ensure personal safety, the influence of lobby groups, technical limitations of multi-media and the "monopoly of TV and its technologies".

Throughout the talk, Fisk presented vivid imagery and accurate footage that gave the audience insight into what goes on behind the scenes from the perspective of a first-hand reporter. Some of these films showed distraught citizens of occupied Palestine and Bosnia. In turn, Israel and the West boycotted harrowing sequences of film that would have incisively changed their peace keeping image.

Fisk drew upon the concept of negative labeling by explaining how the word "terrorist" has been typecast, and is continually and solely applied to the Arabs. The question which cropped up was why terror is only associated with Arab people. In his highly praised book, *Pity the Nation*, Fisk described the word "terrorist" as being as "dangerous as it was misleading."

He ended the lecture with a screening of an eight minute unedited film of the Qana massacre recorded by a serviceman at a UN post. This, combined with Fisk's heroic exposé, displayed the brutal and sightless disclosure of Western prejudice. His historical eyewitness approach, coupled with his honest assessment of the world, captivated us for two and a half hours.

**Reem Anchassi  
Sana Chebaro**

# Economics Society: Two Public Lectures



*Mr. Nabil El-Jisr.*



*Mr. Riad Salameh and Professor Ghazi Sirhan.*

The Economics Department and the Economics Student's Society hosted two public lectures during the second semester. On May 28, Governor of the Central Bank, Mr. Riad Salameh, lectured to Economics, Business Administration, and Money and Banking Students on "Central Banking in Lebanon."

Chairman of the Department of Economics, Professor Ghazi Sirhan, welcomed Governor Salameh, who is an AUB graduate. Deputy President Samir Makdissi and members of the Economics Department and Money and Banking Institute were present.

After the lecture, Mr. Salameh patiently answered questions from the audience concerning the state of the Lebanese economy, and in particular, inquiries about the interest rate, the exchange rate, fiscal deficits and government borrowing. Al-Nahar, Al-Safir and the Daily Star all reported the event.

An equally important lecture, attended by faculty and students, was delivered by Mr. Nabil El-Jisr, Chairman of the Council for Development and Reconstruction on

May 5. Mr. El-Jisr spoke on the "Objectives and Strategy of Development in the Case of Lebanon." The speaker then answered many questions from students concerning development priorities, financing of projects, and the

allocation of financial resources among regions.

Chairman of the Department of Economics, Professor Ghazi Sirhan, thanked Mr. El-Jisr for his interesting and highly informative lecture.

## Seven Economics Graduates Study Abroad

Of the 20 economics students who graduated in July 1997, seven plan to continue their graduate studies abroad next year.

Three will travel to the United States:

- Miss Nisreen Salti, recipient of a fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs, will join Princeton University,

- Mr. Samir Hammami will work for his Ph.D. in economics at Brown University.

- Mr. Hadi Dimashkieh was accepted in the Master of Economics Program of three Universities, but he opted for Michigan State University.

Four other economics gradu-

ates will travel to Europe:

- Miss Hala Labaki joins the MBA program at the Hautes Etudes Commerciales in Paris.

- Mr. Wasfi Abu-Ghazaleh will join the graduate studies program in Economics and Finance at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

- Miss Maya Dada, who received a fellowship from the British Lebanese Association, will join the graduate studies program in Economics and Finance at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

- Mr. Adour Yaghzessian has been accepted in the MBA program of Manchester University, England.

## Successful Communication Careers in the 21st Century



Left to right: Mustapha Assad, William Foley and Nabil Dajani.

On June 16 Publi-Graphics organized a public lecture on the dynamics and future challenges of communications. The event was held in cooperation with the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department. Entitled "Successful Communication Careers in the 21st Century," the lecture was presented by William F. Foley, an eminent international advertising consultant. The large audience included students from several universities, media representatives, professionals from the industry and prominent figures.

In his introductory speech, Mr. Mustapha Assad, Publi-Graphics CEO, called for a Communications Counseling Center for AUB students. The Center would have a panel of counselors to provide students with professional guidance as well as regular updates and monitoring.

Mr. Foley's lecture discussed today's dynamics as well as predictions about three aspects of the communications field: journalism, public relations and advertising. He looked at consumer needs and expectations and the importance of satisfying them.

Mr. Foley also discussed emerging media and technologies, what their effects might be, how they might influence consumer trends and perceptions, and consequently,

how they should be taken into account in communications. The lecture was followed by an open debate moderated by Dr. Nabil Dajani, Chairman of the SBS Department at AUB.

## Dr. Arda A. Ekmekji at Pugwash Seminar

Dr. Arda A. Ekmekji of the C.S. Program was invited by the Italian Pugwash Group ISODARCO (International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts - University of Rome) to attend a Seminar on Security Concerns and Proposals in the Middle East. The Seminar, held March 16-20 in Amman, was attended by 47 university professors from around the world. Dr. Ekmekji's paper was entitled: "War and Peace in the Ancient Near East: An Archaeological Perspective."

The Pugwash group was established in 1955 in Pugwash (Canada) by Einstein, Russell and others to ensure that science and academia would henceforth be used in the service of peace and not war. The Pugwash Conferences were awarded the Noble Prize for Peace in 1995.

## Air Carrier Courses



REP-AACO, trainers and trainees, VP Hallab, and Secretary General Tefaha

Under its agreement with the REP-AACO (Arab Air Carrier Organization), the School of Business and Management held the first of a series of courses on May 17-21. Fifteen participants representing various air companies in the region attended the course, which was entitled "Total Quality Management." Drs. Abdo Bardawil and Yusuf Sidani were the trainers in

charge of the first course, while Dr. Pierre Abou Ezze, Director of the school and coordinator of the program, oversaw implementation of the design.

At the closing session Dr. A.H. Hallab, VP-REP, and Mr. A. W. Tefaha, Secretary General of AACO, thanked the participants as well as those who helped achieve the course's objectives.

## Painting Exhibition by David Kurani



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Samir Thabet then Mr. and Mrs. David Kurani.

A crowd of well-wishers and friends of the artist turned out for the opening of David Kurani's fifth one-man painting exhibition at the Galerie Epreuve d'Artiste last March.

David Kurani, who teaches art and theater courses at AUB, had on show over thirty watercolors

and four oils--most of them depicting Lebanese scenery and coastal scenes. These often concentrated on transient weather and light effects but there were also scenes well known to the AUB community such as the Folk Dance Festival and campus views (two of which were reproduced in

the most recent issue of *Al-Kulliyah*).

The paintings ranged in size from small to very large and were characterized by a wide range of subject matter including occasional human characters, which as one critic noted, "were usually turned in towards the subject matter of the painting as if themselves participating in the environment or at least admiring the view."

Helen Khal, writing for the *Daily Star* noted Kurani's "controlled manner with an eye kept in sharp focus for detail and with a vibrant palette of colors. His scenes of Lebanon are not panoramic, but close-up portraits of specific subjects--houses, streets, trees, seaside coves and fishing boats. All are produced with the considered care and accomplished technique needed to achieve resemblance and convey character... Kurani's creative drive, guided by his private impulses, fills the sky with billowing clouds and seeds those clouds with heightened, unhampered energy. They are lovely skies that lift the spirit."

The exhibition also received favorable attention from two television channels and other local media.

## Dr. Trad at Biophysical Society Meeting

Dr. Shafika Hejase Trad, Professor of Physics at the School of Arts and Sciences, presented a poster at the 41th annual meeting of the Biophysical Society in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Trad was awarded a travel grant from URB to represent AUB at this important international meeting, held March 2-6. The presentation can be summarized as follows:

A theoretical analysis has been made on the effect of connectivity on signal propagation between neurons. A model, based on the somatic shunt cable model, was constructed to describe the synaptic potentials which are induced

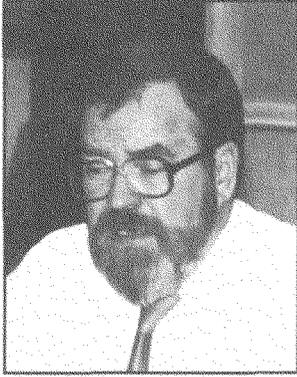
by synaptic inputs, to understand how signal transmission could be influenced by the way neurons are interconnected in an assembly. A neuron is represented as one or more equivalent cables connected to a somatic impedance.

A more general boundary condition is applied at the ends of some cables, extending cable models in a very simple manner to the case of more than one neuron. The cables not only emanate from the somatic surfaces but also terminate on cell bodies of other neurons. They are combined without any disagreement with the cable model concept.

## Dr. A. Nasri Attends UK Conference

Dr. Ahmed Nasri, Assistant Professor of Computer-Aided Geometric Design in the Mathematics Department, participated in the 7th conference of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications. The conference, on the Mathematics of Surfaces, was held in Dundee, UK, September, 1-4, 1996. Dr. Nasri presented a paper entitled "Interpolation of Open Curves by Recursive Subdivision Surfaces," which gave the results of a URB project.

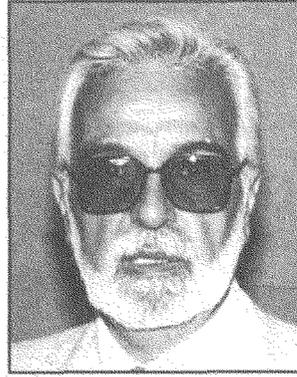
# The Forum of Cultural Studies



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It may seem an oversimplification to define years of teaching humanities and arts, organizing Forum meetings and living through daily encounters at AUB, as a state of mind and a singular experience. However, it makes sense when one conceives culture as a state of mind and spirit which seeks to mirror itself in day-to-day existence. This state of mind, which I call culture, also seeks to reflect upon itself by creating or rather, making and constructing so-called "cultural occasions" such as lectures, talks, concerts, etc., only to deconstruct them through criticism, analyses, arguments and revelations of non-exhibited facts.

The selection of topics and speakers for the C.S. Forum find their justification in these concerns and in this manner of understanding culture. One must also keep in mind the very particular position that the Civilization Sequence Program has at AUB. Not being a department of humanities in its own right, C.S. can select a very wide range of topics, but at the same time it suffers the shortcomings of not having a specialized community and majoring students of its own.

Breaking the old mold of very "scholarly" talks, and wanting to give a taste of cultural realities to-

day, the Forum offered topics, some of which interested only a few groups and others intended for the general University public.

Themes of the thirteen meetings of the Forum '96-'97 were distributed as follows: two in political science and art, two in Lebanese culture and folklore, two in history of science and art, two in literature, four in music and one in Arabic lexicography.

Five of the speakers were from the AUB faculty and the other seven were guests, mostly from abroad. Seven of the lectures were illustrated by slides, instruments, films, audio-cassettes, etc.

Political Science was the opening theme; specialists in their fields read papers on contemporary political issues. Professor Ahmad Moussalli's theme was "Prospects of the Arab Israeli Peace Process." Drastic changes in Israeli politics following the elections was the starting point; the speaker dealt with the possible consequences of radicalism and rising tension on the stage of Middle Eastern politics. He saw chances of the peace process considerably reduced for not a short time to come.

On a broader scale, post Soviet Union politics and the gradually developing position of Russia in what is called the new world or-

der was the subject of the second lecture in political science entitled "The Status of Russia in the New World Order," by Professor Nicolai Nazarov, Director of the Cultural Center of the Republic of Russia in Lebanon.

Speaking fluently in classical Arabic, the lecturer reviewed the political, cultural, and economic progress of his country from Czarist times to the present. With surprising objectivity, he evaluated the successes and failures in each phase and underlined the necessity of accounting for very specific peculiarities typical of the nations and locations involved in the history of Russia and the other states of the ex-Soviet Union.

Lebanese culture, as in social history and folklore, were themes of two very animated occasions: the first was a panel on Professor Shereen Khairallah's recently published book **The Sisters of Men**. Speakers on the panel were the author herself, Professor Emeritus Nicola Ziadeh and Professor Hamadeh. Since the study dealt with a number of prominent Lebanese women and their careers, the work was evaluated from a variety of perspectives, i.e., formal, literary, feminist, historical, sociologist, nationalistic, etc. The underlying assumptions in the book and the approach to subject matter were discussed in a very frank and academic spirit.

The second speaker on the theme of Lebanese culture was Dr. Fawwaz Traboulsi. His approach was explicit in the title: "Reflections on Culture and Folklore in Lebanon." The lecturer, who has been working on a very broad project about Lebanese culture, at-

tempted an analysis of the constituents of culture and what seems to be taken for granted as folklore. Definitions and demarcation lines, origins and practices, wartime and post-war cultural criteria were discussed by the lecturer and the audience in an animated atmosphere.

Arabic lexicography was the subject of a specialized paper by Professor Ruhi Baalbaki, Secretary General of the Lebanese Writers' Union, and author of *al-Mawrid*, the Arabic-English Dictionary. The speaker concentrated on ways of improving Arabic lexicography and developing systems to adapt the language to modern science and technology. Describing knowledge as a living organism, he saw evolution as a condition of its life, and called for a revival and a revolution in approaches to language in a modern world. In addition to the AUB public, the conference was attended by prominent governmental figures and scholars in the field of Arabic language and literature.

Literature, in turn, was part of the concerns of the Forum through two major representatives, Andre Malraux and Edward Said. Professor Mona Amyuni presented Malraux the man, the writer and the humanist as an introduction to UNESCO celebrations in Paris under the title "Malraux at the Pantheon." She presented "Malraux: the Artist and the Man of Action" in Paris. The audience was able to listen to recordings of speeches by Malraux himself and speakers at the celebration.

Anticipating the international conference dedicated to Said "For a Critical Culture" (June 29-July 2, 1997), the Forum invited Dr. Ken Seigneurie to evaluate "Orientalism in the Liberal Arts Canon." In addition to the interest the subject of orientalism presents in general, the theme had a particular relevance to the C.S. Program, which



*A view of the audience in Professor Baalbaki's lecture.*

introduced Said's book this semester. As on other occasions, the lecture was well attended by students, faculty and guests.

Music took the greatest share of the C.S. Forum meetings this year. First in this series was an illustrated talk by Dr. Simon Shaheen entitled "Comments on Oriental Music." Speaking in Arabic, the language of the Arab "soul," the lecturer gave what was almost a crash course on the canons, instruments, voice, major forms, schools and figures of oriental music. Throughout he illustrated his lecture by using his violin accompanied by an 'oud.

Motivated by a belief in a university without walls and a cultural activity without demarcation lines, the Forum collaborated with the Friends of the Bustan Festival on three occasions. In line with world celebrations of the bicentenary of Schubert's birth and the centenary of the death of the Brahms, the Forum organized two illustrated lectures by Professor Pierre Azoury at Issam Fares Hall. They were entitled respectively 'A Schubert Evening' and 'Brahms: An Illustrated Profile.' A third illustrated musical lecture was held earlier entitled "The Mystery of the Magic Flute" by Dr. Toufic Kerbaje. (These events were reported in the previous *Bulletin*).

The history of medieval Arab science and religious art were subjects very close to the heart of C.S. for more reasons than one. Professor Erica Dodd, a former member of the C.S. faculty, gave an illustrated lecture on the frescos in Lebanese churches in Bahdeidat, Ma'ad, Mutallas, Mar Musa al-Habashi, Edde and other locations. Christian Arab painters under the Mamlukes depicted forms and concepts in these frescos. The lecturer analyzed these works in the context of the Islamic and Syrian Christian environment, mutual east-west influences and also referred to their artistic qualities.

The CS Forum '96-'97 concluded the year with an illustrated talk by Professor George Saliba entitled "Rethinking the Roots of Modern Science: Arabic Manuscripts in European Libraries."

He led the audience with the energy and enthusiasm of an explorer into undiscovered aspects of relations between medieval Arab science and the European Renaissance sciences. Juxtaposing Arabic and Latin manuscripts and pointing to "details," the lecture traced routes in which Arab science penetrated Europe and provided matter to major scientists such as Copernicus.

**Professor Seta B. Dadoyan**  
**CS Forum Coordinator**

## CS Meetings: October 1996-June 1997



*Professor Ken Seigneurie and Professor Seta Dadoyan.*

1. Professor Ahmad Moussalli (CSP and PSPA-AUB), "Prospects of the Arab-Israeli Peace Process," Wednesday, October 23, 1996.

2. Panel on **The Sisters of Men** (1996) by Professor Shereen Khairallah (CSP-AUB)-Speakers: Professor Emeritus Nicola Ziadeh, Professor Najla Hamadeh (CSP). Wednesday, November 6, 1996.

3. Dr. Fawwaz Traboulsi (Center for Behavioral Research-AUB), "Reflections on Culture and Folklore in Lebanon." Wednesday, December 4, 1996.

4. Professor Mona Amyuni (CSP-AUB), "Malraux at the Pantheon"-with audio-cassettes of speeches by Malraux and recordings of the UNESCO celebrations of "Malraux: The Artist and the Man of Action". Wednesday, December 11, 1996.

5. Dr. Toufic Kerbage (National Conservatory), "The Mystery of the Mozart's 'Magic Flute'" -In Collaboration with the Friends of the Bustan Festival- Introduction by AUB Trustee Mrs. Myrna Bustani-Lecture accompanied by film excerpts of Ingmar Bergman's Magic Flute and Salzburg Marionettes. Thursday, January 9, 1997.

6. Dr. Simon Shaheen (Arab Art Institute-New York), "Comments on Oriental Music"-Illustrations on "oud and violin by the lecturer. Wednesday, January 22, 1997.

7. Professor Pierre Azoury (Mech. Eng'g-AUB), "A Schubert Evening"-(In commemoration of the

bicentenary of Schubert's birth), with audio-visual illustrations of his biography and music. Held in collaboration with the Friends of the Bustan Festival. Introduction by Dr. Walid Gholmieh (President of the Nat. Conservatory). Thursday, January 30, 1997.

8. Dr. Ruhi Baalbaki (Secretary General of the Lebanese Writers' Union), "Improving Arabic Language Lexicographically and Practically" (in Arabic). Tuesday March 11, 1997.

9. Professor Erica Dodd (previously Fine Arts Department-AUB), "Christian Arab Painters Under the Mamlukes," with illustrations on slides. Wednesday, April 9, 1997.

10. Professor Ken Seigneurie (English Department, Balamand University), Edward Said, Orientalism and the Liberal Arts Canon." Wednesday, April 23, 1997.

11. Professor Pierre Azoury, Brahms: An Illustrated Profile"-In commemoration of the century of his death-In collaboration with the Friends of the Bustani Festival. Wednesday, May 21, 1997.

12. Nicolai Nazarof (Director of the Cultural Center of Russia), "The Status of Russia in the New World Order" (In Arabic). Wednesday, May 28, 1997.

13. Professor George Saliba (Columbia University), "Rethinking the Roots of Modern Science: Arabic Manuscripts in European Libraries." Wednesday, June 11, 1997.

## New From AUB Publications Conflict Resolution in the Arab World: Selected Essays

*Conflict resolution in the Arab World: Selected Essays. Edited by Paul Salem. 20 essays from different contributors, including many AUB faculty members.*

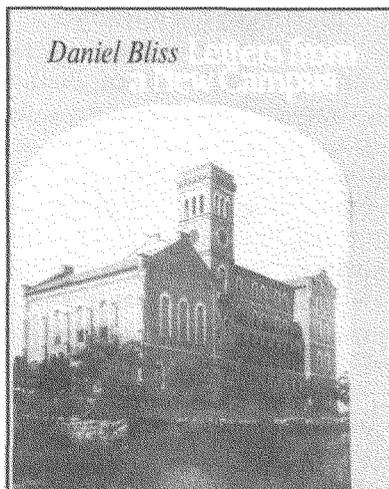
"In this volume, we have only begun to scratch the surface of conflict analysis and conflict management in the broad area called the Arab World... Conflict is inherent in all societies; how much more so, then, in rapidly developing societies, suffering from numerous acute tensions at the political, economic, and socio-cultural levels. And while these societies have inherited traditional and tested means of conflict management, some of which are the subject of essays in this volume, the profundity and rapidity of change has been undermining many of these traditions and leaving social actors and forces in an increasingly anomic relationship with one another." (from the preface)

For those with an interest in the Middle East, this volume opens a window on the study of conflict and conflict management in this vital area of the world. For the community of conflict resolution scholars at large, the value of this volume might be in the variety of case studies and perspectives it offers with regard to a part of the world where conflict resolution studies have not yet made much headway.

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## Letters From A New Campus

New From AUB Publications



**Letters from a New Campus** by Daniel Bliss, edited by Douglas and Belle Dorman Rugh, and Alfred H. Howell 314 pp; illustrated; LL. 24,000; Available from the AUB Bookstore.

In the early 1870s, Ras Beirut was a rural area of cactus paths and orchards, remote from the busy activity of the city itself. One man's vision was to change all that: Daniel Bliss, first president of the Syrian Protestant College, decided that it was the place for the college's own buildings.

Many, including some of the SPC's Board of Managers, had doubts about a move out of Beirut, but the foundation stone of College Hall was laid in 1871, and both it and the Medical Building (now AUB's School of Business Studies), were completed in 1873.

During the whole time the buildings were being completed and until the end of that academic year, Daniel Bliss's wife and four children were in the US. This book contains the letters he wrote to them during their prolonged separation.

The letters start before the new college buildings were complete. Problems with the work, the excitements and trials of moving in, student discipline, dealing with a too-fierce watchdog—all these are combined with descriptions of what Daniel Bliss had for breakfast or comments on the Ottoman Government.

As the new College Hall nears its completion, **Letters From A New Campus**, invites us to look back and get a glimpse of the work which was required to bring the original campus into being. Extensive end notes on people and events help to bring the letters to life and paint a fuller picture of the beginnings of AUB and of life on "the new campus."

## Professor Seta Dadoyan Elected Fellow of Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies

On August 15, 1997 Professor Seta Dadoyan of the Civilization Sequence Program was elected Fellow of the Institute for Inter-Faith Studies in Amman. The honor came in recognition of her distinguished contribution to the academic program of the Institute, which is directed by Professor K. Salibi. Her election also recognizes the excellence of her new book, **The Fatimid Armenians: Cultural and Political Interaction in the Near East** (Leidan: E. J. Brill, 1997, 215 p.s.-Islamic History and Civilization Series 18).

