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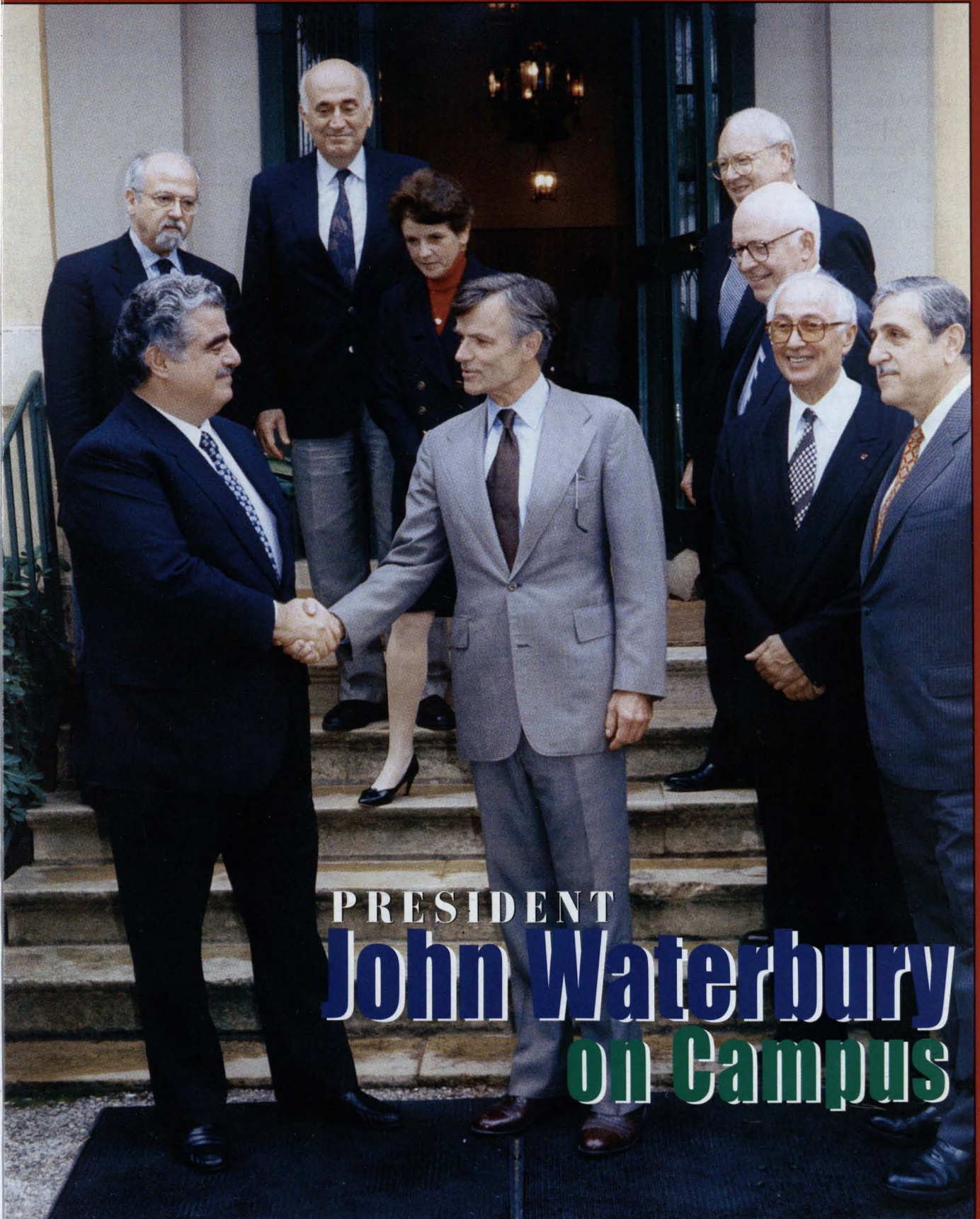




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on Campus





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# New AUB President Takes Office



Standing in front of New College Hall, from left to right: A. Ghandour, T. Morris, J. Waterbury, E. O'Connor, S. Makdisi and C. Carson.

**I**N EARLY JANUARY 1998, President-Elect John Waterbury assumed office as AUB's 14th President, taking over from President David Dodge. The president, who arrived in February, is the first AUB president to reside on campus since 1984.

In late October, President Waterbury visited AUB accompanied by Vice Chairperson - AUB Board of Trustees, Dr. Thomas Morris, Treasurer of the BOT Mr. C. William Carson, Vice President for Finance Mr. Frank Crosby, and Administrative Assistant to the President Mrs. Eileen O'Connor.

President Waterbury and his company arrived in Beirut on the

afternoon of October 26. That evening, the visiting American administrators met with Deputy President Makdisi, Vice-President Tomey, Dean of Medicine Dr. Najjar, AUBMC Director Kuntz and Comptroller Martin Muller.

On the morning of October 27, Dr. Waterbury chaired a meeting of the Board of Deans. The US administrators then visited President Hraoui at the Baabda Presidential Palace, accompanied by Deputy President Makdisi and Trustee Ali Ghandour. Leaving the palace, President Waterbury talked to the press, thanking President Hraoui and the Lebanese Government for establishing the conditions of security and stability

in the country that allowed him to come to Lebanon and live in Beirut. He added that he was looking forward to rebuilding AUB's reputation for high-quality higher education in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Dr. Waterbury and his colleagues then met House Speaker Nabih Berri at the Parliament. Mr. Berri described to him his efforts during the war to keep AUB functioning without interruption. In return Dr. Waterbury thanked him and expressed his gratitude to all those who helped AUB during the very difficult period of the war.

In the afternoon, Dr. Waterbury and the AUB administrators visited International College. Back in





President Hraoui with AUB delegation.

AUB, Dr. Morris introduced the President to a general faculty meeting at Assembly Hall. In the evening, the President visited the Medical Center. That same night, unknown assailants detonated two sticks of dynamite across the wall of AUB's lower campus, causing minor damage.

On October 28, undeterred, the President-elect inspected the site of the explosion and carried out his schedule as planned. The President met the senior staff of the University, then inspected College Hall, accompanied by Deputy President Makdisi, Messrs. Morris, Carson, Ghandour and Mrs. O'Connor. They also visited the Jafet Memorial Library. The President-elect then met the University Senate in the afternoon.

In the evening, Deputy President Makdisi gave a reception for Dr. Waterbury at Marquand House, with several personalities in attendance, including Trustees

Salim Hoss (former Prime Minister) and Ali Ghandour.

On the morning of October 29, Prime Minister Rafic Hariri visited AUB and met with Dr. Waterbury to express Lebanon's solidarity and support for the University. Dr. Waterbury assured the Premier that AUB did not

attribute any undue importance to the dynamite explosion and that his plans were unchanged. Dr. Waterbury had originally intended to go and meet the Prime Minister, but the explosion led the Prime Minister, who is a Trustee, hasten his meeting with Dr. Waterbury and visit him on campus.

## The Presidents of AUB

Dr. Daniel Bliss.....	1866-1902
Dr. Howard S. Bliss.....	1902-1920
Dr. Bayard Dodge.....	1923-1948
Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose, Jr.....	1948-1954
Dr. J. Paul Leonard.....	1957-1961
Mr. Norman Burns.....	1961-1965
Dr. Samuel B. Kirkwood.....	1965-1976
Dr. Harold E. Hoelscher.....	1977-1981
Dr. Malcolm H. Kerr.....	1982-1984
Dr. Calvin H. Plimpton.....	1984-1987
Dr. Frederic P. Herter.....	1987-1993
Dr. Robert Haddad.....	1993-1996
Mr. David Dodge.....	1996-1997
Dr. John Waterbury.....	1998-

Names of acting presidents and an interim president are not included.





Speaker N. Berri with President Waterbury and E. O'Connor.

"This visit is primarily aimed at expressing the strongest condemnation of the explosion and to reiterate our support for the University and its president,

who will soon move to live here and to reassure him that he will enjoy all the security that is needed," the Prime Minister said.

"It was a great honor to meet

with Prime Minister Hariri," Dr. Waterbury said, asserting that the explosion was not given any undue importance. He said that his plans and the University's would move

## David Dodge, the Thirteenth President

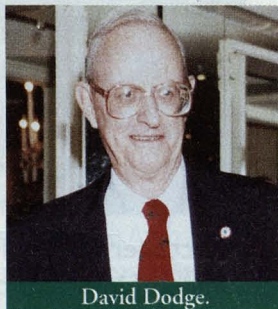
ONE OF THE FIRST decisions of the BOT meeting in New York late last year was the consecration of Acting President David Dodge as the thirteenth President of AUB. The decision was effective retroactively from December 20, 1996, the day Mr. Dodge was named Acting President following President Robert M. Haddad's departure from office.

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

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

In 1961 Mr. Dodge was elected to the AUB Board of Trustees. He served as an administrative officer of AUB, including 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. Mr. Dodge is also Chairman of AUB's Daniel Bliss Society.



David Dodge.

The Board elected Ambassador Frank Wisner and Dr. Philip Khoury to membership on the Board of Trustees effective November 21, 1997. Ambassador Wisner has had a long and distinguished career in the State Department and has served in several countries in the Middle East. Dr. Khoury is a Professor and Dean at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He comes from a family that has served the University for

generations.

Another appointment made by the Board was that of Dr. Huda Zurayk as Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences effective September 1, 1998. Dr. Zurayk is an outstanding AUB graduate who is a friend of many members of the AANA. She also comes from a family that has rendered distinguished service to AUB. Her father, Dr. Constantine Zurayk, served as Acting President and was the first Distinguished Professor in the history of AUB.





Prime Minister Hariri with President Waterbury at Marquand House.

forward without change.

Dr. Waterbury later met former Vice President Abdul Hamid Hallab, and then with the University Student Faculty Committee. In the afternoon, he met with the President of the Alumni Association Ambassador Nadeem Dimaskiyah. That evening, the President-Elect attended a dinner for Trustees hosted by Trustee Ali Ghandour.

Dr. Waterbury returned to the US on October 30 as scheduled. To all those who expressed their support for the University, he sent the following message: "I am deeply grateful to you for your expression of concern and support. The events of the last few days do not in any way affect the course of the AUB or my personal plans. I therefore hope that in the coming months I will have the opportunity to express my thanks to you in person." ■

Henry Matthews

## BOMB ATTACK



**O**n October 28, the following statement was issued by AUB's Office of Information and Public Relations:

"Yesterday, Monday, at 10:45 pm, an explosion took place on campus. Initial investigations revealed that the explosion resulted from an explosive device thrown over the University wall by an unknown person. It fell and exploded between two apartment buildings for faculty: the Houssam Ed-Dine Hariri Building and Faculty Apartment III Building. Damage was material and restricted to the car of one faculty member and some shattered glass. The university will await the results of a full investigation before issuing any further statement about this matter." ■





Vice President M. Haddadin, Deputy President S. Makdisi and Chief Marshal N. Dajani leave Assembly Hall.

## Opening Ceremony of 132nd Academic Year

**A**T NOON ON MONDAY, October 6, 1997 students and professors met at Assembly Hall for the Opening Ceremony of the 132nd academic year, 1997-1998.

The ceremony started with the tolling of the College Hall bell, as the imposing faculty procession in academic regalia entered Assembly Hall. The Lebanese national anthem was then played.

First to speak was Vice President for academic affairs Makhlouf Haddadin, who read a message from President David S. Dodge. The President recalled how AUB grew from a pioneering school in a rented house to a major university with great influence in the Middle East and beyond, surviving several wars and successfully adapting to the strains of political and economic

changes in Lebanon and the region. He said AUB must aim not only to maintain but strengthen its reputation as an institution that offers liberal education and graduates individuals who will serve and improve their communities and their countries.

The President added that AUB welcomes the increased competition from the growing number of institutions in the Arab Middle East and is resolved to keep improving faculty and facilities to attract the best students. He expressed hope that students would take full advantage of what AUB offers, academically, socially, culturally and athletically and underscored the values of tolerance and freedom.

Deputy President Makdisi spoke next. He said the basic message of the University has remained

unchanged since it was founded in 1866 and that its principles reject discrimination and divisive influences and strongly uphold equity and fairness.

Dr. Makdisi warned of the rapidly changing global environment that challenges AUB to maintain its distinctive role and asserted that AUB was fully aware of these challenges, taking the necessary steps to meet them.

Dr. Makdisi then pointed out that the University's 37,000 alumni constitute a major support group for it. He closed by calling on the students to be fully determined to achieve their goals, to enjoy extra-curricular activities and to help preserve the beauty of the campus. The ceremony concluded with the Alma Mater, played by Dr. Robert Betts and sung by the audience. ■



# President Dodge: AUB will not Sleep on its Laurels

**O**N HER RECENT TRIP TO BEIRUT, Mrs. Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, described AUB as a treasure. As we look at its beautiful campus and think of its rich heritage of enlightened scholarship and as a center where students and teachers from many countries and cultures have met and worked together for over 130 years, it does indeed deserve to be called a treasure.

For those of you who are not well acquainted with AUB's 131-year history, I urge you to devote some time to read about it. I think that we must all keep in mind how AUB grew from a pioneering school in a rented house to a major university with great influence in the Middle East and beyond. And that it survived several wars and successfully adapted to the strains of political and economic changes in Lebanon and the region. These are inspiring and unique achievements, of which we can all be proud. We must remember that these achievements have been made possible by faculty and staff, administrators and trustees, students, and alumni of outstanding ability, idealism and dedication to educational excellence. We must also thank the many generous donors who contributed towards them.

Many of you here today will graduate from AUB in the second millennium, in a new century that we hope will be far more peaceful and flourishing than the one now ending. AUB must aim not only to maintain but strengthen its reputation as an example of an



Professors in their academic robes during the Opening Ceremony.

institution that offers a special educational program. By this I mean a liberal education in a world-class university that develops graduates who have the will and skill not only to make a good living, but also, and more importantly, to serve and improve their communities and their countries, in constructive, unselfish ways.

AUB does not intend to rest on past laurels. We welcome increased competition from the growing number of institutions in the Arab Middle East. This strengthens our resolve to keep improving our faculty and facilities in order to attract the best students and continue to be known as a treasure. I am pleased to observe that we have begun this process, and it will continue. We also honor the valor of our many faculty members and staff who kept AUB going under terrible circumstances during the long civil war.

As the new academic year begins, I hope that you students will take full advantage of what

AUB offers, not only by way of the classroom, lecture hall, laboratory and library, but also by way of social and cultural activities, athletics and the opportunity to meet and forge friendships with other students, faculty, and staff of different cultural, religious, economic, and national backgrounds. I hope you will absorb and practice the values of tolerance, religious, academic, and political freedom, and respect for others, which AUB has always stood for in its long and distinguished history. I strongly suggest that you widen your horizons by taking elective courses in addition to and different from your major.

I also hope very much that in the future the students at AUB will look back at their time spent on this campus as one of the most stimulating, fulfilling, and satisfying experiences of their lives. I regret that I am not with you today at this Convocation. However, I extend to all of you -

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## Deputy President Makdisi: Culture in its Broadest Sense

ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY, its administration and faculty, I warmly welcome all the new students who have joined AUB this October. To the returning students, we say welcome home.

For those of you who are beginning your university education, you will soon discover that university life will leave its impact on your thinking and behavior. You will come to appreciate that a university education is not simply confined to the acquisitions of knowledge and expertise in particular disciplines. It is much more than that. It embodies the interaction of traditions, values and ideas.

University education encompasses culture in its broadest sense. It constitutes the bridge between tradition and advancement, between the present and the future. It is the quality of university education that, in large measure, will determine the quality of our life and society.

Hence, as AUB students you will come to know what this institution stands for. You will find that AUB, which in December of this year will celebrate its 131st anniversary, is an institution rich with academic and cultural traditions. AUB is an institution with old traditions--the traditions of liberal education, the

search for knowledge, constructive and open dialogue, belief in the improvement of life and service to the community.

The basic message of the University has remained unchanged since it was founded in 1866. Its principles reject discrimination and divisive influences and strongly uphold equity and fairness. These same principles, to which we should always strive to adhere, demand that high academic and professional standards should guide the University's policies and decisions at all levels.



Upon graduating you will carry with you, wherever you go and whatever endeavor you undertake, the traditions of this University. In a rapidly changing global environment characterized by the breakdown of national barriers and ever-closer interactions between countries, institutions and individuals, AUB's education and traditions we trust will serve you well.

It is this same environment that challenges AUB to maintain its distinctive role and preserve its competitive edge by maintaining quality education and keeping abreast of new developments in the various fields of knowledge.

The University, I can assure you, is fully aware of these challenges and has been taking and will continue to take the necessary steps to meet them so as to maintain its distinctive role in Lebanon and the region. For, while as a University we take pride in what we have accomplished, we do not stand on our laurels.

Once you complete your term of study and graduate, you will, as generations before you have, take pride in the fact you have become part of a unique experience of having had an AUB education. The graduates of this university feel a common heritage binds them. There are at present over 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.

As you begin this academic year, I ask you to be full of determination in achieving your goals and ambitions. Work hard but enjoy yourselves in extra-curricular activities. Help to preserve the beauty of our 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. And I am sure I speak for every member 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. ■

## President Dodge

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- students, faculty, and staff of AUB -- my sincere wishes for a successful year ahead. Finally, I am most pleased to recognize Dr. John Waterbury, a distinguished scholar and believer in the mission of AUB, who at the beginning of 1998 will be at the helm of this University and residing on Campus in Marquand House. ■



# Founders' Day 1997



D/Pres. Makdisi delivers his address.

**T**HE 131ST FOUNDERS' DAY ceremony, commemorating the dedication of AUB on December 3, 1866, took place in Assembly Hall on December 3.

Attending the event were faculty, students, staff, administration and alumni, as well as diplomatic and academic personalities.

The tolling of the College Hall bell opened the ceremony, as the faculty procession headed to Assembly Hall in full academic regalia. The National Anthem followed, then Vice President Haddadin read a message from President David Dodge.

President Dodge recalled the founding of the University as the Syrian Protestant College in a rented house and the move a year later to the campus— "the finest

site in all Beirut." Four years later the cornerstone of College Hall was laid.

The President said that Daniel Bliss would be proud to see that AUB remains a cohesive community. He added that he felt that the future of AUB was very promising and in good hands—referring to President-Designate John Waterbury, who is due to take office in early 1998.

Monah Solh, AUB alumnus and noted thinker, delivered the keynote address. "AUB shaped Ras Beirut," he said, "... modern life started first in and around AUB, then spread to all of the Arab world."

He said that those who studied at AUB and graduated from it, as well as those who were in contact with these students, were modern

leaders in the Fertile Crescent and Arabia, in medicine, engineering, economy, business, literature, arts and sciences, as well as socially.

Mr. Solh said the concept of the university as a special environment, with libraries, labs, hospital, sports field, gardens and student council, helped greatly in bolstering the university in its community. He listed many community-oriented initiatives which started at AUB, remembering that AUB faculty members played an active role in the battle for Lebanon's independence in 1943.

Mr. Solh added that the Arab World discovered the huge difference between it and the strong nations of the world on three occasions. The first, he said, was when the Ottoman Empire was



vanquished by the West. AUB was wholeheartedly with the Arab independence movement which started at that time.

The second occasion was when Israel was created, and Arab World governments, universities and parties failed to stand up to the challenge.

The third time was when globalization took hold, but did not have any effect in the Arab World. Its governments and intellectual circles seemed unaware of the importance of openness and communicability in the world of the future.



Mr. M. Solh.

Mr. Solh said that a major requirement for development and entering the age of technology is rationalism and the ability to use it as a principal tool for society. AUB, he said, must stick to its philosophy of giving pre-eminence to rationality and preparing students to shoulder responsibility in all domains, and not only in their own specializations.

The speaker concluded by saying that AUB should continue to compete and excel and to fulfill the mission of a university, which is to nourish the political and economic system. Its success hinges on its continuing commitment to Lebanon and the region, and to true democracy, he said.

The ceremony ended with the singing of the Alma Mater. ■

## President Dodge: AUB Remains a Cohesive University

AS THE SYRIAN PROTESTANT College, AUB opened its doors to a first class of 16 students on December 3, 1866, one hundred and thirty-one years ago today. That first year classes were taught in a house rented from the famous Arabic scholar Butrus Bustani, but Founder Daniel Bliss had grander plans for the new college, and was already searching for the perfect site for a campus.

A year later, on the outskirts of Beirut, he found a scrubby plateau overlooking the Mediterranean. Bliss boldly envisioned it as the ideal setting for a great campus. "We saw the site where the College now stands," he wrote, "and immediately decided we had found the finest site in all Beirut." Four years later, William E. Dodge, the treasurer of the College's Board of Trustees, laid the cornerstone for the main building, which would soon be known as College Hall.

In its earliest days, just like today, AUB benefited from the unique and unequalled support of its students. When it was time to crown College Hall with an 800-pound bell, Daniel Bliss had no need to hire more workers, because his students were ready to help.

"On March 13, 1874," wrote Bliss, "we accomplished the risky task of hoisting the bell to the College tower. The students pulled well at the rope, and the Faculty were summoned join them to hear the bell rung for the first time at 5:00 p.m.

"At last we had become a real college community with a home of our own."

And with College Hall complete, forty or fifty students set off with

shovels to dig holes for trees, some of which undoubtedly still shade this campus.

Daniel Bliss would be proud to see that despite the passage of time, despite the many changes and events that have marked this region and this University for better and worse, despite the coming and going of generations of men and women, AUB remains a cohesive community. That is perhaps what most distinguishes this University.

When it was time to hoist the original bell in 1874, not a person hesitated to lend a hand. When College Hall was destroyed in 1991, after dominating the campus for 118 years, offers of support began pouring in the very next day. And through the unyielding support of the AUB community, College Hall has now risen from the rubble, the clock tower has been restored to its proper place on the skyline, and on August 7 its bell tolled over this beautiful campus for the first time in six years. The sound brought smiles and tears, as I am sure the tolling of the original bell did when it resounded across Ras Beirut for the first time in 1874.

Many years ago, Daniel Bliss asked, "Who made the College?" I think today we can answer: All of us. Students, faculty, trustees, staff and alumni--we all did.

In closing, I must say that it has been an honor, as a descendent of Founder Daniel Bliss and other university presidents, to have served this University over the years. It has been especially rewarding to serve as acting president this year. I leave secure in the knowledge that the future of this great institution is very promising and in good hands. ■



# Deputy President Makdisi: We Are Proud of AUB's History

**W**E CELEBRATE TODAY THE ONE hundred and thirty first anniversary of the founding of AUB. This is usually an occasion to celebrate the traditions of our institution and its great and uninterrupted cultural contributions to Lebanon and the region. Throughout its history AUB has sought to advance the principles of liberal education which seeks to widen our horizons beyond narrow specialization. And 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. We are proud, and rightly so, of the history of this institution.

The pride we express towards AUB's past must go hand in hand with a sound and sober look towards the future. Since the establishment of the University in 1866 major national, regional and world developments have taken place and not least of all in the realm of education. Conditions have changed.

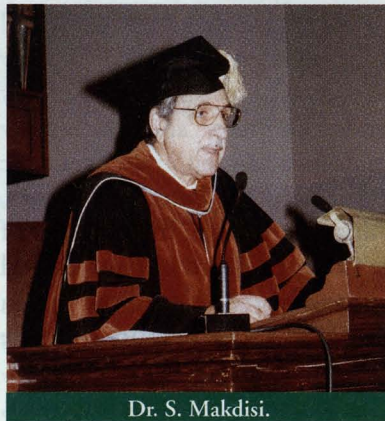
When in the days of the Ottoman empire this University was established, initially as the Syrian Protestant College, it was the first institution of higher learning in Lebanon and among the very few in the region.

I need not enumerate subsequent national and regional developments and the huge strides in education, technology, and communications which have since occurred. The global economy and environment in which we live today is obviously a far cry from that which existed at the time the University was established.

Accordingly, in a dynamic world

the challenges which the University will face in the future are bound to be different from those it faced in the past. I submit that if we are to preserve the essence of the message of the Founders and perpetuate the ideals for which this University stands, it is our duty to identify properly the challenges and agree on the appropriate methods of response.

This can be done only if we are cognizant of the fundamental changes which continuously take place over time. Of these various changes I would like to mention two:



Dr. S. Makdisi.

The first relates to the changing educational environment in Lebanon and the region which partly reflects itself in the proliferation of schools and universities and higher national levels of education. Overall, AUB remains the premier academic institution of higher learning. To keep, indeed to enhance this position, the policy of attracting as well as maintaining highly qualified academic staff must be continuously emphasized. We must keep abreast with world wide developments in various academic and professional endeavors.

The conditions for attaining these objectives need to be preserved and strengthened. It should be said that the liberal education for which AUB

is well known is, I believe, a tremendous asset in continuously attracting first class academicians to AUB.

The second change concerns the political and social environment. No matter what direction this change may take, it is of the utmost importance that AUB preserve its ideals by upholding fairness and rejecting discrimination at all levels. AUB is not simply a place which prepares its students for future careers, important as this task may be. As I see it, AUB is an institution which impresses on its students the principles of justice, fairness, democracy, and the betterment of society.

After all, the true indicator of an advanced society is the extent to which these principles are upheld and the extent to which members of society work for the public good. And AUB's role is to contribute to the advancement of society.

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

Lebanon and the other 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 who 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. ■



## خطاب الاستاذ منج الصلح في يوم الأباء المؤسسين الـ ١٣١ (١٩٩٧/١٢/٣)

Mr. Monah Solh's Keynote Address at the Founders' Day Ceremony (December 3, 1997)

الحجم، إلا أن الجامعات والحكومات والاحزاب العربية لم تعزز نهوضاً ثقافياً وسياسياً في مستوى المرحلة، وزاد الطين بلة أن الامم المتحدة والسياسة الدولية إزاء الشرق الاوسط ظلت مطبوعة بطابع الازدواجية المعيبة، خصوصاً في عدم تطبيق قرار الامم المتحدة ٤٢٥ القاضي بجلاء اسرائيل عن لبنان وسائر القرارات الدولية، فإنه موقف دمر ويدمر لبنان بقدر ما دمرته الحرب.

أما المرة الثالثة فهي اللحظة التاريخية التي نعيشها، وتسمى العولة فإننا نلمس أنها لم تترك في بلادنا أي أثر. ولا نجد في الاوساط الثقافية وفي الحكومات أي رؤية لتزويد الثقافة بالانفتاح والاتصال من أجل دخول العصر.

إن أولوية الثقافة التي برزت بوضوح في هذه المحطات الثلاث لم تتجسد سياسةً ونهجاً في لبنان السياسي والثقافي ولا في المؤسسات العلمية. إن الشرط الاساسي للتنمية ودخول عصر التكنولوجيا هو التشبع اولا بالمفاهيم العلمية الحديثة التي ترتكز على العقلانية والمقدرة على استعمال هذه العقلانية كأداة اساسية لهذه المجتمعات.

والجامعة مدعوة لأن تتشبهت بفلسفتها التربوية الاساسية القائمة على إعطاء العقلانية الصدارة في برامجها التعليمية من خلال خلفية ثقافية واسعة تقوم اساساً على اعداد الطالب لمواجهة مسؤوليته في مختلف المجالات وليس في مجالات اختصاص ضيقة فقط. وهذه الجامعة كي تظل كما كانت في ريادتها من واجبها ان لا تنافس محيطها العربي فحسب، بل ان تبقى هي وليس غيرها ممثلة التقدم العلمي العالمي في المنطقة خصوصاً مع تعافي لبنان واتجاهه الاكيد في نهاية المطاف الى إقامة نظام ديمقراطي.

ان المطلوب منها أن تجسّد كما في جامعات العالم ذلك النظام الثقافي الذي، بتكوينه الرؤية والخيارات والقدرات، يرفد النظام السياسي والاقتصادي في البلاد بالبوصله والفعالية.

كعضو في اسرة الجامعة الاوسع المؤلفة من إدارتها وأساتذتها وطلابها وخريجياتها أشعر أن علينا جميعاً كإدارة وأساتذة وطلاب وخريجين أن نواجه برؤية وفعالية ظرفاً جديدة للجامعة.

إن نجاح الجامعة واستمرار دورها في لبنان والمنطقة مشروط بأمريين: استمرار التزام الجامعة بنهضة لبنان والمنطقة وتوفير الظروف المناسبة وفي طليعتها الديمقراطية الحقيقية التي لا يمكن لأي مؤسسة علمية أن تعيش وتزدهر بدونها، فنحن والجامعة شريكان في المسؤولية. وفي الامرين علينا أن نعمل، فتكون هذه الجامعة وهذه الاوطان كما نريدها أن تكون، وتاريخ الجامعة يشجعنا على الثقة بمستقبلها.

قصيدته:

كفوا البكاء على الطلول الهمد ليس القضاء على البلاد بمعتدي.

ان الذين درسوا في الجامعة وتخرجوا منها او كانوا متصلين بهم أو متفاعلين معهم قادوا بشكل أو آخر الحياة العربية الجديدة في الهلال الخصيب والجزيرة العربية بمفهوم الجامعة للقائد. أي أن الرائد في الهندسة والطب او في الاقتصاد والاعمال او في العلوم والآداب والفنون او في الحياة الاجتماعية بشكل عام هو قائد ايضاً.

بين الاسباب المعززة لدور الجامعة الاميركية في محيطها القريب والبعيد فكرة البيئة الجامعية الشمولية او المدينة الجامعية، او حرم الجامعة الواسع القادر بحجمه على استيعاب حياة الطالب كاملة (الكامبوس).

فدخول الجامعة هو الدخول الى الصف والمكتبة والمختبر والمستشفى والملاعب والمطعم وغرفة النوم، والى حدائق لها أول وليس لها آخر، والى حياة اجتماعية وثقافية وقاعات محاضرات عامة، والى مجلس الطلبة الذي هو برلمان الطلاب في مرحلة، والى جمعية العروة الوثقى، وهي جمعية قومية للطلبة العرب، أو جمعية إنعاش القرى أو..

وقد لعب اساتذة الجامعة الاميركية وطلابها بسبب لبيرالية ثقافتهم وواقعيتها معاً دوراً مؤثراً جداً في معركة الاستقلال اللبناني عام ١٩٤٣. وفي تلك الفترة أخذ جو رأس بيروت والجامعة الاميركية يتلبن.

إن لبنان المستقل العربي ذا الدور الاصيل في النهضة العربية حري بالانحياز له والحب الخالص لا من اللبنانيين وحدهم بل من كل عربي صادق في الولاة لأمته، ومن كل انسان حر في هذا العالم. يكفي أن يكون فريداً في محيطه من حيث كونه مشروع دولة ومجتمع يرفض بالاساس أن يقوم على حكم فرد أو دين واحد أو عائلة أو فلسفة سياسية واحدة. ثلاث مرات، استفادت هذه المنطقة العربية على الفارق الثقافي بينها وبين اقوياء هذا العالم.

المرة الاولى في أواخر الدولة العثمانية، حين بدأت شعوب المنطقة تتسائل عن سر غلبة الغرب في كل مرة تقع فيها مواجهة بين جهة شرقية وهذا الغرب. وفي هذه الفترة واكبت الجامعة الاميركية هذا الشعور، وتصرفت كإدارة وأساتذة وطلاب من وحي الاندفاع في تلبينه حتى كادت تكون البيئة الأكثر تفاعلاً في هذه البقعة من العالم مع الولاة الجديدة تحت شعار العروبة.

المرة الثانية كانت عن تأسيس اسرائيل، ويبدو أن التحدي جاء أقوى من الاستجابة، وإذا كانت الرديكالية مفهومة كرد فعل طبيعي للشعوب العربية وطلاتها على حدث بهذا

عندما انتسبت الى القسم الفرنسي من الاستعدادية في الجامعة، الكلية الثانوية العامة اليوم، كان بيار دودج رئيساً للجامعة. وكان لله المؤسسون في نظر شعب رأس بيروت الطيب هم ذلك النموذج اللافت من البشر الروحاني شديد الروحانية، والعملية العملية، العائش حياته الخاصة والموصول في الوقت ذاته ببسطاء الناس، الرياضي والبسيط في مظهره وتعاطيه مع الآخرين الذي لا يخجل من العمل اليدوي ولا يحب الفخفة، ولا يكذب حتى ليُتهم على المستوى الشعبي بالسناجة، ولكن الى جانب ذلك تكثر براعته وقدراته الى حد أنه من عبه التي أقام فيها لله المؤسسون لله أول مدرسة، انطلقت في منطقة الشوف ثم في لبنان الكلمة الرائجة والمتبسة معاً: يا قدرة الفرنج!

تساءلت أكثر من مرة أيهما صنع الآخر، رأس بيروت أم الجامعة الاميركية، وكان الجواب أن الجامعة هي التي صنعت رأس بيروت كما هي الآن، أو كما كانت قبل حرب ١٩٧٥ في لبنان على التدقيق.

قد لا نكون مغالين إذا قلنا أن الحياة العصرية في المنطقة العربية، باشكالها الخارجية وفضائها الحضاري وازيائها الفكرية والعقائدية قد بدأت اولا في الجامعة الاميركية وحيها كبقعة زيت مالبت ان انتشرت في المحيط العربي كله.

وقد طبعت الجامعة رأس بيروت كلها بطابع معين وصفات معينة، فهي المنطقة من بيروت التي سمحت قبل غيرها باختلاط الشاب والصبية اجتماعياً، والجلوس معا في مقهى كصديقين. وهي المنطقة غير العنصرية التي لا تميز بين عربي وآخر، بل بين عربي وغير عربي.

ولو أن بلدية بيروت أو وزارة السياحة فعلت في رأس بيروت ما تفعله مثيلاتها في الغرب فكتبت على هذا البيت شهناً كان يسكن فلان الله من المشاهير، ووضع معلومة من هذا القبيل على هذا الطعم أو ذاك المقهى وكتبت على مقعد معين أو صف شيئاً مماثل، أو قالت شهناً كان يتمشى السياسي أو العالم أو الاديب الفلاني لله لكان سكان رأس بيروت تعرفوا على نصف صنّاع النهضة العربية على الاقل على مدى عشرات السنين ولكانت رأس بيروت بكل شوارعها وبيوتها شبه متحف لمشاهير العرب، ولكن من السهل لأي باحث جاد أن يدرس في حي بيروتي واحد قصة التحول الثقافي والاجتماعي والسياسي في المنطقة. ومن جمعية ثقافية في الجامعة خرجت في وقت مبكر قصيدة ابراهيم اليازجي:

تنهبوا واستفبقوا ايها العرب فقد طمى الخطب حتى غاصت الركب  
وفي الجامعة نظم استاذنا أنيس المقدسي



# University of Bahrain President Visits AUB



President of Bahrain University, Dr. Mohammed Alghatam, with Dr. Makdisi.