Professor Dadoyan was in Amman at the time of the election, participating in the Conference on the "Islamic Civilization: The Non-Muslim Dimensions" (August 16-21, 1997). Three members of the Department of History, Professors S. Seikaly, A. Abu Hussein, and N. al-Shaykh also attended.

Her paper was entitled "The Armenian Brotherhoods and the Futuwwa and Akhi Organizations in the Medieval Islamic World."

In addition to her book **The Fatimid Armenians**, this paper and several other works by Professor Dadoyan are the first studies of their kind to bring together political and cultural histories of the medieval Near East. In this scholarly and original book, the peculiar episode of the Fatimid Armenians (1074-1163) and other, earlier phenomena, are presented in their proper background and context; the 'Armenian Period' in the last century of the Fatimid caliphate in Egypt is shown to be a major phase in the perpetual alliance between Armenian sectarians and Muslims. The reconstruction of this, until now, unstudied subject also reveals new data. Through its methodology, **The Fatimid Armenians** proposes fresh criteria and perspectives for the evaluation of patterns of cultural and political interaction in Near Eastern history.

According to E. J. Brill, the readership of the book comprises "all those interested in medieval Near Eastern studies; Late Fatimid; Armenian; Syria the 9th-12th centuries; Christian and Muslim sects; Inter-Faith, inter-cultural; Armenian Church; Egypt 11-12th centuries; Crusaders; Isma'ili history".

# الياس المراوي: الحرية والديمقراطية وحقوق الانسان...٠٠٠

أيها الاحباء

الى جانب مهمة التزويد بالعلوم والمعارف والخبرات، الجامعة مسؤولة عن تمكين الشباب من المشاركة في الحياة الوطنية والديمقراطية،

وهذه المسؤولية تعني التزام بناء المستقبل وليس إحياء الماضي فحسب، من هنا فإن من يتخرج من جامعتكم يحمل رسالة لبنان

أليست وصايا الصديق راي إيراني اليكم اليوم هي أيضا من ميزات الشخصية اللبنانية: الثقة بالذات، والتعايش مع الآخرين، والتزام الاهداف التزاما نبيلًا، والتحلي بروح المغامرة، وتحويل الاحلام الى حقائق، والتعلق بالحرية والديمقراطية والانطلاق الى خدمة العالم وليس الى استغلاله واستعباده... اليسست هذه مقومات الحضور اللبناني هنا وفي ديار الانتشار ؟

ايها المتخرجون

وطنكم يحتاج اليكم والى سائر المتخرجين من شاباتنا وشباننا في جامعتنا الوطنية والجامعات العاملة عندنا وفي كبرى الجامعات العالمية.

أنتم تتخرجون مع عصر ينتهي ويضع دور الجامعة وموقعها تحت تحد مصيري

أنتم تتخرجون مع عصر ينتهي ويترك الفكر والدول أمام أسئلة حرجة وخيارات مسؤولة مثل:

اقتصاد السوق أم اقتصاد الدولة

العولمة أم العودة الى الاصول أم الحداثة

الاخلاق والقيم أم الفوضى واستسهال الغنيمة

السلام العادل أم الاستسلام

انتم تتخرجون مع نهاية عصر تميّز بسرعتين:

سرعة التقدم العلمي والتكنولوجي، واعتماد الإنترنت، وترقي الطب والدواء، وعلوم الأقمار الصناعية واستكشاف الكواكب،

وسرعة خيبات الامل من الايديولوجيا، وتفشي البطالة، وتعاطي المخدرات، وانتشار الامراض الجديدة، وتنقل الحروب والمجازر والعنف، وانتهاك الشرعية الدولية.

من هنا أن التحدي الذي يواجه المتخرجين مع نهاية هذا العصر هو كيف يكونون لعصر جديد يبدأ

أيها الاحباء

نحن من أجل نهضة حقيقية لخير بلدنا ومنطقتنا والانسانية والنهضة هي تجسيد لحركة العافية على مختلف الصعد والقطاعات

إننا نرى أن العلوم الجديدة تجدي أكثر في وطن

يتحرر من احتلال أرضه وانتهاك سيادته ومن تشبثت اسرائيل بضرب قرارات الشرعية الدولية بعرض الحائط من هنا نتوجه الى الشعب الاميركي الصديق لنقول: ما ناضلتم من أجله في بلدكم لإقامة دولتكم حري بأن لا تتهاونوا في العمل على دعم انتشاره في العالم، نعني: مثل الحرية والديمقراطية وحقوق الانسان والعدل والسلام.

نحن في لبنان نرى هذه المثل أصيلة في تراثنا

ونحن لن نتخلى عنها وعن تطويرها

واننا ننتظر من الادارة الاميركية الاقدام بأسرع وقت على رفع الحظر عن لبنان. وإننا نناشد الرئيس كلينتون المبادرة من أجل تطبيق العدالة الدولية في منطقتنا قبل أن يسقط السلام.

نحن لا نستطيع أن نرى الولايات المتحدة الاميركية إلا شريكا نزيها في إقامة السلام العادل.

ولا يجوز الوقوف على مسافة واحدة:

بين المتعدي والمظلوم

بين فاض الاستسلام وطالب السلام العادل

بين المناور على السلام والمتمسك بتطبيق القرار ٤٢٥ والقرارات الدولية الاخرى

أين حقوق الانسان من تعذيب المعتقلين اللبنانيين في السجون الاسرائيلية ؟

مهما مارست اسرائيل من ضغوط نحن لن نستسلم.

إننا نسأل هل التواقيع المنفردة أقامت السلام؟ هل تعطيل المفاوضات يبني السلام العادل والشامل؟ ماذا تسمون ما يجري في المنطقة من وقائع ومن تطورات؟

أيها المتخرجون، بمقدار ما تزهون بأثواب تخرجكم اليوم اعملوا على أن تعتز بكم جامعتكم. كونوا الاوفى لاهلكم ولوطنكم، واخرجوا رسل التنوير والانماء والسلام.

مبروك نجاحكم.

عشتم وعاش لبنان.



مقدرتكم على متابعة التعلم والنمو في وجه تحديات وتبدلات الحياة غير المتناهية.

والآن اختتم بتوجيه تحذ اليكم، الماضي لكم، فتعلموا منه، الحاضر ملككم، فحسبونه، المستقبل لكم، فامنعوه، المعرفة لكم، فاستعملوها، التسامح لكم فمارسوه، الحرية لكم، وادعوا عنها، الايمان بالكرامة الانسانية هو ايمانكم، فاحترموه

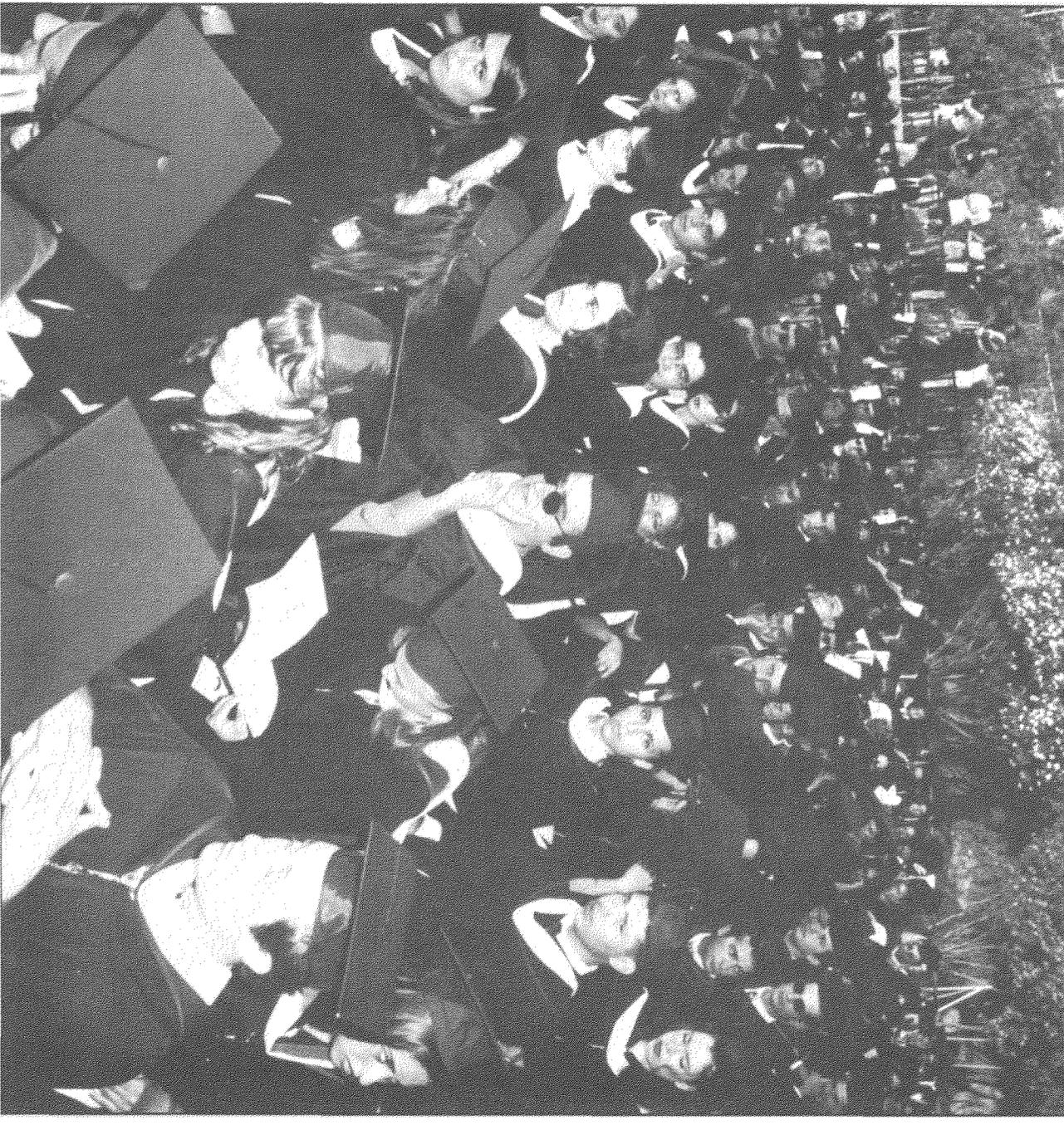
اياكم ان تدعموا الظلم يسمي بمسيرتكم، اياكم ان تدعموا النكسات تثبط عزيمتكم او تتركوا اي امر يشل ذكاءكم او يكبل يديكم او يدمر مغنوياتكم، انهبوا في الارض، لا للسيطرة بل للخسمة لا للاستقلال بل للانفازة. شكرًا وتهاني مجددًا، يا متخرجي صف ١٩٩٧.

(مترجمة عن الانكليزية).

تتمسكون بقناعاتكم، الحق والباطل لازل حقا وباطلا، الحق كان دائما الحق وهو لا يتغير.

٩- تعلموا قيمة الضحك والرح كعلاج للاحباط. تحصل نكسات، لكنها قد لا تكون مدمرة اذا تمكنتم من الضحك اناها وازاء انفسكم. ان الراح هو افضل علاج لكل النكسات التي قد تواجهون.

١٠- حددوا معنى النجاح اليكم، النجاح بالنسبة للكثيرين هو الوصول الي القمة. ولكن الناس ليست كلها قادرة على بلوغ القمة. كما ان الحياة ليست فقط سباقا الي القمة. الحياة عملية اكتشاف مستمرة... حوار لا ينتهي ولا يمكن توقع مفاجآته بين مقدراتنا كبشر ونظرفنا الحياتية. ان نجاحكم الذاتي يتوقف على



## رياض إيراني: علمكم كان أيضاً من تمازجكم اليومي

١- لا تتكادرا في دفع الثمن. تحضير اتركم اليوم تصد

منجز اتركم غدا. اذا اردتم النجاح في حفل اختياريكم، اعرفوا ماذا يقتضي ذلك من وقت وتمرين والتزام وتضحية ولا تبخلوا. النجاح لا يأتي على طبق من فضة ولا يبيت من تلقاء ذاته. النجاح له ثمن، والسئلة هي في مدى استعدادكم للدفع.

٢- تعلموا الانضباط وما رسوه. الانضباط يعني العمل ساعات طويلة لانجاز المهمة، يعني البقاء ضمن الهدف المنشود. الانضباط يعني السيطرة على النفس.

٣- ارسموا لنفسكم تصورا جريئا وواضحا للهدف الذي تريدون تحقيقه، ولا تحيدوا عنه. ان تلتزموا بهدف هو ان يكون هذا الهدف حاضرا في فكريكم وفي كل قرار تتخذونه وفي كل عمل تقومون به. ولن تحققوا اهدافكم الا هكذا. وهذا يعني ان لا تتفكير اهدافكم كل يوم. تذكروا... خياركم يحدد مستقبلكم.

٤- تعلموا تقبل الاخريين. قد لا يرضى عنكم الجميع كل الوقت، لكنكم قادرون على ارضاء معظم الناس معظم الوقت. يكفي ان تتقبلا النقد وان تقارنوا الاراء، فالراء ولما يتقدم اذا لم ينظر احيانا الى مقاييس غيره.

٥- كونوا من الحاليين. جورج برنارد شو كان يقسم البشر الى فئة تقبل الامور كما هي، وفئة تسأل لماذا، وتقول احلم بما لم يكن، ولما لا ؟

نحن بحاجة لرجال ونساء يجرؤون على الحلم، يدخلون سوق العمل ويسألون لماذا لا ؟. في العالم مشاكل كثيرة بحاجة الى حلول. تجرأوا على الحلم بحثا عن حلول. فليكن طموحكم في علو السحاب، في الوقت ذاته، لا تتركوا ارض الواقع. كونوا حاليين ولكن لا تفقدوا الواقعية.

٦- لا تخافوا من الجازفة. لا تخافوا من الفشل. العقبات هي ما ترون حين تحولوا نظركم عن الهدف. العالم مليء باناس يتبعون مسارهم حيثما يصل. مستطرون الى بعض الخاطرة حيث تضطرون الى شق طريق خاص بكم.

٧- لا تتحلوا عن المعرفة. ان العقل يتنامى مع كل فكرة جديدة. اني واثق انه بعد دراستكم هنا، لن يتوقف ذكركم عن التوسع. اقدمهم قال مؤخرا، معلقا على العالم الحديث: "قديما كانت الثروة تقاس بالذهب اما اليوم فهي تقاس بمقدار ما تعرف." لذا ابقوا يقظين ولا تتوقفوا عن اكتساب المعرفة.

٨- كونوا اخلاقيين. امرؤوا متى تساومون ومتى

شكرا الفرصة مغامبتكم في هذا اليوم الاخر.

ان حفلة التخرج هذه تمود بي الى ٤٤ عاما، متخرجا كشاب فخور من صف ١٩٥٣. اليوم، بيكم، يعتريني الافتخار ذاته.. فبيكم تقف الان كارما ابنة شقيقتي.

احبيكم واهناكم، انتم متخرجو هذه السنة. تتسلمون شهابا اترككم، ارسمة استحقاق تنالوها على العمل الدؤوب والتصميم والثابرة، وهي اليزات التي ستزاملكم في حياتكم المهنية المقبلة.

افتخروا بما انجزتموه، وارثوا بفكريكم نحو عائلاتكم والاحبة الذين كان دعمهم لكم حاسما في سبيل تحقيق الناصر.

ومن الان وخلال الاحتفال، اود لو تتاملون تجربتكم في هذه المؤسسة الرائعة. اساتذتكم والمناهج شحذوا هممكم وغيروا فيكم. امبجتم الان اقدر على مواجهة تعقيدات الحياة وظلالها. وبفضل ما تعلمتم، ستطاقون التغيير حيث التغيير واجب.

عبر بحر لباس المعرفة تتدشرون به، اري رجالا ونساء من مشارب ومناطق وطوائف وقناعات مختلفة، يرصون المصروف، كتحفا بكتف، على عتبة الغامرة الكبرى. علمكم ما كان فقط من اساتذتكم، بل ايضا من تمازجكم اليومي، وبررتم بالؤسسة التي حرثت في نفوسكم التفهم والتقبل لاشد الافكار تناقضا. تعلمتم ان تحبوا معا وان تتعلموا سوية، وتعمقتم في فهم الطبيعة البشرية وتآلف الاختلاف.

اذا كانت مهمة خطيب الاحتفال هي اسداء النصح، فكم اتمنى لو تمسكون بطرف مما سانصحكم به.

عيشوا الحياة حتى ذروتها، بدءا باحترام الذات وادراك المسؤولية الشخصية للقول والفعل. وايضا الالتزام بالعهد والوفاء للعائلة والاصدقاء والايان بما تفعلون والعمل بنشاط، وليس مثل العمل يزيد في الحياة نكهة.

ان تعيشوا الحياة حتى الذروة يعني ان تضعموا لذواتكم مقاييس وان لا تتقارنوا بالغير، فلكل مواهبه الخاصة. يعني ان لا تهتموا من حان على ثناء بل هل تُقدّر العمل كما يجب. السئلة ليست من افضل من من، بل من تفوق على نفسه وفاق توقعاته لذاته. هذه مقتضيات الامانة واحترام الذات.

لاحة بمشرفة قواعد سهلة واسباسية اسوقها لكم، توازنكم بما يحقق ذاتكم في اقصاها. قواعد سهلة ثابتوا عليها.

# رامي صايغ: الديمقراطية يجب أن تعاش على الحرم الجامعي

الآلاف من المتخرجين، عبر ما يزيد على مئة وثلاثين عاماً. ونحن شاكرون، إذ من دون دور الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت ودور غيرها من المؤسسات الأكاديمية في لبنان في تثبيت المثل والممارسات الديمقراطية، لكانت الحرية بُتت ونُسيت من أمدٍ بعيد. إن الديمقراطية يجب أن تعاش على الحرم الجامعي حتى تعبيرها الأوسع. إن شعار الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت "لنكن لهم حياة، ولنكن حياة أفضل" لا يتحقق إلا بالتقاط الحقيقة من نواصيها وبتمثيل الإرادة الطلابية بعدل.

فيما نقف على عتبة القرن الواحد والعشرين، تعترينا الثقة بأن الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت ستبقى وفيّة لما نادت به وحملت لواءه طوال أجيال. الديمقراطية شرط مسبق لممارسة الحرية. وصحيح أن الجامعة منحت الطلاب الفرصة للتعبير عن آرائهم في لجان مختلفة، لكننا في رأينا قد بلغنا الوقت والنضوج الكافيين لتفعيل جسم طلابي تمثيلي مستقل.

أما بالنسبة إلى عهدنا لكم، فنحن، كطلاب في الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت، سائرون باندفاع وإخلاص في رفع لواء الهدف النبيل، أكان الهدف سياسياً، أو اجتماعياً، أو تربوياً، أو إنسانياً، أو حياً بشرياً، أو رياضياً. المثالية غالباً محرّكنا الأساسي، مصحوبة بالتزامنا الصادق بالوصول إلى مجتمع أفضل. إن قيمنا الأخلاقية النابعة من الدين أو من أي أسس للسلك بارزة في تعاملنا مع بعض بالاحترام العميق والمتبادل. قد ينحوا أحدنا إلى قناعات مختلفة، لكن الأسس الأساس، أي الصدق والنزاهة والرحمة وحب الآخر ستبقى وتترسخ في سلوكنا. وهذه الميزات هي أساس التزامنا بمجتمعاتنا. من منا يتخرجون هذه السنة سيتخذون لهم قريباً عملاً، كل في مجال اختصاصه. وفيما اللبنانيون بيننا على الأخص يتعهدون بالمشاركة في عملية البناء، فإن كل المتخرجين سيشاركون في بناء مجتمعاتهم وسيقدمون المثال الحي على الفعالية وقوة الشخصية والقيادة. ولجامعتنا الأم، نلتزم بالإخلاص لها، وبتأييدها في السنوات الآتية.

نود التأكيد لكم أننا نعشق الديمقراطية، ندعم الشفافية، نفي بتعهداتنا. ساعدونا لتحقيق آمالنا ولتمتين شعورنا بالانتماء إلى هذه المؤسسة، إلى أهدافها وتطلعاتها، ولإغناء قدراتنا الشخصية ومن ثم، اعتمدوا علينا لتحقيق مستقبل أفضل للبنان والمنطقة.

عاشت الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت،

عاش لبنان.

(مترجمة عن الإنكليزية).

نيابة عن الجسم التمثيلي الطلابي، أرحب بكم في حفل التخرج الثامن والعشرين بعد المئة للجامعة الأميركية في بيروت.

بداية، أتقدم بالشكر إلى الرئيس بالوكالة السيد دافيد دودج، والإدارة، وبعد انقطاع دام ٢٥ عاماً، لإعادة التقليد الديمقراطي المتجاهل والمنسي بدعوة ممثل للطلاب لمخاطبة ضيوف الحفل الكرام والمتخرجين.

إننا نطمح إلى إشراككم معنا في اهتمامين أساسيين لنا: الشفافية في التعامل والديموقراطية في الممارسة. نود أيضاً، أمامكم، تسجيل عهد سنحفظه دائماً.

بالنسبة إلى اهتمامنا الأساسي الأول، الشفافية في التعامل، فنحن نعتبر أن طلاب الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت، مثل زملائهم طلاب الجامعات اللبنانية كلها، يؤمنون بالتبادل الصادق والصريح للأفكار والآراء.

وحيث ننغمس في قضية نبيلة، فإننا نفعل ذلك بشفافية مطلقة. إن نشاطاتنا في سبيل التغيير والنمو، سياسياً واجتماعياً واقتصادياً، هي تعبير واضح عن إخلاصنا للبنان. إن أعمالنا الاجتماعية والثقافية تحفز طموحاتنا إلى الحرية. إن إحاسيسنا تجاه أطفال قانا هي تجسيد

لحبنا للوطن وافتخارنا به. كذلك فإن جهودنا لتشجيع الطلاب المترددين وغير الملتمزين على المشاركة في الحياة الطلابية ونشاطاتها هي جهود مستمرة. إن مطالبتنا

بهيئة أكاديمية مستنيرة ومخلصة هي علامة على تعلقنا بالتعليم النوعي والبحث عن الحقيقة. كذلك فإن تمنياتنا إلى الإدارة تمحورت حول أمور منها المطالبة بمنشآت

محسنة وجيدة الصيانة، وضع سقف للاقساط المتزايدة دائماً، تطوير تمويل وإقرار المساعدات الدراسية، عدم حرمان الطلاب الكفوئين والمحتاجين من إكمال دراستهم.

في أساس كل تمنياتنا اهتمام صادق وواضح بحسن حال مجتمعنا وجامعتنا المميزة. إننا نأمل بصدق أن تلتزم إدارة الجامعة وهيئتها التعليمية وموظفيها بالانفتاح ذاته والشفافية ذاتها تجاهنا، بهدف تأمين علاقة أفضل ببناء البوادر حتى الآن مشجعة ونحن نأمل بالمزيد، ولازلنا ننتظر اجوبة على طلباتنا. دعونا لا

ننسى أننا عائلة واحدة وإننا، كمستفيدين من خيرات هذه المؤسسة الوارفة، فاهتماماتنا هي لصالحها ككل.

بالنسبة إلى اهتمامنا الأساسي الثاني، الديمقراطية في الممارسة، فإنه لمن حسن طالعنا أن لوطننا التزام تاريخي بالديموقراطية، وأن كل المحاولات لزعة إيماننا بالعملية الديمقراطية قد فشلت. إننا ندرك أن هذه المؤسسة زرعت ورعت بذور الديمقراطية في نفوس

## د ايفيد دودج: فصل جديد من تاريخ لبنان يبدأ...

كودج هول يقف مجدداً ويصبح من جديد معلماً من معالم الافق في بيروت ورمزاً من رموز الثقافة والتحرير.

دانيال بلس، والد جوي ومؤسس هذه الجامعة، قال يوماً ان حياة وامعال متخرجي الجامعة هي افضل اعلان لها. ان لي ملء الثقة في ان كل واحد منكم سيرفع اسم الجامعة وسيلهم اجيالاً مستقلة للالتحاق بها.

لقد حصلت متغيرات كثيرة على الحرم الجامعي في السنوات الاربع الاخيرة، كان اهمها التبعات مبنى كودج هول من ركامه، وقد شارف العمل فيه على الانتهاء. هناك ايضا تغييرات اقل بروزاً. اذ رغم كل صعوبات سنوات الحة، تجتذب الجامعة مجدداً اساتذة وطلاب من كل اقطاب الارض. ونحن اليوم نستثمر في التجديد والاصلاح واستقدام معدات واجهزة جديدة تمثل آخر ما توصلت اليه التكنولوجيا. ان العالم يقف مذهولاً امامها من صلابة الجامعة وممودها في احلك الظروف ويدرك اهمية استمرارها كواحة للمنطق والفكر النير، يوم كانت الظروف الحيطه بها بالغة السواد.

ان اجازاتكم المستقبلية ستثبت جودة واهمية العلم الذي غرقتم منه وستشهد يوماً لاهمية الجامعة.

في العام ١٩١٢، كتب دانيال بلس انه اذا لم يكن كل جيل افضل من سابقه، لتوقف العالم. ارجوكم تعلموا من الماضي، من نجاحات وكبريات من سبقوكم. والاهم من ذلك، انطلقوا من هذه البقعة الجميلة وابدلوا قصارى جهديم لتخفيفوا على العالم معنى مجدداً، احبيكم واهنؤكم!

(مترجمة عن الانكليزية).

يوماً بعد يوم، يترسخ السلام في لبنان واقعا ثابتاً. واني امل حقا ان يتمكن الرئيس المقبل للجامعة من العمل من مكتبه في كودج هول ومن تروّس حفل التخرج، في العام القادم، اما الان فلا يسمى الا البقاء في نيويورك وتحبيكم، انتم متخرجو العام ١٩٩٧. من بعيد.

اليوم خاتمة حلوة ومررة، لكنه ايضا بداية جديدة لكم. انتم تتخرجون في زمن لم يكن من قبل مثيل له في هذه المنطقة. انه زمن الاحتمالات العظيمة والامل اللتجدد. تعملون الان، وقد تزدتتم بقوة العلم، مسؤولية ضخمة ومثيرة لتترك اثر ايجابي في عالمكم.

العديدون منكم سيقبضون في لبنان وسيغفلون مباشرة في تطوره. اكنتم مرضيين او مهتسين او رجال اعمال، مزارعين او اطباء او موظفين عامين، وجودكم سيكون حيوية لبناء بيروت ولبنان. قباحة العرب تزول ببعاء كاشفة الجمال حواكم. لبنان يتأهب لاستعادة مركزه الريادي في الثقافة والتجارة. فصل جديد في تاريخ لبنان يبدأ وانتم ستكتبون صفحاته.

اما انتم الذين اتيتم الى الجامعة من خارج لبنان فاقول لكم انتم الان جاهزون لتناية اواركم في الوطنية، وسيكون لكم من دون شك اكبر الاثر في مجتمعاتكم.

انكم الان يا متخرجي ١٩٩٧ تملكون المهارات والمعرفة التي ستفتح لكم الابواب في اي مكان تقصودونه في العالم. البعض منكم قد يذهب بعيداً ويسعود، اقله بين الفينة والاخرى، الى هذا الحرم الجامعي الجميل، لتروا

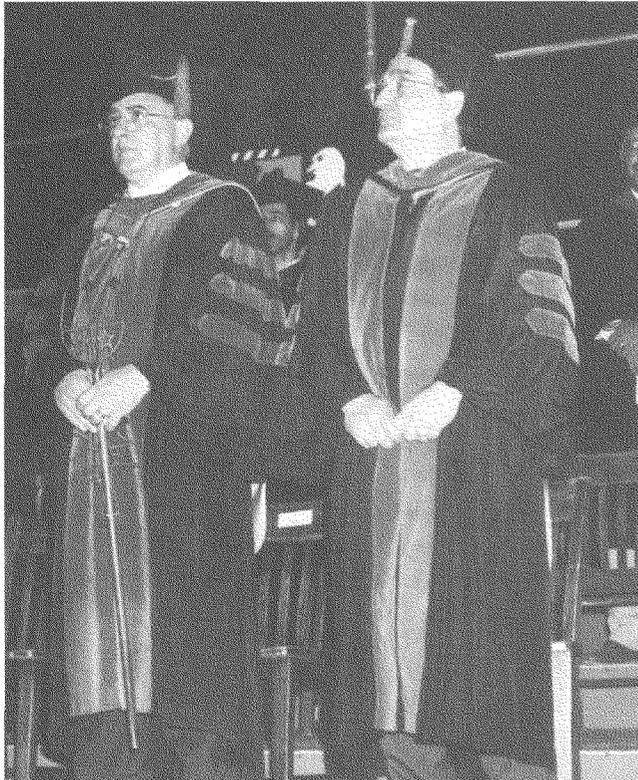


# سمير المقدسي: الحقوق والواجبات صنوان لا ينفصلان

حتى أقل من ذلك. وإذا أردنا أن يكون لوطننا موقع قدم في عالم المستقبل، فإن اكتساب الاختصاص والمعرفة التقنية لا يكفيان بحد ذاتهما لمواجهة التحديات الناجمة عن التحولات العالمية الراهنة. فالقدرة على مواجهة الناجحة على الصعيدين الاقليمي والدولي، منوطة بالوصل العضوي بين التخصص العلمي والتقني والقيم التربوية والاخلاقية والانسانية. فهذه القيم هي الوعاء الذي يجب أن يحتضن الاختصاص. ودون ذلك فعبثاً نبني وطننا يجاري غيره من الاوطان، عبثاً نؤسس لمجتمع تسوده العدالة والحرية والديمقراطية، وبالتالي عبثاً نعد أنفسنا للانخراط في حلبة التنافس الاقليمي والدولي.

إن لوطنكم ديناً عليكم يتمثل في مساهمتكم في مجتمع أفضل وأقوى بنياناً من سابقه. إنكم الرسل المؤمنون على تصحيح أخطاء الماضي أخطاء الاجيال التي سبقتكم. لنا ملء الثقة بأنكم ستكفون أهلاً للإرتقاء بوطنكم ومجتمعكم وللعمل على توطيد أسسه الثابتة في عالم الغد. فتكونون أوفياءً بذلك للمبادئ والقيم التي نهلتكم من ينابيعها في هذه الجامعة.

إننا نرحب أجمل الترحيب بفخامة رئيس الجمهورية وبضيوف وأصدقاء الجامعة الكرام. وتهنئة من القلوب الى خريجينا لما انجزوه وحققوه من طموحات، ونتمنى لهم دوام التوفيق. وتحية حارة لامهاتهم وأبائهم على كل ما فعلوه من أجلهم وضحوا في سبيل نجاحهم.



الدكتور وضاح نصر والدكتور نبيل دجاني.

تحتفل الجامعة الاميركية في بيروت بعيد التخرج الثامن والعشرين بعد المئة، وهي تتطلع للمستقبل بثقة كبيرة، وتهيئ نفسها لولوج القرن الواحد والعشرين طامحة الى أن تواصل تأدية رسالتها التربوية والعلمية والثقافية الرائدة في لبنان والعالم العربي.

إن ثقتنا بالمستقبل ما هي إلا انعكاس لتاريخ الجامعة العريق والمتواصل منذ مئة وواحد وثلاثين عاماً، حيث أنها لم تتوقف قط عن تأدية رسالتها منذ أن تأسست عام ١٨٦٦، هذه الرسالة التي تركز بجوهرها على تنمية التفاعل الفكري المنفتح، وتؤكد على أن العمل التربوي والثقافي والجامعي هو فعل إيمان بالمثل العليا التي تنير طريقنا في توطيد أسس مجتمع تسوده العدالة والديمقراطية وحرية التعبير والحفاظ على المصلحة العامة. فإن كنا واثقين بالمستقبل فلأن الجامعة ما فتئت تواكب التطورات العلمية والتربوية، وتعمل على استقطاب الكفاءات الجامعية المميزة تعزيزاً لبرامجها الاكاديمية والمهنية.

أيتها الخريجات، أيها الخريجون، إذا كانت حفلات التخرج هي عن حق مناسبات لاسداء النصح والحث على مواجهة المستقبل بما قد زودتم من معرفة وثقافة وقيم، فاسمحوا لي بأن أضيف كلمة موجزة لا للنصح بل للتذكير والتأكيد، وهي أن لبنان وسائر الاوطان التي ننتمون اليها ليست بحاجة الى اختصاصاتكم فقط (مع الاعتراف الكامل بأهميتها)، بل هي بحاجة ماسة الى تحقيق الاهداف الكبرى للتربية الجامعية بمعناها الحضاري والانساني الواسع: اكتساب المعرفة والايان بالقيم والحوار البناء والعطاء والارتباط بالمجتمع والعمل على خدمته وتطويره. وهكذا فإن مساهمتكم المنتظرة في نهوض وطنكم لا تعني فقط المساهمة في النشاطات الاقتصادية المختلفة، بل قبل كل ذلك تعني الامتثال لقواعد التصرف الحضاري وتكريس القيم الانسانية والاجتماعية المتأصلة في تراثنا. إنها تعني القبول بتحمل المسؤولية بأمانة، أفراد ومؤسسات، وبأنه في إطار الحرية - بجميع وجوهها - فإن الحقوق والواجبات صنوان لا ينفصلان عن بعضهما البعض.

أقول هذا ولبنان والعالم العربي يمرآن في مرحلة تحديات كبيرة إقليمياً ودولياً. فمع مسيرة العولمة الزاحفة وانفتاح الدول واقتصاداتها الوطنية على بعضها البعض، والانتشار المذهل في شبكات الاتصالات والمعلومات العالمية تواجهون، أيتها الخريجات وأيها الخريجون، عالماً لم يكن قائماً قبل خمسة عشر عاماً، أو



الدكتور سمير المقدسي يستقبل الرئيس الياس الهراوي.

مساء الاثنين ٧ تموز ١٩٩٧، اقيم على الملعب الكبير في الجامعة الاميركية في بيروت حفل التخرج السنوي الثامن والعشرين بعد المئة، لمنح الدرجات العلمية وتوزيع الشهادات على ١٠٨٠ طالب وطالبة، وذلك تحت رعاية فخامة رئيس الجمهورية الاستاذ الياس الهراوي الذي حضر الاحتفال وقد حضر أيضا عدد من الوزراء والنواب والرسميين والدبلوماسيين والمديرين العامين وأعضاء مجلس امناء الجامعة الدكتور رياض ايراني والاستاذ غسان تويني والسيدة ليلي شرف والاستاذ علي غندور. وقد حضر كذلك الرئيس المنتخب الدكتور سمير المقدسي ونواب الرئيس وعمداء الكليات وجمع غفير من اصداقاء الجامعة وخريجها والمتخرجين وذويهم.

وقد بدأ الاحتفال بدخول موكب الاساتذة والمتخرجين بلباسهم التقليدي ثم عزف النشيد الوطني اللبناني. واستهل الاحتفال بكلمة للرئيس المنتخب الدكتور سمير المقدسي. ثم قرأ نائب الرئيس للشؤون الاكاديمية الدكتور مخلوف حدادين رسالة من الرئيس بالوكالة السيد دافيد دودج الى المحتفلين. ثم تكلم الطالب رامي صايغ، نائب الرئيس في اللجنة التمثيلية للطلاب والاساتذة، بعد ذلك تكلم الدكتور رياض ايراني، خطيب الاحتفال، وتلاه رئيس الجمهورية الذي قال ان الجامعة مسؤولة عن تمكين الشباب من المشاركة في الحياة الوطنية والديموقراطية.

وقد وزع للمناسبة كراس يحوي برنامج الاحتفال واسماء الطلاب المتخرجين، ومن بينهم ستة طلاب نالوا جائزة بنروز، وهي تمنح على اساس التفوق العلمي وحسن السيرة والقدرة على القيادة والمساهمة في الحياة الجامعية. والفائزون هم نجيب موسى نعمه واشرف عصمت عثمان ولينا هايغاز كالفايان من كلية الآداب والعلوم، وكريم فؤاد الجسر من كلية الزراعة، وايلي اسعد عواد من كلية الهندسة، وامل انطون لطيف من كلية الطب.

وقد جاءت ارقام الطلاب المتخرجين كما يلي:

كلية الآداب والعلوم: ٥٦٨؛ قسم التربية: ١٧؛ كلية الزراعة: ٨٨؛ كلية الهندسة: ٢٢٧؛ قسم التمريض: ١٩؛ كلية العلوم الصحية: ٧٧؛ كلية الطب: ٧٧. وقد حازت سهام ايليا ابو جوده على شهادة الدكتوراه في الادب العربي عن اطروحتها: الحركة الادبية في لبنان بين ١٩٣٥ و ١٩٤٥ من خلال جريدة المكشوف.

# حفل التخرج السنوي الـ ١٢٨ في الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت

خطب حفلة توزيع الشهادات - ١٩٩٧



# Conference on Bioethics



*Participants in the Bioethics Conference.*

The SRC of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with the Biology Students Society and the Human Rights and Peace Club, organized a conference on Bioethics on March 25 at West Hall, Auditorium A.

The conference discussed implications of the ground-breaking cloning of the sheep Dolly, which set new heights in scientific and medical research. The symposium focused on the ethical standards needed to control the technological revolution and preserve human values in the face of scientific developments.

Moderator Dr. Sonia Nasr of the Biology Department, introduced the issues to be addressed by the conference. She began by highlighting some exciting advances brought about by biotechnology in the fields of genetic

engineering and medicine. The speaker gave a slide presentation on the engineering of transgenic plants that are resistant to disease, pesticides or herbicides. She also showed how plants can be used as bioreactors for the production of proteins and how flowers with exotic shapes and colors may be produced by recombinant DNA technology.

Dr. Nasr said that genetic manipulation allowed us to use microorganisms to produce medicinal proteins such as insulin, human growth hormone, blood-clotting factor, and vaccines. Alternately, transgenic animals may be used for the production of valuable proteins in their milk. However, it was this process, which is inefficient and time consuming, that prompted researchers to clone Dolly. Animals may also be "hu-

manized" so they can grow human organs, for later human transplant.

Dr. Raja Khauli, Chairman and Director of the Transplantation Program at the Department of Surgery at AUH, and *the first* surgeon to perform an organ transplant in Lebanon, gave a brief history of organ transplantation and the possibilities for using this procedure.

Dr. Khauli also discussed transplantation vs. dialysis. Organ transplant is time-proven and the best option, he said, adding that kidney transplantation is favored over dialysis because it leads to the return of a natural lifestyle. The patient would be free of dialysis for life with a 5-10% better chance of survival.

As to organ donation in Lebanon, Khauli argued that it is difficult to secure donations from rel-

atives because members of the immediate family are often abroad. "The future of donations in Lebanon will come from the extended family," he said.

Dr. Khauli also addressed the subject of xenotransplantation and the possibility of using animals as organ donors to humans. He said that this has not yet been applied to humans but it is being optimized among other animals.

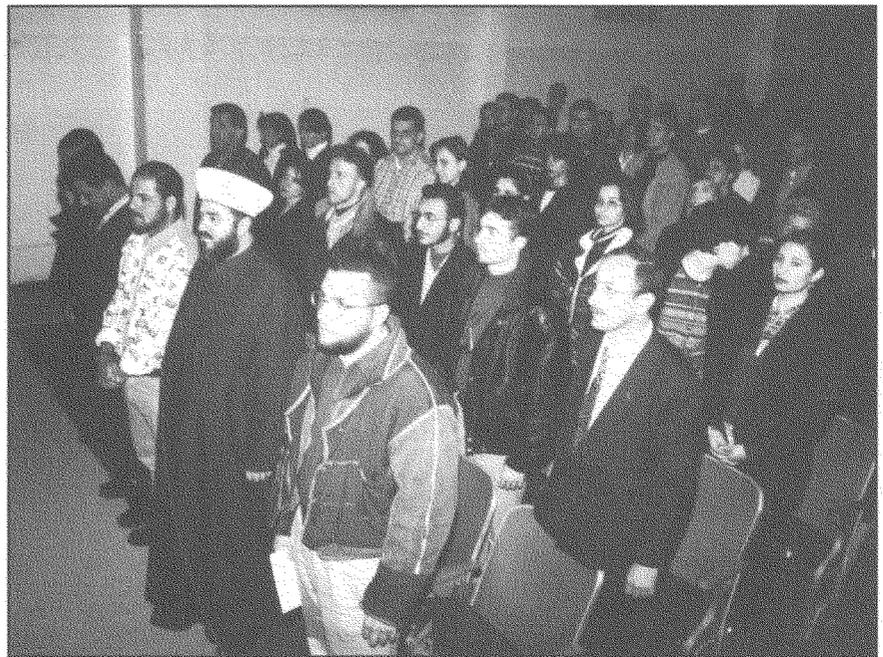
Dr. Mustafa Khogali, Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at AUH, followed up by posing questions related to the ethics of organ transplantation.

Dr. Nasr then gave a slide presentation on gene therapy for some genetic disorders and the procedure of cloning Dolly. The process consisted of taking a cell from the mammary gland of a sheep and starving it so as to place the cell in a "dormant" state. An unfertilized egg was then taken from another sheep and its nucleus removed. The two cells were fused with an electrical pulse and a second pulse served to initiate the development of the embryo.

This embryo, at a very early stage of its development, was then implanted into the uterus of a third sheep that carried it to term. It should be noted that the greatest discovery here was the return of a specialized cell to its embryonic state and therefore its acquisition of the ability to develop into a whole embryo.

Dr. Pierre Dakkash, MD, deputy and general delegate of UNIPADH, considered the issue of cloning, genetic treatment and manipulation of DNA for the purpose of treatment. He reviewed the question of human rights and asked if a clone would enjoy the rights of a human being.

Technology presents destructive as well as constructive applications, he said. No measure can or will stop progress; hence the need arises for practical ethics.



*The audience stands at attention as the National Anthem is played at the start of the conference.*

He concluded that unless guided and inspired, science and technology will bring about the demise of the human mind.

Dr. Waddah Nasr, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, called the contemporary age a period of science and technology, irrespective of authorities, religious or political. He preached against reverting into a sort of sentimental backlash against science. The glorious achievement of cloning the sheep Dolly should be matched by the responsibility not to abuse it.

He advocated the growth of the moral dimension and the willingness of people to meet and reason. He added that irrespective of how he comes into existence, a human being is a human being. "We shouldn't be led into a simplistic way of thinking, but choose to enjoy the advantage of high-tech science in a rational, responsible way."

Cheikh Khalil El-Mays, Mufti of the Beqaa, representing the Muslim point of view on grafting and cloning, spoke next. According to him, these developments have allowed people to wit-

ness another of God's miracles. He said that man can never be a creator, but he is capable of understanding what God can do. He said that one should not be surprised at such scientific discoveries. "Through these discoveries, we are shown what we were ignorant of before." He summarized by saying: "God's power is illustrated in his creatures."

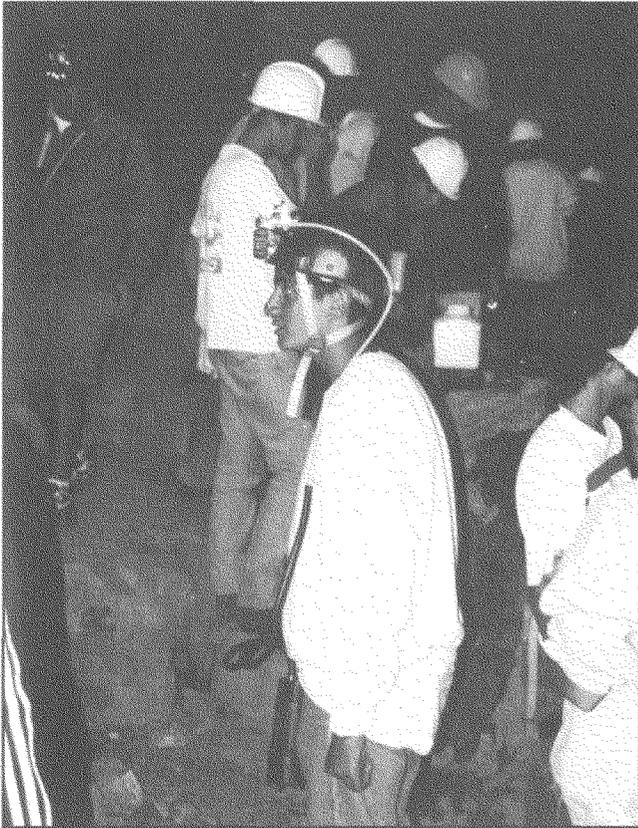
The issue, according to Father Ibrahim Saad of Mount Lebanon-Orthodox Christians, is not whether cloning should be accepted or not. Saad stressed love and family as the basic human values and called the family the main fortress of society. He added that a human being should avoid becoming an "object" of scientific research.