Dr. Makdisi welcoming Dr. Alghatam. Vice President G. Najjar stands center.

On December 9 AUB welcomed Dr. Mohammed Jassim Alghatam, President of the University of Bahrain. Dr. Alghatam was accompanied by Dr. Khalid al-Khalifa, VP for Administration and Finance and Mr. Ali Engineer, Director of Dr. Alghatam's office.

Dr. Alghatam and his delegation were received at Marquand House by Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi and the Board of Deans. At a luncheon hosted by AUB in honor of Dr. Alghatam, Dr. Makdisi welcomed the guests and recalled that the two institutions have been working together in a fine example of

partnership between institutions of higher learning in the Arab world.

Dr. Alghatam responded by expressing his pleasure at visiting AUB, and praising the long history of collaboration between the two universities. He voiced his hope that this collaboration would continue to prosper. ■

## New Administration Appointments

In a recent announcement, Mr. George Tomey, Vice President for Administration, noted the following new appointments.

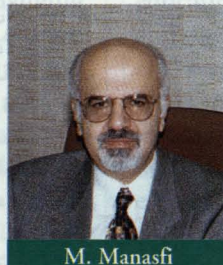
Mr. Sami Cortas was appointed Assistant to the Vice President for Administration.

Mr. Cortas graduated in 1970 from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture with a BSc degree in Electrical Engineering. He pursued his graduate studies at Stanford University, where he earned a master's degree in the same field.

After working with the General Electric Company for 5 years, Mr. Cortas joined AUB's Department of Medical Engineering in 1977. In 1988 he was appointed Director of



S. Cortas



M. Manasfi



N. Bukhalid

the Computer Center, where he served ably.

In his new position Mr. Cortas will assist Mr. Tomey with matters related to his field of expertise, including automation of administrative functions at AUB. He will remain in his Van Dyck Hall location at extension 2234 until administrative offices move to College Hall.

Dr. Mohamad Manasfi will assume directorship of the new "Information Technology" center which integrates the operations of the previous Computer Center and Information Systems.

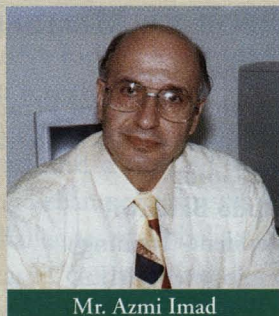
The PC Support Unit, directed by Mr. Nabil Bukhalid, will become an independent entity under the title of "Personal Computing and Networking Services" (PCNS). ■



## Mr. Azmi Imad Director of Business Services and Risk Management

Mr. George Tomeh, Vice President for Administration, recently announced the appointment of Mr. Azmi Imad as Director of Business Services and Risk Management.

In his statement Mr. Tomeh said: "I regret the resignation of Mr. George Harran from the University. Mr. Harran leaves us after 28 years of faithful service in different managerial positions that included the directorship of the Personnel Office and Business Services Office.



Mr. Azmi Imad

With the resignation of Mr. Harran, the Business Services Office will be restructured under the leadership of Mr. Azmi Imad, who is currently Director of the Environmental Health & Safety Center at AUB. The new name of the Business Services Office will be: "Business Services and Risk Management" and will include Purchasing, Supply and Auxiliary Services and Insurance as well as Environmental Health and Safety.

"Mr. Imad can be reached at extension 2370, the old telephone number of the Business Services Office.

"I am sure that you will join all me in thanking Mr. Harran for his services at AUB and in wishing him good health during his retirement. I am also counting on your support for Mr. Imad in his new duties as the Director of Business Services and Risk Management." ■

## Digital Archiving in AUB



Dr. B. Ludvigsen lectures at Issam Fares Hall.

**A**UB's WORLD WIDE WEB SITE at <http://www.aub.edu.lb> has an interesting new addition. If you visit their web page today you will find the Digital Documentation Center's icon. You are then just a click away from a variety of topics from AUB departments, with information that until now was only obtainable through the library.

AUB has been experimenting with digital archiving for 6 months. During this start-up phase it studied the feasibility of setting up a digital archiving facility.

Dr. Barre Ludvigsen, a Professor of Information Architecture from Ostfold University College in Norway, was in charge of the project. Working with 5 students in Room 114 of the Old Pharmacy Building, he obtained documents, photos and books from different AUB departments and began to record the information digitally.

The advantage of digital documentation is that it makes preserving old records easier. The paper used for books contains acid that causes it to turn yellow, and with time, disintegrate. Much old and precious material could be lost in this way unless it can be copied as a digital archive. Digitally documented information can also be published on the Internet, making it available to a wider audience.

The benefits of digital archiving are numerous, and universities around the world are already engaged in this interactive form of communication. Digital Archiving can put AUB on the list of universities that have globally accessible information, an important step for any institution.

On December 8, Professor Ludvigsen presented the results of his work in a lecture at the Issam Fares Hall. The projects presented included: an interactive tour of AUB with databases of political posters, photographs of Lebanon, insects, birds, amber fossils, and other biological specimens; 3D models of pottery from archaeological digs, and digitized books. As a result of this success, the center will become a permanent entity, headed by Ms. Romey Arslan.

Sara Taher



# Seminar on Corporate Productivity in Lebanon



Minister Siniora opens the Seminar.

**A**UB IS AT THE HEART OF the post-war reconstruction process in Lebanon. Its multi-disciplinary contribution is felt in every sector thanks to its varied research projects and consulting expertise.

Through the Office of the Vice President for the Regional External Programs (VP-REP) AUB has taken the lead in creating awareness, and fielding a program of sustained professional development in the business sector.

The program covers every aspect of the management process. Among the early fruits of this campaign was the establishment of the Lebanese Executive Forum (LEF) as a think-tank under AUB auspices and dedicated to the diffusion of managerial professionalism and performance-driven corporate culture.

This is a professional body involving senior members of the business community, operating

under the auspices of AUB. It is committed to promoting better management practices in Lebanon and the pursuit of excellence in running organizations.

In April 1995 the AUB/LEF Partnership for Excellence commenced its program with a one-day CEO seminar on "Strategic Executive Thinking for the Twenty-First Century." Held at AUB, over 35 executives from Lebanon participated.

This activity, organized by REP, was hailed by the business community as a major success. It led to an equally successful sequel at Al-Bustan on September 13-15, 1996, with a distinctive focus on "Corporate Lebanon 2000."

With a record of two successful events to its credit, the AUB/LEF partnership took another step towards formalization by setting up a joint constituent committee chaired by the VP-REP. The committee has met regularly to

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Byblos Bank S.A.L.

### Mr. Amine Moukheiber

Assistant Area Manager, Abela Group

### Mr. Nicholas Nahas

General Manger, Siblin Cement Co.

### Mr. Antoine Wakim

President Director General, SNA





Dr. Nimr Eid during his lecture.

generate an integrated professional development strategy for the Lebanese business community.

This strategy now comprises an executive forum, a seminar series and a research agenda. They are all aimed at creating common ground and a unified approach among Lebanese businesses to meet the challenges of globalization and increased competitiveness in the 21st century.

The third seminar on the subject of "Corporate Productivity" took place November 13-14, under the patronage of the Prime Minister. A total of 37 CEO's representing all business sectors attended. The theme was decided upon by a representative group of Lebanese CEO's and pursued with extensive preparations by the REP-led LEF constituent committee throughout the past year.

These preparations culminated in a first-of-its-kind survey of corporate productivity practices among Lebanese businesses. Results of the survey and appropriate recommendations were among the focal points of the seminar program.

Following a dinner at the Commodore Hotel, Mr. Fouad Siniora, representing the Prime Minister, gave the opening address. Speakers on the second day included Vice President for REP, Dr. George K. Najjar; Dr. Nimr Eid, Professor in the GSBM; Dr. Steven Du Mont, Managing Principal of Du Mont & Associates and Dr. Abdel-Hamid Hallab, Special Advisor to the President.

Panelists were Mrs. Salwa Saniora-Baasiri, Chief, Unit of Planning, Budget and Finance, Mediterranean Investors Group, and Mr. Nicolas Nahas, General Manager, Sibling Cement Company. ■

## Workshop on Information Management Skills

REP designed and implemented a six-day workshop entitled "Introduction to Information Management Skills for Medical Library Personnel" in December 1997. The 14 participants came from Hotel Dieu, St. George's Hospital, Makassed Hospital, Ein & Zein Hospital, the Ministry of Health, and from various faculties of the Lebanese University.

The workshop provided essential information on aspects of medical librarianship that all library staff are expected to know. It also introduced up-to-date methods in this field, stressing computer applications for medical information literacy.

The workshop coordinators were Ms. Hilda Nassar, Medical Library Director, and Ms. Aida Farha, Reference Librarian, AUB-Saab Medical Library. Participants received certificates of attendance at the close of the workshop. ■



Participants in the Workshop.

## Vice President George K. Najjar Addresses Lebanese Management Association

On October 1, Vice President George K. Najjar spoke to an audience that included a number of prominent businessmen associated with the LMA, some MEA middle management invitees, and others from different walks of life. The topic of his presentation was: Strategic Executive Thinking for the 21st Century

In his address Najjar highlighted the building of learning organizations and strategic alliances between the business community and the University. He covered the state of business in the 1990's and the implications of the partnership between the business sector and the University.

Much of what he said combined his background in the field with specific examples from his rich experience in both university teaching and advising businesses in Lebanon and in the region. ■



## REP-ICC-Lebanon Workshop

On February 3-4 AUB sponsored a joint workshop with ICC-Lebanon (International Chamber of Commerce, Lebanon) on "Sectoral Productivity." REP held the event at the Beirut Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with ICC-Lebanon.

The purpose of the workshop was to present and discuss ideas on improving productivity. It was based on real-life experiences, case studies, and recent evidence in the different sectors involved.

The ICC is a world business organization, the only representative body that speaks with authority on behalf of enterprises from all sectors in every part of the world. Founded in 1919 by a group of business leaders, today it includes thousands of member companies and associations from over 130 countries. The ICC aims to promote international trade, investment and the market economy system.

AUB considers it an integral part of its mission to promote world-class management practices in as many sectors as possible. Productivity, the focal point of the management process, is a natural target for such efforts.

By offering this workshop as a joint AUB-ICC-Lebanon undertaking, it is hoped that corporate productivity will be set on course for the third millennium. It is also our earnest hope that the workshop will not be viewed as a one-off event but rather a step along the way.

The Lebanese government and business communities are invited to share this journey with us as effective partners in a common pursuit. ■

## REP and Italian Embassy Set Health Care Training Program for Palestine Red Crescent



AUB representatives with Italian Ambassador and other embassy officials.

**T**HE ITALIAN EMBASSY sought AUB-REP expertise to secure training for selected Palestine Red Crescent health care training programs to improve quality and delivery of care in the following areas: Operating rooms (3 registered nurses); Intensive Care Unit/Coronary Care Unit (2 medical doctors); Intensive Care Unit/ Pediatrics (2 medical doctors). REP will also provide for the training of two medical doctors in ultrasonography.

AUB-REP agreed with the Italian Embassy in Beirut to train those doctors and nurses. The training program was designed after consultation with the chairman and director of each area of specialization.

REP is responsible for the administration of this agreement in close coordination with the Faculty of Medicine. The period of training is six months starting June 1, 1997. It was also agreed that the contract could be renewed or extended. ■

## REP's Contributions to CERD

Under an agreement between AUB and the Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD), AUB faculty members will contribute to a number of educational tasks requested by CERD.

These tasks include textbook writing, textbook evaluation, English/Arabic translation, teacher training and other forms of cooperation including membership on consultation committees or study teams.

Such work is not new to AUB; in the past a number of faculty members have contributed to similar tasks sponsored by CERD.

The new agreement is designed to strengthen the relationship between the two institutions as well as to ascertain institutional links and accountability. It also sets up a joint committee to coordinate and supervise the work to be headed by Dr. Munir Abou Asli, President of CERD. From AUB, Professor M. Bashshur representing VP-REP and Professor K. Shaaban will serve as members. ■



# Economic Policy Subject of Panel Discussion

ON DECEMBER 9 THE Department of Economics held a panel discussion on Economic Policy in Lebanon. Professor Ghazi Sirhan, who chaired the Forum, welcomed the main speakers: Mr. Fuad Siniora, Minister of State-Finance and Mr. Mohammad Beydoun, Member of Parliament-Finance and the Budget Parliamentary Committee.

Professor Sirhan then introduced the topic for discussion: the official economic and administrative reform paper and the fiscal policy measures proposed to cope with chronic fiscal deficits, rising public debt and government borrowing.

Professor Ghazi Youssef presented a brief working paper on the main problems confronting



Left to right. Deputy M. Beydoun, Dr. G. Sirhan and Minister F. Siniora.

the Lebanese economy. Deputy President Samir Makdisi, Vice President Makhoul Haddadin, Dean Khalil M. Bitar, Associate Dean Ramzi Baalbaki, Dr. Bassil Fuleihan of the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Youssef El-Khalil of

the Central Bank, members of the Economic department, and faculty members from AUB and Lebanese American University participated in the Forum. Graduate and senior students of Economics also attended. ■

## Economics Student Society Reception



On November 11 the Economics Student Society held a reception in honor of new students. The event was attended by Deputy President Samir Makdisi, Dean of Arts & Sciences Khalil M. Bitar, Dean of Student Affairs Fawzi El-Hajj, Director of Information & Public Relations Mr. Ibrahim Khoury and members of the Department of Economics.

Chairman of the department, Professor Ghazi Sirhan, welcomed the new students to the department and expressed his thanks to the cabinet of the Economics Student Society for organizing the reception. ■

## Lecture on Lebanon's Economy

On December 11 the Graduate school of Business & Management presented a lecture entitled "Overview of Lebanese Current Economic Conditions and its Prospects." The lecture was given by Mr. Marwan Barakat, Head of the Economic Research Unit, Banque Audi SAL.

Among the topics Mr. Barakat discussed were Lebanon's current macroeconomic status, key economic and financial indicators, foreign exchange market developments, an overview of the public finance recovery plan, the current fiscal status, fiscal prospects for 1998, and a fiscal simulation 1998-2003.

At the end of the presentation, the floor was opened for questions from the audience. ■



## Professor R. Baalbaki Appointed A&S Associate Dean



Dr. R. Baalbaki

Professor Ramzi Baalbaki of the Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages has been appointed Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Baalbaki, who currently chairs the Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages, has published extensively in the field of Arabic grammar and comparative philology. He has also produced critical editions of a number of ancient texts, most notably one of the oldest Arabic lexicons, **Jamharat al-Lugha** by Ibn Duraid, in three volumes. His published books include: **Arabic and Semitic Script** (in Arabic) and **Dictionary of Linguistic Terms** (English-Arabic). He was also editor of **al-Abhata**, one of the main publications of the School of Arts and Sciences, from 1985 to 1996. ■

### Career Opportunities in Financial Markets

On December 22, the Business Student's Society presented a lecture on Career Opportunities in Financial Markets. Speakers were Mr. John Dagher, Managing Director/Vice President, Merrill Lynch, Mr. Omar Jaroudi, Senior Manager, Lebanon Invest and Mr. Marwan Kheireddine, Deputy General Manager, Al Mawarid Bank.

## Eberhard Boecker 1930-1997

**T**HE ANNOUNCEMENT OF Eberhard Boecker's death on August 18, 1997 was received with great sadness by friends and colleagues alike. A very humane person, and one of the kindest and sincerest men one could hope to meet, the last few years of Eberhard's life were fraught with illness.

Eberhard was born in Remscheid, Germany. After studying at the Gymnasium and receiving the Abitur, he attended the University of Mainz and received the equivalent of a BA and MA in German, English, and French. He attended the University of Göttingen for further graduate study, then proceeded to the University of North Carolina on a Fulbright Travel Grant and Exchange Scholarship, where he received an MA in English Literature.

He obtained his PhD from the University of Southampton in 1971. His thesis was "William Faulkner's Later Novels in German: A Study in the Theory and Practice of Translation." This was published by *Linguistische Arbeiten* Band 10, Max Niemeyer Verlag, Tübingen, 1973.

Eberhard began his career in the Lebanon at BCW, now LAU, then moved to AUB in 1963. He first taught English as a Foreign Language, then became assistant Professor of European Literature (1972-76) and associate Professor of English (1976-88).

In 1965 he set up a new Department of European Languages and Literature, with degree programs in Comparative Literature, in cooperation with the Departments

of English, Arabic, and Near Eastern Languages and Literature. The Department offered hours in Latin, Greek, German, and French. The problem of translating sensitively and adequately was one of his greatest concerns.

A great believer in inter-departmental cooperation, Eberhard taught in the Cultural Studies Program (now Civilization Sequence Program), as well as giving courses at the Lebanese University and at the Maqasid Teacher Training Center.

With the unhappy events which shook our country, Eberhard went to Jordan with his family in 1988, where he taught at the University of Jordan at Amman. The Gulf war saw the Boeckers' move to London.

As his colleague and friend Brigitte Alsleben, Assistant Professor in the Department of European Languages

1968-74 (sponsored by DAD, Germany) said,

"I knew him as a fine scholar and dedicated teacher, a wonderful colleague and dear friend... His modesty was based on a belief in binding values and uncompromisingly high standards. fairness and integrity, tolerance of the views of others, yet the courage and freedom of mind to uphold his own convictions... he will continue to live in our minds and hearts for all these qualities for which we loved him."

Professor Boecker is survived by his wife, Gladys Salibi (BA 1953), his son Roy (BA 1983) and daughter Karen (BA 1986).

Shereen Khairallah





## Michael Hudson Lectures on the US Role in the Middle East



Dr. M. Hudson, right, with Dr. N. Hamzeh on left.

The PSPA Society, in collaboration with the PSPA Department, invited Michael Hudson, a well known author and professor at Georgetown University, to a lecture and debate at AUB's Engineering Lecture Hall.

His speech, on 18 December 1997, focused on the US role in

various events in the Middle East. Issues included Gulf security, the floundering peace process, and the state of political Islam. Hudson concluded his lecture by questioning the nature of America's superpower hegemony in the area, debating whether this hegemony was benign or harmful. ■

## Lecture by William Harris

In an event organized by the PSPA Society, author and lecturer William Harris spoke in West Hall on January 22. In his lecture, entitled "Israel in Regional Politics: From Turkey to Palestine", Harris said he could not see any positive changes taking place in Palestine unless the entire peace process were stopped and a new domestic opinion emerged.

He said Netanyahu's policies were too harsh, "These are totally unacceptable conditions even to the desperate minds of Palestinians." He also discussed the "puzzle" of the US's inactivity in the procedure and other political aspects.

William Harris is a Senior Lecturer at Otago University in New Zealand and was formerly a professor at Princeton University. His books include: **Faces of Lebanon: Sects, Wars, and Global Extensions** (1997) and **Taking Root: Israeli Settlement in the West Bank, the Golan, and Gaza-Sinai, 1967-1980**. ■



William Harris, right, with Dr. F. El-Khazen

## Dr. Shafika Trad at University of Kentucky

**D**R. SHAFIKA TRAD OF THE Physics Department spent last summer at the University of Kentucky on a long-term URB travel grant.

She has been involved in three major research projects which resulted in the submission of publications to **Biochemica** and **Biophysica Acta**. A third paper is in preparation.

The three projects can be summarized as follows:

1. The use of Adriamycin is limited by cumulative, dose dependent toxicity to the heart. The prevailing hypothesis for the mechanism of Adriamycin cardiotoxicity suggests redox cycling forming reactive free radical species which are involved in oxidation cellular components. To elucidate further understanding of the mechanism of action of this anthracycline, electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spin labeling techniques were used in conjunction with spin labels specific for cytoskeletal proteins and lipids bilayers of human erythrocyte membranes.

2. Oxidative stress and membrane lipid peroxidation have been correlated with tissue damage found in a number of pathologies. 4-hydroxy-2-trans-nonenal (HNE) and malondialdehyde (MDA) are major products of membrane oxidation. The effects of HNE and MDA on erythrocyte membranes have been monitored by electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy and a protein-specific label MAL-6.

3. The aggregation of  $\beta$ -amyloid protein ( $A\beta$ -amyloid) of senile plaques in Alzheimer's disease (AD) is believed to be involved in the pathogen of AD. Inhibiting  $A\beta$  aggregation would seem to be a promising strategy for the treatment of AD. We showed that vitamin E, which is an antioxidant, inhibited in the aggregation of fibril formation of synthetic  $A\beta$  (25-35) peptide on human erythrocyte membranes using electron paramagnetic resonance techniques. ■



# Museum: Involving Children in the Past

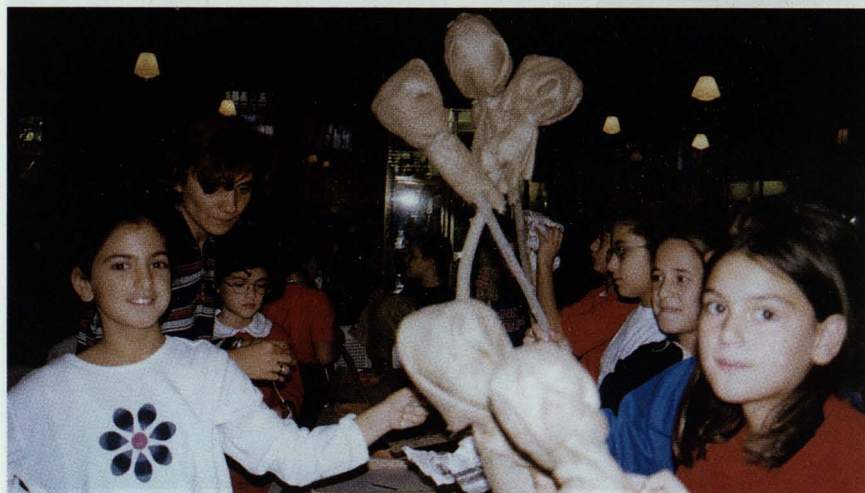
**O**N NOVEMBER 16 OVER thirty children gladly gave up their Sunday morning to take part in an intriguing visit to the AUB Museum. The special program was part of a regular series of activities designed by the Museum Society for youngsters between 7 and 14 years old.

This time the subject was "Fire," one of the most vital of nature's resources. Early man first encountered fire through lightning and the volcano, and then gradually learned to understand, control and create it himself. With the discovery of fire, life was revolutionized: light, heat and cooking all became possible. Fire also helped in sharpening tools and in hunting.

The program allowed the children experience for themselves the fire making process that developed in the primitive past. Rubbing pieces of flint together in the same way Stone Age people did 35,000 years ago, they tried to create the precious spark that would ignite a flame. They also tested a bow and drill that used the friction of a block of wood and a stick.

Early in human history light was provided by stone lamps using animal fat as fuel. Later, in the Canaanite-Phoenician period, people began to use pottery oil lamps. To illustrate the importance of light, the children were each given a lamp and an assignment: install a wick in a cork, then take the lamp home, fill it with oil and light it.

The significance of lamps, which have been used throughout history, was made more immediate



Children show off the torches (unlit), made during the program.

by actual pottery lamps on the Museum's shelves. The designs became more sophisticated with the march of centuries through Greek, Roman and Byzantine times but the basic principle remained the same.

Glass making, which became popular in 'Canaanite-Phoenician times, also relates to fire. Glass manufacture developed on a grand scale after the invention of blown glass (made by heating molten glass over very hot fire). The Greeks went on to develop a curved glass lens which they used to focus sunlight to ignite dry wood.

Because of its power, fire was worshipped in awe and fear. The Greeks and Romans worshipped fire gods and created legends about this powerful element: Zeus revealed his anger to man by throwing fire

while Prometheus stole fire from the gods to benefit mankind.

Besides the oil lamp, the candle was another way of harnessing fire for light. Thus, candle making entered the program, as the children transformed the Museum entrance into a wax factory.

This program is run by the Children's Committee of the Society of the Friends of the Museum. The Society invites those interested to join the organization, which also sponsors lectures, exhibitions and archaeological trips. **Call AUB extension 2662 for more information.** ■



The uses of fire: a collection of lamps and candles.



## AUB Museum Society Hosts Fundraising Reception



Dr. L. Badre with First Lady Mrs. Mouna Hraoui at Museum.

ON DECEMBER 3 THE SOCIETY of the Friends of the Museum hosted a reception to launch its Museum Facelift Project and Fundraising Campaign. Lebanon's First Lady, Mrs. Mouna Hraoui attended the event, as well as Members of Parliament Tammam Salam and Marwan Hemadi.

Altogether some 400 people came to the reception, which took place amid displays of objects dating from pre-history through the Islamic periods. The funds raised will be used to improve the 129-year-old museum's interior design and archaeological displays.

Speaking extemporaneously about the importance of culture in the history of nations, Mrs. Hraoui commented that all museums complement one another. "We should work together to develop these institutions," she said.

During the reception Mrs. Rima Shehadeh, president of Friends of the Museum Committee, spoke briefly about how the facelift project had evolved.

She said that a Wall of Fame at the entrance of the renovated museum will list the names of all Donors, while Contributors and Supporters will be listed in the Museum's new Catalog.

The design concept and model of the renovated Museum was revealed for the first time at the reception. Produced by the German museologists, Mrs. Anna-Christine Janke and Mr. Frederick Zink, the plan will be implemented by the local firm of Makaroun, Eid, Karam and Associates.

In her speech, Curator Dr. Leila Badre gave a brief history of the Museum, whose archaeological collections have been on display in Post Hall since 1902.

She said that the building and galleries of the Museum would remain unchanged in the facelift process. Instead the work would concentrate on four areas: 1) climate control to protect the objects from excess humidity, 2) better traffic flow through the displays and information to help visitors fully appreciate the exhibits 3) improved presentation of the objects and 4) new lighting. ■

## Dr. Baalbaki Appointed Director of Graduate School of Business & Management

Dr. Imad Baalbaki was appointed Director of the Graduate School of Business & Management effective October 1997.

Born in Beirut in 1965, Dr. Baalbaki received his early education at Beit al-Afal (Makassed), continuing his intermediate and high school education at I.C. where he received his Lebanese Bacc II in 1982.

Later that year, he joined AUB as a student in the Business School,



Dr. I. Baalbaki

earning his BBA in 1985. Pursuing his graduate studies at the Business School, he earned his MBA in 1987. He continued his studies at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he received his PhD in Marketing and Research Methodology in 1993.

Dr. Baalbaki has been Assistant Professor of marketing at AUB since October 1993. His research interests are in international marketing, services marketing, and research methodology. His research has appeared in the **Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science**, **International Marketing Review**, **Journal of Euromarketing**, and **Journal of Food Quality**. He has also participated in and presented papers at a number of international conferences.

Dr. Baalbaki was recently married to Annelie Moukkaddem. ■



## Lebanese Architecture as Discussed by Lady Cochrane



Lady Cochrane

LADY COCHRANE GAVE AN interesting and insightful lecture about Lebanese Architecture on November 5. The lecture, entitled "Lebanese Heritage," was presented by the CS Forum. Lady Cochrane discussed the "hideous buildings in Beirut" and how Beirut, the focal point of accommodating differences, has been turned into a disconnected body with no identity.

Lady Cochrane emphasized the importance of architecture as the embodiment of culture, dating the decline of Lebanese architecture back to the 1950's. She said that the only identity Beirut has today is that of hideous cemented confusion and chaos. We give value to land as opposed to buildings, or what she called "buildings that sing." As a result, we tear down true architectural art to construct cement towers that have little to do with aesthetic beauty.

She contrasted Lebanon to Europe, where value is not placed on land, which they consider as belonging to everyone. True architecture stands and thrives for hundreds of years, with laws protecting it from harm.

In her opinion, it is no use to only blame the government; we must also blame ourselves for turning Beirut

into a "living hell." She offered certain solutions that she admitted would take time, and yet are essential in preventing more damage to our city.

The most obvious solution is a proper urban developmental plan where we start attaching more value to buildings, and see to it that empty areas stay empty. She also urged young people to "go out into the street" and demonstrate against the tearing down of beautiful buildings. Moreover, the widening of roads should not take place at the expense buildings that sing. Hence, an alternative transportation system should be constructed. She added that village economic planning would help take the pressure off overpopulated Beirut. Furthermore, broadening our knowledge and intellect through reading and other constructive media would help us to understand the true value of architectural art.

In conclusion, Lady Cochrane said that Beirut borders on the edge of hell. If we keep abusing it, we'll experience Beirut's "death." She said that many cities had been abandoned in the past, and if we go on like this, Beirut will follow suit, sooner than we think. ■

## SMEC Activities

On October 9 the Science and Math Education Center (SMEC), Division of Education Programs, sponsored a lecture entitled "The Case For Constructivist Science Teaching". The lecture, given by Mr. Harry Dierdorf, was attended by some 150 teachers from schools in different parts of Lebanon.

SMEC also sponsored two workshops by Mr. Dierdorf. The first, entitled "Using Constructivism to Build Science Processes and Knowledge", was held on October 10 at the AUB Farm in cooperation with the AUB Alumni Association, Beqaa Branch. The workshop was attended by science teachers and coordinators from the region.

The second workshop was given



H. Dierdorf

on October 11 in Fisk Hall, with science teachers and coordinators from schools in Beirut, Mount Lebanon, the North and the South attending.

Mr. Dierdorf's teaching experience spans 35 years in elementary, middle, and junior high schools in the US. He is a frequent presenter at National Science Teacher's Association conferences, an author of inservice training courses and a contributor to **Science-Plus**, a middle school integrated science program. He has also served on the faculty of the Carnegie Science Center. Mr. Dierdorf's lecture and visit to Lebanon were sponsored by the Harcourt Brace International Group, an international publisher of science textbooks. ■



## BOOK REVIEW:

## The Sisters of Men

By Shereen Khairallah

IWSAW Lebanese American University 1996, pp 280

"**U**KHT AR-RIJAL" (the sister of men) is a much used Arabic expression used to denote a woman who is as capable, brave and intelligent as a man, a woman who can hold her own in any situation. Dr. Khairallah has used the term in the plural as a title for her book about outstanding women in the history of Lebanon.

Starting with a historical background on the Phoenician era, the author goes on to discuss the history and mores of the land from 1516 AD, the early Shihabs, the *Mutassarifiyya*, the French mandate to independence and the present.

Her first examples of the legendary women of this land are Europa, daughter of Agenor, King of Tyre, Jezebel, daughter of Ithobal, also a king of Tyre, and Elissa who went down in history as the shrewd founder of the city of Carthage, and who was the daughter of yet another Tyrean

King, Mattan, and the sister of Pygmalion.

From illiteracy to enlightenment, from the veil which, in the sixteenth century was worn by both Christian and Moslem women, to emancipation, Dr. Khairallah's account covers the changes and developments over the centuries which culminated in the active participation of these remarkable women in the social, literary and professional fields.

In their quest for emancipation Lebanese women were often supported by enlightened and far-sighted men like Butrus al-Bustani and Jirji Zaydan, who believed that the chief cause of the country's backwardness was the inferior status of women. And yet, even in those dark times, there were women who managed to shine as rulers and regents such as Umm Mansur, widow of Shaykh Fadi of Kisrwan, Jallul al-Mir'b, mother of Hammad, Maryam al-Habashiyya, wife of Shaykh Faris

Hubaysh, Alya Shihab, daughter of Bashir III, Ziyara, wife of Bishara al-Khazen and her sister Badwaniyya, whose histories are not documented but who are remembered as mighty personalities of their time.

The book covers the history of nine women who made their mark on the political scene between the late sixteenth century and the middle of the twentieth, twelve journalists, ten writers and poets, five educators and five physicians and researchers.

**The Sisters of Men** was published by the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Lebanese American University, and is probably the first such documentation, gleaned with great difficulty by the author, who had to weave a coherent and accurate account from jumbled and inaccurate records.

Dr. Khairallah's history covers only the women "who are no longer of this world," as she believes it is not fair to write about someone who "still has untapped reserves of talent."

Hopefully, there is another volume in the offing. ■

Najwa Shaheen Haffar

## New Translation of Ar-Rihani Book

Ameen Ar-Rihani, the famous Lebanese writer, has published many books dealing with the East, its problems and afflictions. Some have been translated into English, German and Russian. Among his titles is **At-Tataruf Wal Islah**, recently translated into English by Nuwar Mawlawi Diab under the title **Extremism and Reform**. The work criticizes social issues such as extremism, injustice, sectarianism, ignorance and oppression, and calls for peaceful reform through knowledge and education. It offers the reader an insight into Ar-Rihani's philosophy. The translator, Nuwar Mawlawi Diab, holds an M.A. in Linguistics and Translation from the University of Bath, England. Among her numerous translations are a collection of articles from Ar-Rihaniyyat and a book entitled **Four Arab Artists**. Formerly an instructor of English at AUB, she is currently teaching at Lebanese American University. ■

## Dr. Mona Takieddine Amyuni Lectures in US

Dr. Mona Takieddine Amyuni, Associate Professor in the Civilization Sequence Program, gave two lectures in the US in November 1997. The first one at Vassar College, entitled, "Exile and the Contemporary Arab Poet: Qabbani, Darwish, Adonis," was given in the context of a General Education Course on "Issues of the Nineties: Diasporas: Migrants, Exiles and Nomads." The second lecture, "Lebanon: a Way of Life," was delivered at Rhode Island College within a course on "Intercultural Encounters: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam." Contributing to the course were an imam, a rabbi, a Maronite priest and a female bishop.

Dr. Amyuni says her lectures were very well received and triggered a lively debate. Both events were open to students and the community at large. ■



# C.S. Forum Activities



Dr. M. Iskandar with Dr. L. Shehadi, CS Coordinator.



Paul Mihaly

**T**HE CS FORUM BEGAN academic year 1997-1998 with three lectures and a concert.

The first lecture was given by Lady Cochrane on November 5. Lady Cochrane, born Yvonne Sursock, has a long history as a patron of the arts. (See p. 24 for an account of her lecture.)

## American Global Economic Strategies

On November 19 Marwan Iskandar, eminent economist and analyst, spoke on "American Global Economic Strategies for the Twenty-First Century." Dr. Iskandar is founder and managing director of the Institute of Economic Studies and the author of many books and articles. His book, **The Status of Qatar Within the American Strategy** (in Arabic, October 1977), is a must for anyone interested in economic globalization and the role of the US in this process.