On cloning he said: "Once science has opened a door, it can not be closed." He argued that the world of science is moving towards a more artificial, less human creature. "Science that is not controlled by the conscience of man leads to destruction," he concluded.

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# Exploring Roueiss Grotto

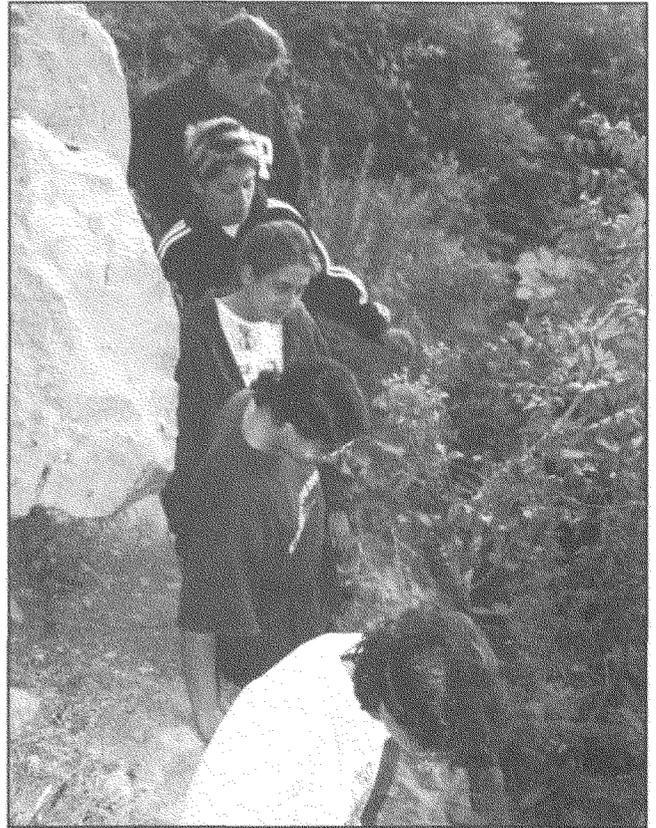
## Museum Society Launches New Program For Teenagers



*Exploring the Roueiss grotto.*

In July a group of 15 young people embarked on the first of a series of a new programs related to archaeology and Lebanon's heritage. The excursion was sponsored by the Society of the Friends of the Museum, who already run a popular Children's Program.

Accompanied by experienced cavers, the young people spent a day exploring the Grotto of Roueiss in Aqoura and the nearby Afqa Cave. Their four guides were members of the Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherches Souterraines du Liban (GERSL), a scientific association dedicated to studying the underground world of Lebanon. It was a GERSL team who discovered the well-preserved mummies in the Assi el-Hadath cave in Qadisha.



*Preparing to explore the grotto.*

Before descending into the grotto, the group learned about Lebanon's geology, the birth of caves and the equipment used by cave explorers.

Participant donned helmets, both for protection and to light the way ahead using a lamp attached to the helmet.

Once in the cave they had to contend with sliding on slippery rocks, walking through bat waste or *guano* and climbing up a steep cliff using ropes and a ladder. The young people also experienced the sensation of hundreds of bats flying overhead in the confines of the cave. The temperature underground was about 10 degrees Centigrade.

The group finally emerged into "The Hall," a magnificent chamber

with an array of limestone formations. Each person planted a lighted candle on the rocks of the upper part of the cave hall, creating intriguing patterns of light and shadow.

With the huge chamber beautifully illuminated, the participants were initiated into the "caving experience" with a secret ritual marking their visit to Lebanon's underground world.

Later, at the Afqa Grotto, Mr. Amin Chaaya, of the General Directorate of Antiquities talked about the famous legend of Adonis and Astarte. The young people visited the Temple of Venus and the Holy Spring, as Mr. Chaaya explained the architecture and history of this important Phoenician and classical site.

## Active 1996-97 Program for Friends of the Museum

The Society of the Friends of the Museum held its Annual General Meeting on July 2--a time when the year's activities are reviewed. During the meeting, members of the Society Committee entertained the audience with illustrated reports on the year's programs.

October 30	Lecture: Sheikha Hussa al Sabah (Kuwait Museum)
October 31	Trip: Sidon's old madina and Eshmoun
October 31-November 5	Trip: Sinai and St. Catherine's Monastery
November 17	Children's Program: Ancient Games and Toys
November 20	Lecture: Dr. Leila Badre (Canaanite and Phoenician Beirut)
January 8	Lecture: Mr. Samir Rebeiz (Carpets and Mosaics)
February 19	Lecture: Dr. Hayat Salam (Mamluke Tripoli)
February 23	Children's Program: Meeting Yesterday's Gods
March 19	Lecture: Nina Jidejian (Byblos)
April 3-6	Trip: Syria, the Euphrates region
April 13	Children's Program: Discover the World of Mosaics (at Beiteddine)
April 16	Lecture: Dr. Samir Thabet (The Fayum Portraits)
April 24-May 6	Trip: Morocco
May 28	Lecture: Dr. Frederick Gangloff (Lebanon's Significance in Ancient Texts)
June 8	Children's Program: Come and Visit Anjar
June 15	Trip: The Chouf-Beiteddine and Deir el Qamar
July 2	Annual Meeting with illustrated reports on the Society's activities.
July 13	First Teenager's Program goes to the Grotto of Roueiss

## New From AUB Publications: Bertrand Russell: His Thought and Position in Contemporary Philosophy

**Bertrand Russell: Fikruhu wa-Mawqifuhu fi al-Falsafah al-Muaasirah [Bertrand Russell: His Thought and Position in Contemporary Philosophy], by Ibrahim Najjar**

Bertrand Russell is a major philosopher who left his indelible mark on contemporary analytic philosophy, making it difficult for subsequent philosophers to escape his influence.

The author introduces the Arabic reader to some of the issues that Russell has dealt with in his prolific and seminal work. The book covers mainly his contribution to modern logic, theory of knowledge, theory of desire and his ethical and political views of the world.

An area in his theory of knowledge that receives special attention is his ontological view of the world; another area is his political and ethical vision. The final chapter is devoted to discussing the value of Western philosophy in general, and Russell in particular, to the Arab reader.

## Students Honored

On May 25, the Inma philanthropical foundation held a ceremony at Assembly Hall for the more than 300 distinguished students in 4th intermediate class that it honored in 1991-1996.

## First Science and Math Teachers Conference



*Participants in the conference.*



*Dr. Bashshur, left, and Dr. Haddadin.*

The Science and Math Education Center (SMEC) held a one-day Mathematics and Science Teachers' Conference on May 3. This was the first in a series of annual conferences on the subject.

The conference was attended by 350 teachers from 44 schools throughout Lebanon. The event was planned to provide opportunities for teachers and university faculty to organize panels, give presentations, and conduct workshops relevant to this year's theme "The Role of Science and Math Teachers in Developing and Implementing School Curricula."

Speakers at the opening ceremony in West Hall Auditorium were Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Makhlef Haddadin, DEP Director Dr. Munir Bashshur and SMEC Director and Conference Chairman Dr. Saouma Boujaoude.

Following the opening ceremony, two plenary sessions were held at West Hall: "Exploring Science and Math Concepts Using Computers" and "Teachers' Autonomy in Adapting and Implementing the School Curriculum."

After lunch at Ada Dodge Hall Cafeteria, two sets of concurrent

sessions were held in Nicely and Fisk Halls. The first set included eleven sessions, and the second one had ten sessions. These sessions, presented and attended by teachers from a variety of schools and universities in Lebanon, covered topics related to the new Lebanese curriculum in biology, chemistry, physics, geology and math.

Sessions also took place on the

use of computers in teaching math and science, science curriculum development, integrating science and environmental issues, and on a variety of innovative approaches to teaching science and math.

In addition to the plenary and concurrent sessions, an ongoing exhibit of math and science textbook and educational software was held in Room 104 Fisk Hall.

## Professional Day

On May 15 teachers from schools with which the Department of Education cooperates in its teacher training programs were honored by a Professional Day. This was also an occasion to exchange views and experiences on various aspects of education. Present were DEP Director Munir Bashshur, Chairman and faculty members from the Department, school representatives, teachers and student-teachers.

Professor Murad Jurdak, Chairman of the Department of Education, welcomed the participants and thanked the cooperating schools. He then introduced Mr. Tony Tohmeh from the National Center for

Educational Research and Development (NCERD), the plenary speaker of the Day. Mr. Tohmeh spoke about the new curricula in Lebanon, focusing on its problems and the schedule of implementation. A discussion followed, moderated by Professor Ghazi Ghaith, Practice Teaching Committee Chairman.

Teachers then met in groups to discuss the framework of the new Lebanese curriculum in Elementary Education, TEFL, Math, Science, and Special Education.

During the event an ongoing exhibit was held in the media center displaying instructional materials produced by Education students.

# Education Forum 1996-1997

1. The Education Forum launched its 1996-1997 season with a presentation by Dr. Frank Dall, UNICEF Regional Education Advisor, who spoke on "UNICEF Education Strategies of Compulsory Free Education."

The presentation, held on November 12, 1996, was attended by Mr. Thomas Ikvall, UNICEF Representative in Lebanon, UN officials and faculty members from AUB, LAU and other institutions.

In his presentation, Dr. Dall gave research evidence supporting compulsory free education, the need for it and its long-term financial benefits. He also outlined UNICEF's current educational strategies in the region.

2. Official Exams in Lebanon: "Reality and Problems" was the topic discussed by a panel organized by the Education Forum on April 8, 1997. The panel included the General Director of the Ministry of Education Mr. George Younes, President of the Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD) Dr. Munir Abu Assly, General Secretary of the Catholic Schools Association Father Kamil Zeidan, Director of Education at the Hariri Foundation Fatimah Bekdash Al-Rashidi, and Dr. Abd Al-Wahab Shmeitly from the General Directorate of Education at the Makassed Association.

Dr. Murad Jurdak, Chairman of the Department, moderated the panel. Introducing the topic, he noted that the Forum's aim is to open the debate on official exams with a view to making them a vehicle for improvement.

Dr. Abu Assly elaborated on some principles of educational evaluation. CERD has not yet begun developing the policies and practices which govern the evaluation component of the new curricula, he said. Every able person



*From left: Al-Rashidi, Abu Assly, Jurdak, Younes, Zeidan, Smeitly.*

should have a chance to excel in a certain field.

Mr. Younes explained in detail the procedures for test registration, preparation of exam papers, administering the exam, scoring, and reporting. Father Zeidan then noted that the many different exam formats compromise the credibility and faith in the system. He also criticized the qualifying exam the government is planning to adopt as a condition for entry into professional schools.

Ms. Al-Rashidi offered data from the Hariri schools, concluding that official exams are important as a quality control mechanism for standards in public and private schools.

The final speaker, Dr. Shmeitly, raised questions related to timing of official exams at the end of the scholastic year. Why not rely on the schools' assessment of the students, he asked. He added that the importance of the official exam is that all educational establish-

ments, public and private, must work together to define its role.

3. On March 5, Dr. Nadim Cortas, Associate Dean of the School of Medicine, gave a presentation on "Environmental Problems in Lebanon: Monitoring Solution Strategies and Educational Implications." The event was attended by faculty and students as well as UNICEF and Ministry of Environment officials.

Dr. Cortas listed the major environmental problems as: air pollution, solid waste, waste water and water resource management. He described the functions of the Environment Lab, now under construction, as providing an analytic extraction facility for organic and inorganic wastes, monitoring fuel levels at regular intervals and providing trend analysis.

Finally, he outlined the steps needed to overcome environmental problems and to achieve current goals. The presentation was followed by a discussion.

## K. Lakkis in 3rd International TESCOL Conference

Miss Khadijah Lakkis, a UOP instructor, attended the 3rd International TESCOL Arabia Conference at Al-Ain Intercontinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi on March 26 - 28. The theme of the conference was "Innovation and Tradition in Teaching English."

## Children's Book Fair

The sixth Children's Literature Book Fair was held in the Education Department on June 5. The fair was organized by Dr. Amal Bou Zeineddine and her students in Education 218, and attended by AUB faculty and students, publishers, and school teachers.

The books were in Arabic and in English, some in prose, others in verse. Cultural issues were reflected both in the books themselves and in the exchange of ideas that took place during the Fair.

## Katia Peltekian in IATFEL Conference

Miss Katia M. Peltekian, an instructor and coordinator at UOP, attended the 31st International Conference for Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATFEL) in Brighton, UK, April 2-6. More than 1,600 delegates from over sixty countries attended.

At the conference she had the opportunity of attending presentations by top professionals in the field of language teaching, especially in CALL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) and in using audiovisual material in the language classroom.

During her stay in England, Miss Peltekian attended a brief training course at the WIDA Software Company, publishers of educational software for English language teaching.

# Education Students Society Science Fair



The Education Students' Society (ESS) held its Fourth Annual Science Fair May 20-23 in the West Hall Common Room.

Twenty-two judges selected from the AUB faculty helped to evaluate the 95 projects submitted to the Fair by participants from 11 schools.

The distribution of awards took place on May 23 in West Hall as follows:

### Elementary Level

First prize: "Water Pollution". Prepared by Fawzi Saoud, Bassel Koussa and Elie Alam, from International College.

Second prize: "Solar System". Prepared by Nour El-Ghali, from Rawdah High School.

Third prize: "L'appareil Digestif". Prepared by Mahmoud Dhaybi, Malek Hannouf and Zaher Sayah, from Rawdat Al Fayhaa School

### Intermediate Level

First prize: "Energy Efficient Homes". Prepared by Fawzi Kronfol, from ACS.

Second prize: "Water Pollution". Prepared by Ghida Al-Hasan, from Al Qala'a Secondary School

Third prize "Security Code". Prepared by Karim Hamandi, from Hariri High School

### Secondary Level

First prize: "Pain & Analgesics". Prepared by Omar Christidis, from ACS.

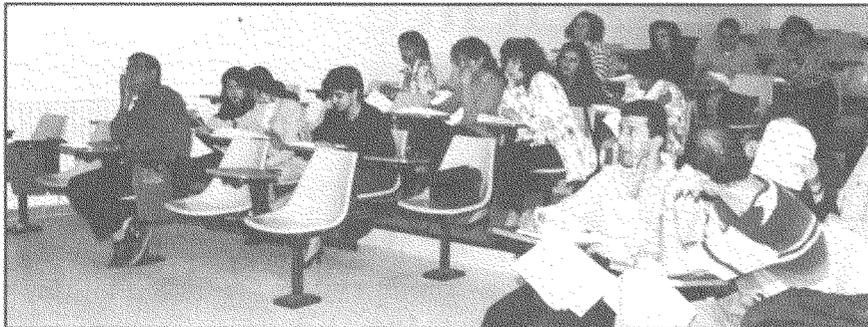
Second prize: "Tele Whisper". Prepared by Armin Abu Hamad, from Rawdah High School

Third prize: "Effects of Music on Fish". Prepared by Said Ghusayni and Omar Masri, from International College.

## SMEC Newsletter

Issue 1 volume 3 of the SMEC Newsletter appeared in February 1997. The edition featured an editorial by Professor Saouma Boujaoude on the establishment of the Arab Association for Science and Math Education. It also included articles by Dr. Iman Osta of the AUB Education Department, Mr. Nicola Zayyat of Al-Ahliyah School, Frank Giuliano, Syracuse University and Professor Saouma Boujaoude on science activities.

## Workshops in the Beqaa



With the collaboration of the Division of Education, Miss K. Lakkis and Dr. F. Kak (AUB Alumni, Beqaa Branch) organized a two-day workshop at AREC (the AUB farm) on April 25 and 26. The lectures, on the subject of "The Methodology of Teaching Math, Science and EEE/TOEFL," were attended by 65 participants from private and public schools in the Beqaa. The presenters were: Dr. S. Boujaoude (science), Dr. I. Osta (math), Mrs. R. Baalbaki, Miss K. Lakkis, Mrs. L. Karkanawi and Miss R. Kodeih (all

of whom are English teachers).

The closing session featured an informal discussion meeting of presenters and participants, all of whom were very grateful to have this activity in their area. The participants expressed interest in a similar activity next year. The seminar closed with a lunch for presenters and participants at AREC.

The cooperation and help of AREC Director Dr. Mohamad Farran and his staff contributed considerably in making this activity a notable success.

## Reading Day



The Education Students' Society organized and hosted a Reading Day event on May 2-3 on the Green Oval. Children 8-11 years old were invited from Dar El-Aytam Al-Islamiyah and St. Mary Orthodox School.

Activities included reading stories aloud in English and in Arabic by ESS members, creative dramatics and story animation initiated and acted out by Mr. Fayek Homaisy. Education students distributed two magazines and a story book (English/Arabic) to each participating child and refreshments and snacks were also served.

Book distributors who contributed to the success of this event were Mr. Sirop of Levant Distributors, Mrs. Leila Bsar of Noah's Arc, Said Library and Bissan Bookshop and Miss Samar Illiya of UNICEF.

Four groups of the Lebanese Boy Scout Association (Beirut) were involved in the Day's events.

Special thanks go to Dr. Amal Bou Zeineddine, Faculty Advisor of the Education Students' Society.

## SMEC Lectures

**Professor Gerard Vergnaud**, professor and researcher at Paris V University, Paris VIII University, and Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in Paris, presented a lecture entitled "Cognitive and Developmental Perspectives on the Learning of Mathematics." The lecture, on March 12, 1997, was attended by mathematics educators from various universities and schools in Lebanon.

Professor Vergnaud's lecture gave the results of his research on the learning of mathematics and its implications for the teaching of mathematics. A discussion followed, focussing on possible implications of his message for Lebanese schools.

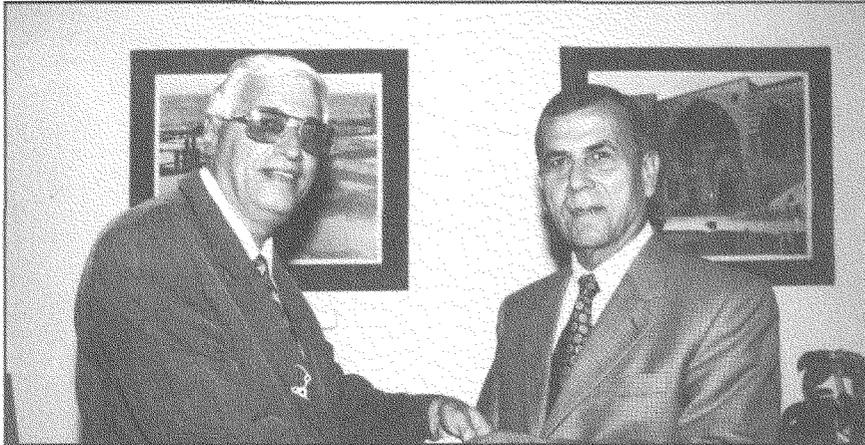
Professor Vergnaud was in Lebanon at the invitation of the University of Balamand's Department of Education.

**Dr. Karma El-Hassan**, Director of the Office of Tests and Measurements (OTM), lectured on April 23 on "Results of the Learning Achievement Project in Science and Mathematics." University faculty members and personnel from a variety of schools and universities were among the audience.

The lecture focused on the results of a large study on science and math achievement at the elementary and intermediate levels which was jointly conducted by the National Center for Educational Research and Development (NCERD), UNICEF, and UNESCO.

Following the lecture a discussion looked at the possible implications of the study results for improving science and math education in Lebanon.

## Procter & Gamble Renews Support for AUB Scholarship Program



Mr. Ziad M. Shaaban, Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Manager, left, presents a check to Mr. Nazih Zeidan.

Procter & Gamble has recently contributed \$10,000 to support the current scholarship program at AUB. Mr. Ziad M. Shaaban, Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Manager in Lebanon, visited AUB to present the check to Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for

Alumni Affairs.

For many years, Procter & Gamble has been of great help to a number of students. The Procter & Gamble Business Administration Scholarship and the Procter & Gamble Engineering Scholarship were awarded annually to senior Arab students with good academ-

ic standing.

During the current academic year 1996-97, the Procter & Gamble Business Administration Scholarship was awarded to Miss Nadine Hany and the Procter & Gamble Engineering Scholarship to Mr. Mahdi Mattar. Miss Hany and Mr. Mattar were selected from among eight candidates, four from each Faculty, who were personally interviewed by Mr. Shaaban in coordination with the Office of Development.

In his letter to Mr. Zeidan confirming the awards, Mr. M. Forgas, Procter & Gamble's Associate Human Resources Director, wrote that: "...the candidates were interviewed and all of them demonstrated strong technical and personal capabilities and that the choice we had to make was a difficult one. We are convinced that all of them will be successful in their future endeavors."

### Paper by Professor Ayoub

On May 22 Professor George Ayoub presented a paper entitled "Environmentally Sound Management of Solid Wastes: The Lebanese Case" at the Conference on Environmental Management in the Development and Reconstruction of Lebanon. The conference was held in Beirut.

Professor Ayoub was speaking at the invitation of the publishers of Environment and Development, the magazine of sustainable development in the Arab World.

### Foreign Delegates Visit CEE Department

Three foreign delegates recently visited the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. Drs. Martin Roth and Eckhart Watzke from Germany and Dr. David Brooks from Canada were at AUB in connection with two research projects being carried out under Professor George Ayoub. The projects, "Solar Disinfecting" and "Submarine Springs in Chekka Bay," are funded by the Hans Knoll Institute for Natural Products Research of Jena, Germany and the International Development and Research Center of Canada.

### FEA Promotions

Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Dr. Nassir Sabah announced the following faculty promotions effective July 1, 1997.

From Associate Professor to Full Professor: Hassan Diab, Karim Kabalan, Fadi Moukalled, and Moueen Salameh.