The speaker began his lecture by maintaining that a fundamental

change has taken place in the discipline of economics. In the 1960's the major economic problem facing underdeveloped countries was the deterioration of the terms of trade between them and industrialized countries. The industrialized world was taking advantage of developing countries by selling them products for increasingly higher prices while importing their raw materials at lower prices.

Today, according to Dr. Iskandar, the average world *per capita* income is 1:60 in favor of industrialized countries, a far greater discrepancy than existed thirty years ago.

This is most acutely evident in the Middle East. In the 1970's, according to the Western press, the Arabs were very wealthy because of rising oil prices. This affluence, however, did not last due to the Iran/Iraq War and the Gulf War. As a result, the Arab World lost its significance as a major oil supplier.

Moreover, since 1975 the

electronic era and its impact on communication has come to represent 25% of the national income. Internationalization of capital, consolidating the world into one market, became the order of the day. The new world order is based in the free exchange of products and money made possible by a democratic political system.

To counter the absence of the free movement of people to work in different countries, which is essential for such a system, it was decided to speed up development of underdeveloped economies so citizens of these countries would not need to move to other market areas. This policy, Dr. Iskandar said, was not even-handed.

With services accounting for 78% of national income in industrialized countries, the discipline of economics has changed. Whereas the market price used to be determined by cost of labor, capital and raw material, now a product never costs more than 30% of its selling price.

The system today devotes more



resources to marketing and promotion than to production. Thus, with the principal banks of the world determining the flow of money and investment between countries, the top ten countries in control of all prospects of development opt for what is beneficial to them. Consequently, the young and educated are drawn to areas of production and development.

According to Dr. Iskandar,



Joanne Kim playing the "kyagum."

1,600 doctors from AUB alone work abroad. This represents a huge deficit if we consider the money invested in their training. Young people should, therefore, be encouraged to stay in their own countries. But this will not happen without the implementation of democracy and the existence of progressive governments.

### Paul Mihaly in Concert

In late November the Forum sponsored a concert by pianist Paul Mihaly, who has performed extensively in California. He holds

a doctorate degree in musical arts from the University of Southern California.

Paul Mihaly played works by Albeniz, Schumann, Brahms and Chopin. He also played a Bizet duet with his wife, Joanne Kim, an accomplished pianist and vocalist in her own right. Joanne Kim sang two Korean folk songs and played a "kyagum" solo with her husband accompanying her on the piano.



Deputy N. Mu'waad

society in political issues. The municipal system is decisive in promoting balanced development in the various regions, controlling unnecessary expenditure, maintaining roads and infrastructure, and providing a decent, dignified life for citizens, she said.

Deputy Mu'waad, campaigning against a policy of appointing municipal positions instead of free elections, gave a detailed account of what she and her colleagues were doing to achieve this goal. She also described different proposals for carrying out municipal elections. Expressing disappointment at the lack of support for free elections, she attributed this to three causes: a sense of futility about achieving change, political repercussions, and the capriciousness and irresolution of many of those involved.

Finally, Deputy Mu'waad discussed the importance of promulgating a new election law to insure the free and democratic expression of people's preferences. She called on academicians to suggest ideas for achieving this and urged young people to take an active part in public affairs. ■

### The Municipal Elections

Deputy Nayla Mu'waad was the speaker on December 10. Pushed into parliamentary life by tragedy, Deputy Mu'waad managed to carve out a place for herself by asserting her views, by bringing change to the institution of the parliament and by adopting issues of concern to the public. She is always ready to hear suggestions or complaints and champion just causes.

Her lecture, on the subject the "Municipal Elections", emphasized the importance of involving civil



## Miss Nisrine Salti Receives Nadim Khalaf Memorial Award

ON AUGUST 28 the Nadim Khalaf Memorial Award for 1997 was presented to Miss Nisrine Salti, (BA/Economics 1997). Faculty members of the Department of Economics



Dr. Makdisi presents award to Nisrine with Mrs. Khalaf and Dr. Sirhan looking on.

recommended Miss Salti, who graduated with high distinction, for the award.

Deputy President Samir Makdisi presented the award to Nisrine in the presence of her parents, Dr. Ibrahim and Dr. Nuha Salti, and her brother, Haytham. Also present were Mrs. Mona Khalaf, widow of the late Professor Khalaf; Mrs. Leila Khalaf, President of AUB's Women's Auxiliary; Professor Ghazi Sirhan, Chairman of the Department of Economics and Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to

the President for Alumni Affairs.

The Nadim Khalaf Memorial Award was established in 1996 to honor the memory of the late Professor Khalaf, who passed away on February 3, 1996. As Chairman of the Department of Economics, Professor Khalaf was devoted to his Department and the University.

The award, which is granted at the end of each academic year to the graduating senior economics student with the highest grade average, was established through the efforts of the Economic Student Society. ■

## Lecture by Edward Mortimer

AUB's Center for Behavioral Research and the University of St. Joseph recently presented joint lectures by Edward Mortimer, foreign columnist with the **Financial Times**. A former longtime correspondent for the **London Times**, he is the author of many books, including **Faith and Power: The Politics of Islam**.

The lecture at AUB on January 22 entitled "Failed States and the New World Order", discussed internal conflicts since World War II. "There are more intra-state conflicts than there are inter-state ones," Mortimer concluded. ■



Edward Mortimer with the British Ambassador.

## Professor Nabil Dajani Elected Chairperson of Senate Steering Committee

Dr. Nabil H. Dajani, Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, was recently elected chairperson of the Senate Steering Committee. This committee prepares the agenda of Senate meetings and follows up the implementation of Senate decisions. It receives and coordinates proposals from members for discussion by the Senate.



Dr. N. Dajani

Members of the Senate Steering Committee are: Professors Alex Abdelnoor, representing the Faculty of Medicine; Mohammad Harajli, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture; Murad Jurdak, of Education; May Jurdi, representing the Faculty of Health Sciences, and Musa Nimah, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. Professor Dajani represents the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty members who wish to suggest subjects for discussion by the Senate may submit written proposals to any member of the Senate Steering Committee. ■



# Drs. Mansour and Mikati Share Debs Prize

**F**ACULTY OF MEDICINE Professors Ahmad M. Mansour and Mohamad A. Mikati shared the 1997 prize for best achievement in the field of science in Lebanon. The annual prize program, now in its second year and sponsored by the Debs Welfare Association, aims at encouraging creative work in the fields of Islamic studies, humanities, sciences and the arts.

The prize in each of the four fields consists of a certificate and a cash award of \$50,000. The winner of the 1996 prize was Professor Suhayl Jabbour, also from the AUB Faculty of Medicine.

The laureates received their awards from Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, Mr. Adnan Debs representing the Debs family, and MP Tammam Salam, president of both the Debs Association and the Makassed Foundation, during a nationally televised ceremony on December 15 at the Coral Beach Hotel. Master of Ceremonies Dr. Amin Farshouk gave a resumé of each laureate's career.

Born within a year of each other, Drs. Mansour and Mikati continued to pursue parallel paths over the years, although the nature and approach of their scientific research varied considerably.



A. Mansour, S. Jabbour and M. Mikati.

After completing undergraduate, medical degree and residency training programs at AUB, both laureates pursued further specialization in their respective fields in America. Both reached Associate Professorships in prestigious American universities before returning to serve on the faculty of their alma mater--A. M. Mansour in 1993 and M. A. Mikati in 1995.

Each began his research activities during residency training at AUB, attained an international reputation during 10 to 12 years of further research in America, and continued his commitment to research after returning to AUB.

Dr. Mansour's research included virtually all the subspecialties of the field of ophthalmology. His

prolific productivity, based largely on individual effort, has already earned him regional and national recognition through the Shouman Foundation Prize from Amman in 1985 and Cedar Medals from Lebanese Presidents Amin Gemeyal (1984) and Elias Hraoui (1996).

Dr. Mikati concentrated his research on the subject of epilepsy, especially as it pertains to children and became an international authority in the field. Dr. Mikati continues his work with a research team in the Department of Pediatrics, which he now chairs.

Following the award presentations, a reception was held at the Coral Beach Hotel to honor the laureates and invited guests. ■



Dr. Mikati shakes hands with Deputy T. Salam.



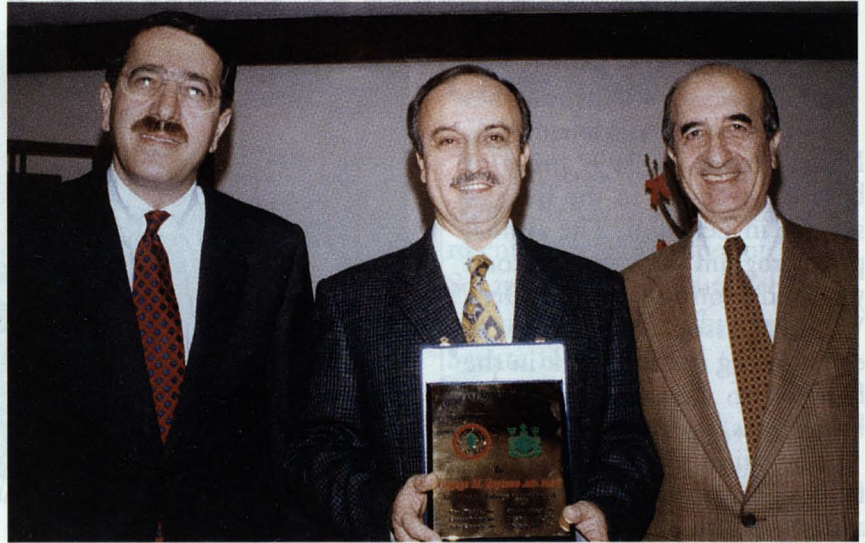
Dr. Mansour greets A. Debs.



## Dr. N. Fuleihan Chairman of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery

**D**R. NABIL FULEIHAN WAS appointed Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery as of December 1, 1997. Dr. Fuleihan graduated with an MD from the AUB Faculty of Medicine in 1979 and his residency training in Otolaryngology was at AUBMC from 1979 to 1983. This residency was followed by a fellowship in Head and Neck and Microsurgery at Pittsburgh from 1983 to 1985, and another in Facial Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in 1985-1986.

A third fellowship attained by Dr. Fuleihan was in Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery at Boston University Medical Center 1986 to 1987. Dr. Fuleihan joined the Department of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Department at Boston University, becoming Acting Chief of the Department (1990-1992) and Chief from 1992 until he



Dr. G. Zaytoun, center, at a reception in his honor. Dr. N. Fuleihan is on the left and Dr. N. Najjar on the right.

joined our Faculty.

In his announcement Dean Samir Najjar thanked Dr. George Zaytoun for his outstanding performance at the helm of the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck surgery over the past eleven years.

"Despite most adverse conditions, and at times singlehandedly, Dr. Zaytoun maintained high academic

standards and teaching effectiveness in the Department," said Dean Najjar. "Dr. Zaytoun shouldered his responsibilities with enthusiasm and devotion, and for this, the Faculty of Medicine will remain in his debt." Dean Najjar asked the AUBMC staff to join him in pledging support to Dr. Fuleihan, and in expressing gratitude to Dr. Zaytoun. ■

## Institute of Behavioral Medicine

On September 1, REP signed a medical affiliation agreement with the Institute of Behavioral Medicine, a private joint-stock company. This provides for the creation of a psychiatric facility near the AUB Medical Center to serve the community and the region. The first phase, establishment of the Institute, will take about two years.

This agreement makes it possible for AUB to provide psychiatric training to its medical students, interns, residents, and fellows. It also details arrangements for the

consultancy services AUB will provide the Institute.

Operationally, AUB will designate full-time psychiatrists from its faculty and staff to join the psychiatrists of the Institute. It will also determine the residents or interns to be trained. All full time AUB psychiatrists will have admitting privileges to the Institute's facilities, and patients admitted to AUB's Emergency Unit



Seated left to right are S. Najjar, S. Makdisi, G. Najjar and a representative of the Institute of Behavioral Medicine.

in need of psychiatric treatment may be referred to the Institute without discrimination. Likewise, AUB will avail its clinical diagnostic facilities to the Institute, including laboratory and radiology services. ■



## Dr. Samih Alami Memorial Scholarship Fund

**F**OLLOWING THE DEATH OF Dr. Samih Alami, his family established an endowed scholarship fund in his name. Income generated from the invested capital will be perpetually used for scholarship grants.

To establish this fund, Dr. Hana' Alami, his wife, and other members of the family presented a check for \$100,000 to Deputy President Samir Makdisi on November 3. Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, was present for the occasion.

Established as the Samih Alami Memorial Endowed Scholarship, restrictions stipulate that awards will be made to needy Palestinian students with good academic standing at the Faculty of Medicine. Other Arab nationals in Medicine will qualify if there are no Palestinian students. The same student will benefit from this scholarship each year until graduation if he/she continues to qualify.

In acknowledging this contribution, Dr. Makdisi wrote to Mrs. Alami: "On behalf of the

American University of Beirut I would like to express to you and the Alami family our appreciation for honoring the memory of Samih in such a noble manner. All of us here at AUB know how committed Samih was to this institution which he served faithfully and unselfishly. This memorial scholarship in his name is a true recognition of the numerous services he rendered to the AUB community and of the love he always carried in his heart for his alma mater." ■

## Nursing Christmas



Christmas did not go by uncelebrated on the 7th floor of AUH. Mrs. Randa Farhat, who volunteered to act as Santa Claus, went around distributing gifts to patients and their babies. Mrs. Randa Shahine and Mrs. Rima Bijani organized the event, which many found supportive and comforting. It was thoughtful of them to bring Christmas to those who couldn't celebrate it at home. ■

### XXXIII Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA)

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## Health Service at AUS

Dr. Nabil Nassar was commissioned by the American University of Sharjah (AUS) to recommend a plan of action for establishing a primary care health clinic at AUS. This is part of a project funded and launched by His Highness the Ruler of Sharjah. The project will serve AUS students, faculty, staff and their dependents.

Dr. Nassar, who is rendering his services through REP, will prepare a detailed proposal following his visit to AUS to obtain on-site data. His proposal will emphasize health education, preventive medicine and protection against infectious diseases. In addition, it will control the university environment through surveillance of food handlers, physical safety for campus buildings and student laboratories.

## Hilda T. Nassar at Copenhagen Conference

Hilda T. Nassar, Medical Librarian, attended the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) 63rd Conference in Copenhagen August 30-September 6, 1997. The theme was: "Libraries and Information for Human Development."

Ms. Nassar was elected to serve for two years, on two Standing Committees: the Standing Committee for Biological and Medical Science Libraries and the Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania. ■



## Medical Center Emergency Power System Now Fully Upgraded

**F**requent power outages in past years made it necessary to improve the Medical Center's Emergency Power System in order to maintain the Hospital at its original high standards.

A project to upgrade the system, launched by the Physical Plant, was given highest priority by Vice President Tomey and Physical Plant Director Mr. Ziad Yamut.

Extensive studies were conducted by the Medical Center's Electrical Engineer, with the assistance of an outside Electrical Consultant. Within three months a detailed plan of action was completed and bid documents prepared.

In early 1995 bids were accepted for the 750KVA Generator, 750KVA Dry Type 3.3KV/220V Transformer, Air Circuit Breaker, Panel Boards, and 150KVA Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS).

By September 1995, bidder's quotations had been studied carefully and Purchase Orders issued. Since the elements involved were US made and fabricated to order. A lead time of nearly one year was anticipated.

During this period a Plant Engineering team led by Engineer Walid Shaib prepared the site to accommodate the new equipment. By September 1996 all material had arrived on site and installation was underway. Work was completed in June 1997, after which the system was commissioned and tested.

Critical and life safety loads are



Right, the electrical consultant briefs V.P. Tomey and Physical Plant Director on the project.

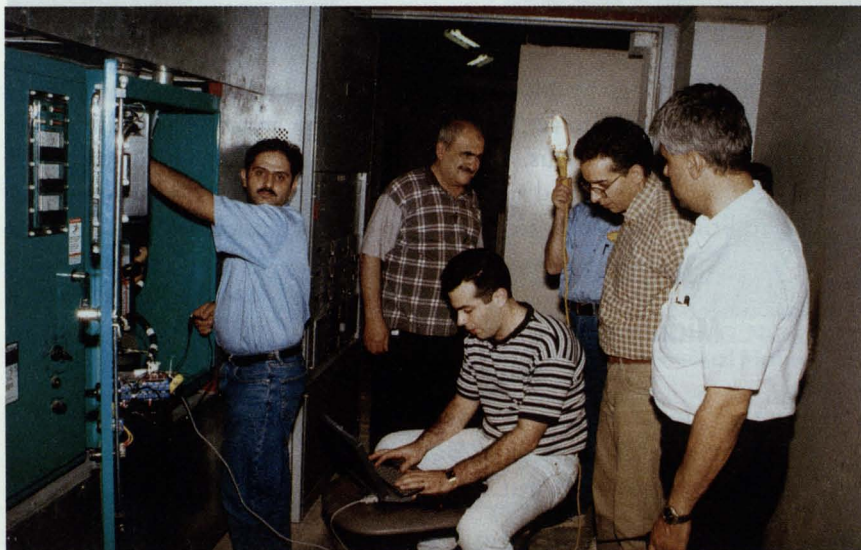
now supplied by the AUB Power Plant and backed up by City Power (transfer is instantaneous) and by a 750KVA generator (transfer time 7 seconds).

All installation work was done by the Plant Engineering Electrical Team, which proved to be well trained and of a high technical standard.

The Medical Center now boasts a unique electric intake room to handle the hospital's power requirements. It comprises several

load centers and high voltage switch gears, enabling it to take power from two sources: City Power (EDL) and Campus Power Plant.

The new AUB-MC electric system was designed to American standards in accordance with the NEC and the Health Care Facilities Handbook. The hospital load is categorized into Nonessential Loads, Equipment Loads, Life Safety Loads, and Critical Loads. ■



Engineer Walid Shaib checks the system's performance using his laptop.



## Dr. Abdul Ghani Kibbi Appointed Chairman of Dermatology



Dr. A. Kibbi

Dr. Abdul Ghani Kibbi was appointed Chairman of the Department of Dermatology effective November 5.

In his announcement, Samir S. Najjar, M.D., Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center, said: "I am confident that you will join me in pledging our support to Dr. Kibbi and in wishing him continuing success at the helm of the Department of Dermatology. ■"

## Dr. Fadi Geara Associate Professor and Chairman of Radiotherapy



Dr. F. Geara

Dr. Fadi Geara joined AUH as Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Radiotherapy effective October 1,

1997. Dr. Geara received his MD from the University of Paris Medical School (1985) and completed residency training in Radiation Oncology in France (1985-1980). He was a Visiting Scientist in Experimental Radiotherapy at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (1989-1991), a Clinical Fellow in Clinical Radiotherapy at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (1991-1993), matriculated Ph.D. in Radiation Biology the University of



At the Dermatology Exhibition

**T**HE THIRD ANNUAL Dermatology Update took place in Issam Fares Hall on December 13 and 14. Held under the Patronage of Minister of Public Health Mr. Suleiman Franjeh, the conference was organized by the Department of Dermatology at AUBMC in collaboration with the Lebanese Dermatological Society.

In addition to local speakers from the Department of Dermatology at AUBMC, Drs. Amal Kurban of the Department of Dermatology at Boston University, Stuart Maddin of

the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and Nabil Fuleihan, Chairman of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at AUBMC, participated in the scientific program as guest speakers.

Welcoming remarks were presented by Dr. Salah Salman of the Department of Dermatology and Dr. Abdul-Ghani Kibbi, Chairman of the Department of Dermatology and President of the Lebanese Dermatological Society. Following this, Dean Samir Najjar and the Representative of Minister of Public Health, Dr. Yousef Bassim, addressed the participants. Both speakers stressed the value of Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities in updating physicians.

The two-day scientific program comprised 7 sessions, including lasers in dermatology, occupational dermatology, virology, cosmetic dermatology, dermatology for the practitioner and gross and microscopic symposia. There was also a laser workshop with live video transmission from the Laser Suite in the Department to Issam Fares Hall. Unlike the past two updates, this one featured the Amal Kurban Lectureship, which was awarded to Dr. Maddin. His theme presentations were related to "What's New in Skin Therapy."

The overall evaluation of the meeting, which was attended by 96 participants from Lebanon and Syria, was excellent. ■

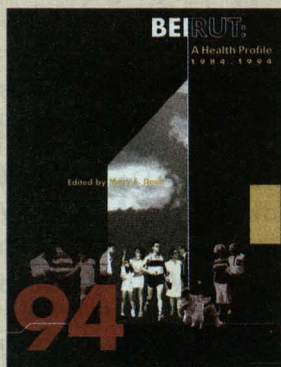
Paris (1993), was appointed to the Faculty of Medicine of the Department of Clinical Radiotherapy University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston from 1993 until he joined our Faculty.

In his announcement Dr. Samir Najjar thanked Dr. Philip Issa for his outstanding performance and distinguished service to the faculty and the Medical Center for the past 41 years. Dr. Issa was the first radio therapist appointed to the Faculty and he was the founder of the Department of Radiotherapy in 1979 which he has chaired since. During this period his hard work, dedication and unselfish contributions were exemplary. Dr. Issa has graciously agreed to continue to serve the faculty and Medical Center on a half-time basis. ■



## New book by FHS Faculty

**B**eirut: A Health Profile 1984-1994 is the result of a follow-up longitudinal study of demographic and health patterns on the sample of the Beirut population surveyed by FHS in 1984. The population-based surveys were undertaken by FHS to promote action-oriented research dealing with public health issues. Several FHS faculty members contributed chapters and Dr. Mary Deeb, MPH, PH.D, Faculty of Health Sciences, was the editor.



Former Dean of FHS Dr. Haroutune K. Armenian, now Professor of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University and president of the American University of Armenia wrote the Foreword to the book.

Apart from its relevance to the Lebanese health situation, the findings will help policy makers allocate health resources by providing information on health conditions and patterns of health services utilization.

Dr. Mary Deeb, from the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at FHS, is the coordinator of the Population Laboratory and was the main investigator for the 1992-1993 Beirut Survey. ■

## New and Visiting Faculty



Dr. Shediak - Rizkallah

Dr. Mona Shediak-Rizkallah joined the Department of Health Behavior and Education as Assistant Professor effective October 1, 1997. Dr. Shediak received her BA in Psychology (and Teaching Diploma) from AUB; her Master's in Human Development from the University of Texas at Dallas and her Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Dr. Shediak has been appointed Acting Chairperson of the HBE Department effective October 1, 1997. Before joining AUB she was



Dr. Kamel Qaisi

Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Kamel Qaisi joined the Department of Environment Health as Visiting Associate Professor for one year effective October 1, 1997. Dr. Qaisi received his MS and Ph.D. degrees (Sanitary Engineering) from the University of Michigan in the US. He is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology and Chairman of the Environmental Engineering Program at the University of Jordan. ■

## Faculty News

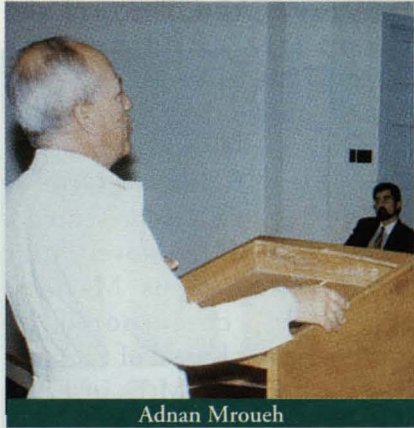
**Dr. Mary Deeb** presented a paper (co-authored by Ms. Rita Khayat and Dr. Prem C. Saxena) entitled "Some Problems in the Measurement of Change Through Longitudinal Studies: Examples from Beirut Surveys 1984 and 1994" at the XIII General Population Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP). The Conference was held in Beijing, China in October 1997.

**Dr. Prem Saxena** presented two papers: "Women's Education, Economic Activity and Fertility: Relationships Re-Examined" (co-authored by Ms. Habbouba Aoun) and "Iconic Displays for Exploratory Analysis of Multidimensional Population Data: Some Applications of Chernoff-type Faces" (co-authored by Dr. Kannan Navaneetham) at the same conference in Beijing.

**Dr. Nadim Karam** was re-elected Secretary General of the Arab Forum for Social Sciences and Health during the Second Conference of the Forum held in Amman, September 18-20, 1997. For the next two years, the Secretariat of the Forum will be located in Lebanon. ■



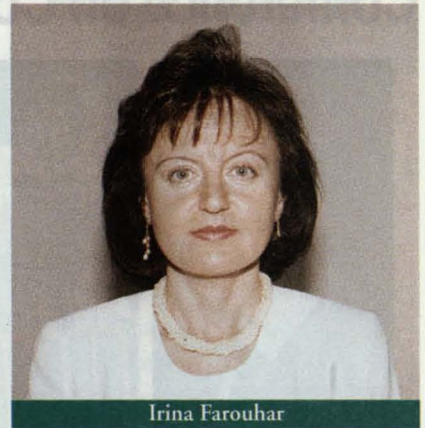
# Faculty of Health Sciences Seminars



Adnan Mroueh



Bushra Jabre



Irina Farouhar

The Faculty of Health Sciences conducted a series of Wednesday seminars during the academic year 1996-97. The seminars, coordinated by Dr. Iman Nuwayhid, focused on research, programs and policies related to public health issues in Lebanon and the region.

Last year's schedule included the following speakers:

Oct. 23, 1996: Dr. Elie Karam/  
War and Hygiene - The Lebanon  
War's Studies: Tools and Results

Oct. 30, 1996: Drs. Ibrahim Salti  
and Mustafa Khogali/ Risk Factors  
among the Lebanese Population

Nov. 6, 1996: Dr. Antoine  
Haddad/ Poverty in Lebanon

Nov. 13, 1996: Dr. Nasri Kawar/  
Pesticides in Lebanon: Policies and  
Regulations

Nov. 20, 1996: Dr. George  
Hatem/ Management Techniques &  
Restructuring of Hospital  
Administration

Nov. 27, 1996: Dr. Carla  
Makhlouf-Obermeyer/ The End of  
Reproduction: The Epidemiology &  
Social Construction of Menopause

Dec. 4, 1996: Dr. Oona  
Campbell/ Why Mothers Die? The  
National Maternal Mortality Study  
in Egypt

Dec. 11, 1996: Dr. Nader Soubra/  
Application of Geographic  
Information System ( GIS ) in the  
Environmental Field

Jan. 8, 1997: Ms. Hala Tamim/  
Evolution and Evaluation of Trauma  
Care in Quebec, Canada

Jan. 5, 1997: Dr. Rami Zurayk/  
Sustaining Agriculture: The Need for  
New Paradigms

Jan. 22, 1997: Dr. Oula Shehab/  
Monitoring the Toxicity of Solid  
Wastes

Feb. 19, 1997: Dr. Salim Adib/  
Violence Against Nurses in Health  
Care Facilities in Kuwait

Feb. 26, 1997: Dr. Adnan  
Mroueh/ Health Financing in  
Lebanon

Mar. 5, 1997: Dr. Elissar Radi/  
An Update on the National AIDS  
Program in Lebanon

Mar. 12, 1997: Dr. Larry Afifi/  
Surveillance of Tuberculosis in a  
University Setting

Mar. 19, 1997: Dr. Raed Mohsen/  
Communication as an Effective Tool  
in Public Health

Mar. 26, 1997: Professor Tim  
Dyson/ India's Demographic History  
since 1881

Apr. 2, 1997: Dr. Samir Khalaf/

Space, Place, and Well-being

Apr. 9, 1997: Mr. Ghassan Sayyah/  
Role of NGOs in Community  
Development: War and Post-war  
Experiences

Apr. 16, 1997: Dr. Berj Hatjian/  
Early Biomarkers of Exposure to  
Traffic Pollution and Pesticides:  
Potential for Prevention?

Apr. 23, 1997: Dr. Tammam  
Naccache/ Automotive Pollution and  
its Mitigation

Apr. 30, 1997: Ms. Bushra Jabre/  
Health Communication: New  
Strategies and Relevance to the Arab  
Region

May 14, 1997: Dr. Irina Farouhar/  
Economic Impact of Occupational  
Morbidity

June 2, 1997: Professor Traun K.  
Roy/Population Simulation Models  
(special lecture)

June 4, 1997: Mr. Mounir  
Kharma/Mutual Societies: A Viable  
Third Party Payer Alternative?

Aug. 6, 1997: Dr. Doris  
Mugrditchian/ In resource-limited  
settings/Thinking Broadly-Creatively  
and Pragmatically.

The FHS seminar series for 1997-  
98 are held every Wednesday at 1:00  
pm in the Van Dyck Amphitheater  
and are open to interested members  
of the AUB community. ■



## Second LAAS International Conference on Computer Simulation



Dr. Hassan Diab opens the LAAS International Conference.

**T**HE SECOND LAAS International Conference on Computer Simulation (ICC'97) took place at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture on September 1-4, 1997. Organized by the Lebanese Association for the Advancement of Science (LAAS), the conference was sponsored by the Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research and the Order of Engineers. It was co-sponsored by the Institution of Electrical Engineering, and held in cooperation with the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

The ICCS'97 technical program included 77 full length papers presented by an international roster of speakers:

-North America	27%
-Europe	38%
-Far East	8%
-Middle East	27%

These papers were selected on the basis of peer review by external referees from the simulation community to ensure scholarship and relevance of topic. In addition, six prominent international speakers from the United States, Japan, and the UK presented keynote lectures on state-of-the-art topics in computer simulation.

Among the topics covered in the conference were: simulation methodologies, intelligent simulation environments, computer performance, circuit simulation, communications, power electronics, power systems, biomedical engineering, manufacturing, heat transfer and mechanical systems, machine vision and image processing, engineering management, civil engineering systems, and general applications. ■

### New IEEE Student Branch

A new IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Student Branch was established at AUB on July 2, 1997. Professor Hassan Diab, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is Counselor and Ms. Zeina Achi serves as Branch Chair. This is the first such branch in Lebanon.

IEEE Region, Council and Section funds may be used to supplement the operation of Student Branches.

The IEEE, founded in 1884, is the world's largest technical professional society devoted to advancing the theory and application of electrical engineering, electronics and computing. The IEEE serves almost 315,000 electrical engineers, scientists, and other professionals in approximately 150 countries. ■

### IEEE 32d Annual Meeting

Dr. Fouad Mrad, Assistant Professor in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, attended the IEEE 32nd Annual Meeting of the Industry Applications Society in New Orleans, Louisiana October 5-9. Professor Mrad presented a paper entitled: "A Novel Fuzzy Logic Synchronous Machine Stabilizer", co-authored by Professor Sami Karaki of FEA and Mr. Basil Copti (M.E. in EDS, Feb. 97).

Professor Mrad was also Chairman of a conference session entitled: Control Applications, organized by the Industrial Control and Automation Committee.

### Paper by Prof. M. Salameh

In October 1997 Professor Moueen Salameh presented a paper at the International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Production Management in Lyon, France. The subject of his paper, which was published in the conference proceedings, was "Accounting for Imperfect Quality Items When Using the Economic Order Quantity Model".

Following the presentation there was a discussion of the nature and types of industrial problems where this model can be applied. The conference covered a broad range of research and applied topics, including Industrial Engineering and Production Management; Production Management Strategies and Philosophies; Information Systems; and Economic Aspects.

The conference included a visit (Industrial Day) to SEB-TEFAL industrial sites, during which presentations were given by the President of the SEB group, the Industrial Manager of EUREKA TEFAL and by the Logistics Manager.



## First Conference on Industrial Research and Development in Lebanon



Dr. F. Mrad lectures at the Industrial Research and Development Conference.

**U**NDER THE PATRONAGE OF Lebanese Prime Minister Mr. Rafic Hariri, the first Conference on Industrial Research and Development took place at the Lebanese University, Faculty of Sciences, in Fanar October 16-19. An exhibition of applied research achievements took place at the same time. The event was organized by the Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research (NCSR) and the Association of Lebanese Industrialists (ALI). Dr. Fouad

Mrad, Assistant Professor in AUB's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, was a member of the organizing committee.

Dr. Mrad also presented the national paper, entitled *Strengthening the Role of Universities and Research Centers in Industrial Development in Lebanon*. The presentation was made during the opening session, which was chaired by the president of the Parliamentary Committee on Education, Mrs. Bahia Hariri. ■

### New Lebanese Coins Designed by AUB Professor

Nuha Karanouh, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design, has had her designs for the new metallic fifty pound and five hundred pound coins accepted by the Central Bank of Lebanon.

Professor Karanouh is very proud to have her name included among the bank's designers of currency. ■

### Dr. A. Nasri Attends Conferences and Workshop

Dr. Ahmad Nasri, Associate Professor of Computer Graphics and Computer Aided Geometric Design, participated in the 20th International Conference in Interactive Techniques for Computer Graphics (ACM SIGGRAPH), in Los Angeles, August 3-8, 1997. He also participated in an NSF workshop on Scientific Visualization in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Nasri received two grants, one from ACM SIGGRAPH, and one from NSF, to participate in these activities. He also presented a paper at the 5th SIAM conference on Geometric Design in Nashville (USA), November 1997. ■

### Panel Discussion on Role of Engineers

**O**n April 24, 1997 a panel discussion on "The Role of Engineers in Lebanon-Future Perspectives" was held at the FEA Engineering Lecture Hall.

Organized by the Research Committee of FEA and moderated by FEA Dean Nassir H. Sabah, the panel discussion brought together Minister of Public Works Ali Harajli and Mr. Assem Salam, President of the Order of Engineers of Lebanon.

The event was well attended with a standing-room only crowd including FEA faculty members, practicing engineers, faculty members from different universities and other guests.

Dean Sabah began by introducing the two speakers. He then encouraged students to express their opinions and concerns during the open discussion period. Next, the speakers took turns commenting on the future of the engineering profession in Lebanon. Matters related to the number of engineers in certain disciplines, the need for a training period for engineers, as well as challenges resulting from evolving regional circumstances and free trade agreements, were brought up.

An open discussion followed. Members of the audience raised various issues, including student concerns about the proposed training period, the role of the Directorate of Urban Planning and the municipalities in improving the character of the built environment, the quality of the engineering practice, and the role of the Order of Engineers in providing continuing educational opportunities for practicing engineers. ■



## Public Lecture by Assem Salam

**O**N DECEMBER 10 THE Department of Architecture & Design hosted the first speaker in its 1997-1998 public lecture series.

The guest speaker, Mr. Assem Salam, completed his graduate education in architecture at Cambridge University in 1951 and is currently President of the Order of Engineers and Architects in Lebanon. Mr. Salam, who taught at AUB for 22 years, is one of the pioneers in the discipline of architecture in Lebanon and in the region.

Mr. Salam began with a brief overview of his career. He discussed first impressions of London as a young graduate student, and emphasized the culture shock he experienced when he encountered Western culture. He returned to Beirut in 1953 where he co-founded the Department of Architecture at AUB. Mr. Salam explained his interest in the questions of expedient urban development and in architectural regionalism during the 1960's.

He continued to address this

issue in his research and practice, after having been "indoctrinated" with the Internationalism and Modernism that were increasingly influential after World War II. In the context of a critique of modernist architectural ideology, he noted that the questions of identity and regionalism are not to be associated only with climate specificity but also with the specifics of society and culture.

Mr. Salam also discussed the relationship between architecture and other disciplines, especially engineering. He hoped for a richer and healthier dialogue between the two, one that would enable more efficient and successful building design in terms of sociality, context, and environment. Mr. Salam suggested something of a return to the humanist values of the Renaissance.

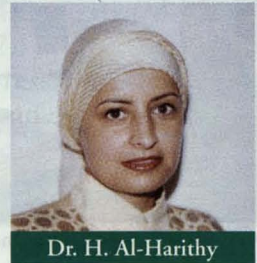
He concluded by expressing his hope that the new generation of engineers and architects "would inject new blood" into the present context and would not "leave it all to political manipulation." ■

### Seminars

The Research Committee of FEA, chaired by Professor Isam Kaysi, organized a number of other seminars in 1996-97, including presentations by Mr. Joseph Helou (General Director of ELYSSAR) on "The Development of the Southwestern Suburb of Beirut (ELYSSAR)- Prospects, Obstacles, and the Role of Engineers"; Dr. Kenell Touryan (Chief Technology Analyst at the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory) on "Worldwide Prospects for the Use of Renewable Energy Technologies and Implications for Lebanon"; Mr. Nabil Bou Khalid (Head, PC Support Unit of AUB) on "The AUB Computer Network"; Mr. Diab Ayoub (Head of the Logistics Department at Solidere) on "Site Coordination and Logistics"; Dr. Fadi Salameh-Lama on "Near-Future Prospects of the Industrial Sector in Lebanon"; Dr. Badih El-Kareh (Senior Technical Staff Member with IBM) on "Evolution of Memory Cells for Computer Applications"; representatives from Al-Bonian International on "Control Technologies in Building Management Systems", and Mr. Ghassan Assi (General Director for Equipment and Construction at the Lebanese Ministry of Post and Telecommunications) on "Telecommunications: Present Status and Future Trends". ■

## Dr. H. Al-Harithy: Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Design

Dr. Al-Harithy received her Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Oregon School of Design in 1985 and her MS degree in Architecture Studies from MIT in 1987. At MIT she was the most outstanding student in the Master of Science Architecture Studies program.



Dr. H. Al-Harithy

She then joined Harvard University, earning a Master of Arts in 1990 and a Ph.D. in fine Arts in 1992. Her dissertation was entitled: "Urban Form and Meaning in Bohri Mamluk Architecture." Dr. Al-Harithy's field of interest is Art History and Islamic Art and Architecture, particularly during the Mamluk Period.

Her professional experience began in 1987 and 1988 when she worked with the Arriyadh Development Authority. She was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Department of Architecture at MIT in the fall semester of 1993-1994 and a lecturer in the Department of Fine Arts, Harvard University, in the spring semester 1993-1994.

In October 1994 she joined AUB as Assistant Professor in the CS Program, and at the same time taught a number of courses in the Department of Architecture and Design.

The author of many publications, Dr. Al-Harithy has given numerous public lectures and received several fellowships and awards. ■



# 750 Cows at AREC in US Program for Dairy Stock Improvement

## Ambassador Jones Visits AREC

**S** EVEN HUNDRED FIFTY purebred Holstein heifers arrived at Beirut Port from the US on November 5, 1997. These are part of a US agriculture program providing 3,000 dairy cows to replace those lost during the war. The program also provides a credit guarantee of \$6 million for importation of the cows, which are to be distributed throughout the country.

All the cows were impregnated by purebred bulls 4-6 months before they were shipped. Upon arrival they were quarantined for 30 days in the Beqaa and then kept on the AUB farm before being sold. Only farmers earning less than \$500/month and who already own cows and have less than 5 dunums of unirrigated land or 10 dunums of irrigated land can purchase the cows. The farmers are expected to make a 20% down payment and pay the balance over a three-year period.

The US Department of Agriculture also gave a \$650,000

grant to AUB's Department of Agriculture to provide training for the farmers. Training includes feeding, milking and breeding as well as access to free medication and veterinary services. The USDA and United States Agency for International Development are sending technicians to help with the training.

Agriculture Ministry representative Adel Choueiry thanked the administration and Faculty of Agricultural Engineering at AUB for offering its farm for training the farmers. "The guarantee that this project will work is that AUB will be providing the training and support services to ensure the cows' health and well being," said Marwan Sidani, Program Coordinator. The balance

of the 3,000 cows are scheduled to arrive in installments over the coming months.

On October 19, 1997, US Ambassador Richard Jones visited AREC and was briefed



US Ambassador Jones with Dean N. Dagher at the AUB Farm.

on the implementation of the Lebanese-American agricultural agreement.

At AREC, faculty members and students explained to the ambassador their field work at the farm. The US diplomat then handed out certificates to 25 farmers who had undergone a five-day training session at AREC.

Sara Taher

## Fruit Pests

A conference on "Pests of Fruit Trees and Their Control" took place at Tashrine University in Latakia September 20-22. It was organized by the Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research and the Syrian Ministry of Higher Education.

Professors Efat Abou Fakh-Hammad, Yusuf Abu Jawdeh, Nasri Kavar and Adib Saad participated, each presenting a paper about his research on specific fruit pests. ■



Mr. G. Bery of the American Embassy with AUB officials waiting for the cows to come home.



## FAFS Environmental Seminar



Minister A. Shehayeb during his lecture. Dr. B. Hamdar is on the left.

**O**N DECEMBER 10 FAFS HELD a seminar on "The Current Environmental Situation and its Impact on the Various Economic Sectors of Lebanon." The seminar was presented by Minister of Environment Akram Shehayeb and attended by Deputy President Makdisi, Dr. Nuhad Dagher, Dean of FAFS; Dr. Nassir Sabah, Dean of FEA and Mr. Ibrahim Houry, Director of Information. The large audience also included faculty and students, as well as local and international environmental organizations.

Coordinator of the seminar Dr. Bassam Hamdar of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Development, presented the speakers. Today's world is changing, he said. What was once a minor environmental problem has today become a global concern. He added that true development should result in environmental improvement.

Speaking on behalf of the faculty, Dean Dagher stated his concerns about the current environmental situation in Lebanon. He cited cases that have a serious impact on the current and future environment, i.e. unorganized urbanization and inefficient allocation and mismanagement of natural resources.

He added that AUB has introduced a new multi-disciplinary MS program in environmental sciences. This program should enable students and faculty to contribute to a better environment at local and regional levels by assessing present problems and recommending practical solutions.

In conclusion, Dean Dagher emphasized AUB's deep concern and willingness to assist in achieving higher environmental quality for Lebanon and the region.

Minister Shehayeb emphasized the importance of knowing about present environmental problems and assessing their severity. He said that people at all levels should be encouraged to work towards a better environment. "Environment" today is the most important issue locally, regionally, and globally, he said. Environmental issues are an integral part of today's trade agreements, today's politics, and today's international economic aid. He concluded that Lebanon, although it has many environmental problems, has not reached the red line yet. Organized effort at the individual, societal, and state levels is necessary to improve and develop the current environmental situation in Lebanon.

## Dean Dagher at FAO Regional Meeting

Dean N. Dagher of FAFS was invited to attend the FAO Regional Expert Consultation on Agricultural Education, Training and Networks which took place in Riyadh.

At the meeting, held November 15-19, 1997, he presented a paper on "Current Status and Future Plans for Curricula Development at the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at AUB." Among other topics, he explained the new MS program in Environmental Sciences, notably FAF's Ecosystem Management major. Dean Dagher also chaired the first session, which was dedicated to lead papers from FAO and other UN agencies.

The meeting was attended by deans of colleges of agriculture in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, Pakistan, Jordan, the UAE, Tunisia, Lebanon and Yemen as well as representatives from FAO Rome, FAO Cairo and other UN agencies. ■

## Dr. Shadi Hamadeh Attends Conferences

In October Dr. Shadi Hamadeh attended the International Symposium on "Systems of Sheep and Goat Production" organized by the FAO-CI HEAM network on Animal Resources in Italy. He contributed a technical note on the small ruminant sector in Lebanon.

Dr. Hamadeh was also invited to the Third Technical Planning and Coordination Meeting of the regional Mashreq/Maghreb Project at ICARDA in November. The meeting developed the second phase of a project for integrated crop-livestock systems in eight countries, including Lebanon. ■



# Ecologically-Sound Pest Management



**U**NDER AN AGREEMENT between AUB and the Makhzoumi Foundation, four workshops on Ecologically-Sound Pest Management took place in Lebanon during November.

The Makhzoumi Foundation, a Beirut-based non-profit organization for social and humanitarian services, held workshops for selected farmers, while AUB's Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences (FAFS)

developed the needed assistance for the seminars.

Between November 17 and November 28 a workshop was held in each of four regions: the Beqaa, the South, the North, and Mount Lebanon. Each workshop, which had a maximum of fifty participants, covered five disciplines: plant pathology, plant entomology, pesticides, weed science and mechanization. Participants present at all the sessions received a certificate of attendance.

The agreement was signed on October 30 by Dr. George Khalil Najjar, Vice President for Regional External Programs (VP-REP) and Mr. Fouad Makhzoumi, President of Makhzoumi Foundation. ■

## Dr. S. K. Yau Joins FAFS

**D**r. Sui Kwong Yau joined the Crop Production and Protection Department as an Associate Professor on September 16, 1997. He was born in the New Territories (rural area) of Hong Kong.

After completing his studies in the Hong Kong Wah Yan College, one of the top ten secondary schools in the colony, Dr. Yau went to Perth, Australia, where he received his BSc Agriculture (1st Hon) degree, majoring in agronomy. He won prizes for the best academic scores and best dissertation from the University of Western Australia.

After winning the Charles and Annie Neuman Fellowship in Agriculture, he continued his PhD studies in plant quantitative genetics and breeding at the same university. He received his PhD in December, 1983 and then took a position as teaching assistant in the Department of Agronomy, University of Western Australia.

Dr. Yau joined the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in January 1984. There, he worked mainly on dual-purpose barley, i.e., barley with vigorous early growth for grazing, and high

grain and straw yield at maturity.

In 1986, he was appointed International Nurseries Scientist at ICARDA, where he coordinated ICARDA's network on international cereal nurseries, which served over 50 countries and 100 national institutes and scientists. He conducted research on statistical techniques or analyzing genotype by environment interaction, experimental designs or yield trials, and on variation in tolerance to boron toxicity among cereals and legumes.

During his career at ICARDA, Dr. Yau was the senior author of 14 papers in refereed journals, and a co-author of 3 other papers. He was also the author or co-author of 38 articles in scientific newsletters or conferences. He was an invited speaker at a workshop CIMMYT (Mexico), an international conference in Yugoslavia, and a training course in Kenya. He has been an editor of *Rachis* (Communications in Barley and Wheat Research) published at ICARDA. He has also traveled extensively in North Africa and West Asia, including Lebanon. Dr. Yau resides at AREC with his wife Milly and their three daughters: Man Sum, Man Yi, and Man Yun. ■





## FAFS Hosts 6th Arab Congress of Plant Protection



Minister of Agriculture S. Fakhoury opens the Congress.

**I**N OCTOBER 1997 the Arab Congress of Plant Protection was held for the first time in Lebanon at the Alumni Club. This sixth congress was organized by the Arab Society for Plant Protection, in collaboration with the Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research.

FAFS plant protection professors active in organizing the Congress included Efat Abou Fakhr Hammad,

Yusuf Abu Jawdeh, Mustapha Haidar, Nasri Kawar and Adib Saad. These professors also presented research papers.

A total of 404 abstracts were submitted, and the papers were presented in symposia and oral or poster presentations. More than 400 participants from most of the Arab countries and several European countries attended. ■

### Investment in Food Security

On the occasion of World Food Day Dr. Nahla Baba participated in a symposium entitled "Investment in Food Security." The symposium was organized by the René Mu'wad Foundation and held on October 16, 1996 in collaboration with FAO and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. Dr. Baba's lecture was entitled "Status of Nutrition in Lebanon: Data and Horizons."

Dr. Baba was also invited to participate in the "National Workshop on Development of National Policies and Strategies in Health Research," organized by MOH LNCSR and WHO. The workshop was held November 28-30, 1997 at the Summerland Hotel in Beirut. ■

### Dr. I Rubeiz in Salt Lake Conference

In July Dr. Ibrahim Rubeiz, Associate Professor of Horticulture, attended the annual conference of the American Society for Horticultural Science in Salt Lake City, Utah. His research paper, entitled "Broiler Litter and Inorganic Nitrogen Fertilizer Influence on Yield and Earliness of June-Bearing Strawberries," was co-authored by A.M. Chehab, M.M. Freiwat and M.T. Farran, all of FAFS. ■

## Visiting professor Aved S. Amir

**P**rofessor Aved S. Amr, Visiting Professor at FAFS, graduated with a BS in Food Sciences from Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) in 1974. He earned an MS in Cereal Chemistry and Technology from North Dakota State University (Fargo, North Dakota) in 1977, and a PhD from Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA) in 1981.

Dr. Amr is on sabbatical leave from the University of Jordan, where he is Professor of Food Science and Technology. He has been involved in teaching Food Sciences and Technology, mainly in cereal chemistry, food chemistry, and preservation. He also served as chairman of the Nutrition and Food Technology Department.



His research interests include nitrites and nitrates, phytic acid in cereals, fat oxidation and thermal processing of foods. In addition to his academic activities, Dr. Amr is heavily involved in the development of the food industries sector in Jordan and the Arab countries. To this end, he serves as a consultant for organizations such as UNIDO, ESCWA, UNESCO, PORIM and FAO on various food-related subjects, and offers consultations to local and regional institutions.

Dr. Amr was the recipient of the Hijjawi Award for the Advancement of Science and Technology in 1994, and is a member of the Institute of Food Technologists, American Association of Cereal Chemists, and Sigma Xi Society. Dr. Amr is married with four children. ■



# Nutrition 97 Conference and Exhibit

**T**HE LEBANESE ASSOCIATION for Food Sciences and Nutrition, in collaboration with AUB's Department of Food Technology and Nutrition held its biannual scientific conference and exhibit on May 2-4 at Issam Fares Hall. The conference, under the patronage of Minister of Agriculture Mr. Chawki Fakhoury, was entitled "Nutrition 97."

Among the participants were Dr. Adel Choueiry representing Minister of Agriculture Mr. Chawki Fakhoury, Dr. Yousef Bassim representing Minister of Health Mr. Sleiman Franjeh, and Mr. Fadel Chami representing Minister of Economy Mr. Yassin Jaber. Representatives of international organizations and research centers in the field of nutrition and food sciences also attended.

In her opening speech, Dr. Nahla Hwalla Baba, president of the association and conference chairperson, welcomed the attendees. She stressed that the Lebanese Association for Food Sciences and Nutrition is the only association in Lebanon concerned with nutritional matters, and is the exclusive reference for nutrition and related subjects in Lebanon. The association, which began 4 years ago, held its First International Nutrition Conference and Exhibit in 1995. It also organized symposia on obesity, the effect of diet composition on blood cholesterol, and a seminar on traditional food habits: advantages and disadvantages. She noted that the association intends to hold such conferences on a regular basis.

Dr. Baba also expressed special thanks to the sponsors, Albert Abella, the Hariri Foundation, and the Ortis and Nestle laboratories, for their contributions to the success of the conference.

The conference hosted scientists



Dr. Dagher, Dr. Bassim and Dr. Baba at the exhibition.

from the US and England, who presented the latest discoveries in nutrition. A number of participants came from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia as well.

Among the topics discussed were:

\* Dr. Peter Pellet (University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA): "Determinants of Malnutrition" and "Protein Requirements for Optimal Development in Infants."

\* Dr. Sami Hashim (Columbia University, New York, USA): "Hyperhomocysteinemia, A New Risk Factor for Cardiovascular Disease."

\* Dr. Tom Sanders (University of London King's College, England): "The Effects of Dietary fats on Thrombotic Risk Markers for Cardiovascular Disease."

\* Dr. Amin Barakat (Georgetown University, USA): "Nutrition in Kidney Diseases."

\* Dr. Nadim Cortas (AUB): "Nutrition Education in Medicine."

\* Dr. Sami Azar (AUB): "Nutrition and Osteoporosis."

\* Dr. Mohamad Mikati (AUB): "Nutrition for Optimal Brain Development in Infants."

\* Dr. Moustapha Khogali (AUB): "Chronic Diseases: Risk Factors and Risk Reduction."

\* Dr. Nahla Hwalla Baba (AUB): "Diet Consumption, Obesity and Weight Loss."

A special session on food safety

was conducted and the following topics were discussed:

\* Dr. Zohrab Malek (FAO, Italy): "FAO's Role in Nutrition Beyond the Year 2000."

\* Dr. Phillip John (University of Reading, England): "Genetic Engineering of Fruits and Vegetables."

\* Dr. Raja Tannous (AUB): "Food Safety in Lebanon"

\* Dr. Imad Toufeili (AUB): "Carcinogens in Foods"

A panel on food safety took place at the end of the conference, with people from the food industry presenting problems they faced in marketing their products in Lebanon and abroad.

The conference concluded with general recommendations.

Following the event, there was a gala dinner for nearly 125 people at the Commodore Hotel on May 3. Entertainment included a tombola with prizes donated by different contributors. ■

## Members of the Conference's Organizing and Scientific Committees

Drs. Sami Azar, Nadim Cortas, Nuhad Dagher, Abul Hamid Hallab, Mustafa Khogali, Mohammad Mikati, Camille Nassar, Shehadeh Nayfeh, Raja Tannous, Mrs. Basma Deryan Hamadeh, Mrs. Houda Maamari and Mr. Hassan Saleh. ■



# UK Alumni Support for AUB Continues



December 1997: Ceremony to dedicate a bench to the UK Alumni Association in Holland Park, London. The inscription on the wooden bench reads: "Donated to Holland Park by the American University of Beirut Alumni Association in the UK in gratitude to the British benefactors who helped establish the University in 1866".

Seated, left to right, front row: Hisham El-Solh, UK Alumni Chairman; Mayorress Hess; Lebanese Ambassador and dean of the diplomatic corp Mahmoud Hammoud; Deputy Mayor of RBK&C Councillor Jennifer Forsyth.

Standing, left to right: Mr. Ghayth Armanazi, head of the Arab League Mission in the UK; Mr. Afif Safieh, Palestine Ambassador in the UK; Dr. Hussein Al-Amri, Ambassador of Yemen; Mr. Mohamad bin Ahmad, Ambassador of Turkey.

**A**LUMNI BRANCHES IN THE Middle East and Europe have always been resolute in their support of the University; the AUB Alumni Association - UK Branch is no exception.

Over the past ten years, the UK Branch has made sizable gifts to the University's various programs with contributions of over half a million US dollars.

Of this amount, \$187,800 went to support the scholarship program (\$132,800 for current scholarships awarded during the year of donation and \$55,000 for an endowment fund, whose income will be used perpetually for scholarship grants). In addition, \$175,000 was earmarked for the reconstruction of College Hall, \$45,000 for the purchase of hospital equipment, \$20,000 for the

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## New Alumni Committee in Dubai

The AUB Alumni Association- Dubai Branch recently elected a new Alumni Committee. Members are: Shadi Refai (President), Najat Zarour (Vice President), Fadi Ghosn (Treasurer), Mae Hourani (Secretary), Lina Assi, Mustafa Ayyad, Samir Bayrakdar, Majid Farha, Zaki Farra, Yasser El-Hajj, Jamil Halabi, Rabih Hamzeh, Hannan Mardelli, Bahjat Mizra, Samer Taher, Yusuf Shalabi, and Carla Zaroubi. ■

## Qatar Branch

The AUB Alumni Association-Qatar Branch recently elected its new Steering Committee. The new committee's aims are to provide AUB with full financial support and to strengthen the common relationship among the Alumni and the University.

### New committee members are:

Mr. Zouhair Boulos (Advisor)  
 Mr. Nicolas T. Ghanem (President)  
 Mr. Nazih Abdul Kader (V/P)  
 Mr. Nizar Nasr (Secretary)  
 Mrs. Lili Kawmi (Cultural Affairs)  
 Mrs. Lina Salloum (Social Affairs)  
 Mrs. Sahar Keblawi (Publication)  
 Mr. Raed Mahfouz (Executive Member)  
 Mr. Ilyas Chalouhi (Information)  
 Mr. Salem Watfa (Coordinator)  
 Mr. Ilyas Francis (Treasurer)



## Abu Dhabi Alumni Committee Concludes Two Successful Years

UNIVERSITIES AROUND THE world pride themselves on the number of active alumni branches they have. AUB is blessed with many such branches in the Middle East, Europe and North America. Among these active communities is the AUB alumni branch in Abu Dhabi, where alumni committees have worked to bring AUB alumni together and to rally support for their alma mater.

The present committee, elected in June 1995 for a two-year period, has carried out a number of activities that were well received by the AUB community in Abu Dhabi and throughout United Arab Emirates.

On December 22, 1995 it organized a "day out" where alumni and their families met for an entire day enjoying songs, dances, games and other social activities. A second "day out" on December 20, 1996 was just as successful.

The most important event of the year is the Alumni Spring Ball, usually held in May. On May 23, 1996 the "AUB Alumni 9 Spring Ball" took place at the Abu Dhabi

Intercontinental Hotel with Lebanese Minister of Economy Mr. Yassin Jaber the guest of honor. The "AUB Alumni 10 Spring Ball" on May 22, 1997, at the same hotel, hosted guest of honor Dr. Ray Irani. Dr. Irani is Chairman of Occidental Petroleum and a member of AUB's Board of Trustees. Together these two activities generated a total of US \$205,000, which was duly donated to AUB. The money was used to boost the two endowed scholarship funds established by the Abu Dhabi Alumni Committee.

President, Mr. Ramzi Kteily, and Mr. Jirji Bsheer presented the two checks to Deputy President Samir Makdisi during their visits to Beirut.

The AUB Alumni Association-Abu Dhabi Committee has been a major donor to various AUB programs since 1987, with over \$887,000 in gifts funneled into the University's accounts. The major part of these gifts went to the endowed scholarship funds, namely: The Abu Dhabi Alumni Endowment Scholarship (\$419,000) and The Abu Dhabi Alumni Medical Sciences Endowment Scholarship (\$400,000).

Additional contributions went towards the reconstruction of College Hall (\$51,220), the Endocrine Fellowship Training Fund (\$10,000) and the full-cost scholarship fund (\$6,900).

Not only did the committee hold its own fund-raising events, it also encouraged alumni and friends to contribute to AUB. As a result, the University has received numerous gifts from alumni and friends designated for various programs. Most of these gifts were for the College Hall Fund, a project to which AUB has given priority over the past six years.

### Outgoing Abu Dhabi Alumni Committee

Mr. Ramzi Kteily, President  
Ms. Gisele Nasser, Vice President  
Mrs. Poupee Kashou, Secretary  
Mr. Saleem Mitri, Treasurer  
Other members: Samar Ghantous, Fouad Dada, Shehadi Zinati, Joy Audeh, Jirji Bsheer, Waje Kasmadjian, Mohamed Sleiman, Ibrahim Raphael, Hana Asfour, Nada Mansour, Elias Assaf, Hanadi Solh, Amer Kakaish, Marwan Atiyeh and Assaad Antonious. ■

## International Tennis Federation Junior Competition

For the second time in Lebanon, the AUB Alumni Tennis Club hosted the International Tennis World Ranking for juniors. During the first week of September players from Europe and the Middle East gathered to collect points for the world ranking. The Alumni club provided the players' accommodations.

The ITF ranking operates by holding several tournaments in various countries. The players go to other countries to compete, although not all players go to all countries. The players who came to Lebanon, however, agreed that this tournament had been the best. Countries represented here were Pakistan, Armenia, Egypt, Indonesia, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Syria, Sweden, Germany and Lebanon.

In the Girl's Doubles, Miss Sawaf and Miss Sara Abaza from Egypt took first place. Miss Eman Chehab from Indonesia won in the Girl's Singles category.

In Boy's Doubles, the winning team was Mr. Sherazi (Pakistan) and Mr. Al-Ghareeb (Kuwait). Boy's Singles was won by Jalal Chafaii from Morocco, after a tense match with the German, Benjamin Becker. A large crowd



Winners proudly holding their trophies.

showed up for the finals, which were also televised by Future TV.

This tournament, which was of great benefit to Lebanon and the Alumni club, would not have been possible without the financial aid of the Allied Business Bank, or without the impeccable organization of Mr. Samer Jurdi. The successful event has established the Alumni Club as a reliable venue for ITF tournaments and the players themselves look forward to returning to Lebanon next year. ■



# Jafet Library: A New Look



**T**HE NEWLY REMODELED AND updated Jafet Library is a source of pride for Lebanon and AUB alike. As one of the largest and oldest libraries in the country, it is Jafet that comes closest to serving as a much needed public library.

Its facilities include some of the trendiest library technology in Lebanon. Near the Circulation Desk—which handles some 300,000 transactions a year—is a rank of new computers, recently installed beside the old card index that has served the library for so long.

These computers let researchers locate books, magazines, authors or special subjects at the push of a few buttons. Another part of the computer program helps librarians keep track of every book, which, like items in a grocery store, are all bar-coded.

Jafet possesses over 250,315 titles in 460,436 volumes written in almost a dozen languages. In addition, the library subscribes to some 2,849 magazines, journals and other periodicals, 266 of them in Arabic.

The Micrographics Department has a growing list of 3,605 titles on microfilm, including important Lebanese newspapers and magazines.

The University's first library, established in College Hall about the same time as the Syrian Protestant College itself, boasted 2,000 volumes and a staff of one. From this modest beginning the library grew steadily thanks to donations from faculty members, alumni and foreign institutions.

When by 1945 the collections began to outstrip the space available it was obvious the library needed a home of its own. It wasn't long before need became a reality thanks to a \$200,000 donation from the widow and children of Nami Jafet ( BA 1882).

This donation was the genesis of the Jafet Memorial Library, a three story building faced with local limestone, finished in 1951. Although the new library could accommodate 200,000 volumes, the facility was growing so fast that only ten years later it had to be enlarged.

The most recent rebuilding and remodeling project, completed in 1996, was far more radical. Severely damaged in the 1990 explosion of nearby College Hall, the library was enlarged and improved during reconstruction. Space for book stacks was increased by 151% and reading room facilities by 59 percent. The completed building, now five stories high with two basements, has been modernized and air-conditioned throughout. ■

## AUB LIBRARIES ONLINE

More information on Jafet and its Branch Libraries, as well as the Medical Library, can be found on AUB's home page. The address is [www.aub.edu.lb](http://www.aub.edu.lb).

Meanwhile, archival holdings such as the 1,415 political posters, as well as historical photographs, are being added to the Archives Home Page on the World Wide Web. at <http://almashriq.hios.no/lebanon/300/370/aub/moore>.



## Jafet Family Visits Library

ON JULY 30, 1997 MR. AND Mrs. Carlos Jafet Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jafet, grandchildren of Na'mi Jafet, after whom AUB's Main Library is named, paid a visit to Jafet Memorial Library.

Accompanying them on their tour were Vice-President Makhluif Haddadin and Director of Development Mr. Nazih Zeidan.

University Librarian Mrs. Helen Bikhazi and Archives Librarian Mrs. Asma Fathallah welcomed the visitors and guided them around renovated library.

The party was very impressed by Jafet Library's up-to-date facilities and new technology, but the most pleasant surprise came when they discovered a special display of items relating to the Jafet family. The

exhibit, drawn from University Archives and library holdings by Ms. Fathallah, included books, photographs, plans, etc. There was even a recent e-mail message from an American member of the Jafet family inquiring about his forefathers, who had emigrated from Dhour el Choueir decades ago.

The visitors, moved by these well-kept memories, thanked the University for taking such good care of their family legacy. ■



Librarian H. Bikhazi with the Jafet family.



In the Archives Department: Ms. A. Fathallah, right, VP Haddadin (second on the left), with members of the Jafet family.

## Archives and Special Collections

While other sections of the library are universal in their range of subject matter, the Archives and Special Collections Department is almost exclusively concerned with AUB. Covering the entire story of the University, the archives reflect every aspect of its history.

Among the fascinating documents and memorabilia stored away in acid-free boxes, is the correspondence of Daniel Bliss, the University's founder and first president. Also to be seen are the first degrees ever awarded by the then Syrian Protestant College in 1870-71. Bayard Dodge, AUB's president between 1923 and 1948 left his academic robe, papers, degrees and awards to the university.

Student petitions such as the one submitted during a 1909 crisis over the language of instruction are preserved, as well as student

publications, theses and records of their activities.

One of the more recent additions to AUB's memorabilia is shrapnel from the 1990 College Hall explosion. Photographs, videos and other souvenirs also document the event.

Some archives are recorded in sound. An oral history, made in the 1970s, preserves the voices of many Arab and Lebanese personalities in lengthy interviews. Both the audio recordings and transcripts are available to researchers.

Photographs, some 9,100 of them, are probably the most fascinating archives. One special collection is composed of 74 photographs of the University campus taken by Professor Franklin Moore between 1890 and 1915. ■

## UK Alumni Support

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support of various hospital activities (including \$10,000 for treatment of refugees from South Lebanon), and \$10,000 to enhance the prognosis of cancer. Unrestricted gifts to support the University's current program totaled \$80,000. One gift of \$5,000 was made to establish a memorial scholarship fund in the name of the late Albert Hourani.

On December 9, 1997, Mr. Hisham El-Solh, Chairman of the AUB Alumni Association-UK Branch met with Dr. Samir Makdisi and presented him with a \$10,000 check from the UK Branch for the scholarship program. Dr. Makdisi expressed his sincere appreciation to Mr. El-Solh for the support that AUB Alumni in the UK have given to their alma mater. ■



# Quantity and Variety Mark Fall and Winter Music Season at AUB

**T**HE 1997-1998 MUSIC season got off to an early start on October 21 with a charity concert for the Lebanese School for the Blind and Deaf in Ba'abda given by Lebanon's best-known flautist, Wissam Boustani and pianist Nigel Clayton. The performers were enthusiastically assisted by some of the students themselves.

On the October 23 and 31 we had chamber music concerts by Giovanni De Angeli, oboist and Daniel Roi, pianist, followed by the unusual combination of music for two cellos, played by Josep Bassal and Alexandria Jadirian.

November began with a superb performance of music for piano, clarinet and cello by the German-based Trio Incanto. The evening was divided by the French music of Debussy and Poulenc and the more traditional German romantic fare of Schumann and Brahms, all of it affectingly and evocatively played.



Wissam Boustani performs with students of the Lebanese School for the Blind and Deaf.

On the 16th a choir from Armenia gave a concert of works by the composers Komitas and Mansourian under the sponsorship of the Armenian Embassy. At the end of the month pianists Cyprien Katsaris and Paul Mihaly gave recitals. The latter, who is the brother of AUB faculty member Patricia Nabti, was assisted by his Korean-born wife who sang and played the oriental instrument known as the "kyagun". In between the two we had a concert



Abdul Rahman al-Basha

of classical and romantic music for Spanish guitar presented November 27, 28 and 29 by the Instituto Cervantes-- three nights in a row of first-rate entertainment.

December gave us two more piano recitals, the first by the Italian Fermo Roscigno, and the second by the world-class Lebanese artist, Abdul Rahman Al-Basha, who as always played with expressive brilliance before an enthusiastic hometown audience.

Things began to slow down a bit with the beginning of Ramadan, but two very good programs filled in the gap. The Ensemble Scaligero, an interesting



European Orchestra.





De Angeli

assemblage of instruments including a saxophone, performed on January 5th under the auspices of the Italian Cultural Institute and the semester ended on January 24th with a concert of Arabic music by the choir of the American University of Cairo and a small "takht" or group of oriental instrumentalists.

This was certainly one of the most varied seasons to date with literally something for everybody.

Robert Brenton Betts



Trio Incanto

## A Tormented Bizet and a Reference Carmen

On the evening of January 15 Professor Pierre Azoury presented the French composer Georges Bizet and his operatic masterpiece, **Carmen**, to a large audience of opera buffs at Issam Fares Hall. This was the first of a series

of three pre-Bustan-Festival presentations under the sponsorship of the Classical Music Committee of the AUB Music Club and the Friends Committee of Al-Bustan Festival. Professor Azoury first reviewed the status of French opera in Bizet's time



P. Azoury

and the appalling reception **Carmen** received at its Parisian première at the Opéra-Comique on March 3, 1875. **Carmen** was born at a time when French opera had degenerated into a catalog of pieces lacking in originality and quality, despite their considerable charm.

Up until the five years preceding **Carmen**, Bizet was still without any clear sense of direction as a composer. His continuing stream of unstarted and unfinished projects are testimony to this. Around the time of his marriage to Geneviève Halévy in 1869, he was aware of undergoing "an extraordinary change.. both as artist and man."

There then followed, through an



unprecedented period of inspiration, the composition of virtually all the works for which he is famous, culminating in his operatic swan-song, **Carmen**.

The opera displays his immense talent for penetratingly original music in a highly colored setting. But its audaciously risqué character created problems at the Opéra-Comique, then regarded as a family theater. The mostly adverse reviews it received after its première angered Bizet and perhaps contributed to his final illness and death three weeks later at the age of 36.

The video film of the opera (there was time for three of its four acts) was in the highly colorful and realistic verismo tradition initiated by Franco Zeffirelli some 40 years ago. Julia Migenes-Johnson is a reference Carmen and she is outstandingly matched by Plácido Domingo as Don José.

This year's Al-Bustan festival includes three performances of **Carmen** (March 10, 11 and 12) by the Helikon Opera and supported by 60 musicians and soloists. In contrast to the classical version, the Helikon production is a highly original contemporary adaptation transposed to the backstreets of a big city. ■



# AUB Choir Performs Messiah and Carols



AUB Choir at Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

**O**N DECEMBER 10TH AND 11TH the 70-member AUB Choir gave splendid performances of those portions of Handel's celebrated oratorio, "Messiah," traditionally sung at Christmas. These choruses and arias, most of them familiar to all of us in the West, are settings of biblical texts prophesying and announcing the birth of Christ.