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor: Nadim Abboud, Hadi M. Baaj, Farid Chaaban, Riad Chedid, Marwan Darwish, Mutasem El-Fadel, and Mounir Mabsout.

# International Conference on Civil Engineering Infrastructure Systems



*The opening session of the conference.*

More than 150 speakers and delegates from 27 countries attended a conference on "Rehabilitation and Development of Civil Engineering Infrastructure Systems" held at FEA between June 9 and June 11, 1997.

The conference was organized by the Department of Civil and Environment Engineering at FEA in association with the Engineering and Architecture Alumni Chapter and the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

Sponsors of the event were the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); American Concrete Institute (ACI); Transportation Research Board (TRB); Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI); National Council for Scientific Research (NCSR); the Ministers of Public Works, Hydraulic and Electric Resources, and Transport; Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR); SOLIDERE; Order of Engineers; Chamber of Commerce; and a number of engineering companies in Lebanon.

Dr. Mohammed Harajli from FEA and Dr. Antoine Naaman from the University of Michigan chaired

the conference.

The opening ceremony in Issam Fares Hall, was attended Mr. Yassine Jaber, Minister of Economy and Trade, representing Prime Minister Hariri; Mr. Ali Harajli, Minister of Public Works; Mr. Nabil El Jissr, president of the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR); Mr. Assem Salam, chairman of the Order of Engineers; and representative of the commander of the Lebanese army. Also present were other officials and administrators of private and government organizations.

During the ceremony, the audience heard speeches by Dr. Mohammed Harajli, FEA Conference Chair; Dr. Nassir Sabah, Dean of FEA; Dr. Samir Makdisi, Deputy President; and Minister Yassine Jaber.

The conference had a number of objectives: to provide a forum for specialists, researchers and professionals to discuss the latest ideas in rehabilitation and development of infrastructure systems, to share experience and knowledge, and to present new and innovative meth-

ods and practical solutions. Another important goal was to open new channels of communication and cooperation between international, regional and local scientists and professional engineers.

More the 110 lectures, representing the most comprehensive compilation to date of infrastructure research, design, and application, were presented. The conference covered five major topics: Structural Systems; Transportation Systems; Infrastructure Management; Geotechnical Engineering; and Water and Environmental systems.

A great diversity of issues were addressed under these major topics. These range from methods of repair and rehabilitation; diagnosis, assessment and evaluation techniques; instrumentation, testing, and monitoring; to materials for repair and rehabilitation; management systems for rehabilitation; computer application and case studies.

In addition to the regular lectures, keynote lectures addressing the state-of-the-art in fields related to the conference theme were presented by prominent scientists.

In order to accommodate all the papers submitted for presentation, the conference was organized in three parallel technical sessions: 1. Structural Systems; 2. Transportation Systems and 3. Infrastructure Management; Geotechnical, Water, and Environmental Systems.

Participants also heard a technical presentation by SOLIDERE followed by a technical tour of downtown Beirut.

A gala dinner was held at Summerland Hotel to honor the conference attendees.

The papers submitted for presentation were published in a 1,360-page two-volume proceedings.

## Seminar on Lebanon's Agricultural Economy



*In the photo at left, Minister Jaber, profile left, addresses FAFS faculty members. He is shown with Professor Hamdar, right.*

On April 2 FAFS held a seminar under the patronage of Minister Yassin Jaber on "The Lebanese Economy and Future Challenges." Minister Jaber also conducted the seminar.

Among those attending were Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi, Dean of FAFS Dr. Nuhad Dagher, Dean of Students Dr. Fawzi Hajj, and Director of Information Mr. Ibrahim Khoury. There was also a large audience from AUB and other academic institutions, private businesses and the media.

Dr. Bassam Hamdar of the Agricultural Economics and Development Department, introduced the speakers, noting that a strong economy is the product of a strong country.

Dr. Dagher welcomed Minister Jaber and stressed that agriculture is the backbone of any healthy economy. Its success yields prosperity and its failure devastates the entire nation. One of the biggest challenges facing Lebanon,

he noted, is how to redevelop and reorganize its agriculture to meet future challenges.

In his speech, Minister Jaber said that the Lebanese economy is made up of two economies: the domestic economy and the migrant economy.

These economies cooperate and coordinate to nourish each other and form the national economy. Each economy has its own peculiarities which determine its weaknesses and strengths. In closing, Minister Jaber stressed that an export revolution is essential in order to correct the balance of trade and to face future regional and international challenges.

Minister Jaber warned that industries and their activities must be clearly identified, especially with the increasing worry about the long-term government policies. Presently, an association of Lebanese industrialists is studying the various sectors to determine those capable of competing inter-

nationally. To Jaber, government policies have not encouraged local investors enough. He believes that policies must be consistent and stable to achieve positive results.

Minister Jaber was confident that Lebanon can become an important exporter but that dependence on borrowed funds is critical and risky. To improve exports, the minister said, new legislation is needed to stimulate investment and workers need training to accommodate to new and changing circumstances. He argued that even with the disruptions in the peace process, investment should be encouraged. He also talked about the ban on imported agricultural products, which he strongly opposes. In his opinion, national production of potatoes and tomatoes will not help to alleviate the food bill. A study is needed, he said, in order to determine which agricultural products are advantageous for Lebanon to grow.

# Agricultural Development Seminar



MP Bahia Hariri addressing her audience.

On May 26 the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences hosted a seminar entitled "The Importance of Education in Agricultural Development." The seminar coordinator was Dr. Basam Hamdar, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics and Development.

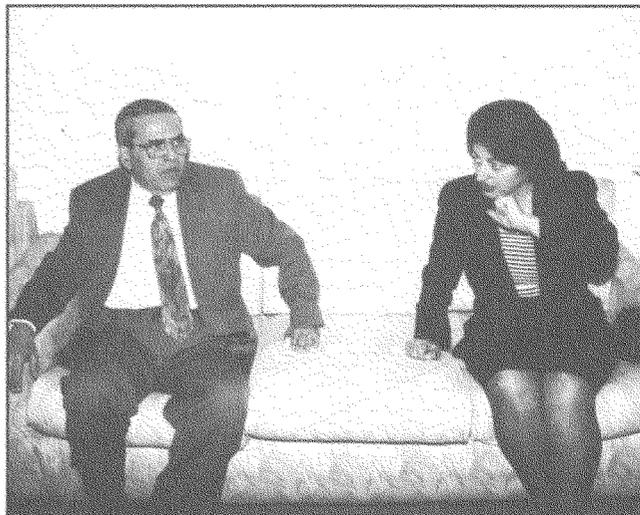
In his opening remarks, Dean of the faculty Dr. Nuhad Dagher said that developed and modern Agriculture should be based on science, advanced technology and highly developed and improved methods of production. He added that the coming challenges are vast, particularly those that will follow globalization and liberalization of trade.

Mrs. Bahia Hariri, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Education, presented a brief general history of agricultural institutions and their contribution to agricultural development in Lebanon.

She stressed that agricultural education is the cornerstone of a prosperous and developed agricultural sector. Therefore, development projects for this sector should emphasize education to improve living standards of farm-

ers, create incentives for farmers to stay on their land, and encourage them to develop an even stronger attachment to their land.

Among those attending were Deputy President Dr. S. Makdisi, Dean of FAFS Dr. Dagher, Dean of FEA Dr. Nassir Sabah, Dean of



MP Hariri meeting with FAFS Dean Dr. Nuhad Dagher.

Students Dr. Fawzi Hajj, Director of Information and Public Relations Mr. Ibrahim Khoury, Dean Hamzeh from the Faculty of Agriculture at the Lebanese University, and a large audience from AUB and other private and public academic institutions.

## Imad Al-Assir Horticulture Research Award

The Imad Al-Assir Horticulture Research Award was established in 1997 by Mr. and Mrs. Abdallah H. Al-Assir, in memory of their son Imad (B.S. in Agriculture 1989, M.S. in Crop Production, 1991). It is given to a graduate student or researcher in Horticulture, the subject of Imad's M.S. thesis.

Imad's thesis research at FAFS resulted in two papers published in the **Journal of Plant Nutrition** (1991) and **Biological Agriculture and Horticulture** (1992). He was appointed research assistant to his M.S. advisor, Dr. Ibrahim Rubeiz, and their research, along with that of other graduate students, has resulted in many papers published in the following refereed journals: **Comm. Soil Sci. Plant Anal.** (1992 and 1993), **Adv. Strawberry Res.** (1993), **J. Plant Nut.** (1993), **Acta Hort.** (1993), and **Bio. Agric. Hort.** (1995).

Imad took a job in Nigeria as an agricultural engineer and then established a farm with several other FAFS graduates. Sadly, he lost his life in an auto accident in 1996.

The first recipient of the \$500 award is Miss Marlene Freiwat, a research assistant who has several publications in Horticulture, co-authored with Dr. I. Rubeiz.

# Aggie Olympics: Fun and Games at AREC

The Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences held its 1997 Aggie Olympics on Sunday, May 18 at the AUB Farm (AREC).

This sport and recreational activity was attended by a large number of AUB students, their families and friends. Also on hand were Dean Dagher of FAFS, Dean Sabah of FEA, Vice-President To-mey, Director of the Physical Plant Ziad Yamut and the Director of Personnel. Numerous Professors and their families were also present.

The delicious lunch was made from ingredients produced at AREC, and Arabic coffee was served throughout the day. Sports activities were organized and supervised by the Director of Athletics and coaches.

The final results were as follows:

## 100 m (Girls):

- 1- Marcelle Dagher Ag 4
- 2- Jenny Nasr Ag 3
- 3- Shamael Sidahmed Staff-Daughter

## 100 m (Men):

- 1- Mohamad Othman F&S
- 2- Hani Ammach Ag 3
- 3- Firas Shouman Ag 4

## Shot Put (Men):

- 1- Omar Bahlawan Ag 3
- 2- Adel Jamal
- 3- Nabil Abi Kheir Ag 4

## Shot Put (Women):

- 1- Patricia Sfeir Ag 4
- 2- Sara Sabbah Ag 3
- 3- Jouanna Chatila Ag 2

## Three-legged Race:

- 1- Wissam Halabi/  
Aline Kahawati Ag Grad
- 2- Nassif Bejani/  
Sara Sabbah Ag 3
- 3- Karim Kurban/  
Tala Nasr Ag 3

## Sack Race :

- 1- Mohamad Shmouri/



- Marcelle Dagher Ag 4
- 2- Sara Sabbah/  
Nassif Bejani Ag 3
- 3- Nabil Abi Kheir/  
Jounna Abu Nahra Ag 4

## Milking the Goat :

- Winning Team Ag 3

## Egg-Tossing:

- 1- Dr. Moustafa Haydar/ Rania Kanj

## 200m (Men):

- 1- Wassim Khouri Ag 4
- 2- Hani Ammach Ag 3
- 3- Haytham Tamim Ag 3

## 200 m (Women):

- 1- Marcelle Dagher Ag 4
- 2- Jenny Nasr Ag 3
- 3- Jounna Abu Nahra Ag 3

## 1500m (Men):

- 1- Hani Ammach Ag 3
- 2- Hilal Dbouk Grad
- 3- Nabil Abi Kheir Ag 4

## Volley Ball :

- 1st Place : Ag (1,2 & 4)
- 2nd Place: Ag (3)

## Basketball :

- 1st place: AREC
- 2nd Place: Ag (1,2,4)

## Table Tennis :

### Women:

- 1st place: Carol Kods, AREC

## Table Tennis :

### Men:

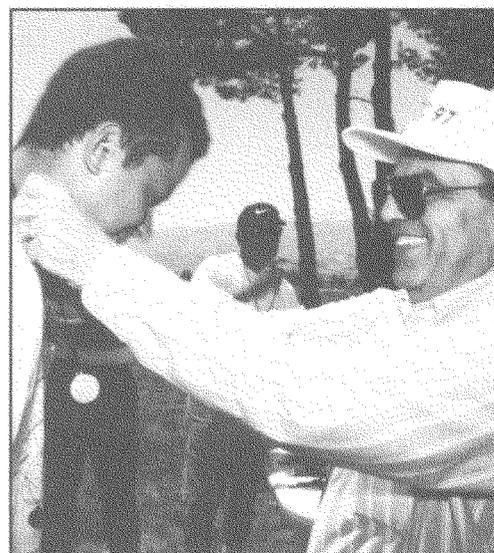
- 1st place: Samer Khalifeh, AREC

## Football :

- 1st place: Ag (1,2,4)
- 2nd place: AREC

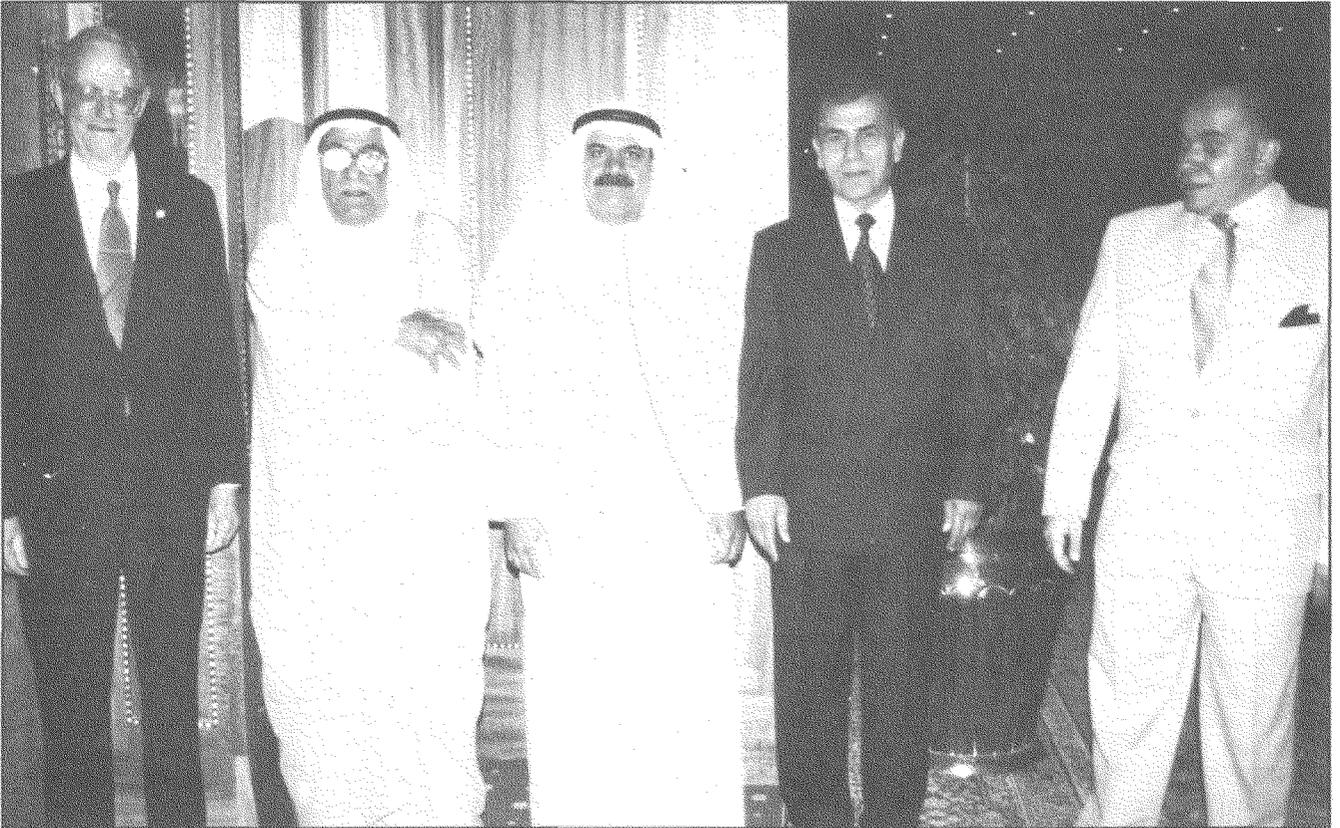
## Kiddy Races :

- 50m (Boys)
  - 1- Fawzi Halimi
  - 2- Jimmy Yamout
- 50m (Girls)
  - 1- Farah Halimi
  - 2- Chaden Orfali
- Sack Race
  - 1- Fawzi Halimi
  - 2- Jimmy Yamout
- Egg Tossing
  - 1- Fawzi Halimi & Jimmy Yamout



Dean Dagher awarding one of the winners.

## AUB Delegation Visits UAE and Kuwait



*From left: Acting President Dodge, Mr. Abdallah Al-Ghanem, Mr. Faisal Al Mutawa, Mr. Nazih Zeidan and Mr. Amer Bohsali.*

An AUB delegation composed of Acting President David S. Dodge, Trustee Ray Irani, Deputy President Samir Makdisi and Director of Development Nazih Zeidan, visited Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Kuwait, the first week of May.

The group arrived in Abu Dhabi the morning of May 1 and were later invited to lunch by Mr. Samir Zaabri. Also in the morning, Mr. Dodge, Dr. Makdisi, Mr. Zeidan, Dr. Abdul Hamid Hallab, Mr. Ramzi Kteily and Mr. Assa'd Anthoni, member of the AUB Alumni Committee in Abu Dhabi held a meeting. The purpose was to clarify the relationship between AUB and the University of Sharjah, because AUB's role and involvement had been incorrectly conveyed by the media. That evening the del-

egation attended the Alumni Fundraising Dinner, where Dr. Ray Irani was the guest speaker. Trustee Irani's visit included Abu Dhabi only.

Mr. Dodge also addressed the audience, explaining the latest developments at the University.

Deputy President Makdisi returned to Beirut after the dinner to attend to important activities there.

On Friday May 2, the rest of the delegation discussed the AUB/University of Sharjah matter with Sheikh Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education, who also invited them for lunch. Conversations with Sheikh Nahyan included approaching the UAE government for support for AUB.

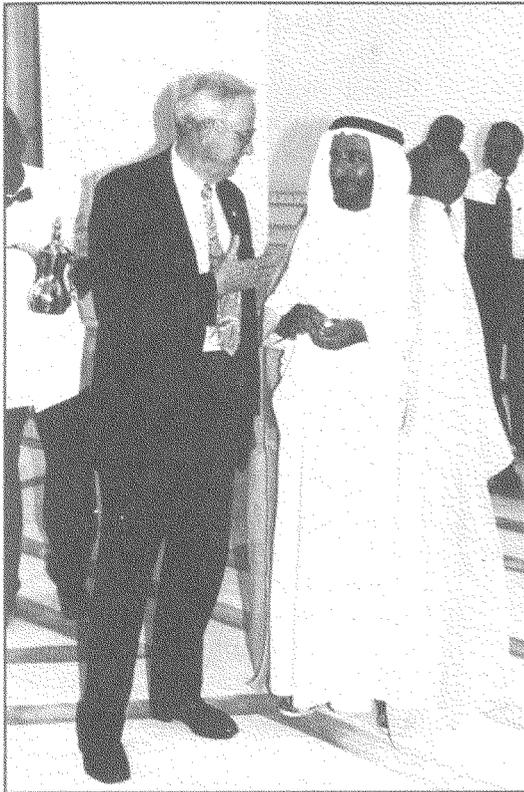
The next day Mr. Dodge and

Mr. Zeidan visited a number of AUB alumni and friends to thank them for their previous contributions and encourage them to continue their generous support.

Mr. Ramzi Kteily hosted a luncheon for the AUB team at his home, and in the evening Mr. Jirji Bsheer invited them for dinner.

Mr. Dodge and Mr. Zeidan left Abu Dhabi for Dubai and Sharjah on Sunday morning May 4. Mr. Dodge met with the ruler of Sharjah and attended a luncheon, while Mr. Zeidan stayed in Dubai to meet with key alumni and friends with a view to reorganizing the alumni committee there. In the evening, a dinner party took place at Mr. Abdul Hameed Jaafar's house.

On Monday, Mr. Dodge and



*Mr. Dodge with Mr. Al Mutawa.*

Mr. Zeidan called on Mr. Khalaf Al-Habtour and Mr. Khalifa Nabooda in their offices to thank them for their continuing support for AUB and to encourage additional scholarship donations. They also visited Mr. Goodhouse, Regional Vice President of FMC in Dubai, to thank FMC for their previous donation and to solicit further support.

In the evening, they both attended a reception held by the AUB Alumni in Dubai and afterwards went to dinner as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Yusuf Zarour. Selected alumni were invited to this dinner, during which a fund raising committee headed by Mr. Ghassan Farha, was formed.

On Tuesday May 6, Mr. Dodge and Mr. Zeidan left Dubai for Kuwait. Upon arrival Mr. Faisal Al Mutawa accompanied them to meet with Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Sabah, Governor of the Central Bank in Kuwait and an AUB alumnus.

Later Messrs. Zeidan and Dodge met a number of alumni, and in the evening, attended a dinner party given by Mr. Faisal Al Mutawa at his home. A number of key alumni and major potential donors were there.

On Wednesday evening, the alumni in Kuwait held their annual fundraising activity, attended by some 300 alumni and friends at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel. Mr. Faisal Mutawa, Chairman of the AUB Alumni Association in Kuwait, welcomed the guests and introduced Mr. Dodge.

Mr. Dodge addressed the audience, bringing them up to date on developments at the University and seeking their support. He talked about the latest developments at

the University and efforts underway for worldwide fundraising in support of AUB. One guest, not an AUB graduate, donated \$3,000 to the College Hall Fund. Another check for \$10,000 was received from a prominent alumnus.

After dinner there was a performance by the famous Lebanese group "The Ten O'clock Theater," which came from Lebanon especially for the occasion. Everyone enjoyed the play, including Mr. Dodge, who understands Arabic quite well.

During their stay, Mr. Dodge and Mr. Zeidan, accompanied by Mr. Faisal Mutawa, visited Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah, an AUB graduate. At a dinner party in honor of Messrs. Dodge and Zeidan, hosted by Mr. Al Mutawa at his home, the AUB officials were introduced to an influential group of Kuwaiti executives and businessmen.

## Geneva Alumni Hold Annual Event

AUB alumni and friends residing in Geneva and vicinity held a successful reunion on June 14--their first major activity of the current year.

Over 200 alumni and friends attended the reunion, which took place under the patronage of Sheikh Amin El-Khazen, Ambassador of Lebanon to the United Nations.

Deputy President Samir Makdisi and Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, were also present.