The choir and the chamber orchestra, The Barock Ensemble, were directed by Professor Robert Betts, who conducted from the piano (as Handel himself did from the harpsichord at the first performance in Dublin, Ireland, in 1742), ably assisted by Professor Ramzi Sabra at the organ.

The choir handled the choruses superbly, tossing off the elaborate melismas of "For Unto Us A Child Is Born" with aplomb, and bringing the performance to a close with a riveting reading of "Hallelujah." The solos were admirably sung by small

semi-choruses and individual members from the choir, notably Martine Francis and Nada Hamadeh, soprani, Joanna Abdallah, alto, and Fady Jamous and Michel Kafrouni, bassi. This was the first performance of the Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's justly celebrated piece at AUB in many years. It was a delight to have it presented so well. A third performance was given on December 17 at the German School in Jounieh, the "home theater" of the Barock Ensemble, directed by violinist Lotti Adaimi.

Two performances of carols and other short choral works for Christmas were presented by the choir on December 18 and 19, again to capacity audiences in AUB's Assembly Hall. The singers processed to Benjamin Britten's arrangement of the medieval Gregorian chant, "Hodie Christus Natus Est" (Today Christ is Born) and continued with an interesting program of new, familiar and rarely-performed carols.

Many of the familiar carols were sung to unusual and difficult settings which made them seem new, despite the familiarity of the tune. Of particular beauty was John Rutter's setting of the 17th century English poem, "What Sweeter Music." Khaled Sakhel's tenor solo was especially well sung in John Tavener's work, "God Is With Us," composed in Byzantine and Russian Orthodox style.

Throughout the evening, as in its "Messiah" performances, the choir sang with precision and wide dynamic range.

The choir is one of the most active student groups on campus, working year round to produce as many as a dozen performances annually. This spring it will be presenting concerts featuring the music of Beethoven, notably his "Mass in C" and the "Hallelujah" chorus from one of his earliest choral works, "The Mount of Olives."

L. J. P.



## The Annual Toy Tea Party



The traditional Toy Tea Party of the Women's Auxiliary of the American University Medical Center took place July 1 in the beautiful Gardens of Marquand House.

The program was given by two very talented amateurs, Dr. Sami Kawas and Christine Zahar. Their

beautiful voices performing Musical Oldies revived nostalgia in everyone's heart.

Then the ladies gathered around a very sumptuous buffet, enjoying many kinds of home made cakes and sandwiches.

## Dr. Nadim Cortas at Women's Auxiliary Meeting



Dr. Cortas on the Dangers of Self-Medication.

The Women's Auxiliary opened its new season of varied activities with a very interesting and instructive lecture by Dr. Nadim Cortas on November 18,

Dr. Cortas, in his captivating style, talked about "The Dangers of Self Medication."

After the lecture, the ladies gathered around an appetizing spread of cakes and cookies, to sip their tea and discuss the useful knowledge they had gained.

## Open House: An AUB Tradition

The "Open House" is an old tradition still carried on at the dormitories of AUB. At the beginning of every semester, both the men's and women's dorms are open to visitors, who are allowed to visit the rooms between 7 and 9 pm. Open House is particularly enjoyed by new students, although older ones take part as well.

During the day dorm students stock up on snacks such as chips and drinks for the "guests."

Walking down the hall, visitors are bombarded with music of every kind blaring from radios in the rooms. Signs, posters, and balloons fill the halls, as people walk around from room to room chatting and laughing. At 9 pm, everyone is ushered into the lobby, where a DJ plays music and people dance and shout and continue enjoying themselves until 12:30 am, when the party ends and everyone leaves.

This year, as usual, Murex Women's Dorm held an open house event on November 3, 1997. The girls were friendly and hospitable and most opened their rooms. The party following the event was blasting its music with DJ Danny Bizy, and students were having a good time. What made Murex open-house remarkable this year is the birthday of residents Maram Merhi (turned 18) and Denise Nachif (turned 22) with everyone in the crowd sharing in the fun and wishing the girls a Happy Birthday. Moreover, Murex set up a buffet of cakes and chips for visitors, fellow residents, and their friends' birthdays.

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## Christmas Luncheon for Women's Auxiliary



Dr. Najjar and Mr. Kuntz at the luncheon's table of honor.

The Women's Auxiliary of the AUBMC held their traditional Christmas lunch on December 19 at the elegant Hotel Gabriel.

The menu was delicious and the talented Joe Cambar enlivened the gathering with Christmas carols and beautiful oldies.

Mrs. Leila Khalaf, in her melodious voice, added a special touch to the program encouraging all those present to join in the singing. An atmosphere of joy and peace prevailed, typical of the Christmas season

## The Art of Majda Sleiman

**M**ajda Mabrouk Sleiman, an AUB alumnae, took part in a collective art exhibition last fall in the Ministry of Tourism's Exhibition Hall where her paintings were favorably assessed by critics.

Born in Tripoli, Majda graduated from AUB with a Master's Degree in Art Education in 1970. Always an "Honor List" student, Majda also earned a BA in Fine Arts and a Normal Teaching Diploma in Education. Her MA thesis is entitled "An Improved Art Program for Public and Private Elementary Schools in Lebanon," and she fully applied it during her intensive

teaching career at the American Community School (ACS). This soon gave concrete results: One of her students won the first Prize at the Nehru International Painting Competition in 1973 and ACS was awarded the World Golden Cup for the year 1973-74. While writing her Master's Thesis, Majda won an Assistantship at the Fine Arts Department at AUB and she participated in several research projects dealing with the study and classification of ancient Lebanese Pottery and Glassware.

In 1974 Majda enrolled at the Fine Arts Institute of the Lebanese University. At "L'Atelier de Gravure" where a great printing press was available, her creative work gradually encompassed sculptural reliefs to include etching and engraving on silverplate and jewelry, lithography on metals, zinc, copper and silver, printing on wood and linoleum blocks.

Her rich collection of prints and mixed-media collages was shown in several collective exhibitions: in Tripoli, Istanbul, Rome, Levico, Santo Stefano, Beirut, Larnaca, and Limassol.



## SBS Society Elections

The Social and Behavioral Sciences Society (SBS Society) convened at Jessup Hall on November 12, 1997 to elect new officers. Ex-president Sandra Haddad spoke about the accomplishments of the previous year, the difficulties faced in carrying out some activities and programs, and what could be improved or worked on by the newly elected officers.

In addition to the four existing positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, two new positions were added: Public Relations and Member at Large.

The new officers are:

- Charlotte Karam - President
- Wael Khoury - Vice President
- Etienne Kechichian - Secretary
- Haitham Khoury - Treasurer
- Amira Solh- Public Relations
- Samar Kanafani-Member at Large

## PSPA Society Annual Reception

On December 9 the newly appointed PSPA Society held its annual dinner reception at the Hard Rock Cafe' in Ain El Mreisseh. The open buffet dinner was attended by professors and students from the PSPA Department and various other faculties.

Dr. Antoun, the Society's advisor, and incoming president, Ms. Lina Labban, both spoke to the 120 guests, wishing them success in the coming year.

The energetic dances performed by Hard Rock staff attracted students and professors to the dance floor, and established an electric atmosphere.

The reception, an enjoyable event, surely foreshadows an equally successful year to come.



## Independence Day Sports Events

## Cross Campus Race



The AUB Athletics Department held a 5,000-meter cross-campus race for men on November 15. A 3,000 meter race for women took place at the same time.

More than 50 athletes, representing clubs and universities from around the country, participated. The race was supervised by the Lebanese Track and Field Federation, represented by Mr. Raymond Buhluk.

Final results are as follows:

**3,000 METERS- WOMEN**

- 1-Leila Budena- Atlitco Club
- 2-Mary Saab- Lebanese Army
- 3-Sarah Kouzi- AUB
- 4-Miray Marta- AUB

**5,000 METERS- MEN**

- 1-Ali Mazloum- Lebanese Army
- 2-Ahmad Al Darkouchi- Lebanese Army
- 3-Nicola Marta- Lebanese Army

**TEAM SCORES:****Men:**

- 1-Lebanese Army
- 2-AUB

**Women:**

- 1-AUB
- 2-Atlitco Club

Medals and trophies were distributed to winners at the conclusion of the race.

## Archery Tournament



The AUB Athletics Department held a 1997 Independence Day Tournament in Archery. Organized under the supervision of the Lebanese Archery Federation, the final results are as follows:

**MEN:**

- 1-Chadi Haykal= 232 points
- 2-George Tamar= 166 points
- 2-Tony Haidar= 166 point
- 3-Mohamad Adada= 132 points
- 4-Ziad Maamoun= 130 points
- 5-George Riahi= 100 point
- 6-Bassil Dabbous= 49 points

**WOMEN:**

- 1-Hiba Itani= 212 points
- 2-Diana Chahab= 167 points
- 3-May Baoun= 110 points

At the conclusion of the event medals and trophies were distributed to the winners.

## Table Tennis

On November 15 the AUB Athletics Department held its 1997 Independence Day Table Tennis Tournament at West Hall. More than 60 players participated, representing universities and clubs from around the country. These included AUB, Hagazian, Lebanese University, USEK, Champville, Antranik, Sporting, Lebanese Army, and the Homentmen Club.

Final results were:

**WOMEN:**

- 1-Liza Badikian, Homentmen
- 2-Rana Merchi, Champville
- 3-Nadine Ghanem, Antranik

**MEN:**

- 1-Mohamad Cherkawi, Lebanese University
- 2-Oussama Nadim, Sporting
- 3-Razmik Chemamian, Antaranik
- 4-Harout Costantine, AUB

Medals and trophies were distributed to winners at the close of the tournament.



## Christmas Tournament '97: Final Results

The AUB Athletics Department held a successful 1997 Christmas tournament between November 25 and December 19, 1997.

### Final results were:

#### Volleyball (Men)

- 1st place: USEK
- 2nd place: Leb U
- 3rd place: Balamand

#### Volleyball (Women)

- 1st place: USEK
- 2nd place: AUB
- 3rd place: NDU

#### Basketball (Women)

- 1st place: LAU
- 2nd place: AUB
- 3rd place: Balamand

#### Basketball (Men)

- 1st place: USEK
- 2nd place: Balamand
- 3rd place: LAU

#### Handball (Men)

- 1st place: BAU
- 2nd place: LAU
- 3rd place: AUB

#### Table-Tennis (Men)

- 1st place: NAU

- 2nd place: Haigazian
- 3rd place: Leb U, NDU

#### Table-Tennis (Women)

- 1st place: Balamand
- 2nd place: LAU
- 3rd place: AUB, BAU

#### Cross-Campus team ranking

- 1st place: AUB
- 2nd place: Lebanese University
- 3rd place: NDU

#### Kick-Boxing team ranking

- 1st place: BAU
- 2nd place: BAU
- 3rd place: AUB

#### Swimming team ranking

- 1st place: AUB
- 2nd place: LAU
- 3rd place: USJ

#### Tennis

- 1st place: AUB

#### Football (Men)

- 1st place: Leb U
- 2nd place: BAU
- 3rd place: AUB

Awards to winners were distributed at a reception.

## Independence Tournament Results

University sports in Lebanon reached their peak in November and December thanks to AUB's Independence Tournament. Most universities and some sports clubs joined us for this annual sports "festival".

### RESULTS

#### Football:

- 1st place : Lebanese Army Team
- 2nd place: AUB varsity
- 3rd place: Arab University Team

#### Basketball: (Men)

- 1st place: Lebanese Army Team
- 2nd place: AUB varsity

#### Basketball: (Women)

- 1st place: Hagazian University
- 2nd place: AUB
- 3rd place: LAU

#### Volleyball: (Men)

- 1st place: Lebanese Army Team
- 2nd place: Al Sadaka Team
- 3rd place: AUB

#### Volleyball: (Women)

- 1st place: AUB
- 2nd place: Arab University
- 3rd place: Al-Ansar

#### Tennis:

- 1st place: AUB (group A)
- 2nd place: AUB (group B)
- 3rd place: Al-Nahda

#### Table Tennis:

- 1st place: Homentemen
- 2nd place: Chanviel
- 3rd place: Antraniek

#### Swimming:

##### 800 Meters-Men:

- 1st place: AUB Mark Daw
- 2nd place: AUB Shafic Sinno
- 3rd place: LAU Mohammad Amasha
- 4th place: LAU Wissam Marroveh
- 5th place: AUB Karim Kilani
- 6th place: AUB Wael Sabra
- 7th place: BAU Hassan Salameh
- 8th place: BAU Ali Mokadem

##### 400 Meters-Women

- 1st place: AUB Elisabeth Saleh
- 2nd place: AUB May Timani
- 3rd place: AUB Zeina Hajj

#### Body Building:

##### Light chest bench press

- Hussein Mansour: Staff AUB
- Tarek Hatoum: AUB
- Nabil Nazer: AUB

#### Track and Field: (Men)

- 1st place: Lebanese Army Ali Mazloum
- 2nd place: Lebanese Army Ahmad Darkouchi
- 3rd place: Lebanese Army Nicolas Marta

#### (Women)

- 1st place: Atlatico, Leila Bodina
- 2nd place: Lebanese Army, Marry Saab
- 3rd place: AUB, Sara Fawzi

## Mr. G. Halimi at AIESEP Conference

Director of Athletics Mr. Ghaleb Halimi recently attended a world conference on teaching, coaching and fitness needs in physical education and sports science. The conference, organized by AIESEP (International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education) was held in Singapore December 4-7.

Local, regional and international experts met to discuss sub-themes of the conference, which included:

- 1- Teaching and coaching in universities
- 2- Research in teaching and coaching
- 3- In-service teaching and coaching
- 4- Coaching elite athletes
- 5- Coaching youth sport
- 6- Coaching and teaching people with special needs
- 7- The role of fitness and health in universities
- 8- Olympic education

Delegates from all over the world attended this conference, with special participation from AUB and Lebanon.





# The Al-Kulliyah Story Continues

## To the editor,

I read with a lot of interest Mr. Nabil Ashkar's letter to you about the history of **Al-Kulliyah** (**AUB Bulletin**, Fall 1997, Vol. 39 No. 3/4). Thanks are due to Mr. Ashkar for his thorough and valuable study of the background of **Al-Kulliyah** magazine.

I would like to point out, however, that there are some discrepancies in Mr. Ashkar's letter. Mr. Ashkar says that "The AUB Alumni Association was established in 1923" (page 69). This is not correct. The AUB Alumni Association was actually established in 1911, although the scope of the Association was limited to alumni in Lebanon. In 1923 the Association formally adopted a new Constitution which stipulated the formation of a Council with representatives of alumni from all over the world. It is unfortunate that a number of alumni, including Mr. Ashkar, are still under the impression that the AUB Alumni Association was established in 1923.

As far as **Al-Kulliyah** is concerned it is true that it first appeared in 1910. But when the AUB Alumni Association was established in 1911 **Al-Kulliyah** was considered to be the official organ of the Association. It was published first by the Syrian Protestant College, then by AUB, still later jointly by AUB and the Association and finally solely by the AUB Alumni Association as of 1991.

In conclusion, I would like to remind all those who are interested that **Al-Kulliyah** devoted its Spring 1988 issue to a detailed history of the AUB Alumni Association and

of **Al-Kulliyah**. After a thorough study of the documents and minutes available in the Association's office, the Editor of **Al-Kulliyah**, Mrs. Najwa Shaheen Haffar, outlined in that issue the details of the establishment and development of the Association. Based on the same documents, she also wrote in the same issue about the history and development of **Al-Kulliyah**... outlining the various stages which coincide to a great extent with what Mr. Ashkar outlined in his letter.

Unfortunately, because of financial constraints **Al-Kulliyah** has a limited distribution and therefore its valuable Spring 1988 issue was not seen by Mr. Ashkar and the alumni he quotes in his letter.

Thank you

Jacob Thaddeus, MD.  
Chairman  
Publication Committee of  
**Al-Kulliyah**

## Nabeel Ashkar replies:

This is in reply to the letter from Jacob Thaddeus, MD, concerning my letter about **Al-Kulliyah**.

I read with interest his letter, noting that my name was erroneously spelled "Nabil," though it was clearly signed

"Nabeel." No matter!!

In the last paragraph of his letter Dr. Thaddeus says: "..... was not seen by Mr. Ashkar." Looking carefully at the issue of Spring 1988, referred to on page 25, there was an article written by "Nabeel G. Ashkar." This means that not only have I seen the issue in question, but that most probably I have taken a number of copies to distribute.

I cannot deny that I did not mention the initial meeting at Marquand House before 1923 which may have been the origin of the "Association," but all records and photographs over many years list the first President of the Alumni Association as Bulus Khauli (1924-1930). However, this is not the point of the discussion.

The purpose of my letter was not to discuss the establishment of the "Alumni Association"; my letter, based on the chronology which is available for all to read at the Jafet Memorial Library at AUB, was to simply spell out, in chronological order, the story of **Al-Kulliyah**. This means: who were the publishers, who were the editors, and what was the masthead of the magazine. In that respect I think I am quite accurate.

Thank you for your indulgence.

Nabeel G. Ashkar

## Al-Kulliyah Historical Chart at Jafet Archives

The Archives and Special Collections Department at Jafet Library has issued "Al-Kulliyah: A Chronological History" in table format, covering the period from 1910 (Issue No.1) to the present.

The table includes the titles and their changes, dates of publication, volume numbers, publishers, editors, languages, frequency, physical description (number of pages, colors, sizes), prices and explanatory notes. Anyone interested is welcome to consult it at the Department and make copies.

The Archives Department reminds readers that it has an index for **Al-Kulliyah**, compiled by the Library, which includes authors, titles and subjects.



# Independence Day Swimming Competition

**O**n November 15 the AUB Athletics Department held its 1997 Independence Day swimming competition in open water at AUB Beach.

A number of universities and clubs took part in the race, which was supervised by the Lebanese Swimming Federation. Representing the federation were its president, Mr. Khalil Nahas and Secretary General, Mr. Mahmoud Arnaout. AUB was represented by Mr. Ghaleb Halimi, Director of Athletics and Mr. Adel Yammout, Swimming Coach.

Here are the final results:

## Universities- 800 m- Men

- 1-Mark Daou, AUB
- 2-Chafic Sinno, AUB
- 3-Mohammad Ammacha,



## LAU- Jbeil.

- 4-Wissam Marouch, LAU-Beirut
- 5-Karim Kilani, AUB
- 6-Wael Sabra, AUB
- 7-Hassan Salameh, BAU
- 8-Ali Mokadem, BAU

## Universities- 400 m-Women

- 1-Elizabeth Saleh, AUB
- 2-May Timmani, AUB
- 3-Zeina El Hajj, AUB

## Clubs- 800 meters- Men

- 1-George Bikhazi, Najah
- 2-Omar Daaboul Sabbahi Loubnan
- 3-Abdul Razzak Itani Najah

## Clubs- 400 meters- Women

- 1-Maya Sinno Jazira
- 2-Aline Hatab Sabbahi Loubnan

After the race, Messrs. Halami, Nahas and Arnaout distributed medals and trophies to the winners.



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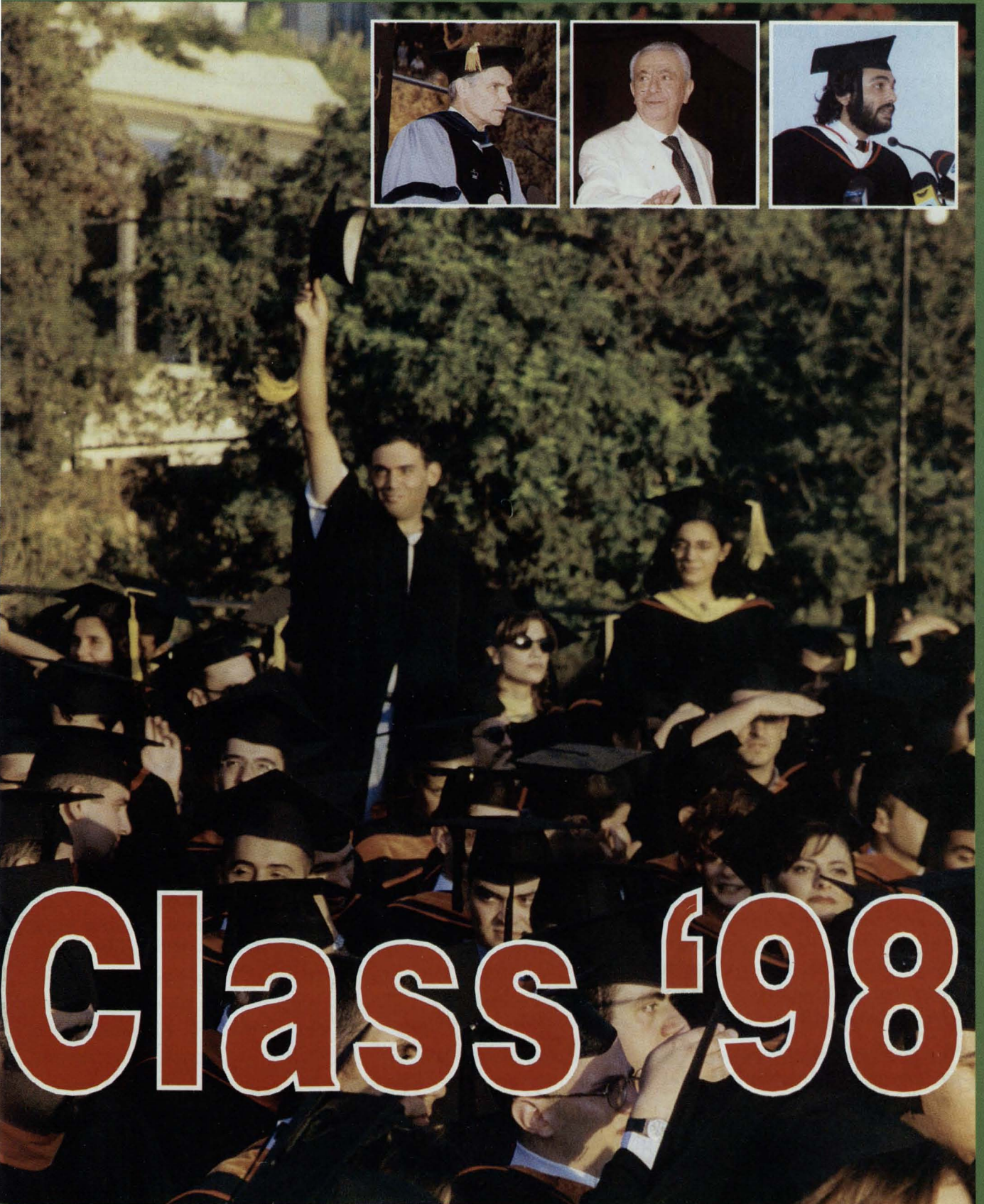




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# 129th Commencement Exercises



Commencement 1998: General view . Photo by Najji.

On Wednesday July 15 the Green Field was the scene of AUB's 129th Commencement Exercises. During the ceremony 1,087 graduates received their diplomas from President John Waterbury as 10,000 friends and parents looked on.

The commencement took place under the auspices of President Elias Hraoui, who attended the event in person. Other personalities on the Green Field were Ministers Shahé Barsoumian, Hagop Demerdjian and Fouad Siniora as well as MPs Ismail Sukkariyyeh, Bahia Hariri, Anwar Khalil, Pierre Dakdash and Najah Wakim.

US Chargé d'Affaires Greg Berry and Palestinian House Speaker Tayseer Kubbaah were present, along with General Taufic Taki representing the Army Commander in Chief, Director of Protocol at the Presidential Palace Ambassador Maroun Haymari and President of the National Conservatory Dr.

Walid Ghulmiyyeh.

A new feature this year was the addition of a platform for the graduates .

The ceremony began in the traditional manner with the Lebanese National Anthem and the faculty procession. The imposing procession, which included 82 professors and two trustees, all in full academic regalia, moved from the back of the Green Field to be seated on the front platform.

President Waterbury then addressed the gathering, reminding students of the axiom "always try to leave a place better than you found it." He was followed by student representative Kabalan Franjeh, who discussed problems facing the University and the new graduates.

In his speech President Hraoui said that the time had come to modernize Lebanon's democracy and pointed out that Lebanon is stronger than the tragedy that befell it.

The President denounced political sectarianism and called for the reinforcement of national unity. He also made an appeal for the modernization of post-secondary curricula and for inter-university cooperation.

Dr. Waterbury then presented the diplomas to the graduates.

Arrangements for the graduation ceremony started several days earlier, when Physical Plant personnel began preparing the Green Field. Fifty-five student ushers were readied to guide members of the audience to their seats, while students from the Red Cross Club set up a first aid tent on the sea-side of the Green Field and helped distribute water.

A final dress rehearsal on the Green Field the evening of Tuesday, July 14 was followed by a reception at Marquand House. Hosted by President Waterbury, the event was attended by graduates and their parents. ■

Henry Matthews



# President John Waterbury: We Must Look Forward



Dr. Waterbury welcomes President Hraoui to the Commencement Exercises. *Photo by Dalati Nohra.*

**M**r. President, your excellencies, honorable deputies, fellow presidents, respected faculty and staff, cherished alumni, honored guests-- and above all, students and parents.

Students and parents, this day is for you. It is a celebration of your hard work and sacrifice. For you graduating seniors, it is a commencement--a beginning. Your lives as citizens, professionals, mothers and fathers lie before you. We hope that this University has given you the education, the skills, and, most important, the values to make this beginning good for you, and good for your fellow woman and man.

It is also, as importantly, a continuation. You are links in a chain stretching back in time 132 years, and stretching forward to an infinite future. What we are able to celebrate today has come about because of what thousands of alumni, hard working parents, devoted faculty, and faithful staff have done before. Future graduates will have you, and all who are assembled here today, to thank for what they take away from this

venerable place, or as the words of our alma mater put it: "from this oriental queen."

Throughout its history, this University has had to face hard times, sometimes life or death challenges. In meeting them, it has relied on what is best in the Lebanese and American character. Hard work, ingenuity, and the values that might be best summarized as fair play. When I look back over that history I am amazed that we survived at all--until I meet our students, the parents of our students, and the entire family of the AUB that regards this institution and its campus as far more than a place to come to work each day.

Then, there are our friends, people great and humble who may have had no direct relationship with the University but who take pride in it, share in its cultural life, walk its campus, share its sorrows, and rejoice in its accomplishments. Generation after generation, it has been such people that have kept this University alive and well.

It is customary for Presidents and other eminent speakers at

commencements to urge young graduates to lead their lives through unstinting service, infinite sacrifice, and devotion to human kind. I remember all too well suffering through a sweltering June day at Princeton University, thirty seven years ago when I was asked to spend the rest of my life as a saint.

I won't do that to you, although I dearly wish we had more saints among us. But a president cannot forego some preaching, some exhortation. I only hope that mine is reasonable, designed for mortals who will marry and have children, hold jobs they may not always like, suffer doubts, be bored out of their minds, and face crises not always of their own making.

I have never had the occasion before to invoke, in public, my father. He was a man of simple values, simultaneously wise and naive. He often spoke in simple proverbs and aphorisms. But as early in my life as my memory runs, I remember him saying, 'John, try to leave any place you come to better than you found it'. He did not say much better; he



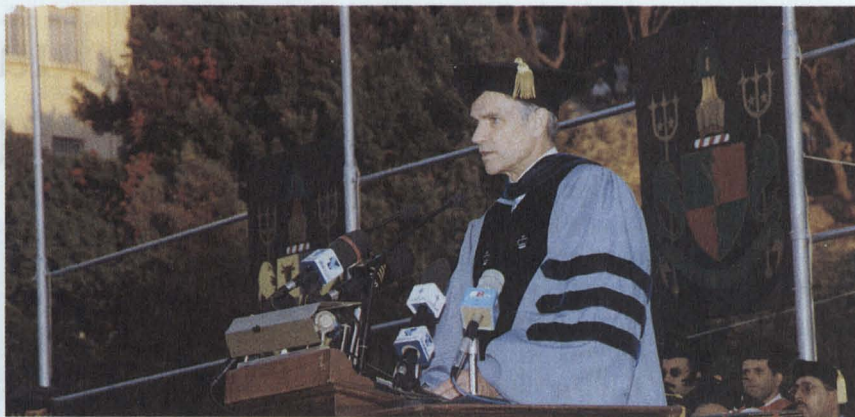
did not even say that I must succeed. He did say TRY. He was too wise, and perhaps too human, to call for ceaseless sacrifice. He simply asked for some awareness, some attention to the bigger picture, some stepping out of one's immediate concerns, jealousies and ambitions. That is what I ask of myself as President of the AUB, and that is what I ask of you.

It is not a heroic task-- I shall strive to make the AUB a better university than I found it. You, I hope, will approach your professional work, your families, your friends, your neighborhoods, your clubs, and, of course, your countries as the places in which you may make a difference, as settings for relationships that you may leave a little bit better than you found them.

Students and parents, friends and guests, a university is a dynamic thing; it is an assemblage of practices and rules, habits and traditions. It runs on values--respect for one another, the necessity to ask hard questions about ourselves, our societies, and our received beliefs. It requires constant vigilance in the protection of academic freedom, for only students and faculty who feel safe in asking hard questions can carry forward the mission of the university.

So much that is crucial to the health of a university takes place outside the classroom or the laboratory, outside the faculty meetings, outside of all the formal practices that guide any complex organization. So much that is crucial takes place among students and among faculty, between students and faculty, among all of us in our informal encounters-- walking the track around the green field, at the oval, in the cafeteria, in the dormitories, in the student clubs.

The great residential universities of this world offer a space--in our case a very beautiful space--in which we learn to be better social animals. It is unplanned but not unstructured. The encounters are not always pleasant, but they are unavoidable. Part of the secret of a great university



President Waterbury addresses the graduates.

is to provide a context in which we can learn about ourselves and our fellows in a spontaneous way.

In this sense, a healthy university is far more than a set of buildings and trees, it is a complex set of practices and rules--some are written down in by-laws and regulations; some are unwritten, based on tradition, habit, and, I hope civility. The formal and informal, the written and the customary, must constantly be practiced. Each generation, each new class, each new cohort of professors must be immersed in the practices; we must constantly learn anew what it is that keeps us healthy and growing--in short the University must continuously be reinvented.

It is also in that sense that we must look forward, not backwards. The AUB has known great days and golden years. We should remember them but not dwell on them. The challenges of the next century will be of a different order from those we have met in the past. We are now but one finite university in a highly competitive environment in which we must demonstrate our excellence every day. We must compete in ways that we never have before. We must be flexible, nimble, inventive, thinking ahead, anticipating changes in societies and regional economies so that we can shape the experts needed to deal with them.

We can do this--if we will it--because of our legacy and because of our traditions. What I have in mind is this: all universities everywhere try to teach technique, that is how to do things better, in the most advanced

way. How to plan investment, operate an eye, design an information system, manage a hotel, or grow more melon with less water. Higher education and sophisticated techniques go together.

And we all know that now and in the next century the major, the overwhelming challenge here and everywhere, is the formation of human capital. Nations and societies that lag in this information will write themselves out of history. So, yes, we must acquire technique, and universities must help society to do it. but if that is all a university does it will have failed, and failed miserably, in its fundamental mission.

Technique alone is like one hand clapping; the other hand embodies values. Those values help use technique wisely and constructively. Education at AUB, and living at AUB, must provide those values. Our students must not only know how to exercise their professions, but from where their professional techniques have come and what is the proper ethical framework for using them.

The combination of technique and values is something that the AUB has always sought to teach throughout its history. It is what has made this University unique in this region. I believe that is still unique, but I would dearly love to see us imitated. We need to be sure that we are meeting these obligations to our students. If we meet this obligation, then you, graduating students, when you go out from here and begin you life's work, you will be able to make any place you enter better than you found it. ■



# Kabalan Franjeh: AUB Graduates will Make the Wind of Change Blow

One thousand one hundred students gather here today, probably for the last time of their lives. In a few hours, the caps will fly, the gowns will be unbuttoned. The 1,100 graduates will hastily break the lines, and leave these grounds without even casting a backward glance at what had been their second home during their college years.

We, the graduates of 1998, came from different countries, different regions, different backgrounds. Yet, in these premises, we became a family; a family that works together, though it might not always see eye to eye. It is precisely our differences that became our strength. However, once the caps are on the floor, the spirit we cultivated at AUB seems to vanish with the last light of the day.

When the curtain falls on this grandiose ceremony, we will be left with nothing but a sheet of paper elegantly placed in a leather file: our diploma. Yes, our diploma is the only weapon we carry when we enter the battlefield of life, or at least so it seems. However, we cannot but wonder what this diploma is worth at present; what will become of us in the jungle that awaits us outside; what is the role we are supposed to play in our country?

Yes, we cannot but wonder what our diploma is worth! In a moment we will shake the hand of the president of the American University of Beirut. But, no matter how much confidence the president instills in us, we cannot erase the black thoughts that strike us every time we enter the Main Gate. We, the senior students, the graduates, the researchers-to-be, and you, the professors, are all bewildered at the lack of exchange programs, graduate



Kabalan Franjeh

programs, well-equipped labs, funds, and fellowship programs.

In fact, AUB is eroded by two fatal viruses: the wrecked financial situation and the redundant bureaucracy. On one hand, tuition fees have risen systematically over the last few years SUPPOSEDLY to face the country's inflation. But, in this vicious circle, AUB is doomed to endure a chronic financial crisis, and to merely survive on the bare minimum of financial and human resources, facilities, equipment, etc.

On the other hand, AUB's heavy bureaucracy has often impeded its efficient functioning and has, regrettably, paved the way to a general corruption that hampers the institution's development. Indeed, we have to come to hope that this elite cultural and educational institution does not become an elite financial club where only the richest of the rich are admitted.

Nevertheless, AUB did give us fine training, and most importantly, it nourished a non-sectarian spirit. I, thus call upon you to make sure that the healthy atmosphere you enjoyed at AUB reigns outside this institution as well.

For healthy the atmosphere was! We, AUB students are able to hold elections, organize cultural and social activities and ask for what is rightfully ours. In a word, we are able to make our voice heard and fight for our rights. We did face pressure: many a person has attempted to obstruct our struggle for a better AUB. However, we are able to perform our duty as university students. The question remains: Will we be able to perform our duty as citizens?