President of the AUB Alumni Association-Geneva Branch, Mrs. Salma Tabbara, welcomed the audience and expressed full support for the University on behalf of the Geneva Committee and Alumni in Switzerland.

In his speech, Deputy President Makdisi spoke about AUB and its program, thanking the alumni for their continued support.

The next day Mr. Zeidan, accompanied by Mr. Samir Hawwa, alumni coordinator and a high ranking officer of Procter & Gamble, visited several donors to thank them for their generous gifts. They also visited prospective donors to solicit donations for AUB's scholarship program. "Dar Al-Mal Al-Islami," a private organization, was very quick to respond to AUB's appeal, with a \$10,000 check in support of needy and qualified students.

On the same day Dr. Makdisi left Geneva for New York to attend the Board of Trustees meetings.

## Annual Alumni Ball In Oman

The AUB Alumni Committee of the Oman Branch held its Annual Gala Dinner on March 27 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Muscat. Over 300 AUB alumni, friends and guests attended the event, which to many faithful regulars, seemed to have surpassed all the previous galas in terms of organization, entertainment and substance.

Mr. Adib Alamuddine, Ambassador of Lebanon to Oman, and Mr. Jeremy Feirsten, Chargé D'Affairs of the US Embassy in Oman representing the Ambassador, were among the distinguished guests.

Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the president for Alumni Affairs, represented the University.

Mr. Zeidan briefed the audience on current activities at AUB, emphasizing the importance of alumni support for the University. He thanked the alumni in Oman for their gifts, which were earmarked for the reconstruction of

College Hall. Mr. Zeidan also explained the relationship between the American University of Sharja and AUB and the kind of affiliation that exists between the two institutions.

The main attraction of the gala was a captivating 20-minute slide show and commentary which took the audience on a sentimental journey to the campus and student life over the years. A raffle followed to the tune of over 90 valuable prizes presented by generous donors, alumni and friends of the University.

There are currently only 55 AUB alumni in the Sultanate of Oman, but they have raised more than \$115,000 for the College Hall Fund.

Proceeds from the most recent alumni activity totaled \$17,000. On July 10 the Committee's Co-ordinator, alumnus Kamil Harb, and his wife, alumna Roula Harb, presented a check for this amount to Mr. Nazih Zeidan.

## Beqaa Alumni

The AUB Alumni-Beqaa Branch recently organized a workshop for some 70 middle school teachers on improving teaching methodologies in English, mathematics and sciences. Held in collaboration with the Department of Education at AUB, the two-day workshop took place at the AUB farm (AREC).

President of the branch, Dr. Faysal Kak, addressed the participants, stressing the importance of activities such as this one.

The 8-session workshop ended with a luncheon hosted by the branch. The teachers were very happy with the experience and expressed their wish for similar activities in the future.

## Drug Seminar

A seminar about drugs and their abuse among students recently took place at the secondary Evangelical School. Conducted by Dr. Faysal Kak and Mr. Elie Lahhoud, president of the Youth Against Drugs Association, the event was attended by about 300 students.

## Health Panel



A panel on health and nutrition was held for the Parents Committee at Omar Mukhtar School. The panel was con-

ducted by Dr. Ghassan Hamadeh, director of UHS and Miss Ghiwa Sleibi (Nutrition). Dr. Faysal Kak served as moderator.

## George Homsy 1930-1996

Alumnus George Homsy (BA 1952) died on November 3, 1996. Born in Jaffa in 1930, he was a senior loan officer with the World Bank. In this capacity he dealt with such countries as Algeria, the Central African Republic, Congo, El Salvador, Haiti and Zaire.

After his retirement, Mr. Homsy lived in Aix-en-Provence, France, with his wife Christianne.

Contributions may be made to the Malcolm Kerr Scholarship Fund at the American University of Beirut, 850 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, USA.

## Students Mark First Anniversary of Qana



April 17, 1997: Students march for Qana, in front of West Hall.

"Qana, not to forget" was the motto of this year's campaign to remind people in Lebanon and around the world of April 1996, when the Israeli army bombed the UN Forces camp that held Southern refugees in Qana.

This massacre caused the death of 102 citizens including babies and old people. To remember this disastrous event, AUB students organized a two-day program in memory of Qana. On April 17, they began showing pictures of the

bombing and its terrible aftermath, images that stirred the emotions of the students.

On April 18 there were films about the Resistance and how people in South Lebanon have suffered from the Israeli Army.

Afterwards, students crowded West Hall for a silent five minute sit-in in memory of the civilian victims of Qana. They then sang resistance songs.

To demonstrate their opinions more widely, students walked around the AUB campus repeating statements against Israeli policies.

At seven in the evening, students carrying candles walked along Bliss Street and into the Main Gate of the campus where they stood until the flames of their candles flickered out.

The entire day's activities drew considerable interest from the media and reporters, an important reminder to the world that a large part of Lebanon is still occupied.

## Outlook is Back

**Outlook**, AUB's student newspaper, launched its comeback on May 27 after hibernating for 23 years. The paper tackles student issues and caters to their general interests. After the editorial board released a fact-sheet on the newspaper, many student writers were motivated to join, especially since each student is rewarded for his work under the Student Scholarship Program.

The Student Affairs office responded positively to the students' desire to "make it work." The **Outlook** staff office was immediately equipped with computers and a telephone line, in addition to a special

mail box. "The Student Affairs office was very helpful," said editor-in-chief Nivine Abboushi. "In a short time we had all the equipment and furniture we needed."

Abboushi said that today's generation does not really realize the significance that **Outlook** has had throughout the years. The newspaper played a very important role in the seventies, reflecting student involvement in campus affairs as well as external current events. Now stripped of its political character, **Outlook** is oriented to non-political issues of a student nature, as well as extra-curricular activities. This decision is in accordance with

the newspaper's bylaws.

Abboushi said that today's students are used to a different style of reading material, one that is lighter and more entertaining.

"However," she continued, "the student journalists realized **Outlook's** role and worked to produce the effect we were looking for. We were all eager to get the paper out on time and we worked together as a team."

She describes the student journalists' writing standard as very high and professional, "pleasantly surprising".

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# Activities of the Debate Club



Left to right: Rafic Khoury, Mohammad Baalbaki, Adnan Iskandar, Talal Salman.

This year's student debates covered the following topics:

- Student Elections at AUB
- Career Planning.
- Life at AUB
- Press and Publications at AUB
- AUB Clubs and their Activities
- The Lebanese Army: National Service and Joining the Army.
- The Future of the Media in Lebanon.

During the Army debate, guest lecturers were Lebanese Army officers who answered questions about national service (conscription) and other matters pertaining to the Army.

Representing the Army were: Lieutenant Colonel Elias Farhat, Lieutenant Colonel Antoine Salem, Major Mohammad Ramadan, Navy Commander-in-Chief Hussni Daher and Air Force Chief Amine Farhat. The audience included students as well as Dean Hajj and other AUB administrators.

After opening remarks from Debate Club president, Lena Kalfayan, Dr. Habbal introduced the Army representatives.

Lieutenant Colonel Farhat began by expressing his admiration for AUB, especially its ability to overcome obstacles. Then he described the Army before the war and the efforts of the state to rebuild it.

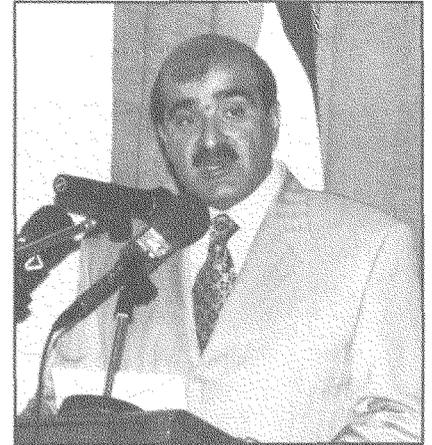
Next Lieutenant Colonel Salem spoke about national (obligatory)

service, its positive goals and the basic rules followed in the army.

He was followed by Major Ramadan who described in detail the social services provided by the Army and the requirements for joining.

Last to speak was Chief Amine Farhat, whose subject was the Air Force, its history and development.

The media debate consisted of a series of meetings over a three-day period. Topics addressed were: The Future of the Press in Lebanon, The Future of Television in Lebanon and Political Debate on TV. Participants on DAY ONE were Minister of Information Bassem El Sabaa, Mr. Mohammad Baalbaki, Mr. Talal Salman and Mr. Rafic Khoury.



Minister El Sabaa.

The debate was moderated by Dr. Adnan Iskandar of AUB's PSPA Department.

DAY TWO participants were Mr. Jean-Claude Boulos and Mr. Sayed Franjeh. It was moderated by Dr. Nabil Dajani of the SBS Department.

DAY THREE participants were Mr. Marcel Ghanem, Mr. Zaven Kouyoumdjian and Mr. Zahi Wehbe. Dr. Faysal Kak, of the AUB Faculty of Health Sciences was the moderator.

Debate Club officers are president Lena Kalfayan, vice-president Zahi Fathallah, treasurer Miriam Daher and members at large Hussein Abdul Hussein, Ali Hamadeh.



Left to right: Zaven Kouyoumdjian, Zahi Wehbe, Faysal el Kak, Marcel Ghanem.

## Arabic Book Exhibition



On May 12 the artist Sharbil Rouhana opened the Arabic Book Exhibition held in memory of Joseph Sakr and organized by the Arabic Culture Club. In tribute

to Joseph Sakr, Sharbel Rouhana played music entitled "Kanet Eyyam" (those were the days) from his new cassette.

The exhibition, at West Hall Common

Room, included novels, drama, poetry, literary criticism, history, politics, philosophy and thought, as well as writings on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Photos, including, some of Joseph Sakr, were shown. All books were sold at a 25% discount.

The exhibition continued to May 15 with a special program every day. On May 14th, the film "Liqaq," (encounter) directed by Eliane el-Raheb, was shown and afterwards debated with the director. Another debate on the 15th on the subject of the Middle East featured Mr. Joseph Semaha. All debates took place in collaboration with the Debate Club.

## Are You A Modern Woman?



At the Women's League General Meeting on April 7, honorary League president, Mrs. Jean Makdisi, spoke on the question "Are you a modern woman?"

In her own dynamic style, she discussed the problem with her audience. Many possible answers were suggested, but in a very diplomatic and logical manner, Mrs. Makdisi concluded that there was actually no definite reply to the question.

Tea was served after the meeting as the ladies continued their discussion.

## Photo Club Portrait Day



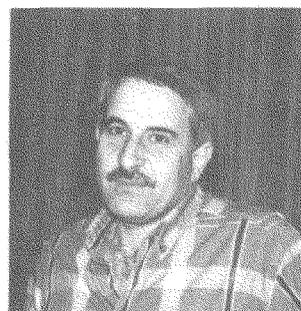
The Photography Club took advantage of the good weather in April to hold its annual portrait day. This year the event actually took

two days, with the setting moving between the Green Oval and West Hall. During Portrait Day students have their pictures taken in black

and white or color at a cost of LL 1,000 per photo. Money collected went towards the May exhibition of photographs taken by Club members.

Annual Club membership is LL10,000 and you can join at any time. No prior experience is required. Members run workshops for recruits, helping them with such skills as black and white developing and the use of different lenses. Black and white photos are developed in the dark room in West Hall, while colored pictures are processed by arrangement with photo shops outside campus.

## Women's League Hears Dr. Beydoun on Cloning



Dr. Elias Beydoun spoke to the Women's League at their May 5th meeting in West Hall. The speaker's colorful and informative style captivated the audience as he discussed the fascinating subject of cloning.

# AUB Spring Concert Season Busiest Ever



*El-Bacha, 29 April 1997.*

**By Robert Brenton Betts**

At one point in March, I said to a friend only half in jest that there was something going on in the Assembly Hall every night. Looking back on it, there were weeks when I was right.

Never in my five years at AUB have so many fine performers been brought on campus to entertain the University community, including such international figures as Jean-Pierre Rampal and Abdel Rahman El-Bacha.

But those less well known were impressive in their own right, beginning with the Lebanese father and son trumpet duo, Nassim and Ibrahim Maalouf, who performed in Assembly Hall on March 3 under the auspices of the 1997 Buztan Festival.

Now based in France, the Maalouf's have become very much in demand not only for their performances of Baroque music, but also for Nassim Maalouf's incredible improvisations on Arab oriental themes, using an instrument especially adapted for Eastern scales which incorporate quarter-tone intervals.

Their appearance here, which



*Jean-Pierre Rampal (far right), 27 April 1997.*

made fine use of the Assembly Hall's three-manual Marcussen organ played by accompanist Gilles Karlé, included works by Vivaldi, Telemann, Tartini and J.S. Bach, composers who are as well or better known for their organ composition as they are for the trumpet repertoire.

The University's organ is ideally suited for this type of music and was heard to maximum advantage in this context. The real star of the show, however was the younger Maalouf, Ibrahim, who is still in high school but has been playing the trumpet under his father's tutelage since he could barely hold the instrument.

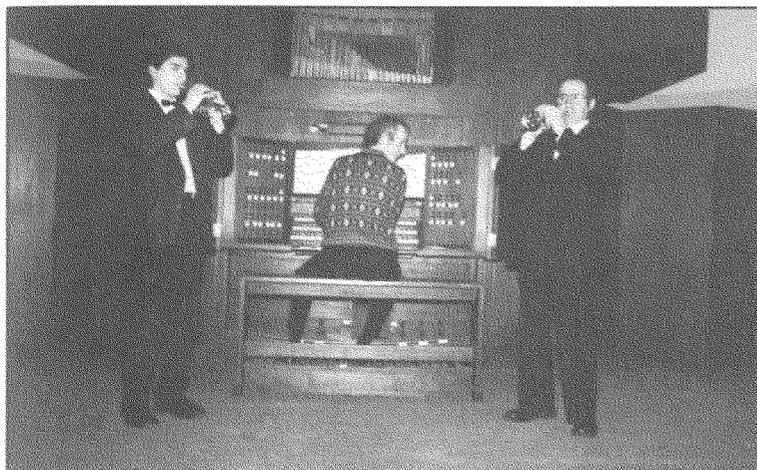
He plays with exceptional brilliance and maturity of expression for one so young and clearly has a major international career ahead of him. His father's mastery of the Arab Oriental idiom, as demonstrated in his improvisation entitled *Prayer in Exile*, has created for him a unique niche in the world of classical music. Though probably not to everyone liking in Europe, it was exceedingly well-received here, and for anyone with even a modest appreciation

of oriental music it was obvious that here was a master at work.

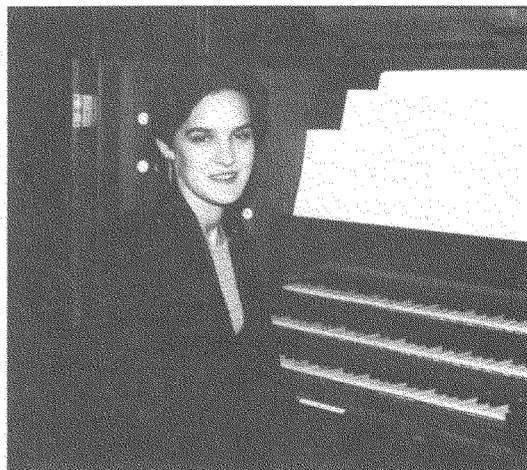
Less than two weeks later, on March 14, the University organ was again heard in concert, this time in a solo recital by the young Spanish organist, Mar Tejadas Rivas. Again the music of the evening was that of the Baroque period, featuring works by well-known composers such as J.S. Bach, Françoise Couperin and Girolamo Frescobaldi. But it also included less familiar names from the Spanish repertoire.

The earlier works on the program, though conceived on a very small scale for an organ without pedals, were played with great sensitivity and interesting registration. The concluding works by Bach, however, were very much in the mainstream of the high Baroque and included the famous chorale prelude "*Sleepers Wake*" ("*Wachet auf*") and the "*Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*,"

Though there were occasional slips in Ms. Tejadas' execution of these familiar works, they must be attributed to her unfamiliarity with the University's organ which, like all fine instruments, requires



Wassim, left, and Ibrahim Maalouf, 3 March 1997.



Mar Tejadas Rivas, 14 March 1997.

hours of practice before a performer is fully accustomed to its subtle peculiarities. Given that she had only an hour or two to accustom herself to our Marcussen she acquitted herself with great conviction and style.

On March 19th we were treated to a splendid performance by the German-based Joachim [string] Quarter under the sponsorship of the Goethe Institute. In a very interesting program of just three works, Schubert's Quartet in C major, Debussy's Quartet #10 and the Brahms Quartet in A major, the four performers exhibited a very high level of excellence, both in technique and interpretation.

Of course, 1997 is the year of Schubert and Brahms (the 200th anniversary of the birth of the former and centenary of the death of the latter) and we have been hearing quite a number of works by both.

What has been gratifying, however, is that many of them have been lesser-known pieces which have tended to be overlooked for the simple reason that both composers were extremely prolific. This is especially true of Schubert, who in a compositional career spanning some fifteen years (he died aged 31) produced 1,500 major works. That averages out to a

mere hundred masterpieces per year! Both the works performed by the Joachim Quartet fell into this neglected category and it was a delight to hear them in concert.

Only two evenings later the Embassy of Armenia presented the coloratura soprano, Anahit Mekhitarian in a recital of both familiar "chestnuts" (Schubert's "Ave Maria" and Mozart's "Alleluia") and virtually unknown (to this reviewer) pieces from the extensive repertoire of Armenian composers, notably Sayat Nova and Komitas.

Ms. Mekhitarian possesses a voice of exceptional range, dynamic capabilities and shadings of tone color. She is clearly an equal to many better-known singers in the West, and a reminder, if we needed one, of how rich Armenia is in musical talent and tradition.

The month's musical feast ended on March 24th with a fine concert under the sponsorship of the German Cultural Center, by Swiss violist, Jacques Mayencourt and pianist Erika Kilcher.

The viola is an instrument not often heard in solo performances and the repertoire is not vast. Yet many fine works have been composed especially for it. Mr. Mayencourt performed them with superb technique and an ingratiating style.

Particularly well-received were Brahms's Sonata #1 and the Dances of the French Baroque composer, Marin Marais. I especially enjoyed the Sonata-Fantasy of Paul Hindemith (1895-1963), whose contemporary idiom is not everyone's cup of tea but clearly expresses a musical genius equaled by few in this century. Ms. Kilcher was every bit Mr. Mayencourt's equal in excellence and played some very difficult works very well indeed.

April brought us the international flute celebrity Jean-Pierre Rampal (whose performance I was unable to attend) but also two thoroughly delightful concerts by Petits Chanteurs de Saint-Marc of Lyon, and the blind Hungarian pianist, Tamas Erdi on the 21st and 22nd.

The boys and girls of the Petits Chanteurs, though not professional in the sense of the Vienna Boys Choir or the university chapel and cathedral choirs of England, were very well trained and sang with great enthusiasm and in tune.

The program was divided between classical works from the Renaissance to the Romantic era, and more light-hearted fare in the form of folk-songs, spirituals and adaptations of pieces like Strauss's "Blue Danube Waltz".



*Joachim Quartet, 19 March 1997.*

**Boorish late-comers**

The evening was an unqualified musical success and it was a great pity that several of the pieces were marred by incredibly boorish late-comers to the concert. They thought nothing of barging to their seats, virtually knocking the young singers out of their way, and then proceeded to engage in conversations on their cellular phones. The manners of some Lebanese concert goers need considerable improvement, and they seem to be getting worse, not better. I would welcome suggestions from readers as to how this situation might be corrected.

Tamas Erdi is a remarkable young man, barely 20 years old, who was born blind and with a serious physical handicap that inhibits his movement. Yet from the age of five he was found to have a remarkable gift for the piano and has managed to master a comprehensive and demanding repertoire that would challenge many great performers of any age.

His opening 4th movement of the Sonata in F major by Beethoven set the tone of the concert, followed by brilliant renditions of Schubert's Piano Piece and his Impromptu in E-flat major. The Chopin Nocturne in C-sharp minor



*Jack Mayencourt and Erika Kilcher.*

and Fantasie Impromptu were examples of a phenomenal technique and showed the young pianist very much at ease with the musical eccentricities of his fellow-countryman.

It is nothing short of miraculous how skillful his playing is, given that he cannot see the keys. As an organist of very modest achievement I cannot conceive of performing without frequent visual reference to the keyboard no matter how well I know a work, and even then there are the inevitable mistakes. In Mr. Erdi's performance I did not detect a single wrong note, and though there must inevitably have been some, so remarkable was his technical skill that one was never aware of any. One reviewer wrote of an earlier performance by Mr. Erdi, "His sensitivity is breathtaking." I can but concur.



*Anahit Mekhatarian, 21 March 1997.*

# AUB Choir Celebrates Schubert and Brahms



*AUB Choir, March 26, 1997.*

In two separate concerts in March and May the AUB Choir, directed by Professor Robert Betts, joined the rest of the Western musical world in performing works by Franz Schubert who was born two hundred years ago, and Johannes Brahms the centenary of whose passing is marked this year.

This is not the first time the choir has taken part in the increasingly popular practice of celebrating great composers' anniversaries. Two years ago the choir's first performance of Faure's "Requiem" coincided with the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth. The first of several highly popular concerts of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" marked the centenary of this famous 20th century musician's entry into the world.

The problem with Schubert and Brahms is that there is so much music to choose from that it must be a real challenge to select a program. Although most people associate Schubert and Brahms with orchestral music or songs for solo

voice, both wrote extensively for choirs. In Schubert's case it was almost entirely religious works, masses in particular, whereas Brahms divided his interest between the sacred (his celebrated "German Requiem" for example) and the more light-hearted, bordering on the popular.

For his March 26th concert, Dr. Betts chose one of Schubert's earlier (written when he was just 18) Masses, Number Two in G major. Although quite short (half-an hour at most) it encompasses a great variety of musical styles in its five short sections, ranging from the sweet, tuneful Kyrie section, the triumphal Gloria, the placid, introspective Credo, the Sanctus & Benedictus which is all flourish and bombast, and finally the dramatic Agnus Dei with its peaceful, concluding echoes.

On the same program was a repeat of the Fauré "Requiem" given two years ago with piano accompaniment, but this time with (nearly) full orchestra, and with the

addition of the sublimely beautiful motet by Fauré, "Cantique de Jean Racine."