Indeed, my fellow graduates, we cannot but ask ourselves what will become of us in this jungle that awaits us outside. As soon as we leave this field, armed with this prestigious diploma, we will undoubtedly face social, economic, and political problems. Social insecurity, unemployment or even worse, under-employment, unavailable health care, lack of job opportunities, confessionism, nepotism, and corruption are all masters of the game. In our societies, well-being, prosperity, merit, freedom, and human rights have all become words of the distant past. The students, who once dreamed of building their future, are now inevitably faced with two fatal choices: either staying at home or leaving the country.

Of course, if the student knows someone who knows someone, all the doors will be opened for him or her. It is this system that we have to fight. It is this confessionism, this corruption, this nepotism that we have to abolish so that we can build the Unfortunately, it seems that the more the country's situation worsens, the more the Lebanese and Arab people resign themselves to it. It is as if a new plague has devastated our countries: apathy. And no one



has found the antidote yet.

Perplexed, we wonder why the rebellious student who protested against the 6% increase in fees becomes submissive once he or she is in the outside world; why the active student who organizes social and cultural activities turns out to be an indifferent citizen who contributes to the cultural decay of our societies; why the responsible student who sought to achieve brilliant training at university ends up as a negligent employee who surrenders to corruption, nepotism, string pulling, and other vices.

No, my fellow graduates, the salmon that swims against the current, jumps over the barriers, and finds its way between the rocks, cannot and should not resign itself to floating downstream! If we ponder the role we are supposed to play in our country, we cannot but realize that we have a contribution to make; we have a duty to fulfill. We have to be a RESISTANT society.

Doctors and nurses, I urge you not to let a child, a woman or a man

die at the hospital entrance, because he or she lacks money.

Health scientists, seek to free our environment from the contaminators and pollutants that infect our children and threaten the environmental balance.

Agriculture specialists and nutritionists, strive to enhance our country's agriculture, for, as Gibran Khalil Gibran said: "Pity a Nation that eats a bread it does not harvest, and drinks a wine that flows not from its own winepress."

Architects and engineers, I appeal to you not to only build stones, but to build MAN.

Archaeologists and anthropologists, I press you not to allow our historical and cultural heritage to be buried under tons of concrete.

Economists, businessmen and women, do not surrender to greed, always make the public interest prevail over personal profit.

Scientists and technologists, foster scientific and technological research so that developing countries, notably the Arab world, do not lag

behind, do not remain mere consumers of foreign inventions and technologies.

Humanities specialists, I summon you to be the bridge between the past and the future. Philosophers, Sociologists, Psychologists, Men and Women of Letters, Historians, Geographers, Educators, to name but a few--strive to make people thrive. For, as Jean Ruffie said: "Every individual who is born is an exclusive accomplishment, and every individual who dies an irreparable loss."

My Fellow Graduates,

We, the one thousand one hundred graduates of 1998 gather here today to turn a page of our life. The task ahead is tremendous, but if every graduating class commits to change, in a decade, more than ten thousand AUB graduates will make the wind of change blow.

And this wave will grow with every passing day This wave shall never stop .

Thank you. ■

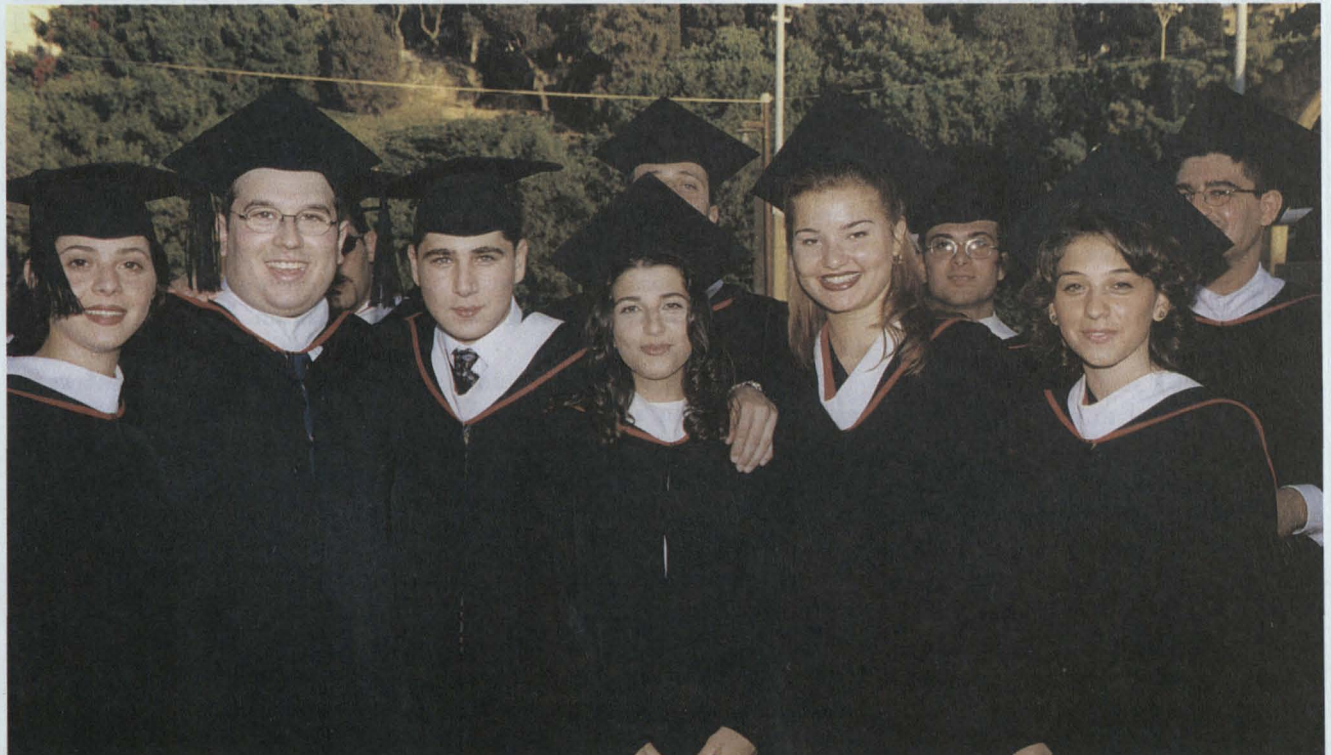


Photo call for the graduates of 1998. Photo by Nishan Simonian.



# President Elias Hraoui: It Is High Time to Modernize Our Democracy

**I** come to you at this time, full of pride in your university's determination to modernize itself. In time of war, this edifice survived despite bullets, fires and transgressions.

It survived thanks to the efforts of officials among you who defended their university, fighting fire with light and asserting that science can build.

We note with gratification that our calls have been answered. The AUB President is living on campus for the first time, striving untiringly to manage this educational edifice and to groom it for its role in the third millennium.

We can only thank the US President and his administration for their support of our country in various fields. We laud his policy of openness which is being established step-by-step, starting with the lifting of the US travel ban and continuing with other progressive actions.

Many are those who said that Lebanon was finished, and had no strategic importance in the orient.

Many also said that AUB was going to close and be moved out of Beirut.

Lebanon has proved that it is stronger than the ordeal it has been through and that it is a regional and international necessity.

And AUB did remain in Beirut, the mother of all laws and beacon of the Arab renaissance. Beirut, the meeting place of East and West, the seat of national peace. Your university confirms that it stands for Lebanon, just as it is loyal to its own noble message.

It is a good thing that every university in Lebanon seeks to excel and to be distinguished; it is an even better thing that universities cooperate closely in research and the exchange of expertise, and that universities and the State collaborate in planning, proposing solutions and exploring the future.

We have asserted many times that universities are partners in rebuilding,



reconstruction and rebirth.

Universities are called upon in this critical phase to abandon theoretical repetition and rephrasing and to go deeper into society in order to improve it, shouldering its worries and concerns.

Our universities need to reconsider their curricula. They share with us the responsibility for rebuilding the citizen and the country, along modern values.

The discrepancy between technology, art and knowledge and social, economic and human rights problems of societies should be eradicated.

How can we accept the coexistence of technology, medical advances, exploration of the universe and the internet with the spread of chemical and bacteriological weapons of mass destruction and pollution?

How do we say just science is not against just religion, and how can we call for women's emancipation, the rule of law, freedom and democracy while on the other hand political sectarianism prevails?

How can the world accept Israel's intransigence against comprehensive and just peace in the Middle East, in the face of Lebanon and Syria's call for comprehensive and just peace based on UN resolutions and the principle of land for peace?

How can Israel be allowed to act as if the peace process is over, and even go as far as committing transgressions in Jerusalem and offending its position in Islam and Christianity and the world at large.?

You should teach that unrightful trickery does not build peace.

Politics is not about cheating and attacking international legality.

Teach that Lebanon and the Orient will not sell right, dignity and peace for falsehood, humiliation and capitulation.

Graduates,

You now parade in your graduation gowns after working hard and succeeding.

To all the successful graduates from sister nations, I say: Tell your peoples and communities that you graduated from a country that is rebuilding itself for its own good and for the good of its brothers and the world.

To our sons and daughters we say:

Lebanon awaits you

Lebanon awaits you and your colleagues and all entrepreneurs and initiators.

Let us join hands to consolidate our unity, and remember that through entente the capabilities for change will materialize.

Let us join hands to give root to the spirit of development, because by development we remove the tendency to sectarianism.

It is high time we modernize our democracy, starting with new laws for municipal, parliamentary and presidential elections, and to establish new concepts for the dynamics of opposition and partisanship.

The recovery of democracy in Lebanon is a key to stability and progress in the Orient.

Go forth, work and succeed!

Congratulations on your graduation. Long may you live and Long Live Lebanon! ■

*Translated from Arabic*

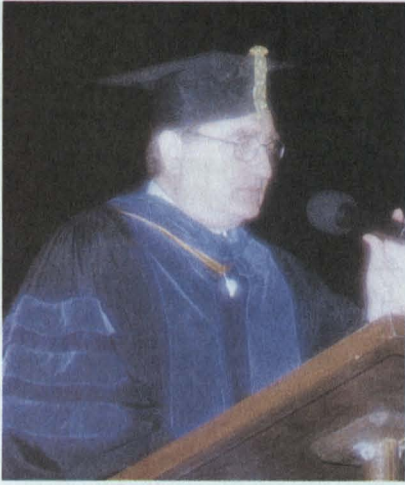


# Degrees and Diplomas Awarded

## 1997-1998

FACULTY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences</b>			
Bachelor of Business Administration	77	47	124
Bachelor of Arts	61	134	195
Bachelor of Science	133	63	196
Master of Business Administration	15	14	29
Master of Money & Banking	5	4	9
Master of Arts	11	21	32
Master of Science	2	7	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>593</b>
<b>Faculty of Medicine</b>			
Master of Science	6	9	15
Doctor of Medicine	59	18	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>School of Nursing</b>			
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	2	8	10
<b>Faculty of Engineering &amp; Architecture</b>			
Bachelor of Architecture	9	-	9
Bachelor of Graphic Design	8	8	16
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)	39	9	48
Bachelor of Engineering (Computer & Communication)	48	8	56
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical)	45	11	56
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)	41	-	41
Master of Engineering	6	1	7
Master of Engineering Management	2	2	4
Master of Mechanical Engineering	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Faculty of Agricultural &amp; Food Sciences</b>			
Bachelor of Engineering (Agriculture)	17	15	32
Diploma of Ingenieur Agricole	17	15	32
Bachelor of Science (Nutrition & Dietetic)	5	34	39
Master of Science	9	17	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Faculty of Health Sciences</b>			
Bachelor of Science (Environmental Health)	5	17	22
Bachelor of Science (Medical Lab Tech)	10	10	20
Master of Science	-	4	4
Master of Public Health	8	15	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Division of Education Programs</b>			
Bachelor of Arts	-	19	19
Master of Arts	-	13	13
Diplomas	13	53	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,237</b>





The Registrar Dr. Waddah Nasr.



Trustees Ali Ghandour and Leila Sharaf in the faculty procession.



Above: Chief Marshal Nabil Dajani leading the faculty procession.



Left to right: Deans Nuhad Dagher, Nassir Sabah, Samir Najjar, Khalil Bitar and Vice President Makhluf Haddadin.

Below: President Waterbury awarding a student her diploma.



In the evening of Tuesday July 14, President Waterbury gave a reception in the gardens of Marquand House, in honor of the graduating classes of 1998. The photo above shows the President receiving his guests.



# AUB Medal to Prime Minister Rafic Hariri



Premier Hariri, left, and Chairman Debs

On June 19 Trustee and Prime Minister Rafic Hariri attended the BOT meeting in New York, his first as Prime Minister.

During the meeting, BOT Chairman Dr. Richard Debs presented Premier Hariri with the AUB Medal



With President Waterbury (far left) looking on, Chairman Debs awards AUB Medal to Premier Hariri

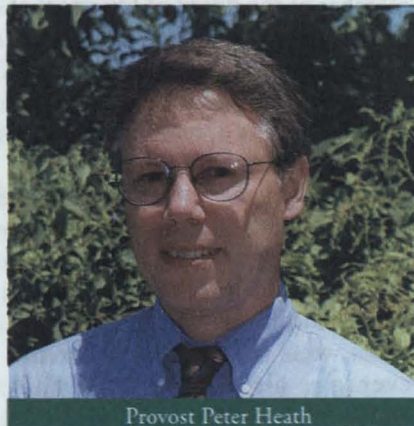
in appreciation for his continued support of AUB. President John Waterbury was also present for the occasion. The AUB Medal has only been awarded to two other people to date: Professor Emeritus Costi Zurayk and Deputy President Samir Makdisi. ■

## Dr. Peter Heath Appointed Provost

**A**UB recently announced the appointment of Dr. Peter Heath as Provost. Dr. Peter Heath has been Professor of Arabic Language and Comparative Literature and Chair of the Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literature at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

On August 1, 1998 Dr. Heath will take up his post on the Beirut Campus where he will play a central role in building academic strength at the University. He will head a major effort to assess its teaching and research programs and to establish priorities in programmatic development and recruitment.

President Waterbury expressed his personal satisfaction with the appointment, stating, "I am deeply gratified that Peter Heath has accepted this challenging position. I see him as the academic strategist for leading AUB into the 21st century. On behalf of AUB, I welcome him and his family to the campus and to the great challenges that lie ahead."



Provost Peter Heath

Dr. Richard A. Debs, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, said, "Dr. Peter Heath's appointment as Provost marks another crucial step for the University in moving forward into a new stage of strength and academic excellence." He added that Dr. Peter Heath is eminently qualified to lead this effort. He brings to the task of Provost scholarly achievement, substantive administrative experience, residence in and knowledge of the Middle East, and a clear understanding of the AUB's 132 year

of devotion to liberal arts education.

Dr. Heath was born in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of Dr. Roy S. Heath, a clinical psychologist who worked at a number of universities including Princeton, the University of Pittsburgh and Trinity College.

Dr. Heath completed his undergraduate studies in Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University in 1971 and earned his Ph.D. in Arabic Language and Literature at Harvard University in 1981. He also studied at the American University of Cairo and spent five years as Assistant Professor at Birzeit University in the West Bank. His professional career has been devoted to the study of the peoples and cultures of the Middle East.

He will be joined by his wife Marianne, who is an educator with a B.A. in education from Denmark and an M.A. in Special Education from St. Louis University. Their two children Christina (16) and Simon (13), will accompany their parents. ■



## President David Dodge is Honored by AUB Trustees and Alumni Scholarship Endowments Commemorating His Legacy are Announced at Gala Dinner



Ambassador Antoine Chedid, Consul General of Lebanon, presents David Dodge with Lebanon's Commandeur medal.



BOT Chairman Richard Debs announcing the scholarship in Mr. Dodge's name.

**M**arch 19 was a night to remember. For on that evening, representatives from across the AUB community gathered to recognize one of its most distinguished members.

David S. Dodge, 13th President of the University was honored at a gala dinner hosted by the Board of Trustees at New York's Century Club. It was a splendid tribute to the great-grandson of Daniel Bliss, and son of AUB President Bayard Dodge, who has dedicated a lifetime to the service of AUB, most prominently as Acting President from 1981-82 and as President from 1996-97.

Mr. Dodge was elected to the AUB Board in 1961. He served as Vice President for Administration (1978-79) before his first appointment as Acting President. He continues to serve on the Board and as Chairman of the Daniel Bliss Society.

Born in Beirut, Mr. Dodge took his history BA and Near East studies MA at Princeton. From 1949 to 1976, he was employed by the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) and its subsidiary Trans-Arabian Pipe Line company. He is the present

Chairman and former President of the Near East Foundation and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation (a long-term AUB supporter) and other organizations. He also served Princeton in its development and in other activities.

The highlight of the gala evening was the announcement by Dr. Richard A. Debs, Chairman of the Board, of the establishment of the David Dodge Scholarship Endowment Fund. Dr. Debs, who was the emcee for the evening, also announced that \$250,000 had already been contributed to the fund by the Trustees, and that AANA had pledged an additional \$100,000. As of the June 30 end of the fiscal year, a total of \$400,000 had already been raised.

Speakers for the evening were AUB President John Waterbury, Dr. Nicola Khuri representing the Trustees, Consul Antoine Chedid representing President Elias Hraoui of Lebanon, and AANA President Dr. Shukri Khuri representing the North American Alumni. David Dodge also spoke to thank everyone for their support and kindness.

Consul Chedid presented Mr. Dodge with Lebanon's highest medal, the Order of the Cedars, and Dr. Khuri presented him with a special plaque from AANA. The inscription reflected the Association's heartfelt respect and admiration of his legacy and unflinching support for the organization. It read:

"The AUB Alumni Association of North America presents to David S. Dodge this certificate of appreciation in recognition of a lifelong association with the American University of Beirut, and more than thirty years of outstanding service to its students and alumni. David embodies the very spirit that has sustained and distinguished our Alma Mater from generation to generation. We applaud his quiet persevering, and sacrificial leadership of AUB in good and in turbulent times; we admire his unflinching passion for honesty and truth; and most of all, we thank him for his genuine love of Lebanon and the people of the Middle East. For those of us in North America who bridge the East and the West, David stands tall as a shining role model for what Americans can best offer the world." ■



# Deputy President Makdisi Awarded AUB Medal



Dr. Waterbury presenting a facsimile of two Mozart works to Dr. Makdisi



BOT Chairman Debs presenting AUB Medal to Dr. Makdisi

**W**ith the return of Dr. Samir Makdisi to his full-time academic position, President John Waterbury issued the following statement to the AUB community:

"It is with a profound sense of gratitude that I announce that Professor Samir Makdisi is leaving the position of Deputy President of the AUB, a post that he has occupied over the past five and a half years.

"During that time Professor Makdisi has helped guide the University on to the road of full recovery from the years of civil strife in Lebanon. He has served with great wisdom and integrity. The presence of the President of the University in Beirut and on campus on a permanent basis means the purposes for which the Deputy Presidency were originally created no longer apply.

"During its June meeting in New York, the AUB Board of Trustees held a dinner to honor Professor Makdisi, and to express the Board's thanks for his service and sacrifice. I offered him a gift on behalf of the University at that time, and the Trustees bestowed upon him the Medal of the AUB. In the fall, I will host a reception at Marquand House at which all his friends and colleagues can offer him their personal thanks. In the meantime I take this opportunity to express our collective thanks.

"Dr. Makdisi will be returning to

his position as Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute Of money and Banking. "

On June 18, at their dinner in New York city, AUB's Board of Trustees awarded Deputy President Makdisi the University's medal in recognition of his life long achievements and contributions to AUB, as Professor of Economics, Director of the Institute of Money and Banking and as Deputy President for the last five and a half years.

Dr. Richard Debs, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced the award and presented it to Dr. Makdisi, expressing the University's great appreciation for his many contributions.

President John Waterbury also reviewed Dr. Makdisi's achievements and thanked him for his valuable advice. Knowing of Dr. Makdisi's musical interest, he presented him with a facsimile of two works by Mozart.

In response, Dr. Makdisi thanked Chairman Debs and President Waterbury. He noted that though the President could not until recently take up residence in Beirut, the AUB administration worked as one close team for the benefit of the institution. He expressed his thanks to his colleagues on the Board of Deans and the Administration in Beirut with whom he worked closely for the past

five and a half years as well as the staff of the New York Office who have always been helpful and cooperative. He added he would continue to serve AUB. He regretted that his wife, Jean, and his three sons could not be with him that evening. ■

## New Contract with AUB Staff & Workers Syndicate

On December 5, 1997 the AUB administration and the AUB Staff and Workers Syndicate signed a new collective work contract effective from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1999.

The contract was signed by three parties: Deputy President Samir Makdisi on behalf of the Administration, Syndicate President Rida Kibrit and Secretary Nabil Tomey, representing the Staff and Workers Syndicate, and Mr. Kalakish representing the Ministry of Labor.

Present for the occasion were AUB vice presidents, deans of faculties, senior staff, and Syndicate members.

Negotiations between Vice President for Administrative Affairs G. Tomey, Director of the Office of Personnel Mrs. C. Uwayjan, and the Syndicate resulted in agreement over the contract project, which provides AUB and AUB Medical Center employees with new benefits. ■



## Third Consecutive Gift to Scholarship Program from Citibank



Left to right: Mr. Samaha, Al-Shroogi, Mr. Colin, President Waterbury, Dr. Makdisi and Mr. Alameddin.

**C**itibank is among the major donors to AUB's scholarship program. Over the last two academic years Citi -bank has donated \$25,000 to the scholarship fund, providing financial aid for 17 students in 1995-96 and 12 students in 1996-97.

Expressing interest in strengthening Citibank's relationship with AUB, Peter Thorp, Head of

Corporate Endowment, recently announced a third gift. On February 6 a delegation from Citibank met with President John Waterbury on campus. The group included Mr. Paul Collins, Citibank's Vice Chairman, Mr. Mohammed Al-Shroogi, Regional Manager Gulf & Levant, Mr. Walid Alameddin, General Manager Beirut, and Mr. Elia Samaha, Deputy General

Manager.

During the meeting Mr. Collins presented a \$25,000 check to Dr. Waterbury for the scholarship program. This amount, the first of three equal annual grants totaling \$75,000, will provide financial aid to undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Sciences.

Among the AUB officials present for the occasion were Deputy President Samir Makdisi, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Makhlef Haddadin, Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Fawzi Hajj, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs Mr. Nazih Zeidan, and Director of Information and Public Relations Ibrahim Khoury.

President Waterbury expressed the University's gratitude for Citibank's continued endorsement of AUB, particularly the scholarship fund, which is now a high priority on the fundraising agenda. ■

## Procter & Gamble Contributes \$10,000 to AUB Scholarship Program



Procter & Gamble's Mr. Ziad Shaaban delivering check to President Waterbury in the presence of Mr. Nazih Zeidan.

**F**or many years, Procter & Gamble has endorsed the AUB scholarship program through its awards to senior Arab students with good academic records. This year was no exception. The company recently donated \$10,000 to fund the "Procter & Gamble Business Administration Scholarship" and the "Procter &

Gamble Engineering Scholarship."

Mr. Ziad Shaaban, Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Manager in Lebanon, visited the AUB campus and presented the check to President John Waterbury. Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President also attended.

Procter & Gamble is actively

involved in selecting candidates for their scholarship awards. In academic year 1997-98, the Procter & Gamble Business Administration Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Wissam Khoury and the Procter & Gamble Engineering Scholarship went to Mr. Firas Khatib. Both recipients 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 accepting the check from Mr. Shaaban, President Waterbury expressed his sincere appreciation on behalf of the University for Procter & Gamble's continued support.

Mr. Shaaban emphasized the important role AUB has assumed over the years in providing much needed quality education and health services to the people of the region. ■



## Two Graduate Scholarship Awards from Britishbank Foundation



Left to right: Mr. Bakri, Mr. Gill, President Waterbury, Dr. Makdisi, Mr. Zeidan, Mr. Mouci and Mr. El-Haber.

**O**n February 12, British Bank officials presented Dr. Waterbury with a check for LL16,054,600 as a contribution to AUB's scholarship program. The officials, Mr. Ian Gill, Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Youssef Bakri, Deputy Chief

Executive Officer, visited the campus on behalf of the BritishBank Foundation.

The first students to benefit from the program are Mr. Rodolph-Rafic E. Mouci, a graduate student in Business Administration, and Mr. Sharbel

J. El-Haber, a graduate student in Engineering Management.

The grant, whose aim is to promote the education of Lebanese students at the graduate level, will be paid annually over a period of two years and covers full tuition for two outstanding graduate students, one in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the other in Engineering Management.

The University submitted six applications from among the qualified candidates to the BritishBank, who interviewed the students and made the selection.

Also present for the short ceremony at the President's Office were Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi, Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs; and the two students receiving the grants. ■

## Alumnus Nehme Y. Tohme Continues Support for College Hall



Mr. Youssef Tohme handing his contribution to Dr. Makdisi, with Mr. Zeidan looking on.

**I**mmediately after the bombing of College Hall in November 1991, AUB embarked on a world-wide fund raising campaign for the building's reconstruction. Thousands of donors responded generously, enabling the University to start reconstruction a short time later.

Appealing to its numerous alumni

and friends, AUB gave major prospective donors the opportunity to reserve and to name a specific area in College Hall and in the adjacent Jafet Memorial Library. This mechanism encouraged major donors to contribute to the University and to place their names, or those of their loved ones, at the entrance of a hall, office, room,

etc... The "Gift Opportunity," as it was called, appealed to many donors, the majority of them alumni and friends.

Mr. Nehme Y. Tohme and the late Fouad Rizk of Al-Mabani Group pledged US \$500,000 (to be paid in five equal installments) to reserve the "Board Room" on the fifth floor of College Hall.

Despite Mr. Fouad Rizk's death, "Al-Mabani Group" and the heirs honored the commitment. In late March Mr. Youssef Nehme Tohme presented Deputy President Samir Makdisi with a check for US \$100,000 on behalf of his father. This was the fourth payment of their half million dollar pledge to reserve the "Board Room" in the name of Fouad Rizk and Nehme Tohme.

Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, was on hand for the occasion. ■



## Pepsi-Cola International Continues Endorsement of AUB's Scholarship Program



President Waterbury receiving the check from Pepsi-Cola. Left to right: Mr. Zeidan, Dr. Waterbury, Mr. Mouhanna and Mr. Abdul Latif.

For the third consecutive year Pepsi-Cola International has continued its endorsement of the AUB scholarship program. Established in February 1995, the "Pepsi-Cola International Scholarship Fund" provided \$25,000 annually to five outstanding and needy students at

AUB. Two of these were in Business Administration, one in Money and Banking, one in Public Administration and one in Engineering & Architecture.

On May 19, 1998, Mr. Ali Mouhanna, (AUB, BE 1983) Franchise Vice-President-Pepsi Cola International, and Mr. Saad Abdul Latif, Business

Unit General Manager, Middle East, North Africa and Pakistan, met with President John Waterbury on campus. At this time Mr. Mouhanna presented a check for \$25,000 as a gift from Pepsi-Cola International to the scholarship program.

Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs was also present for the occasion.

The "Pepsi-Cola International Scholarship" will be awarded during the current academic year 1997-98 to five students. The recipients, each of whom will receive \$5,000 from this fund, are: Miss Carla Chami and Mr. Tarek Madi in Business Administration, Miss Mirna Merhi in Public Administration, Mr. Basel Horr in Money and Banking, and Miss Sahar Farha in FEA.

Dr. Waterbury thanked Mr. Mouhanna and Mr. Abdul Latif for Pepsi-Cola's continued support of AUB. ■

## New Reuters Foundation Scholarship Fund



Left to right: Mrs. El-Khoury, Mr. Torres, Dr. Makdisi, Mrs. Papakyporionou, President Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan.

The Reuters Foundation recently announced it would support an annual full tuition scholarship at AUB. The scholarship, in the Graduate School of Business and Management, will have an initial period of three years starting with academic year 1997-98 and will be renewable by mutual agreement.

On February 4 a delegation from Reuters visited the AUB campus to present President John Waterbury with a check for \$8,085. This gift from Reuters

Foundation will establish "The Reuters Scholarship in Business and Management."

Members of the Reuters delegation included Mr. Ricardo Torres-- Reuters General Manager Egypt, Libya and Sudan, Ms. Nicoletta Papakyporionou -- Personnel Manager East Mediterranean and East Africa, and Mrs. Suzanne K. El Khoury -- Sales and Customer Services Manager Lebanon and Syria,

Representing the University at the

meeting were Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs Mr. Nazih Zeidan, and Director of Information and Public Relations Mr. Ibrahim Khoury.

President Waterbury thanked Reuters Foundation for its support of AUB and expressed the University's interest in maintaining strong and lasting cooperation with the Foundation.

This visit to Dr. Waterbury, which took place shortly after his arrival on campus, was the AUB president's first meeting with donors to the University.

In its quest to raise funds for various programs, AUB is faced with the challenge of providing quality education to students in financial need. Contacts have been made with donors to encourage them to contribute to the scholarship fund. Among these were alumni, faculty, business firms, foundations, individuals and private groups, all of whom have been very generous in responding to the appeal. ■



## The President's Club: Improving Student Life and Campus Facilities



Far right Mrs. Leila Baroudi with President Waterbury and guests.

**P**resident John Waterbury and the Administrative Board of the President's Club were hosts at a reception in Marquand House on March 6 to honor Club members. Guests at the reception included Lebanese ministers and members of parliament who are AUB graduates. Also attending were Board of Trustee members residing in Lebanon, as well as AUB's Board of Deans.

The President's Club was established in 1981 to foster close relationships between the university president and people interested in its welfare. Membership fees (life member-\$10,000, member-

\$1,000/year, associate member-\$500/year) constitute a contingency fund to improve student life and facilities on campus.

To date, the Club has donated about one million dollars for such facilities, including renovation and lighting of four tennis courts (now named for the late Professor Nadim Khalaf), air conditioning of West Hall Auditorium A, construction of a new basketball court, supporting a bird sanctuary on campus and currently the rehabilitation of the Green Field.

Other more modest contributions include a multi-purpose computer for blind students, refurbishing West Hall Common Room, and providing TV

sets, washing machines and other appliances for campus dormitories. All donations, whether large or small, are at the recommendation of the University Administration and follow AUB procedures.

The Club is administered by a Board and an Executive Committee assisted by the Dean of Students, the Director of Information and the Director of Development. One of its main activities is to contact members and urge them to renew their membership and to solicit the new members. It is these members on which the Club's continuous active participation in improving student facilities on campus depends. ■



Ghassan Tuani and Badr Al-Fahoum.



Nassib Lahoud with Marwan Hamadeh.



# Cooperation Agreement With University of Bahrain



After signing the agreement: President Waterbury, left, and Dr. Al-Ghatam.

**O**n March 3 a mutual cooperation agreement was signed by AUB President John Waterbury and Dr. Mohammed Al-Ghatam, President of the University of Bahrain. The signing ceremony, held in the office of Dr. Waterbury, was attended by Deputy President Samir Makdisi and Vice-President for Regional

External Programs Dr. George K. Najjar. The Agreement reinforces two decades of close cooperation between the two universities and provides for cooperation in a wide range of areas. Among these are executive development, water resources and quality management, joint research and an exchange of visits. ■

## ISO 9000 Standards

REP held a series of three quality management workshops as part of its ongoing Quality Management Programs. The objective was to make available to the business communities in Lebanon or the region world-class expertise in an area of critical importance to all organizations as they head in the twenty-first century.

These workshops were given in Lebanon, particularly to AUH employees and to the business communities in both Bahrain and UAE. ISO Standards constituted the backbone of those workshops and were expressly geared toward World Trade Organization criteria; they dealt with ISO 9000 Standards Implementation, Documentation and Auditing. The workshop facilitator is Dr. Michael Raphael, who is a recognized management expert and a leading ISO consultant in Lebanon and abroad. ■

## AANA Summer Program



AANA students studying Arabic with Mr. Shehadeh Abboud.

**I**n collaboration with the Alumni Association of North America (AANA), this year REP designed a summer program for children of alumni and friends of AUB. The program provided a chance to visit the AUB Campus, to learn to

speak, read, and write Arabic, and to appreciate the history and culture of Lebanon and the Arab World.

The program was also intended to strengthen the bonds between alumni and their alma mater and to help their children develop pride in their heritage.

The 16 participants were housed in dormitory rooms on campus, a move designed to further familiarize them with the University. In addition to regularly scheduled classes, they participated in sports activities such as swimming, body-building, etc. They also went on trips to Jeita, Byblos, Beiteddine, Barouk, Khanshara, Sidon, Tyre, Bsharre, Ehden, the Cedars, AUB Farm, Anjar, Baalbeck, Zahleh and downtown Beirut. And, of course, they visited Marquand House, where they were received by President Waterbury.

At the end of the program, which ran from July 6 through August 7, participants received certificates of attendance. They were also invited to give suggestions and recommendations in the event a similar program is designed in the future. ■



## PRCS Trainees Receive Certificates



President Waterbury distributing attendance certificates. Left to right: Dr. Nassar, Ambassador Calia, Dr. G. Najjar, Dr. Mara and Dr. S. Najjar.

On March 3 President John Waterbury distributed attendance certificates to the nine candidate doctors and nurses who participated in the first AUB Faculty of Medicine - Italian Embassy training course. The trainees, from the PRCS (Palestinian Red Crescent Society), received the certificates at a ceremony held at Marquand House following the successful completion of the program.

On hand for the occasion was HE Ambassador Carlo Calia. Also attending were Dr. George Najjar, VP-REP; Dr. Samir Najjar, Dean Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center, the Faculty of Medicine; and

Italian Embassy program coordinators Drs. Nabil Nassar and Enrico Mara. Mr. Ibrahim Khoury, Director of the Office of Information, and Mr. Shehadeh Abboud, Director of the Extension Programs were present as well.

Encouraged by the success of its first experience, the Italian Embassy requested a second agreement with AUB which it signed immediately after the ceremony. This provides training for an additional 23 PRCS health professionals in different medical and paramedical disciplines. Training will take place at the Medical Center in three six-month modules, over eighteen months. ■

## REP and AACO Aviation Management Program

During 1997-1998, REP and the Regional Training Center of the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO) started a program in Aviation Management which offered five-day intensive courses in Beirut and Amman, Jordan.

The purpose of the program is: (1) to enhance the overall quality and professionalism of the aviation industry in the Middle East, (2) to hasten development of the most promising future aviation executives, and (3) to prepare aviation leaders to shoulder increasingly complex

managerial responsibilities by improving their understanding of the economic, political, and social forces at play on both the regional and international levels.