The choir, ably assisted by members of the Barock Ensemble and the Beirut Symphonic Band, with Professor Ramzi Sabra providing obtrusive but crucial organ support, sang with accustomed mastery of the notes and increasing flexibility of style, dynamics and musical flow.

Soprano soloists Martine Francis and Nada Hamadeh were suitably dramatic and full-voiced in their passages in the Schubert Kyrie and Agnus Dei, and warm and sustained in the exquisitely beautiful Pie Jesu section of the "Requiem." It was overall an excellent performance

of the kind we have come to expect.

On May 3rd the choir repeated the concert in the Orthodox Church of Douma, North Lebanon, under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Mount Lebanon and the Douma Club.

It was the first time the choir has ventured further than the German School in Jounieh to perform and the village of Douma, often described as the most beautiful in Lebanon, was a delightful venue indeed.

The choir members were the guests of the Douma Club, which offered them accommodation in the Douma Hotel and laid on a lavish dinner after the performance.

The second concert on May 28th, entitled "Brahms and Broadway," included the 18 short musical vignettes that make up Brahms's famous "Liebeslieder" (Love Song) Waltzes and show the composer at his most light-hearted, two other part-songs in German, and a concluding medley of the

most famous show tunes from the Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musicals, "Oklahoma!," "Carousel" and "South Pacific."

Assisting the choir in the Brahms waltzes were pianists Mark Abou-Naoum and Cynthia Zaven. Scored for four-handed piano accompaniment and four-part choir, the "Liebeslieder" are the closest Brahms comes to the frivolous Viennese style of Johann Strauss, King of Waltzes. Some are tender, some are dramatic, but all are beautiful and often very difficult to perform.

The choir tackled this challenge with gusto and, apart from a fuzzy first attack, sang with great accuracy and precision. The pianists, whose part is often at odds with the singers, held their independent line with strong conviction, providing the choir with support only when the composer indicated it.

The two part-songs, "In stille nacht" and "O susser Mai" were both charmingly melodious; the latter has moments of ravishing beauty, particularly the concluding passage which should (and did) hang in the air like a shimmering halo of ethereal sound.

In a further departure from the choir's usual fare of great choral works of a sacred nature, the singers then launched with great verve into the celebrated songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein that those of us of an earlier generation know by heart. The arrangements were clever, but not overly so, and moved easily from one to another, beginning with "O what a beautiful morning" and concluding with "Some enchanted evening."

Enchanted may be too strong a word to describe the singing, but delightful it certainly was and everyone in the choir was clearly having a good time bringing back to many of us memories of a time when popular music didn't have to be discordant and raucous.

**Professor Lloyd H. J. Precious**

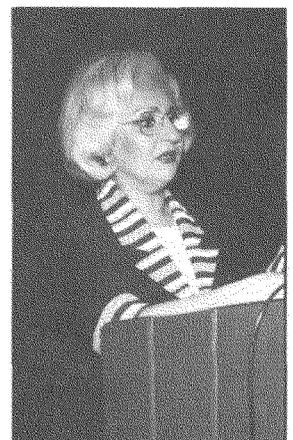
## "Brahms: An Illustrated Profile"



*Azoury.*



*Shams.*



*Dadoyan.*

The last in a series of three academic-musical occasions organized by the Forum of the Civilization Sequence Program and the Friends of the Bustan Festival, took place in May.

"Brahms: An Illustrated Profile" was held in commemoration of the centenary of the death of Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). The first in the series was "Mozart's Magic Flute," and the second commemorated the centenary of Schubert's birth.

Coordinator of the C.S. Forum Professor Seta Dadoyan, explained earlier in her introduction to the series that bringing together an academic discipline, i.e., the Forum Lecture Series, and a program of performing arts and music, i.e. the Bustan Festival, was not only long overdue but sure to find a large audience. In addition, these academic-musical occasions were planned to promote a more informed public as well as one concerned with higher arts.

The Brahms evening was opened by Professor Dadoyan, who introduced the great German musician as a classicist in mind and a romantic in both spirit and expressive power. She related him to two earlier figures: Mozart, a

classical musician and Schubert, a romantic.

Dr. Dadoyan also expressed her gratitude to those who contributed to the project, especially Mr. Ibrahim Khoury and Mr. Nabeel Ashkar of the Office of Information and Public Relations,

Professor Pierre Azoury was introduced by Mrs. Nadia Shams, chairperson of the Friends of the Bustan Festival. On behalf of Mrs. Myrna Bustani and herself, she thanked those who had contributed to the success of the series. She then presented a brief biography of the life and work of Professor Azoury, both as man and musician.

The lecturer began with an interesting illustrated survey of the life and musical career of Brahms. As he proceeded, he presented excerpts of video recordings of piano sonatas, violin concertos, songs, symphonies and a requiem. These works were accompanied by well-researched explanations.

The evening came to a very proper close with a grand performance of the fourth movement of Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68 played by the Berliner Philharmoniker, conducted by Herbert von Karajan.

# Theatrical Permutations on West Hall Stage



Lara Matossian and Nizar Farsakh in "Sunday Costs Five Pesos."



Rania Sarakbi in "The Bear."

One of the first victims of the ugly war in Lebanon was AUB's Department of Fine and Performing Arts, which was "put to sleep" in 1976. Since spring 1992, however, there has been a steady attempt to resuscitate the Theater section of the department.

In the last five years a number of productions have delighted AUB audiences: **Hotel Paradiso**, **The Proposal**, **Suppressed Desires**, **Love of Your Neighbor**, **The Bald Soprano**, **Pen of my Aunt**, **The Caucasian Chalk Circle**, **Fools**, and this year's trio: **The Bear**, **Sunday Costs Five Pesos**, and Shaw's **Passion, Poison and Petrification**.

Working within severe constraints of limited resources, and in the absence of both the required infrastructure and continuity in personnel, the AUB theater people have managed to maintain a very high artistic quality in their productions, especially in the areas of design, acting and directing.

This year's production, generously financed by the University Student Faculty Committee, fea-

tured double and triple casting--a headache for the director, but a very efficient way for a maximum number of students to participate.

A similar experiment was made in the 1994 production of **The Caucasian Chalk Circle**, but with a major difference. In that play only minor parts were double-cast; this year, almost all the roles were double and even triple-cast! Needless to say, the experience was a very dynamic one. Students were able to learn from one another as they watched the role they were struggling to create "come to life" in another actor's artistic effort.

A normal feature of amateur productions is the wide range in performance level from one night to the next. Often, in university theater, a play is presented only three times, leaving many actors with the frustrating feeling that he or she had given their "best" performance in one of the rehearsals!

The AUB people have tried to remedy that situation with a typical run of seven nights, giving the actors more time to bring their

performance up to a more satisfying level. This year most of the actors were limited to two nights because of the multiple-casting. The standard of acting on the whole remained very high in spite of this frustrating limitation. Yet a greater difference in net result from night to night inevitably imposed itself.

The most complicated play of the evening was G.B. Shaw's **Passion, Poison and Petrification**. Melina Mitri, Nisrine Salti and Amira Solh (Lady Fitztollemache) acquitted themselves admirably, playing opposite not only a different husband each night (Ziad Nawfal and Ryan Raad), but a different lover/murderer (Adolphus Bastable, played by Walid Chalhoub and Nawwaf Beydoun) as well!

The confidante-maid (Phyllis) was played by Maya Barghout, Nadia El-Khatib and Rewa Zeinatti, who each played an additional part on alternate nights (the landlady or doctor)!

Patricia Nasr played the role of the doctor most nights, and a final



A scene from Shaw's "Passion, Poison and Petrification."

delight was provided by the Salti Police Force, with Nisrine and her brother, Dr. Haitham, enforcing His Majesty's Law (in the role of the policeman).

The smoothest production of the evening was the Mexican play, **Sunday Costs Five Pesos**. The four women's roles were double-cast with Sirine Shebay'a and Lara Matoussian as Berta, Carine Tannous and Natalie Habib as the matchmaker Salomé, Dana Taji and Rima Darras as the scatterbrained Tonya, and Mounira Khayyat and Carol Zayed as Celestina.

Nizar Farsakh gave a riveting performance as Fidel, and handled both casts with admirable equity!

Assem Nasr, Ranya Sarakbi and Ziad Nawfal provided a special treat for AUB audiences who have followed their long careers (fifth time for Assem and third role for Ranya and Ziyad) in Chekhov's **The Bear**. In spite of very challenging circumstances during the rehearsal period this

cast managed to pull off a delightful performance where their very considerable talents were given ample play.

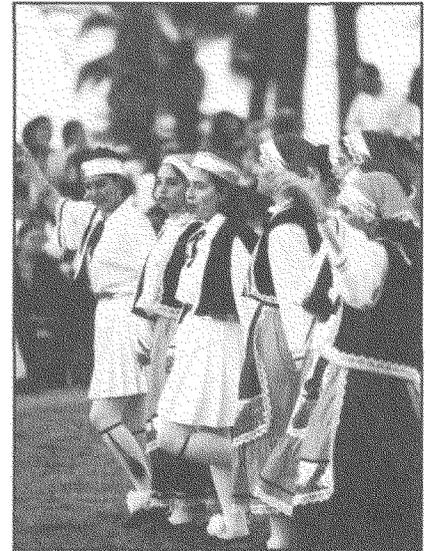
With the exception of the above actors, almost all of the other students were acting for the first time--a remarkable fact in light of the high level of acting proficiency displayed.

Backstage, yeoman's work was done by a group of thirty-odd students, again all having their first theater experience. Working with very primitive equipment on the whole, they managed to provide a highly acceptable technical framework for the evening's display.

Once again, David Kurani's artistic talent merged with his theatrical expertise to make the most of West Hall stage's glaring limitations. He made innovative use of chicken wire and rope to provide a unit-set that was both aesthetically rewarding and functionally flexible. The evening was directed by Peter Shebay'a.

**Peter Shebay'a**

## 24th Folk Dance Festival



The 24th AUB Folk Dance Festival was held on Tuesday, May 6 on the Green Field, with the participation of more than 350 students representing AUB, Lebanese University, Balamand University and more than a dozen schools and associations.

The Festival started with the Lebanese National Anthem, sung in its entirety by Nadeem Barbari.

Deputy President Makdisi welcomed the audience. He was followed on the platform by Dean of Students Fawzi Hajj. Professor Patricia Nabti then introduced the Festival, outlining its history and objectives.

Then the dances began, with each group clad in the national costume of the country whose folk dance they would perform. There were Scottish pipers with their kilts and bagpipes, American cowboys fresh from the wild west, Russian villagers, African warriors with spears and shields, Japanese fan dancers, Armenian step dancers, Mexican honchos, Spanish flamenco, Dutch Boers, German Lili Marlene, Hungarian soldiers, and, to everyone's delight, the Lebanese Dabkeh.

# Nadim Khalaf Tennis Courts Dedicated



*Left to right: Mrs. Laila Baroody, Deputy President Samir Makdisi and the Khalafs.*

On a glorious Beirut day, December 28, 1996, the Nadim Khalaf Tennis Courts at AUB were dedicated to the memory of Professor Kalaf, former Chairman of the Economics Department and longtime Varsity Tennis Coach.

His wife Mona, and children, Amin and Nada, were present for the occasion, along with many of his friends, colleagues and students. The ceremony was hosted by Deputy President Samir Makdisi and members of the Administrative Board of the President's Club. (The President's Club donated the cost of converting the four tennis courts to an all-weather surface in 1984 and installing court lighting in 1991.)

After welcoming the guests on behalf of the President's Club, Mrs. Laila Baroody called on Dr. Samir Makdisi to officially open the ceremony. He spoke of his lifelong friendship and association with Nadim Khalaf and thanked all those who had come to honor him.

The second speaker was Dr. Munir Shammaa, a close friend, tennis partner and fellow Ras-

Beiruti. The most moving parts of his reminiscences were anecdotes recounting the times when he and Nadim had been on the courts.

Serene Salti, AUB graduate student in economics and member of the AUB Tennis Varsity Team, spoke on behalf of the students. She mentioned the many contributions Dr. Khalaf had made to tennis and the enthusiasm for the game which he transmitted to his students, inspiring them to excel.

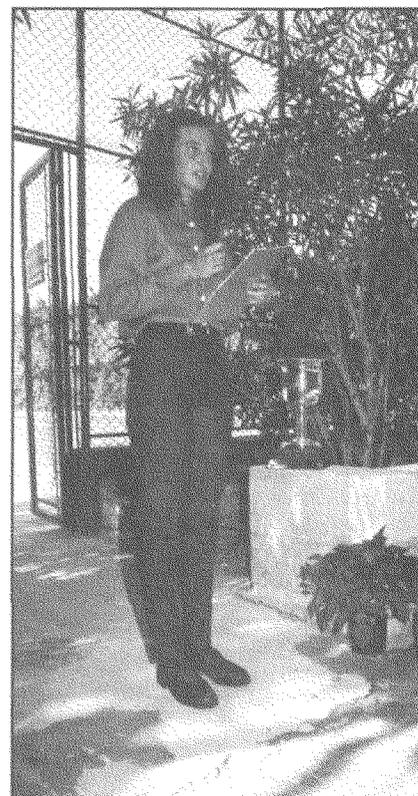
Speaking on behalf of his family, Amin Khalaf thanked all those who had made what he called "a celebration" possible: the Economics Student Society who had imitated the project, the Tennis Subcommittee of the Alumni Club for supporting the initiative, the President's Club for endorsing the initiative and providing funding and the administration for approving the request.

Amin spoke of his father's two overriding passions—economics and tennis, noting that over his 30 years at AUB he had developed a reputation "for teaching tennis and playing economics."

Amin also said that Dr. Khalaf was instrumental in making the program of the AUB Varsity Tennis Team the most successful in both the nation and the region. Dr. Khalaf, he said, was founder and editor of the only tennis bulletin in Lebanon, published by the AUB Alumni Association. As chairman of the University Tennis Committee, Dr. Khalaf also helped organize "revenue generating tennis programs designed to promote tennis at AUB."

In closing, Amin quoted the inscription at the entrance of the tennis court at Princeton University, which Nadim liked very much:

"When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He writes not whether you won or lost, but how you played the game."



*Serene Salti speaking on behalf of Nadim Khalaf's students.*

# First Nadim Khalaf Tennis Cup



Front row, from left: Amin Khalaf and George Zaytoun. Back row: Ghaleb Halimi is second, Toufic Zahalan (with cup) is fifth, next to Mrs. Khalaf.

To honor the memory of Professor Nadim Khalaf, the AUB Athletics Department and the Tennis Subcommittee of the Alumni Association recently organized the first Nadim Khalaf Tennis Cup.

The purpose of the event, a one-day friendly competition held annually between AUB tennis teams and the Alumni Club, is to promote tennis within the extended AUB community and to develop a healthy sense of competition among the two teams. These were objectives that Professor Khalaf strove hard to achieve.

The competition will be held at the end of every academic year with the venue alternating between the Nadim Khalaf Tennis Courts on campus and the Alumni Tennis Club courts.

The 1997 competition was held at AUB on July 3, and included three men's singles and one men's doubles match. The final score was 4 - 1, Alumni Club:

- Sharif Saba (Alumni) defeated Karim Mansour (AUB) 6 - 0, 6 - 2.

- Hussein Badreddine (Alumni) defeated Emilio Baroody (AUB) 6 - 3, 6 - 4.

- Alex Haroutounian (Alumni) defeated Michael Maksoudian (AUB) 6 - 4, 6 - 3.

- Tamara Ammar (AUB) defeated Leila Alameddine (Alumni) 6 - 2, 6 - 4.

- Saba/Haroutounian (Alumni) defeated Baroody/Rabih Hasan (AUB) 6 - 2, 6 - 4. In an exhibition doubles match, George Zaytoun and Makram Alamuddine defeated Munir Shammaa and Amin Khalaf in three exciting sets 3 - 6, 7 - 5, 7 - 6. Mr. Ghaleb Halimi, Director of Athletics at AUB, Dr. George Zaytoun, Chairman of the Tennis Subcommittee of the Alumni Association, Dr. Munir Shammaa and Mr. Makram Alamuddine distributed the gold and silver medals to players of both teams.

Mrs. Mona Khalaf then presented the Nadim Khalaf Tennis Cup to the Captain of the Alumni Club Team, Toufic Zahlan. The Cup will be held by the winner for one year and competed for annually by both teams.

## Okinawa Shuri Karate Training Course



More than 65 athletes attended a training course on Okinawa Shuri-Style Karate organized by the AUB Office of Athletics and the Karate Club. The event took place on May 3-5 under the supervision of the Lebanese Karate Federation and the International Okinawa Kobudo Federation. The instructor, Mr. Mouin Faouri, is Technical Director of the Jordanian Karate

Federation. Training courses in martial arts, especially Karate-do, are becoming increasingly popular at AUB. Visits are expected in the near future from the Japanese expert H. Kasuya and the French World Champion 1995, Mr. M. Milan.

Thanks are due to AUB Karate coach Sensei Abdallah Saleh and his students for their effort in promoting this sport.

# Athletics Night, June 4, 1997

The Office of Athletics concluded its sports season for the 1997 academic year with a big party on the Green Field on the evening of June 4. On hand to enjoy the fun were AUB officials, professors, students, families and guests.

Awards for the 1997 Intramurals were distributed to winners from various faculties, and the Best Athletes were selected from each sport activity at AUB. The Director of Athletics, Dean of Student Affairs, and the Vice President for Administration distributed

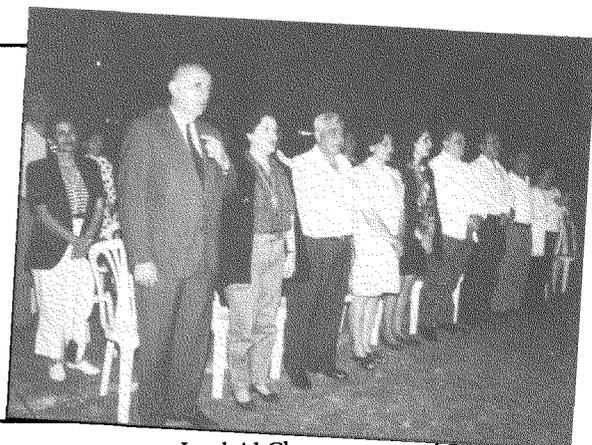
the awards to the Deans of A&S, FEA, MED, FAFS, and FHS, and to the winning students. More than 45 trophies and medals were presented.

The celebration included a program featuring the AUB Choir, the Music Club, International Folk Dance Club, Lebanese Folk Dance Club and other groups, who presented music and dances.

Finally, a spectacular fire works display illuminated the sky above AUB.

## First Set of Prizes -Intramural

ACTIVITY	1st	2nd	3rd
Football	A&S	FEA	FHS
Basketball	FEA	A&S	MED
Basketball (M)	A&S		
Basketball (W)	A&S		
Volleyball (M)	A&S	FEA	FAFS
Volleyball (W)	A&S		
Handball (M)	A&S		
Table-Tennis	A&S		



## 2nd Set of Prizes-Best Players

Activity	Name	Faculty
Football (M)	Ziad Khalifeh	FEA
Basketball (M)	Walid Kaissi	FEA
Basketball (W)	Lina Saad	A&S
Volleyball (M)	Hassan El-Ali	A&S
Volleyball (W)	Deema Ghoseh	A&S
Handball (M)	Elie Deeb	FEA
Tennis (W)	Alia Fares	A&S
Tennis (M)	Rabi Hassan	FEA
T&F (W)	Sarah Kouzi	MPH
T&F (M)	Amer Karam	MED
Swimming (W)	May Timmani	FHS
Swimming (M)	Rani Majzoub	FEA
Table Tennis (W)	Alia Fares	A&S
Table Tennis (M)	Rabih Haidar	A&S
Karate	Maha Chalouhi	FEA

Kick Boxing	Iyad Al Chaar	A&S
Archery	Rouhi Khatib	A&S
Body Building	Ziad Bikhazi	A&S
Fencing	Dana Shuqom	A&S

## 1997 Tennis Tournament-Final Results

SINGLES (W):		
1st place:	Tammara Ammar	FEA
2nd place:	Randa Naffah	A&S
SINGLES (M):		
1st place:	Mike Maksoudian	A&S
2nd place:	Emilio Baroudi	A&S
MIXED DOUBLES:		
1st place:	Hassan + Baroudi	A&S
2nd place:	Maksoudian + Tachjian	A&S

## Athlete of The Year

WOMEN:		
Tennis/Table Tennis	Alia Fares	A&S
Basketball/Soccer	Lina Saad	A&S
MEN:		
Volleyball	Ali El-Hassan	A&S
Basketball	Sevak Demerjian	MED

## Best Parade:

Cloning Machine	1st place	A&S
Floating Ship	2nd place	FEA

## Water Fight

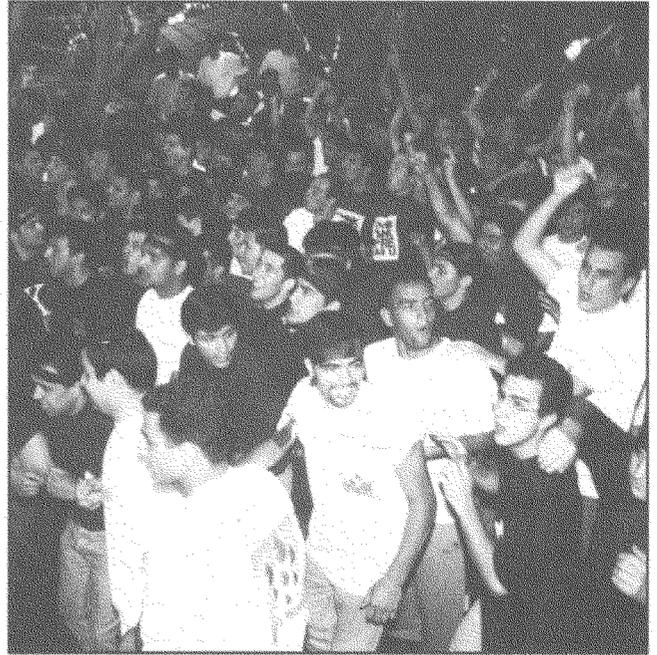
Winners	FEA
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# Waterfight -- the Word Schizophrenic Does Come to Mind



*The Arts and Sciences "army."*



*The Engineering and Architecture "army."*

AUB has countless activities every year, one of them the traditional waterfight--a seemingly innocent exercise. Thursday, May 29, proved a different story, however. The idea is that the opposing Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Engineering get to prove their superiority by attacking the opposite side with water balloons. (But some prefer to replace the water balloon with a fist, and that's when it gets nasty).