Courses offered by REP in 1997-98 were:

- Aviation and the Changing Global Environment
- Aviation Managerial Skills
- Air Transport Economics, Forecasting and Strategic Planning
- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology and the Air Transport Industry. ■

## AUB-AUS Cooperation

In February 1998 the University of Sharjah invited AUB to assist in evaluating its academic programs. It was agreed that AUB would present suggestions and recommendations to improve existing programs and systems.

For this purpose REP asked Dr. M. Haddadin, Vice President for Academic Affairs, to head a team to visit the University of Sharjah.

Recommendations presented by the team included the introduction of a Preparatory Year and the establishment of four colleges, namely, the College of Engineering, College of Business and Management, College of Arts and Sciences, and College of Law and Sharia.

Detailed program outlines including requirements for admission, courses, and course descriptions were also designed and presented. All these programs are considered joint undertakings with the University of Sharjah defining its goals and needs, and AUB assisting in program planning and implementation. ■

## REP and MEA Training Program

In 1997-98, REP and MEA developed a joint one-year Executive Training Program for a selected number of MEA's senior staff.

The program adopted a multi-disciplinary approach to training and featured lectures, discussions, case studies, small-group activities, role play, and training in information technology as a management tool.

A total of 30 three-hour modules were delivered, with topics covered including Aviation and the Changing Global Environment, Aviation Managerial Skills, Airline Finance and Accounting, Marketing, Business Strategy and Policy, Time Management, Decision Analysis, Techniques for Self-Development, Crisis Management, the Management and Control of Quality, Organizational Behavior, and Managerial Leadership Styles and Skills.

Upon successful completion of this program, a certificate of achievement was awarded to each participant. ■



# 33rd Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA)



President Hraoui addressing the MEMA opening ceremony. Left to right: Dr. A. Berbari, Dr. G. Khoury, Dr. G. Zeitoun, President J. Waterbury, Dr. S Najjar and Mr. I. Khoury.

**T**he 33rd MEMA was officially opened in Assembly Hall on May 7, 1998 under the patronage of the President of Lebanon, HE Mr. Elias Hraoui.

The speakers on this occasion were Dr. George Zaytoun, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 33rd MEMA; Dr. Adel Berbari, President of the Medical Alumni Chapter; Dr. Samir Najjar, Dean Faculty of Medicine; Dr. John Waterbury, AUB President; Dr. Ghattas Khoury, President of the Order of Physicians of Lebanon and HE Mr. Elias Hraoui. Director of Information and Public Relations Ibrahim Khoury was Master of Ceremonies.

This was followed by the opening of the Scientific Exhibit, which featured the latest medical equipment and supplies. The venue for the Exhibit was the patio between the Medical Library and Issam Fares Hall.

At 7:00 pm, Dr. John Waterbury and Dean Samir and Mrs. Najjar hosted a delightful reception in the gardens of Marquand House for MEMA speakers and guests.

The scientific Program began at 8:00 am on May 8 and continued until 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 10. A most impressive program presented varied topics of interest to general practitioners as well as to physicians of different specialties. Simultaneous sessions were held in Issam Fares Hall, the Alumni Club Auditorium and the Lecture Room SB 101.

In addition, there were two special sessions on Saturday: a mini symposium on "Minimally Invasive Therapy and laparoscopy" in the Alumni Laboratory and a "Spine Symposium" in the Diana Tamari Sabbagh Building.

On May 9, sessions in Issam Fares Hall included a "Symposium - Update in Internal Medicine" and a

"Symposium - on Molecular Medicine." At 5:30 pm the same day the audience in Issam Fares Hall enjoyed a telemedicine conference with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis USA---a most welcome innovation indeed.

Sessions at the Alumni Club were devoted to Urology, with symposia on Prostate Cancer, Kidney Neoplasm and Renal Transplantation; and Stone Disease.

The morning session at Issam Fares Hall on May 9 was devoted to "Advances in Neurosurgery," while "Hepatobiliary Surgery" was the subject of the afternoon session. In SB 101 the entire day was devoted to a symposium entitled "Pediatric Updates." At the same time, a symposium on "Advances in Gastroenterology," including a session on "Helicobacter Pylori in GI Disease" was presented in the Alumni Club Auditorium. Between 5-6 pm there





Dr. Waterbury opens the MEMA medical exhibition.

was an absorbing "Symposium on Down Syndrome". The hall was so packed that many people had to stand.

On Sunday, May 10 a "Symposium - Update in Gynecology & Reproductive Endocrinology" was presented in the Issam Fares Hall, while at the Alumni Club discussions centered on "Trauma: Physical and Psychological Sequelae". In this most interesting and innovative session presentations included "Tortured prisoners" and "Child Abuse." The scientific program was officially closed at 12:30 pm.

The 33rd MEMA was outstanding

for its interesting and varied program and welcome innovations. The panel of distinguished speakers included 56 well known physicians and scientists who came from Canada, Cyprus, Jordan, Norway, Spain, Saudi Arabia, the UK and the US. There were 37 foreign speakers including 21 Americans, who attended for the first time after the American travel ban to Lebanon was lifted.

Among the speakers were members of the AUB Faculty of Medicine and a member of the St. Joseph Faculty of Medicine in Beirut. Two thousand five hundred people registered to

attend the various sessions.

This report would not be complete without noting the brilliant and successful gala dinner at the Coral Beach Hotel on May 9. Over 400 guests attended the sumptuous affair, which included music, dancing, lottery and the traditional cake cutting.

The event was made even more memorable when Dr. Joseph Bahuth, who received his MD from AUB in 1954, donated \$50,000 to the Bone Marrow Transplant Program at AUB. Joe and his wife Angela, a graduate of the AUB School of Nursing, have for the past several years been movers and shakers of AUB Alumni activities in the Los Angeles area.

Dr. Bahuth's generous gesture prompted Mr. Habib Abu Fadel, Manager of the Allied Business Bank, as well as one of the guest speakers who wishes to remain anonymous, to donate \$5,000 and \$2,000 respectively to the same cause.

Dr. George Zaytoun, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, together with members of all the Subcommittees--especially the Scientific Subcommittee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Samir Alam--deserve kudos and sincere thanks for an outstanding 33rd MEMA. ■

Jacob Thaddeus, MD.

## Medical Alumni Chapter Hosts Luncheon

One of the most delightful events of the MEMA is the luncheon organized by the Medical Chapter of the AUB Alumni Association. The luncheon, whose tradition goes back to the early days of MEMA, brings together graduates of the AUB Faculty of Medicine in a nostalgic reunion.

It is also a business meeting where the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Chapter present their reports for discussion. In the past, the event served as an election meeting when a new Executive Committee was due to be elected.

The luncheon was held on Saturday May 9 with over 200 medical alumni and friends gathering at the Alumni Club restaurant to reminisce about the good old days.

The highlight of the luncheon was the celebration of the 50th anniversary



Dr. Farid Haddad with the shield of the Order of Physicians.

of the graduation of the class of 1948. Six members of the class were present, namely, Dr. Maurice Deraney and Dr. Farid S. Haddad from the United States; Dr. Ali Atawneh and Dr. Yusuf Nuwayhid from Kuwait and Drs. Najib Abu Haydar and Dr. Fuad S. Haddad from Lebanon.

They were accompanied by their wives.

Dr. Adel Barbari, President of the Chapter, welcomed the guests with a few appropriate words. He was followed by Dr. J. Thaddeus who introduced the distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Farid Sami Haddad, a member of the class of 1948.

Farid, with his usual sense of humor, reminisced about his days at AUB and talked about his dream for a future Lebanon as well as the future Lebanese Physician.

He was followed by Dr. Ghattas Khoury, member of the AUB Faculty of Medicine, who was recently elected President of the Order of Physicians of Lebanon. Dr. Khoury presented Dr. Farid Haddad with the shield of the Order in appreciation of his services. Dr. Farid Haddad was President of the Order in 1969-70. ■



# 1948 MD Class Holds 50th Anniversary at AUB



President Waterbury with 1948 class members and their spouses at Marquand House.

**S**ix of the 30 Medical Doctors who graduated from AUB in 1948 gathered in Beirut to celebrate their 50th anniversary. These were, Najib Abu Haydar, Ali Atawina, Maurice Deraney, Farid Haddad, Fuad Haddad and Yusuf Nuwayhid. Two came from the US and one from Kuwait. The others are residents of Lebanon.

Their first day, May 4, was devoted to official visits beginning with Dr. Samir Najjar, Dean of the Medical Faculty. He received them in his office where a commemorative photo was taken with the Dean and the graduates' wives. The Dean presented each of the alumni with the Faculty Crest and a reproduction of a water color picture of the Medical Center. They then enjoyed a very fruitful discussion and delicious refreshments.

Miss Mouro later took the group on a tour of the Medical Center. The out-of-towners were extremely impressed with the cleanliness of the premises as well as the up-to-date equipment. The tour concluded with a hearty complementary meal at the Center's dining room.

Following lunch the group visited President John Waterbury at Marquand House. He presented each alumnus with the Medallion of the University, struck especially for this purpose and carrying on its reverse the following inscription: "Commemorating the 50th

anniversary of the MD class of 1948."

After cordial discussions with Dr. Waterbury, the group went to Baabda, where President of the Republic Mr. Elias Hraoui granted them an audience. Following an informative discussion President Hraoui greeted each one personally and wished him a very successful reunion.

Successful indeed it was. For the next nine days they visited most of the major touristic sites in the country, at the same time re-living their student days, lunching and dining together like members of a family.

They successively visited archeological Beirut, the Cedars, Mazraat Kafar-Zubian, Faqra and

Faraya, Deir al- Kamar, Qasr Musa and Beit-ed-Dine, Baalbeck, the caves of Jiita, Byblos and Tripoli.

One of the highlights of this reunion was the talk by Dr. George Fawwaz, their former teacher. It was held in Van Dyck amphitheater where they had all met as first year medical students. Dr. Fuad Haddad introduced the speaker, reminding the audience that it was his class, and specifically Farid Haddad, who founded the Medical Student Society in 1946. Two of its students, Maurice Deraney and Ni'man Bustany were elected successive presidents, following Edmond Shouweiry.

Then he took on the painful task of remembering "those dear friends [classmates] who fell by the side of the road accomplishing and fulfilling their duties. These were in order of their passing, Na'man Bustany, Abdul Rahman Labban, Hussam Muqaddem, Ibrahim Mufarrej, Bahij Azoury, Hassan Sultani and Abdul Rahman Ablah."

After he wiped his tears away, Fuad read some of the correspondence received from his classmates. Costas Veliskakis wrote: "Please convey to my surviving colleagues my congratulations, salutations and best wishes to them and their families." Jamil Nassar sent his "Best to those in attendance." Nazar Davidian said, "It



Dean Najjar with 1948 graduates. Left to right, seated : Dr. Y. Nuwayhid, Dr. Fuad Haddad and Dr. M. Deraney. Standing: Dr. A. Atawina, Dr. S. Najjar, Dr. Farid Haddad and Dr. N. Abu Haydar.



would be nice to meet you all after 50 years, although we probably would not be able to recognize each other. Ageing disfigures our faces and shape but luckily not our souls. Have a good time." Anthony Thalamus wrote "I have fond memories of all my classmates, unfortunately quite a few have departed. Salamat to all attending."

Oscar Levine sent an e-mail wishing the group a successful reunion. Dr. Samuel Asper, who was Dean of the Medical Faculty during some of the most difficult times, conveyed his wishes to all for a wonderful 50th anniversary. Ahmad Naquib later called to excuse himself for being unable to attend and wished those attending good luck. Antoine Dabdub e-mailed a long letter wishing he were able to attend.

Dr. George Fawwaz then held his audience spellbound for a whole hour without using notes, recalling the son of a great man who was also a "great"



Dr. George Fawwaz lecturing to the 1948 class in the same room at Van Dyck Hall where he taught them half a century ago.

on his own merit, namely Dr. William Thompson Van Dyck, a great scientist and visionary. Dr. Van Dyck likened the progress of the University to the mule on the treadmill that keeps on turning around the same axis and gets nowhere.

It was indeed a unique reunion and very fortunately a flawless one. Those present were only sorry that

their other classmates were not able to attend. Those not mentioned above are Philip Antipas, George S. Bayoud, Oscar Friedlib, Adil Iliya, Jamal Jarah, David Kazzaz, Randel Levonian, Jamil Malek, Norair Sarian and Ishaq Shouhayt, all of whom live in the US except for Jamil Malek who was in Dubai at the time. ■

## Saab Medical Library News

### New Project to Make Saab a Virtual Medical Library

Beginning in October 1998 the Saab Medical Library (SML) will function round the clock as a Virtual Medical Library. All its computerized databases will be available online, to AUB users and others with Internet access. These computerized databases consist of OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) and CD-ROM bibliographic or non-bibliographic databases.

The project is the result of negotiations between the Director General of the Ministry of Public Health, World Health Organization Representative in Lebanon and the Medical Librarian at SML. The proposal for "A Project for Health and Biomedical Information Network for Lebanon" was signed by WHO, Ministry of Public Health and SML on June 28, 1997.

WHO and the Ministry of Public Health will donate a total of \$100,000 to SML for the project.

### H. Nassar at Communication Technologies Symposium

On October 6-7 1997 Medical Librarian, Ms. Hilda T. Nassar, delivered a paper at the symposium "Communication Technologies Applied to Information, Documentation and Higher Education." The title of her lecture was "How New Technology Moved Saab Medical Library Towards the Future."

The symposium was organized by UNESCO, the

Lebanese University and the Bibliotheque Publique d'Information Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France and took place in Beirut at the Commodore Hotel.

### Ms. Aida Farha Attends Workshop

Assistant Reference Librarian Ms. Aida Farha attended a workshop on "WHO-CEHA Extended Training Course on CEHANET Procedures and Other Information Exchange Tools." The workshop took place in Amman, Jordan November 1-20, 1997. Ms. Farha's trip was funded by UNDP.

### Ms. Hilda Nassar in Alexandria Meeting

The AUB Medical Librarian, Ms. Hilda T. Nassar, represented Lebanon at the inter-country meeting of EMLIBNET Focal Points in Alexandria, Egypt 25-28 in May 1998. Almost all countries in the WHO/EMRO region (Eastern Mediterranean) were represented. Also attending was the WHO Chief Librarian from Headquarters in Geneva.

The main theme was "Resource Sharing and Networking for Health and Biomedical Libraries in the EMRO Region." Ms. Nassar was elected chairperson of the meeting.

Each member country gave a presentation about the situation in his or her country. Lebanon was allowed additional time to present its project "Health and Biomedical Information Network for Lebanon," which was adopted as a pilot plan to be copied, with modifications, by other countries in the region. ■



# Fifty-one Physicians Receive Specialty Diplomas



Dean Najjar gives a graduate her diploma; far left is Dr. Mikati. Above : Minister Franjeh.

**J**une 16, 1998 witnessed the distribution of specialty diplomas to 51 physician candidates who completed their training in 1997-98.

Held at the Issam Fares Hall, the ceremony was attended by Minister of Health Suleiman Franjeh, Dean of Medicine and the Medical Center Dr. Samir Najjar, and President of the Lebanese Order of Physicians Dr. Ghattas Khoury. MP Ismail Sukkariyeh, MD, was also present.

The ceremony began with the procession of candidates and faculty

wearing their clinical coats. After the Lebanese National Anthem was played, Associate Dean Joseph Simaan welcomed the audience.

Dean Samir Najjar was first to speak. He congratulated the graduating physicians on their success, calling on them to continue learning and growing professionally and so be able to render better health services.

Dr. Simaan then read Dr. Makdisi's address, congratulating the graduates.

In his speech Dr. Ghattas Khoury warned that health expenses in

Lebanon are exorbitant and the state is unable to settle all hospitalization bills, accrued over the years. He asserted that the root cause of the problem was the lack of a sound health policy to cut down on waste in the health sector and unify health-insuring institutions.

Dr. Ghattas also warned that the health sector was plagued by the chaotic use of modern technology and unequal employment opportunities.

He noted that aptitude tests for general surgery, pediatrics and ob-gyn would begin this year. Finally, Dr. Ghattas called on the young doctors to stand in solidarity with the Order.

For his part, Minister Franjeh said that he realized the problems facing many doctors but that interim solutions were possible and would be implemented by the ministry.

After the distribution of diplomas, graduating physician Youssef Bassim spoke on behalf of his colleagues. He reflected on the difficult circumstances that the medical students faced during the war and wondered about their future, saying it was an issue that the state, AUB, the Alumni Association and hospitals all needed to consider. ■

## Candidates Who Completed Their Specialty Training: 1997 - 1998

### ANESTHESIOLOGY

Dr. Boutros Antoine Assaf  
Dr. Amale Gergi Chalfoun  
Dr. Nadine Ibrahim Kawkabani  
Dr. Danielle Sami Sleiman

### CARDIOVASCULAR ANESTHESIOLOGY

Dr. Nicole Raymond Kawas

### DERMATOLOGY

Dr. Hiam Khaled Haj Ibrahim  
Dr. Dania Mohammad Tannir

### DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

Dr. Walid Fadlallah Abou Reslan  
Dr. Mohammad Sharif Hemady

### FAMILY MEDICINE

Dr. Michel Samir Chayeb  
Dr. Mona Hassan Osman  
Dr. Jarir Pierro Zughbi

### INTERNAL MEDICINE

Dr. Hwaida Marwan Hannoush  
Dr. Iyad Ahmad Issa  
Dr. Mohamed Hassan Kalakesh  
Dr. Zeina Ahmad Nahleh  
Dr. Fidaa Hani Shaib  
Dr. Hala Mounir Zantout

### CARDIOLOGY

Dr. Said Mohamad Chaaban  
Dr. Hassan Kazma Kazma  
Endocrinology & Metabolism  
Dr. Elizabeth James Shatila

### HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY

Dr. Khaled Mohsen Ibrahim

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Dr. Fayrouz Mouhamed Fouad Hamzeh

### NEUROLOGY

Dr. Hilana Ahmad Hatoum

### RHEUMATOLOGY

Dr. Rula Adel Hajj-Ali  
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Dr. Ousama Issam Aridi  
Dr. Rabih Hatem Chahine  
Dr. Huda Bachir Al-Koutatly

### OPHTHALMOLOGY

Dr. Ziad Fayez Bashshur  
Dr. Sami Hilmi Uwaydat

### OTOLARYNGOLOGY & HEAD & NECK SURGERY

Dr. Ghassan Joseph Kahwaji  
Dr. Bulus Shukrallah Yazbeck

### PATHOLOGY

Dr. Fady Joseph Gergeos

Dr. Patricia Toufic Haswani Saliba

Dr. Mona Abdel Hassan Sharara

Dr. Ola Ahmad El-Zammar

### PEDIATRICS

Dr. Rita Daoud Aoun  
Dr. Lina Chafic Bou Jaoude

Dr. Youness Ali Al-Darazi

Dr. Rima Ahmad Rachid

Dr. Lina Fahd Shalak

Dr. Rolla Mohammad Shbarou

### PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY

Dr. Roula Nadime Choueiri

### GENERAL SURGERY

Dr. Firas Rabih Abiad  
Dr. Youssef Badui Douaihy

### NEUROSURGERY

Dr. Fadi Mohamed Samir Hanbali

### ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

Dr. Youssef Raffoul Bassim

Dr. Jamal Said Bazzi

### PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

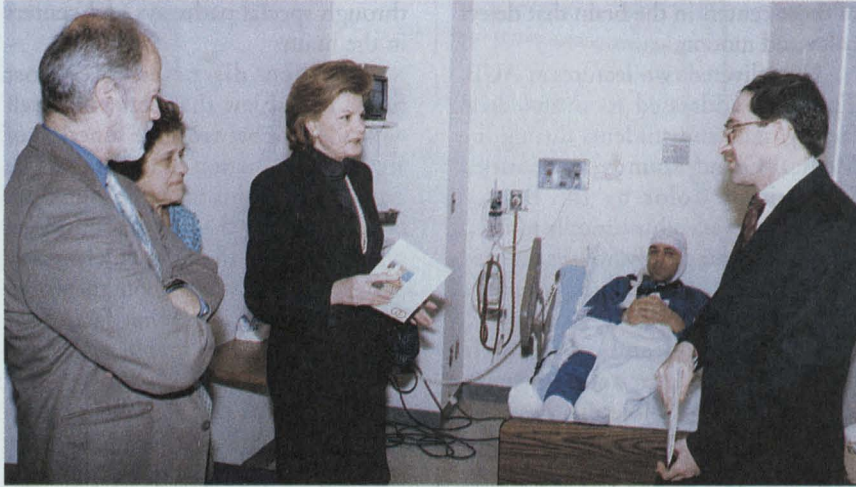
Dr. Hussein Ali Hashim

### UROLOGY

Dr. Walid Abdel Karim Farhat



# Update on Epilepsy Symposium



Left to right: Dr. Jerome Engel, Mrs. Mona Hraoui, a patient and Dr. Mohamad Mikati at the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at AUBMC.

**O**n April 4 the AUBMC Adult and Pediatric Epilepsy Program presented an Update on Epilepsy Symposium at Issam Fares Hall. Held under the patronage of Lebanon's First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui, its purpose was to raise awareness about epilepsy and present the most recent medical advances in treatment, diagnosis and surgery. The conference was organized by leading physicians Drs. Mohamad Mikati and Youssef Comair. A year ago Drs. Mikati and Comair founded the advanced Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU) at AUBMC, the first such unit in Lebanon. The two doctors joined other international and local experts in taking part in the conference.

Speakers at the opening ceremony included Dr. Mohamad Mikati (Director, Adult and Pediatric Epilepsy Program, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pediatrics), Dr. Youssef Comair (Chief, Epilepsy Surgery and Division of Neurosurgery, Professor of Surgery), Dr. Samir Najjar (Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center), as well as the First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui.

The morning and afternoon sessions included a number of

challenging topics:

- Advances in the Pathophysiology of Epilepsy: Implications on Medical Therapy”.
- Workup and Management of the Patient with Intractable Epilepsy”.
- Temporal Lobe Resections for Epilepsy”.
- Extra-Temporal Resections for Epilepsy”.
- Case Presentations and Discussions: Intractable and Epilepsy Surgery Cases”.

Despite the advances that have improved understanding of this disorder and its treatment, epilepsy remains a major problem that is often misunderstood. However, it is believed that most people suffering from epilepsy can lead normal, healthy lives. One of the guest speakers, Jerome Engel (MD, Ph.D., President, International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE), even called the ailment a symptom rather than a disorder. Unfortunately, the biggest problem world-wide is the lack of public awareness.

It was for this reason that a year ago the ILAE launched a world-wide campaign to fight this disorder. It was particularly timely that the symposium was held now so that

recent advances could be presented by international authorities in the field.

AUBMC has always been committed to keeping physicians in the community, the country and the region up to date on latest developments in the rapidly evolving field of medicine. AUBMC has also shown its commitment by providing the latest diagnostic and therapeutic modalities. A living example of these commitments are the 100 patients who have been admitted to the EMU at AUBMC. Dr. Comair has operated on 14 of them, and all are doing well so far. As the symposium ended, the participants expressed hope that the conference had helped educate doctors and patients about the available treatment and surgery that can eliminate seizures in some cases of epilepsy. ■

## Professor Emeritus Samir Shehadi



Samir I. Shehadi, M.D. 1956, formerly Professor of Surgery and Acting Chairman Department of Surgery, 1975-79, and Interim Chairman Department of Surgery 1981-1984 at AUB Medical Center was recently promoted to the rank of Professor Emeritus of Surgery at Saint Louis University (SLU), Saint Louis, Missouri. Following 15 years of distinguished service as Professor of Plastic Surgery and Director of Plastic Surgery at SLU, Dr. Shehadi returns permanently to Beirut and to his practise at the Plastic Surgery Institute. ■



## Leading British Researcher Lectures on Art and the Brain



Professor Semir Zeki.

**D**uring the last week of May, the Interfaculty Graduate Neuroscience Program hosted a two-day visit by British Professor Semir Zeki of University College London.

Lebanese-born Professor Zeki, Fellow of the Royal Society, is the world's leading researcher into the cerebral cortical areas concerned with vision, and discoverer

of those centers in the brain that detect color and motion.

He delivered two lectures at AUB. The first, addressed to the medical faculty, staff and students during the Medical Grand Rounds, was entitled "Genesis of Color by the Brain." The lecture was enthusiastically received by an interacting audience that carried on a prolonged discussion after the presentation.

In the second and more public lecture, entitled "Art and the Brain" and delivered to full audience at the Issam Fares Hall, Professor Zeki focused on what happens to the brain when we look at works of arts.

He proceeded from the premise that both artists and appreciators of art unconsciously select aspects of the visual world according to laws of the brain. Professor Zeki showed how various aspects of what we see, including form, depth, motion and color, proceed

through special pathways and centers in the brain.

He then discussed the most fundamental law that concerns itself with the link between the function of art and the function of the brain. The importance of this theoretical link can be illustrated by the fact that the visual system provides the most efficient way of acquiring knowledge about the world. This accounts for another fact: that about a quarter of our brain is devoted to vision.

Speaking without notes, Professor Zeki thoroughly captivated his audience with frequent and exact quotations from philosophers and artists, while two projectors simultaneously displayed works of art, works of anatomy and physiology of the brain. He was assisted throughout with readings by one of his graduate students (Mr. Andreas Bartels) of further quotations from philosophers and artists. ■

## Terry Fox Run Raises \$31,500 For Cancer Research



President John Waterbury receives a Shield of Appreciation from the Terry Fox Steering Committee. The Canadian Ambassador Mr. Daniel Marchand, is to his immediate right.

**T**he Canadian Alumni Association of Lebanon (CAAL) held the Terry Fox Marathon on October 19, 1997 at Martyrs Square, Beirut. With the generous help of the Canadian Embassy, Solidere, the American Community School (ACS), Université St. Joseph (USJ) and the American University of Beirut (AUB), the Marathon proved to be a successful and fruitful event.

On April 21, 1998, Canadian

Ambassador Daniel Marchand handed American University of Beirut President John Waterbury a check for \$31,500, the total sum raised at the October Terry Fox Run. The money raised was given to the AUBMC Cancer Research Center.

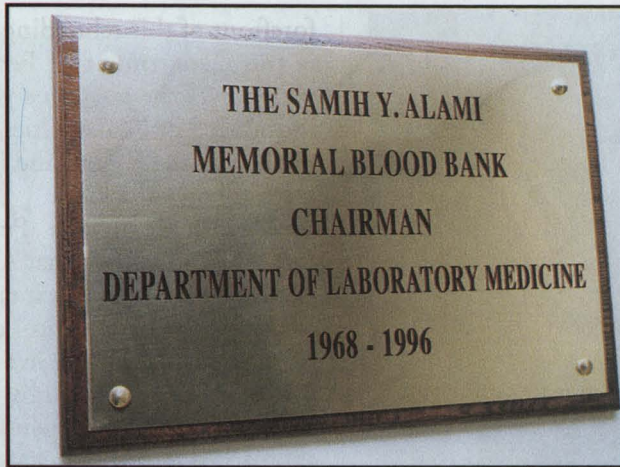
The event was attended by Mr. Suhaib Rasheed (President, CAAL) and Dr. Waleed Saghir, (Vice President, CAAL), as well as the members of the Terry Fox National Steering Committee

Mrs. Monica Jubaily and Dr. Naji Saghir. Representing AUBMC were Dr. Samir Najjar (Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center), Dr. Nadim Cortas (Associate Dean, Research & Development), Dr. Fadi Geara (Chairman, Radiotherapy), Dr. Ali Shamseddinne (Internal Medicine), Mr. Nazih Zeidan (Director, Office of Development), Mrs. Saydeh Nassar (Assistant Director, AUBMC) and Mr. Ibrahim Khoury (Director, Information and Public Relations, AUB).

On behalf of AUB, President Waterbury expressed his sincere gratitude to the Canadian Ambassador, the Canadian Terry Fox Foundation, CAAL, the National Steering Committee in Lebanon and to all those who participated in making the 1997 Marathon of Hope such a success. President Waterbury also voiced confidence that AUBMC will continue to do its best to develop research on cancer in its pursuit of new therapeutic approaches. ■



## Plaque to Commemorate Dr. S. Alami



The greatness of men is measured by their perseverance, leadership and their success in introducing far reaching change to their immediate surroundings. This standard applies well to Samih Alami (Ph.D., M.D.), who for three decades was an exemplary leader of the Department of Laboratory Medicine.

On March 16 physicians, laboratory technologists and medical students gathered at the 3rd floor Blood Bank to unveil a plaque commemorating the late Dr. Alami. Among those speaking at the ceremony were Dr. Samir Najjar (Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center), Dr. Ghazi Zaatari (Chairman, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine) and Dr. Ramzi Samih Alami.

Dr. Alami was instrumental in founding the Department and in placing it on track for modern practice. Thanks to his vision, today the Department enjoys a unique reputation for multidisciplinary specialties.

Throughout his more than thirty years of unwavering devotion--much of the time troubled by war and disease--Dr. Alami resisted pressures and temptations to relocate abroad. He preferred to demonstrate his deeply rooted conviction about the importance of the institution he loved.

Dr. Alami's commitment was unwavering. He secured badly needed

funds, extended a warm, generous hand to medical students, offered assistance and advice to colleagues and coworkers who came knocking at his door, sustained an uninterrupted teaching program for residents in Laboratory Medicine and the Medical Technology Program, and at the same time supervised one of the best diagnostic clinical laboratories in the region.

Dr. Alami's mission was to help and care for fellow human beings; he accepted all challenges and took pride in overcoming obstacles that hindered his work.

Dr. Alami recognized the tremendous importance a blood bank to the hospital and community. Consequently, he strove to make it a state-of-the-art institution at the cutting edge of blood bank technology. It was no wonder that the AUBMC Blood Bank was named after him. "The Samih Y. Alami Memorial Blood Bank" is a small token of appreciation for the many things Dr. Alami gave to the Department, AUB and the community.

March 16 witnessed the fulfillment of one of Dr. Alami's dreams, but sadly he was not there to see it. His untimely death deprived everyone of the opportunity to appreciate the fighting spirit of this unique man. Today the torch has been passed on with the confidence that the Blood Bank will always represent the high standards of excellence put forward by the person whose name it now bears. ■

## Dr. Nassim H. Nabbut Promoted to Professor Emeritus



Left, Dr. Nabbut being congratulated by Dean Najjar.

On November 25, 1997 President David S. Dodge announced the promotion of retiring Dr. Nassim H. Nabbut (Department of Microbiology and Immunology) to Professor Emeritus. The decision, taken by the Board of Trustees at its November meeting, is in recognition of Dr. Nabbut's long and effective service to AUB.

On January 7 Dr. Nabbut and his wife held a dinner at Al-Ferdaus Restaurant in Maameltein. Among the guests were Dr. Samir Najjar, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center and Dr. Alexander Abdel-Nour, Chairman of Microbiology and Immunology. Also attending was a distinguished group of Professors from the Faculty of Medicine and Medical Alumni and friends from El-Koura.

Professor Nabbut spoke briefly, thanking his guests and presenting the highlights of his academic career abroad and at AUB.

Dr. Samir Najjar, speaking on behalf of AUB, thanked Professor Nabbut and his wife for the reception and the dinner. He expressed his gratitude to Dr. Nabbut for his contributions and for his 28 years of effective service to AUB.

Congratulating Dr. Nabbut on his election to the rank of Professor Emeritus, Dean Najjar wished him and Mrs. Nabbut many long, healthy, happy and fruitful years. ■



## Pediatric Intensive Care Unit



Dr. Mikati, Mrs. Kalo and Dean Najjar.

**F** ebruary 10, 1998 marked a special day in the history of the Department of Pediatrics. It was on this date that a long standing dream came true: the opening of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

Among the officials speaking at the event were Mr. Dieter Kuntz (Medical Center Director), Dr. Mohammad Mikati (Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics), Dr. Samir Najjar (Dean of Medicine and AUBMC), Dr.

Youssef Baseem (Representative of the Minister of Health) and Mrs. Lynna Kalo (President of the "Give a Child a Toy" Charity).

The opening was attended by General George Harrouk, President of the Lebanese Red Cross, as well as representative of the Reporter's Syndicate.

The PICU opening came at a time when the Medical Center was already successfully rebuilding to regain its position as the premiere medical center in the region. At the

forefront of this rebuilding process is the Department of Pediatrics, which over the last three years has introduced new capabilities that are the best in the region, and in many cases are one of a kind.

Members of the Pediatric Department realized that AUBMC needed a PICU because it takes care of the sickest patients in Lebanon. At the same time the "Give a Child a Toy" charity, founded by a group of Lebanese Ladies living in London, approached the Department through Dr. Kamal Bikhazi. The charity offered to donate \$250,000 to equip a PICU at AUBMC. The Department staff also contributed funds for both building and personnel costs.

The newly established PICU will allow sick children to be cared for using techniques not previously available at AUBMC or any other hospital in the region. These include new and more efficient ways to ventilate children with respiratory failure, new methods to cleanse the blood, and to monitor both intracranial brain-wave and pressure. ■

### Spring Clinical Meeting

The Department of Dermatology in collaboration with the Lebanese Dermatological Society, held their annual "Spring Clinical Meeting" on May 30, 1998. After words of welcome from Drs. Nelly Rubeiz of the Department of Dermatology and Abdul-Ghani Kibbi, President of the Lebanese Dermatological Society, the cases of 12 patients were discussed in depth by members of the faculty and the society.

The meeting was attended by 58 Lebanese dermatologists. Professor Jean Civatte of Saint Louis Medical Center in Paris - France, and Dr. Paul André of Hopital Henry Monder in Paris - France also contributed significantly to the discussion. ■

### International Child's Day



*On the occasion of International Child's Day on March 22 Mrs. Randa Shabine organized an activity in the beautifully decorated 6th floor playroom. The children, wearing stickers and hats, were clearly excited as they watched Miss Chadin Fathallah dance, sing and play the guitar.*

*After gifts were distributed, AUBMC's Dietary Department generously provided cakes and juice. It was an event enjoyed by all.*



# The Karen Bahadrian Award



Bahadrian family with AUBMC officials and awardees.



The late Karen Bahadrian.

On June 9, 1998 the Karen Bahadrian Award was distributed at the Department of Nursing Services. The award is named for the late Karen Bahadrian, who suffered from Acute Myelocytic Leukemia and was our patient for a very long time. For four long years she struggled with her disease and spent most of her time in hospitals, both in Lebanon and in the US, before passing away.