The excitement starts the night before, when secret attacks begin. Students turn nocturnal (and vengeful). They arm themselves with water balloons and set up bases all over campus. The atmosphere is thick with anticipation.

The A&S students, most wearing "It's Engineering Hunting Season" T-shirts, gather at the cafeteria, while on lower campus enthusiastic red-shirted Engineers await.

Needless to say, a lot of battles take place the night before. Students seem to look forward to it more than the actual day.

By morning, with renewed energy and heightened rivalry, the official "war" begins. The two groups gather in front of West Hall at 10:00, screaming mindlessly at each other. Finally the first water balloons are thrown.

What follows is hard to describe. To onlookers safely sheltering on balconies, the battling students merge into one big mess. Water balloons, water, students, and other paraphernalia are thrown everywhere.

It sounds like a lot of fun and noise, but it looks painful. Mr. Ghaleb Halimi tries to calm them down, but to no avail.

Two kinds of people participate in waterfights: some like good, clean fun, and others think they're training for World War III. It's amazing how two Faculties

that tolerate each other throughout the whole year can end up beating each other silly on that one day. The word schizophrenic does come to mind. Besides the fun of watching the chaotic display, or actually joining in, there are the unfortunate victims of war who suffer from the event

Injuries can get serious, especially since safety awareness is the last thing on anyone's mind when in a fight for victory.

Aside from the injured, everyone has a blast. All are thankful for this outlet for their energy. Grudges disappear fast enough. The victorious team this year is the Engineers, who after winning, run to the Green Oval and scream some more. Scientists call it a show of power.

Overall, the waterfight is not something to miss. It's a great opportunity to forget reason and normal behavior.

**Sara Taher**

## A&S Clones Engineers in Parade



As usual, on the day of the waterfight, a parade was held at the Green Field with many officials and professors gathering to enjoy the proceedings.

Each Department and Faculty had enough time to show just how unique they were and to demonstrate the "defects" of the other Departments and Faculties.

Arts and Sciences made fun of Engineering students by introducing a cloning machine as being very useful for cloning a donkey to obtain an Engineering student.

The Engineers, however, had lots of beautiful ideas of their own. One was a pulley holding

two wooden boards on either side. On the heavy board was written "One Engineering Student," while the lighter board read: "1,000 A&S Students" to show the difference in their brains. But it was bad luck for the engineers, because the cloning machine took the prize.

These antics were carried out with great joy and enthusiasm, especially since it was also waterfight day. After the parade, the traditional football contest between Arts and Science and the Engineers got underway. Arts and Sciences put on a lot of pressure and this led to their victory, one to nil, over the Engineers.



## Kick-Boxing



*Yevgeni Kotelnikov, President of Belorussian Kick-Boxing Federation, between Mr. Ghaleb Halimi, left, and coach Sami Kiblawi, right, after the*

On May 9-12 the AUB Athletics Department and the Kick-Boxing Club held a training course on "Muscles and Their Function During Practice." The course was given by Mr. Yevgeni Kotelnikov, President of the Belorussian Kick and Thai Kick-Boxing Federation.

Held under the supervision of the Lebanese National Committee for Thai and Kick-Boxing, more than 45 student athletes attended from AUB, LAU, NDU, BAU, and Antonieh. Thanks go to AUB's Thai and Kick-Boxing coach, Mr. Sami Kiblawi and his students for making this a successful event.

## Lial Rajji is Miss PSPA

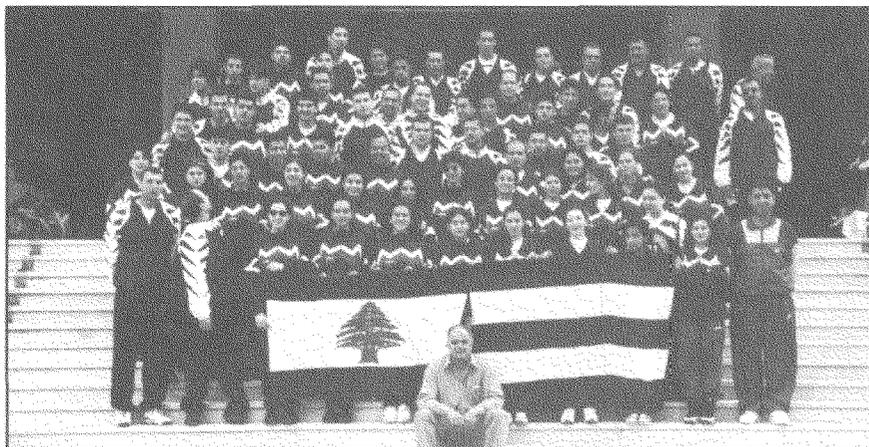
The annual Miss PSPA gala dinner was held at the Regency Palace Hotel on June 2. The audience was asked to write the names of candidates on slips of paper, including a candidate for Miss PSPA, the most popular professor, and for Miss popular and Mr. popular.

Dean of Student Affairs, the PSPA chairman and professors acted as jury of the contest.

Lial Rajji won the title of the night. The event's master of ceremonies, Hammad As-Sioufi, was elected Mr. Popular. Nathalie Anbar was Miss Popular and Professor Randa Antoun was the most popular professor.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed dancing in the friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

# AUB Teams Compete in Alexandria



The AUB delegation. Director of Athletics Ghaleb Halimi is in the first row.

On April 24-28 an AUB delegation of 68 members went to the University of Technology and Science of the Alexandria-Marine Academy in Egypt. The 57 athletes, 7 coaches and 3 officials participated in competitions in basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming (men and women) and football (men). Here are the results:

## Football (Men)

- 1- AUB vs. Arab Academy: Tie Game 1-1.
- 2- AUB vs. Sporting Club: AUB won 1-0.

## Basketball (Men)

- 1- AUB vs. Sporting Club: AUB won 74-60.
- 2- AUB vs. Samouha Club: AUB lost 61-69.

## Volleyball (Men)

- 1- AUB vs. Sporting Club: AUB lost 2-0.
- 2- AUB vs. Samouha Club: AUB lost 2-1.

## Basketball (Girls)

- 1- AUB vs. Sporting Club: AUB lost 48-70.
- 2- AUB vs. Samouha Club: AUB won 49-46.

## Volleyball (Girls)

- 1- AUB vs. Sporting Club: AUB lost 0-2.
- 2- AUB vs. Samouha Club: AUB lost 0-2.

## Swimming (Men & Women)

- 1- 50m (Men): AUB 2nd place.
- 2- 100m (Women): AUB 3rd place.
- 3- 100m (Men): AUB 5th and 6th places.
- 4- 50m (Women): AUB 4th place.
- 5- 50m (Men-Butterfly): AUB 4th place.
- 6- 50m (Women-Butterfly): AUB 3rd place.
- 7- 50m (Men-Back): AUB 5th place.
- 8- 4 50m: AUB 3rd place.
- 9- 100m (Women-Back): AUB 3rd place.
- 10- 50m (Men-Chest): AUB 3rd and 6th places.
- 11- 4 50m: AUB 2nd place.

## Tennis (Men & Women)

- 1- AUB vs. Sporting Club: AUB won.
- 2- AUB vs. Samouha Club: AUB lost.

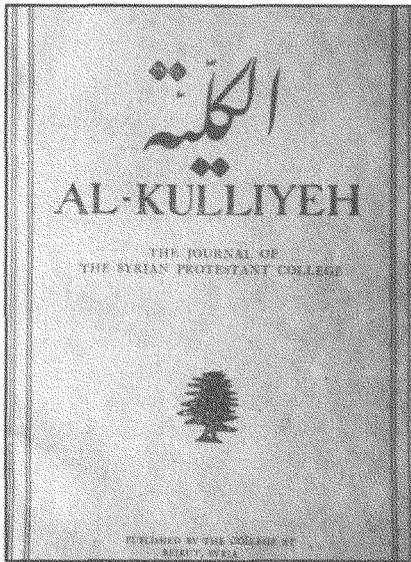


The AUB Women's basketball team get their final instructions before the game from their coach.

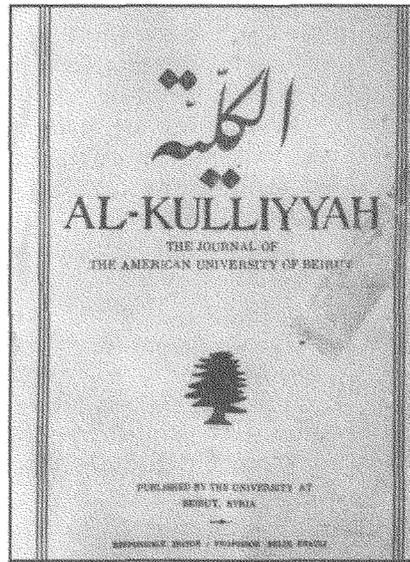


Mr. Ghaleb Halimi presents the AUB trophy to an Alexandria Marine Academy official.

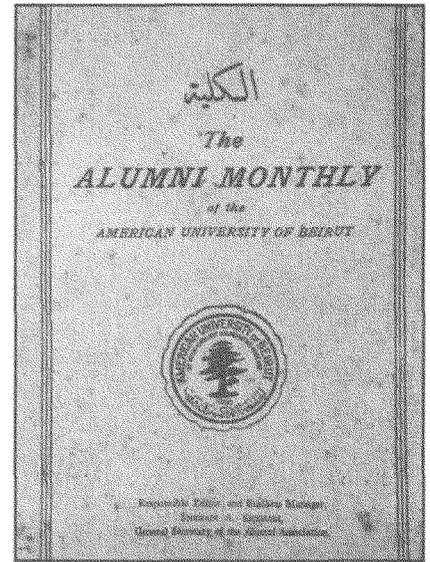
# A History of Al-Kulliyah



Issue from 1913.



Issue from 1922.



Issue from 1926.

I quote from the September 1996 **AUB Bulletin**, page 71, under "Letters to the Editor." One of our readers wrote to say that the **Bulletin's** article on **Al-Kulliyah** was wrong because it claimed that first issue had appeared in 1923.

The article, entitled "Al-Kulliyah: The Voice of the Alumni Association," began with this statement: "Since it first appeared in 1923, **Al-Kulliyah**, the official publication of the Alumni Association of AUB...." But according to our reader, the first issue was actually published before 1923.

The reader who drew our attention to this matter had a point, because **Al-Kulliyah** first appeared in 1910. But the story does not end there. Had it really been the "Voice of the Alumni Association of AUB" as well as "the official publication" of the Alumni Association since 1923?

I have heard many alumni say that this publication had always been the voice of the Alumni Association. How could it have been

the voice of the Alumni Association when it came out before the Association was even founded?

So to find out the real story, I went to the Archives Department at Jafet Memorial Library. Mrs. Asma Fathallah, the Archives Librarian, had prepared a chronological history of **Al-Kulliyah**, giving the Date, Volume Numbers or Issues, Title, Publisher, Editors, Language, Frequency, Number of Pages, Table of Contents, Index, Title Page, Color, Size in Columns, and Subscription (Annual).

In the beginning, the name "Al-Kulliyah", meaning "college" in Arabic, was used because it was the publication of the Syrian Protestant College. The first issue appeared in February 1910, edited in English by H.H. Nelson, and in Arabic by Bulus Khauli. It was sub-titled "The Journal of Syrian Protestant College".

**Al-Kulliyah** was not published between 1915 and 1919, but in January 1920 it resumed its status as a publication of the Syrian Prot-

estant College with Vol. 6 Nos. 1-11 edited by Bulus Khauli, and Vol. 7 Nos. 1-2 edited by B.P. Smith. In November 1920, issues 3-8 appeared as a publication of the American University of Beirut, and in November 1922 it was published as "The Journal of American University of Beirut".

The AUB Alumni Association was established in 1923. In November 1926 and until November 1930 **Al-Kulliyah** was still published by AUB as the **Alumni Monthly of the American University of Beirut**, edited by Shehadi Shehadi, Secretary of the Alumni Association. It was then published as **The Alumni Bulletin of the American University of Beirut**, and continued as such until July 1934. After that date, and until the June 1946 Commencement number, it appeared as the **Al-Kulliyah Review**, and was published by students of the American University of Beirut (in 1942 no issues were published).

From March to December 1947



Issue from 1946.

**Al-Kulliyah** was published jointly by American University of Beirut and Alumni Association and from January to June 1948 the Alumni Office of AUB published **Al-Kulliyah: Alumni News Bulletin**.

In February 1949 **Al-Kulliyah Magazine** appeared published by the Alumni Association of AUB. Then there were more variations of the name: **Al-Kulliyah/Middle East Forum**, **Al-Kulliyah: American University of Beirut and Alumni News Bulletin**. The Spring and Summer issues of 1967 appeared as **Al-Kulliyah: Quarterly Journal of the Alumni Association, American University of Beirut**. This was published by the Alumni Association in cooperation with the Office of Development at the University. **The Middle East Forum**, however, was published by the Alumni Association; the last issue of the "Forum" appeared in 1972. **Al-Kulliyah** continued to be published by the Association in cooperation with AUB until the summer of 1975.

**Al-Kulliyah** did not appear in 1976-1978, nor in 1981-1985. The

University continued cooperating with the Association in the publication of **Al-Kulliyah** until 1991, the winter/spring issue. After that date it was published by the Association, although it did not appear in 1993..

A number of supplements have been published by various arms of the Association:

**Scan:** Medical Alumni Newsletter

**Sci-Quest:** by the Science Sub-Committee of the Association

**The Engineering Newsletter**

**The AUB Alumni Tennis Bulletin**

I hope that this information will clarify some historical facts about the magazine. I must offer thanks to Mrs. Fathallah, without whose help none of us would have been able to follow the complex chronology of **Al-Kulliyah**.

Nabeel G. Ashkar BBA '45

## National Cleanliness Day

Dear Editor,

The **AUB Bulletin** Volume 39 No. 1/2 includes on page 31 a news item entitled National Cleanliness Day.

You mention in this article that the concept was initiated by the Australian Ambassador Mr. Ian Parmeter.

While we appreciate all such efforts, we would like to set the record straight and point out that the concept was initiated by the Lebanese American University, at the time called BUC, in the presence of then-minister of the environment Samir Mokbel, and with his participation.

**Hiyam Musharrafyyeh**  
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Lebanese American  
University

## MED II Music Grand Round

Dear Editor,

It was with pleasure that we received and read the last **AUB Bulletin**, with its cover topic of Music at AUB. However, a great unique, superb and unusual event was left out, I am sure for lack of media coverage of our third year medical students.

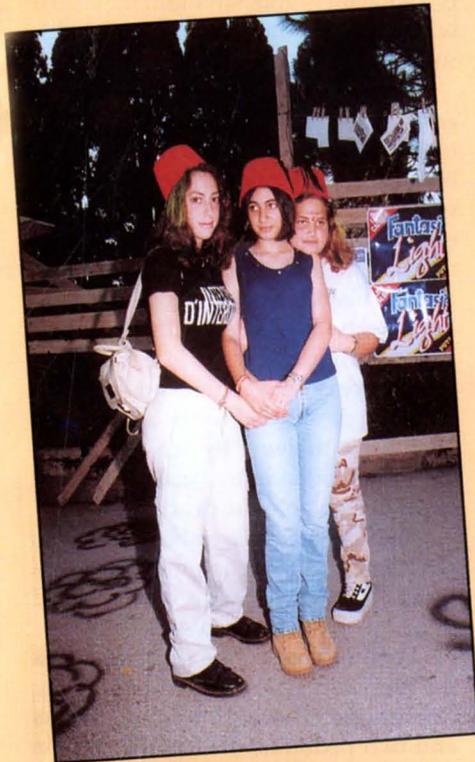
On June 16, 1996, the Medical Social Club, a Subcommittee of the SRC of the Faculty of Medicine, organized an Arabic Musical Evening at West Hall. The third year medical students materialized in their own way, Medicine as Art and Science. The practice of Medicine is an art by itself, but when medical students and physicians also work hard and take time for

training and playing music as great as they did, they deserve acknowledgement and congratulations. The music that night was nice. It was a mixed concert of traditional Lebanese and classical Arabic music. It brought the players together well. The "medical musicians" were also well connected to the audience of fellow students, residents, faculty and friends.

Let us hope that in the middle of their very busy, sometimes chaotic and nerve-wracking clinical years of training and work, they will continue to see each other in such quiet and soul-enriching "Musical Grand Rounds."

Naji Saghir, MD

# Outdoors '97



One of the most important annual activities at AUB is Outdoors, a two-day festival on campus where students get together for fun and good times.

This year, Outdoors was held Saturday and Sunday, May 24-25, but preparations started two days before. Eighty-two stands had to be built and made ready for the big day. To finish in time many students worked all Friday night.

When I asked one student, Maher, what he thought of working Friday night, he said: "I really enjoyed it because of the great atmosphere. It was hard work, but I was happy to participate with the group and to get it done."

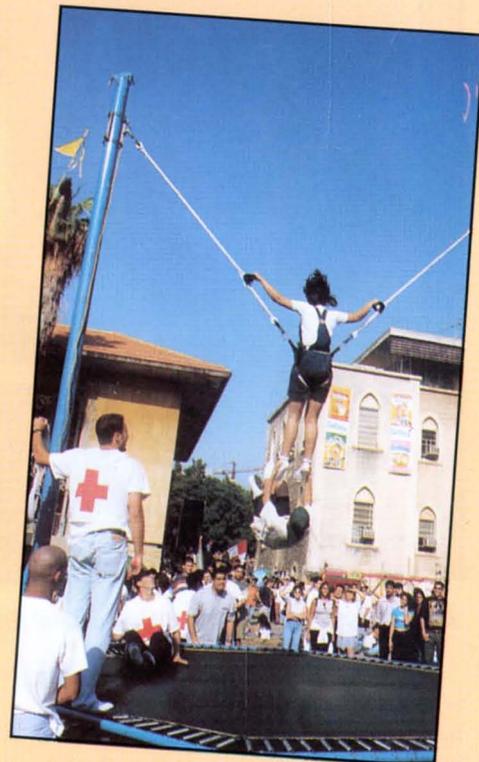
On the first day of Outdoors the AUB campus was full of students and visitors, who seemed to love the lively atmosphere. Some high school students liked it so much they wanted to study at AUB just to be part of the group. This is how one high school student, Jad, felt: "It's my first time at AUB, and it is fun. All the stu-

-dents are working together and enjoying themselves. I really wish I could be a student here to share in the good times."

If you attend Outdoors you can walk from the Cafeteria to West Hall and around the Green Oval without ever getting bored or tired. Everywhere you go, you'll see beautiful stands showing the clever ideas and workmanship of the students in various majors. They gather behind their stands and sell products like falafel, hot dogs, doughnuts, or offer a smoke on an "Argili," various competitions and lots more to do or eat.

Students who attended on both days noticed the crowd on Sunday was slightly smaller than Saturday, although the atmosphere was just as good. There were musical parties at West Hall, as well as big concerts on two consecutive afternoons at the Green Oval. The Music Club played rock music to an appreciative audience.

One student commented, "The music was really magnificent and I was surprised at the skill of the musicians. Their playing added some flavor to the event."



Most of the students said they hoped Outdoors would continue every year because it was a wonderful way to get rid of the stress of studying. This activity was sponsored by Switch FM, Jeanne D'Arc Copy Center, and Fantasia and was organized by the Campus Committee."

**Samir Hamadeh**



# Think or Sink: The First Mechanical Engineering Boat Race



June 6, 1997, AUB Beach: Mechanical Engineering Boat Race.

On June 6, 1997 nearly 800 people watched as a colorful flotilla of six handmade wooden boats descended on the AUB Beach for a race to the finish. The boats, built by Mechanical Engineering students, started out as a simple course project but ended up causing a sensation.

The project goes back to last fall when Dr. Karim Abdel-Malak gave his students an assignment that would apply their theoretical knowledge to a hands-on-real-life experience.

The assignment: design and build a wooden boat to accommodate a minimum crew of two. It must be assembled with only rope and wire (no fasteners such as bolts or nails allowed), and be mechanically propelled.

The third-year course, Mechanical

Design I, is intended to expose students to the mathematical and practical aspects of mechanical design.

AUB Beach and June 6 were set as the place and date for the finished boats to be pitted in competition and a winner announced.

Students were divided into six groups of seven "project engineers". Each group, treated like a company, adopted a name: Bouga Bouga, Pirates, Engineering Whales, Mahrousa, Bauhaus, and Malika---all in competition for best overall design.

Conceptual design was begun while maintaining secrecy among the "companies." Project engineers were advised to seek sponsors from the local Lebanese market. Progress reports were submitted at specified deadlines along with complete engineering

drawings and calculations for stability, buoyancy and strength. The goal was a creative fast, strong, and lightweight boat.

The students worked almost day and night for four months. Each boat took shape at a different location--both on and off campus. Sponsorships were secured from many local companies, while other companies simply donated their products.

The deadline of June 6 at 4:00 p.m. approached as students finished their grand designs.

Six boats between 2.5 and 4.5 meters long descended to the AUB beach area, some arriving by sea while others were hauled in by land only twenty minutes before the deadline.

First the boats assembled far out to sea, then, at the signal, they raced towards the beach. Some crews rowed or pedaled, others used sails.

First to reach to the finish line was the blue and yellow, three-meter-long "Mahrousa." Powered by two rowers and two peddlers, the Mahrousa won the speed award. El-Diablo won for minimum weight, and Bauhaus for strength. Whales was honored for its esthetics and Bouga Bouga took the Russian design award. Malika received the Turtle award.

Fifteen judges from six Lebanese Universities served as jurors and Dean Nassir Sabah of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture distributed the awards.

First of its kind in Lebanon, the event received extensive media coverage.

The successful race will be staged again in future years and perhaps next time boats from other Lebanese universities will take part as well.



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