Throughout her struggle, Karen and her family interacted intensively with both the medical and the nursing staff. They experienced, understood and valued the importance of skilled care in the life of a patient.

To keep Karen's spirit alive, her family instituted a yearly award that recognizes a nurse in Lebanon for excellence of care.

Exceptionally, this year there will be two awards: one for 1997 and another for 1998. A permanent commemorative plaque will be placed on 8 North where Karen spent the much of her life.

Nurses at AUB thanked Mrs. Bahadrian for the recognition she is giving them and to the profession at large. This gesture, like no other, recognizes the value of nursing care

and the difference it can make in the life of a patient--a difference that often goes unnoticed.

The award ceremony was attended by Mrs. Bahadrian and her family, Miss Mouro, Dr. Najjar, Dr. Obeid, Dr. Atweh, Dr. Salem, Mr. Kuntz and the hospital Administration team, Dr. Salwa Makarem, Mr. Nameer Kana'an, instructors from the BT Program and Inservice, Supervisors and Head Nurses.

Dr. Najjar described the Award, and then said few words of appreciation. After the awards were distributed, Mrs. Bahadrian said she hoped to continue with the award as well as the annual training grant.

The winners were:

- Ester Arslanian, recipient of the 1997 Award.

Ms Arslanian has worked for the past 14 years with oncology patients in the ambulatory services, both private and ward. She is a relentless worker, extremely caring and attentive to her patients' needs, devoted, helpful, competent and experienced. She is able to handle an ever increasing load of patients in both OPD and Private Clinics.

- Da'ad Salhab, recipient of the 1998 award.

A pediatric nurse, Ms Salhab served as a preceptor for the past five years and was certified as a preceptor in 1997. She also participated as a clinical instructor for the BT Program. She has received excellent annual evaluations and is able to relieve the head nurse. Most of all, she loves her patients and gives them the best care possible.

- Miss Rania Hawwat, staff nurse, was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Bahadrian for the one-month training course at MD Anderson, with Dr. Hagop Kantarjian and his team.

This experience was very useful and will no doubt help improve nursing care of oncology patients.

Ms Hawwat is highly motivated and has demonstrated her competency and a genuine caring attitude in administering chemotherapy and handling cancer patients. She is polite, mature, active, pleasant and is liked by patients and doctors as well. The Nursing Services would like to extend their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Bahadrian for their generous contributions. ■

*Chantal Madi*



## LRC Medal to Professor Laure Azouri



Professor L. Azouri on the left with Mrs. Hraoui and Gen. George Harrouk on the far right.

**P**rofessor Laure Azouri was awarded "The Medaille Marcelle Hochar" by the Lebanese Red Cross for her outstanding and faithful contribution to the community.

The ceremony was attended by First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui and General George Harrouk, President of the Lebanese Red Cross. ■

## Dr. Selwa Makarem at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center



Dr. Selwa Makarem .

On May 12 Dr. Selwa Makarem was the keynote speaker for International Nurses' Day at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center. About 500 people attended the meeting, during which she addressed the multi-cultural audience on the subject of the "Recognition of Nurses Around The World."

According to Dr. Linda Luna, Head of Service at King Faisal Specialist Hospital, her presentation "was wonderfully received.... it was so appropriate for us here."

• At the invitation of Balamand University, Professor Nuhad Azouri spoke on the "Qualifications of Student Applicants at the AUB School of Nursing and Factors That May Increase Enrollment. ■

## Ideal Student Nurse of the Year

"Caring Imperative: A life Commitment" was the title of Dr. Selwa Makarem's talk at an annual award ceremony held in June by the Lion's Club. The award is given to the Ideal Student Nurse of the Year from each of the four universities that give nursing degrees. AUB BSN III student Zuha Nakhlawi was this year's winner. Congratulations Zuha. ■

## The Child's Day



The Nursing School could never forget Child's Day. On March 22. Ms. D. Shehab and students visited a school where they played with the children and distributed gifts.



## Nursing Student Society Activities

This year the Nursing Student Society (NSS) enjoyed a full agenda of social and academic events marked by quality, variety, and fun for all.

On August 30, 1997, the NSS organized a trip to the Bekaa where students had fun visiting Taineyel, Anjar, and Kefraya.

The Nursing School was also successfully represented at the Career Fair organized by Hariri Foundation and held at Expo-Beirut early in the fall. This was accomplished at a time when everyone was very busy at the school and AUBMC.

The acquaintance party, an annual tradition at the school, was held on October 31. New students were welcomed, refreshments were served, and everyone enthusiastically looked forward to the new semester.

A major event celebrated every December is the Christmas party. Faculty members and students had a wonderful time dancing, dining, receiving gifts and sharing the season's greetings and blessings.

On January 21, 1998, the Nursing School joined other faculties at the Alumni Club for an Iftar dinner that captured the holy spirit of Ramadan.

Teacher's Day is another event the NSS celebrated in its own way. On hand were the director of the school Dr. S. Makarem, and faculty members. BSN3 student Dureen A. Sleiman recited a poem she had written for the occasion.

An important occasion at the Nursing School is Child's Day. This year Ms. D. Shehab and students visited one of the schools, where they played with the children and distributed gifts. ■

### Egg Hunt and Pot Luck

On April 15 students and faculty members celebrated Easter with an egg hunt and a pot luck meal. Everyone had a wonderful time playing games and searching for the hidden eggs. Winners were awarded cute chicks as prizes. All the participants enjoyed the good homemade food and above all, shared the sacred message of rebirth that Easter brings. ■

### Mother's Day

Every March 21st we celebrate Mother's Day to honor the most lovable person on earth. This year a very distinguished Mother's Day celebration was organized by Ms. Randa Shahine and Mrs. Rima Bejjani on the 7th floor of AUBMC.

Everyone enjoyed the event. Gifts were distributed and the Women's Auxiliary generously served cakes and juice. Special thanks go to those who helped make the party such a success, especially Mrs. Coumair and the Women's Auxiliary. ■



## Professor W. Khalaf Appointed Associate Professor Emeritus in Nursing



Professor Wadad Khalaf, a graduate of AUB and the Boston University School of Nursing, served AUB and AUBMC for 30 years.

She joined the Faculty of the School of Nursing in 1963, after several years at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston where she worked in research and education.

In 1983 she was appointed Director of the School of Nursing. She directed the Associate Degree Program and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing until her retirement.

Congratulations, Professor Wadad Khalaf. ■

### Eating Disorders

On February 12 Dr. Josianne Madi Skaff gave a lecture about eating disorders in Lebanon. The lecture, presented by the Nurses Chapter of AUB's Alumni Association, provided a detailed account of anorexia nervosa, bulimia and binge eating. She discussed the details of these diseases, their prevention, consequences and treatment.

Dr. Skaff linked the 'slim woman' image to women's advancing political freedom, and posed questions about such a relationship. "It seems ironic," she noted, "that our political gains should force us to conform to a certain image."

Blaming lack of research and general awareness, she said that there are many unreported cases of eating disorders. If her suggestions were followed, more campaigns waged and public services utilized, Lebanon would be better equipped to deal with this growing problem, she said. ■



# Lecture by Professor Tim Dyson



Professor Dyson

**O**n 30 March, Professor Tim Dyson of the London School of Economics (LSE) gave a special seminar lecture entitled "A Partial Theory of World Development."

His principal argument was that whereas economic growth has clearly been mostly responsible for rising living standards during the past two centuries, accompanying structural changes in society have received too little attention.

He reviewed these structural changes, which included: change to urban residence; emergence of modern systems of representative democracy; and the reduction in gender differentiation, i.e. the increasing empowerment of women.

Using both historical and contemporary evidence Professor Dyson argued that in each of these transformations the process of demographic transition was the principle cause of change, not economic development.

Before demographic transition began in late 18th century Europe, death rates in towns were far higher than in rural areas. However, the reduced death rate meant that the effective 'ceiling' on urban growth was removed and towns could now begin to grow.

Urbanization could not occur in the absence of economic growth--as circumstances in contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa unfortunately show.

Urbanization also brought a greater degree of political equality to society. The notion of democracy has long been associated with towns, and in 19th and early 20th century Europe it became impossible to ignore the demand for political rights.

Another consequence of the demographic transition, population aging, also underpinned the growth of political equality. In a young population perhaps 20 percent would be under five years old, and almost half under 15. In such circumstances, and with a dispersed rural population, some form of autocracy was the 'natural' political system.

However, with the population ageing the majority of people were adults, and this fact also underpinned the growth of modern democracy. Another inevitable outcome of the demographic transition, an increase in population, meant that such democracy had to be representative in nature rather than participatory.

The growth of female empowerment was also an outcome of the demographic transition. The decline in birth rates meant that child-bearing and child-rearing occupy only a minority of women's lives, and the decline in mortality benefited women more than men - especially above age 50.

These demographic facts meant that many women have to look after themselves for long stretches of their lives. Professor Dyson presented international evidence to show that the general growth in female empowerment in society partly reflects the numerical preponderance of women at these ages.

With the tremendous growth in global communications, it is entirely possible for a society to 'leap-frog' some of the processes which have taken two centuries to unfold in Western Europe. However, Professor Dyson maintained that the principles of political and gender equity were likely to have a firmer base in populations which had progressed through all the stages of the demographic transition.

TIM DYSON is Professor of Population Studies at the London

School of Economics (LSE), where he is also currently the Convener of the Department of Social Policy. Educated in England and Canada, he has spent time as Visiting fellow at the International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai (Bombay) and at the Australian National University in Canberra.

Since 1996 he has been visiting Professor in the Department of Population Sciences in the Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB. His main areas of research have been on female autonomy and India's regional demography, pre-decline fertility rises in the developing world, the historical demography of the Berar region of central India, the causes and consequences of famines, and world agricultural prospects in the period to 2020.

In 1996 his book *Population and Food: Global Trends and Future Prospects* was published by Routledge (London and New York). Professor Dyson lives in London with his wife and two sons. ■

## FHS NEWS

Dr. Kasturi Sen from the Department of Community Medicine at Cambridge University visited FHS February 1-5. Dr. Sen is the principle coordinator of an EEC-funded project entitled "The Impact on Families and State of Traumatic Injury Related Disabilities Among Adults in Lebanon and Palestine."

During her visit, Dr. Sen discussed the progress of the project with Dr. Alba Sibai. She also met with FHS faculty and AUB officials.

### Workshop on Reproductive Health:

On February 28 the Reproductive Health and Population Group organized a one-day workshop on "Women and Reproductive Health Care in Lebanon: Policies and Perceptions." The participants, (researchers, obstetricians and policy makers from the Ministries of Public Health and Social Affairs and UN agencies), discussed the policy implications of three research projects: hospital policies, post-partum depression and childbearing experience. The workshop was supported by the Mellon Foundation grant to FHS and held at the Riviera Hotel. ■



# Archaeological Museum in Full Swing



President Waterbury with Dr. Badre, Mrs. Mona Hraoui and others during the exhibition.

**D**uring the second semester, the AUB Museum, with the help of the Society of the Friends of the Museum, continued its active program. The Society was formed in 1979 to encourage the public to support and make use of the Museum and to foster an interest in Lebanon's rich heritage.

February centered on the well-received exhibition, *Jewelry: Ornaments and Amulets* which opened on February 11 under the patronage of First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui. The exhibition presented personal ornaments from prehistory through the Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Phoenician, Hellenistic, Roman Byzantine and Ottoman Periods. Besides objects from the AUB Museum, important pieces were borrowed from the National Museum

of Damascus, the Jordan Archaeological Museum and the National Museum of Beirut.

On the same theme were lectures by Mrs. May Rishani on the "Story of Jewelry" and by Mr. Manuel Keene, curator of the Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah in Kuwait, who spoke about the "Glories of Early Mughal Jewelry."

March brought a lecture by an eminent British scholar, Professor Nicolas Coldstream, who talked about "Early Greek Visitors to the Levant."

In April Tyre was the focus of attention. A day trip to the ancient city also gave participants the chance to see the newly discovered 4th century basilica and the sanctuary of Apollo, uncovered in 1971 by Dr. Patricia Bikai. The trip was followed a few days later with a lecture by Dr. Patricia Bikai herself, who

spoke about Tyre as seen by 17th-19th century travelers.

Two record-breaking trips to China, each with the same itinerary, were organized by the Society in April and May. The nearly three-week journey included visits to Peking, Shanghai and Xian as well as to some of the most scenic parts of the country.

In June came an unprecedented gathering of no less than five full-fledged archaeologists, all of whom had excavated at Sarafand (Sarepta) under Dr. James Pritchard starting in 1969. The group, which included Dr. Martha Joukowsky, Dr. Patricia Bikai, Dr. Pierre Bikai, Dr. Julia Costello and Dr. Leila Badre, talked to a fascinated Museum audience about their experiences and opinions.

Two trips within Lebanon during June met with great success. The first was a day trip to the temples of Jbail and Kesrouan. Following in the footsteps of the ancient worshippers of Adonis, they visited the Roman temples of Mashnaqa and Afqa, then continued on to the temples of Yanouh and Faqra. A second weekend trip featured a nature hike from the Maaser el-Shouf Cedars to the Barouk Cedars, then continued to the Beqaa valley where the group visited the Kefraya vineyards and the temples of Niha and Dekweh. ■

## Professor Dajani Named NGO Envoy to ESCWA

Dr. Nabil Dajani, Professor of communications at the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, was designated one of four representatives to the UN Economic and Social Council by the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR).

As IAMCR representative, Professor Dajani will "speak and act on behalf of the International Association for Media and Communication Research" at the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

IAMCR is an NGO in consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council. Its membership is international, with headquarters in Washington, DC. Professor Dajani joined IAMCR in 1972 and served on its executive committee for ten years. ■

## Professor Samir Seikaly Head of Senate Faculty Affairs Committee

Professor Samir Seikaly, professor of history, was elected chairman of the Senate Committee of Faculty Affairs (SCFA). Established in the early 1970's, the SCFA reviews existing University policies and regulations related to faculty benefits such as pension plans, indemnity, hospitalization insurance plans, educational benefits, housing, leave and any other faculty benefits. It also submits recommendations for changes in these policies and initiates proposals for new policies and regulations. All faculty representatives on University committees dealing with faculty benefits

are expected to coordinate their work with SCFA.

Members of the SCFA include Professors Nabil Nassar, representing the Faculty of Medicine; George Ayoub, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture; Nahla Baba, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences; Murad Jurdak, Division of Education; May Jurdi, Faculty of Health Sciences, and Raja Haddad, representing the University Senate. Professor Seikaly represents the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. ■



# Professor Ziad Beydoun

## 1924-1998



Memorial ceremony for Professor Beydoun. Left to right: Nabeel Ashkar, Dr. Charles Ayoub, Dr. A. Abdel-Rahman, President Waterbury and Minister Rizk at the podium.



Archive photo of Professor Beydoun being decorated by Minister Eddeh.

**T**he AUB community was bereaved on March 7, 1998 by the death in Beirut of Dr. Ziad R. Beydoun, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Geology. On May 30 his family and friends gathered at Assembly Hall for a memorial ceremony. Speakers were President John Waterbury, former Minister of Oil and Industry Dr. As'ad Rizk and Chairman of the Geology Department Dr. A. Abdel-Rahman. Dr. Charles Ayoub, a pediatrician and a close friend of Dr. Beydoun and Dr. Muntaha Saghieh-Beydoun, Professor Ziad Beydoun's widow, also spoke.

Mr. Nabeel Ashkar was Master of Ceremonies and Dr. Ramzi Sabra the organist.

In his speech, President Waterbury praised Dr. Beydoun's impressive academic and professional record.

Former Minister of Oil and Industry As'ad Rizk spoke next, explaining that he knew Professor Beydoun as advisor to his ministry.

"He gave selflessly, and was wise and incorruptible, modest and bold, loyal and resolute," Dr. Rizk said. "When he left London to come to Lebanon and work in the ministry he was giving up the tranquillity of life in London for the opportunity to help his country, fresh out of the war."

Geology Chairman Dr. A. Abdel-

Rahman described Professor Beydoun as "the gentleman and the scholar, and a dedicated researcher of international repute." He said that soon after completing his Ph.D. at Oxford University, Professor Beydoun became a towering figure in the Geology of the Middle East. He wrote over 50 important publications and completed the final chapter of this last book on the Lexicon of Yemen Geology during his last few days from his hospital bed at AUH.

Dr. Abdel-Rahman added that the prestigious "William Smith Medal" of the Geological Society of London, with its specific requirements of outstanding achievement in Earth Sciences, was an appropriate honor for Professor Beydoun and his work. He remembered that in receiving his medal, Professor Beydoun noted that no achievement is ever a single effort, an attitude that reflects his respect for his assistants, his students, and his colleagues. Professor Beydoun went on to acknowledge all those who worked with him, and he thanked AUB, which he referred to as "the University I had served so wholeheartedly."

Dr. Abdel-Rahman concluded by pointing out that Professor Beydoun was a generous personal donor to needy geology students. In fact, his generosity extended to the Geology Department

even after his death, since he bequeathed his valuable library to the Department. He also gave a large sum of money to be used as a nucleus for a major fund-raising effort to establish the "Ziad Beydoun Memorial Scholarship" for geology students.

"Professor Beydoun was a gentleman -- civil, courteous, cultivated, gallant, genteel, honorable, noble, obliging, polished, polite, refined, reputable, suave, well-bred, and well-mannered." This, Dr. Abdel-Rahman said, was a fitting epitaph for this great man. "There is so much that Ziad left us with. Our lives are richer for having known him."

After a short interlude, the ceremony continued with an address by Dr. Charles Ayoub, who recounted his 40-year friendship with Professor Beydoun and their struggle to live, work and train in London in the 1950s. "He wandered the deserts and coastlines of the Arabian Peninsula in solitary journeys, driving alone in his Landrover with a record player and classical records, as he collected authoritative geological data."

Dr. Ayoub added: "During the past year and during his frequent hospitalizations, Ziad Beydoun's bed was covered with papers and manuscripts which he was hurriedly completing. He also continued his teaching, tutoring his students who crowded his bedside."



# الهر اوي: آن الاوان لتحديث الدير اطيبة عندنا

والفنون والمعارف من جهة، وما تتضمنه المجتمعات من جهة أخرى إقتصاديا واجتماعيا وانتهاك القيم الحياتية. كيف نقبل التوافق بين ما ارتقت اليه مدينة التكنولوجيا ولا سيما على صعيد الطب واكتشاف الكون وتعميم الإنترنت من جهة، ومن جهة أخرى انتشار الاسلحة الكيميائية المدمرة والتلوث.

وكيف نقبل عندنا أن ترفع جميعا شعرا: العلم الصحيح ليس ضدّ الدين الصحيح، وشعرا: انصاف المرأة، وشعرا: سيادة القانون، وشعرا: الحرية والديمقراطية بينما في المقابل تتفاقم الذميمة السياسية.

كيف يجوز أن يقبل العالم تعنت إسرائيل ضدّ السلام العادل في الشرق الاوسط.

في المقابل مناداة لبنان وسوريا بالسلام العادل والشامل، السلام الذي يقوم على تطبيق القرارات الدولية ومبدأ الأرض مقابل السلام. كيف يجوز لإسرائيل أن تتصرف وكأن عملية السلام إنتهت في المنطقة بل أكثر من ذلك نجدها لا تتورع عن ممارسة ما ينتهك القدس وينتهك مكاتها في المسيحية والاسلام، وفي العالم كله.

أيها الجامعيون إعلموا أنه بالداورة على الحقوق لا يُبنى السلام.

إعلموا أنّ السياسة ليست في الخداع والانقلاب على الشرعية الدولية.

إعلموا أن لبنان وهذا الشرق لا يبيعان الحق والكرامة والسلام بالباطل والنال والاستسلام.

أيها الخريجون

تتالقون اليوم بأزياء التخرج بعدما اجتهدتم وتعبتم فإلى النجاحات والنجاحين من الاشقاء، ومن ديار العالم أقول إتقلوا الى شعوركم ومجتمعكم أنكم تخرجتم في بلد يعيد بناء نفسه لخبر نفسه ولخبر الاشقاء والعالم.

وإلى بناتنا وأبنائنا نقول: لبنان ينتظركم لبنان ينتظركم وينتظر زملائكم وكل المبادرين والفاعلين.

هاثوا أيديكم لبناء وحدتنا فاذكروا أنه من خلال الوفاق تجسدت طاقات التحديث في بلدنا

هاثوا أيديكم لترسي روح التنمية لأنه بالتنمية نمو الانحراف الى الذميمة

لقد آن الاوان لتحديث الديموقراطية عندنا بدأ من قوانين الانتخابات البلدية والنيابية والرأسمية، وارساء مفاهيم جديدة لدينامية المعارضة والحوالة

إنّ تعافي الديموقراطية في لبنان هو مدخل لإستقرار الشرق وتقدمه

بادروا واعملوا وانجحوا

مبروك تخرجكم

عشتم وعاش لبنان

أيها الاحياء

أجيبى اليكم هذه المرة ومليّ الااعتزاز بعزم جامعتكم على التحد

في زمن الحرب بقي هذا المسرح على رغم الرصاص والخرائق وكل الإفتراءات

بقي بهمة الخاضعين من المسؤولين بينكم يوم التفرّج حول جامعتهم ليبرّدوا النار بالنور، وليأكدوا أنه بالعلم نبني.

وإننا ننظر بالتقدير الى التجاوب مع ندائنا فترى للمرة الاولى منذ العام ١٩٨٤ رئيس الجامعة هنا، الدكتور جون والتربوري الذي يعمل بكل مثابرة على إدارة هذا المسرح العريق وعلى تجديد إعادته لأداء دوره مع الألاف الثالث.

ولا يسعنا في هذا الإطار إلا أن نشمّجّه الى رئيس الولايات المتحدة الاميركية وإدارته بالشكر لدعم بلدنا في مختلف الحقول متلهين بسياسة الافتتاح التي يرسي دعائمها خطوة خطوة بدأ من رفع الحظر عن سفر الاميركيين الى بلدنا وما تبعها من تدابير متقدمة.

أيها الاحياء

كان كثير من يقومون عن بلدي لبنان انتهى. وهو لا يشكل أهمية استراتيجية في هذا الشرق.

وكانوا أيضا يروجون عن جامعتكم أنها ستقبل أبوابها وأنها ستنتقل من بيروت

ها هو لبنان يثبت بأنه أقوى من الحنة

ويؤكد بأنه حاجة اقليمية وضرورة عالمية.

وها هي الجامعة الاميركية في بيروت، بيروت أم الشرائع، بيروت منارة النهضة العربية الكبرى، بيروت ملتقى الشرق والغرب، بيروت السلام الوطني، هاهي جامعتكم تؤكّد أنّها لبنان بمقدار وفائها لرسالتها العريقة.

أيها الاحياء

نبيل أن تسمعي كل جامعة من الجامعات العاملة على أرضنا الى التفوق والى التميز، ولكن الانبل أن يقوم بين الجامعات تعاون وثيق في الابحاث وتبادل الخبرات، وأن يقوم بين الجامعات والدولة تعاون في مجالات التخطيط، واقتراح الحلول، واستكشاف دروب المستقبل.

لقد أكدنا غير مرة أن الجامعات هي شريك في مسيرة البناء والنهوض والاعمال

الجامعات مدعوة في هذه المرحلة الدقيقة الى الخروج من تكرار النظريات أو إعادة تجديدها

إنها مدعوة الى الدخول في المجتمع وحمل همومه

واهتماماته للإرتفاع به الى الأرقى

جامعتنا تحتاج الى إعادة النظر في تشكيل مناهجها

إنها مسؤولة معنا عن بناء متجدد للمواطن وللدولة

ولروح العصر أيضا

لا يجوز أن تبقى المغارقة قائمة بين ما ارتقت اليه العلوم



وطناً نستحقه.

لسؤ الطالع، يبدو انه كلما ازداد الوضع سوءاً، كلما ازداد استسلام اللبنانيين والعرب. كأنما وباءً جديداً هو اللامبالاة قد وطأ بلادنا ولا احد بعد قد وجد له الدواء. نحتار ونتساءل لماذا الطالب المتمرد، الذي اعترض على زيادة الـ ٦٪، يصبح خنوعاً حين يصبح في الخارج؛ ولماذا الطالب النشيط الذي ينظم نشاطات ثقافية واجتماعية يصبح مواطناً لامبالياً، يساهم لذلك في التحلل الثقافي لمجتمعاتنا؛ ولماذا الطالب المسؤول الذي سعى للحصول على دراسة لامعة في الجامعة ينتهي به المطاف موظفاً مهملاً مستسلماً للفساد والمحسوبيات، والواسطة وعبوب اخرى عديدة.

لا يازملائي المتخرجين، ان سمك السلمون الذي يسبح عكس التيار، ويقفز فوق المصبات ويجد طريقه بين الصخور لا يمكن ولا يجب ان يستسلم للطوفان مع التيار. واذا كان لنا ان نتمحص في الدور المفترض بنا ادائه في بلدنا، فسيلزمننا الادراك ان علينا ان نكون مجتمعاً مقاوماً.

فيا ايها الاطباء والمرضين، لا تتركوا طفلاً او امرأة او رجلاً يموت على مدخل مستشفى لانه لا يملك مالا.

ويا علماء الصحة، اسعوا لتحرير بيئتنا من الملوثين والملوثات لانقاذ اطفالنا وتوازننا البيئي.

ويا خبراء الزراعة والتغذية، اجهدوا لتحسين الزراعة في بلدنا، يحدوكم قول جبران ويل لأمة تأكل مما لا تزرع وتشرب خمراً لا يسيل من معاصرها.

ويا ايها المهندسون، لا تبنوا الحجر بل البشر.

ويا علماء الآثار ارجوكم، لا تسمحو لتراثنا التاريخي والثقافي بان يدفن تحت اطنان الاسمنت.

ويا ايها الاقتصاديين ورجال ونساء الاعمال، لا تستسلموا للجشع وفضلوا الصالح العام على المصلحة الشخصية.

ويا ايها العلماء والتقنيين، ارفدوا البحث العلمي والتقني كي لا تبقى الدول النامية وخاصة العربية منها في مؤخرة سلم الحضارة، مجرد مستهلك للاختراعات والتقانات الاجنبية.

ويا دارسي الانسانيات، ادعوكم ان تكونوا الجسر بين الماضي والمستقبل. فلاسفة، علماء اجتماع، علماء نفس، رجال ونساء الفكر، مؤرخون جغرافيون، مربون، مثلاً لا حصراً، اسعوا لتجعلوا البشر يزدهرون. كما يقول جان روفييه، كل فرد يولد هو انجاز فريد، وكل فرد يموت هو خسارة لا تعوض. زملائي المتخرجون،

نحن الالف ومئة متخرج للعام ١٩٩٨ نجتمع هنا لنطوي صفحة من حياتنا. المهمة كبيرة جداً، ولكن اذا التزم كل صف من المتخرجين خلال عقد من الزمان بالتغيير، فسيكون لدينا اكثر من عشرة آلاف متخرج وسيجعلون رياح التغيير تهب.

هذه الموجة ستقوى يوماً بعد يوم. وهي لن تتوقف.

(مترجمة عن الانكليزية)

النظر عن الثقة التي سيزرعها الرئيس فينا، لا يمكننا ان نمحو الافكار السود التي تهاجمنا في كل مرة ندخل فيها من باب الجامعة الرئيسي. نحن الطلاب والمتخرجون وبعثة الغد وانتم، الاساتذة، مدهولون من غياب البرامج التبادلية وبرامج دراسة ما بعد التخرج، والمختبرات المجهزة والميزانيات وبرامج الدراسات لرتبة زميل.

في الواقع ان الجامعة تتآكل بتأثير مرضين: الوضع المالي المهشم، والبيروقراطية الزائدة. من جهة اولى، فان الاقساط قد ارتفعت بشكل متواصل في السنوات الاخيرة الماضية، والمفترض ان ذلك لمواجهة التضخم في البلد. الا ان هذه حلقة مفرغة، ومكتوب علي الجامعة ان تتحمل ازمة مالية مزمنة، وان تستمر فحسب، مع الحد الأدنى من الموارد المالية والبشرية والمنشآت والتجهيزات الخ.

ومن جهة ثانية، فان البيروقراطية الثقيلة في الجامعة كثيراً ما اعاقت حسن سير العمل فيها، وللأسف مهدت الطريق لفساد عام يعيق تطور المؤسسة. والواقع اننا صرنا نأمل ان لا تتحول مؤسسة النخبة الثقافية والتربوية هذه الى نادٍ للنخبة المالية حيث لا يسمح بالدخول الا لأثري الأثرياء.

ورغم ذلك فاننا لا ننكر ان الجامعة منحتنا تدريباً جيداً، والاهم انها غدت فينا الروح اللاطائفية. وعليه فإنني ادعوكم ان تجعلوا هذه البيئة الطيبة التي نعمتم بها في الجامعة تسود خارجها ايضاً.

والحق ان هذه البيئة الطيبة سمحت لنا باجراء انتخابات وتنظيم نشاطات ثقافية واجتماعية وبالمطالبة بما هو حق لنا. باختصار، فقد نجحنا في اسماع صوتنا وفي الكفاح من اجل حقوقنا.

واجهنا ضغوطاً وحاول كثيرون اعاقه سعينا نحو جامعة اميركية في بيروت افضل. الا اننا تمكنا من تأدية واجبنا كطلاب جامعيين.

ويبقى السؤال: هل سنتمكن من تأدية واجبنا كمواطنين؟

فعالاً زملائي المتخرجين لا يسعنا الا ان نتساءل ماذا سيحل بنا في الغابة التي تنتظرنا في الخارج. فحالما نترك هذا الملعب، متسلحين بشهادتنا القيمة، سنواجه من دون شك مشاكل اجتماعية واقتصادية وسياسية متفرقة. غياب الضمان الاجتماعي، البطالة، العمالة الجزئية، غياب العناية الصحية، غياب فرص العمل، المذهبية، المحسوبيات، الفساد.. كلها اسباب اللعبة. الازدهار، البحبوحة، الجدارة، الحرية، حقوق الانسان، اصبحت كلها في مجتمعاتنا كلمات من ماضٍ بعيد. الطلاب الذين حلموا ذات يوم ببناء مستقبل هم الآن بمواجهة خيارين قاتلين: اما البقاء في المنزل او الهجرة. طبعاً اذا كان الطالب على معرفة بمن يعرف احداً، تفتح له كل الابواب.

هذا هو النظام الذي علينا محاربتة. هذه المذهبية، هذا الفساد، هذه المحسوبيات هي ما يجب ان نطيح به كي نبني



خلاقين، مستقبليين، نستحق التغييرات في مجتمعاتنا واقتصاداتنا المنطقية لكي نصنع الجراء لمرأجتها.

بإمكاننا ان نفعل ذلك، اذا شئنا، بفضل تراثنا وتقاليدنا. انني اعرف ان كل الجامعات اينما كان تحاول تعليم التقانات، اي كيف نصنع الاشياء افضل وبالطريقة الاكثر تقدما، كان نخطط لاستثمارات، ان تجري جراحة لعين، ان نصمم نظاما معلوماتيا، ان ندير فندقا، ان نحصد محصولا وافر مع ري اقل... ونحن نعرف ان التحدي الطافي، الآن وفي القرن المقبل، هنا وحيثما كان، هو تأسيس رأس المال البشري. الدول والجمعات التي تتأخر في ذلك تحبس نفسها خارج التاريخ. وهكذا، يسعدنا التاكيد نعم يجب ان نفتتي التقانات الحديثة، والجامعات يجب ان تساعد المجتمع في ذلك. ولكن الجامعة تكون قد فشلت فشلاً مزمياً في مهمتها الأساسية اذا اقتصر دورها على ذلك.

ان التقنية وحدها مثل يد تحاول التصفيق مفردة. اليد الاخرى هي القيم. متى التقت اليدان تتمكن القيم من جعلنا نستخدم التقانات بحكمة وبشكل بناء، التربية - والحياة - في الجامعة الاميركية في بيروت يجب ان تُبنتا هذه القيم. طلابنا يجب ان يعادرونا وهم يدركون موقعهم في ميراث التعلم والثقافة والتلاقي الاجتماعي حيث انغمسوا لاكثر من ثلاث سنوات. طلابنا لا يجب ان يكتفوا بمعرفة امتحاناتهم، بل من اين اتت هذه التقانات وما الاطار الاخلاقي المناسب لاستعمالها ان تكافل التقنيات والقيم هي امر سعت الجامعة الاميركية في بيروت الي تعليمه عبر تاريخها. وهو ما جعل هذه الجامعة فريدة في المنطقة.

اني اعتمد ان الجامعة الاميركية في بيروت لا تزال فريدة، لكنني اطمح ان تماثل.

يجب ان نتأكد باننا نفى بهذه الالتزامات لطلابنا. اذا فعلنا، تكونون انتم يا متخرجينا قادرين بعد انطلاقتكم على جعل اي مكان تلجوه افضل مما كان عليه.

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## التغيير تهب

تبحرت مع آخر خيوط النهار.

حين يسدل الستار على هذه الحفلة المهيبة، سنبقى خالي الرفاض الا من ورقة انيقة في غلاف جلدي: الشهادة.

نعم شهادةنا هي سلاحا الوحيد الذي سنحمله حين ندخل حقل معارك الحياة، او هكذا يجب ان يكون. الا اننا لا تقدر الا ان نتساءل ما قيمة هذه الشهادة حالياً؛ مانا سيحل بنا في الغاية التي تنتظرنا في الخارج؛ ما هو الدور الذي يفترض ان تؤديه في وطننا.

نعم لا يمكن الا ان نتساءل ما قيمة شهادتنا. بعد برهة، سنصافح رئيس الجامعة الاميركية في بيروت. ولكن، بصرف

احترام الغير وطرح الاسئلة الصعبة عن انفسنا ومجتمعاتنا ومعتقداتنا المعطاة. انها تستلزم سهرنا دائماً لحماية الحرية الاكاديمية، فوحدهم الطلاب والاساتذة الذين لا يخشون طرح الاسئلة الصعبة قادرين على اكمال رسالة الجامعة.

ان الكثير مما هو حيوي لصحة الجامعة يدور خارج الصفوف والخبرات واجتماعات الاساتذة، خارج الممارسات الوظيفية التي تسيير اية منظمة متشعبة. الكثير مما هو حيوي يدور بين الطلاب انفسهم، وبين الطلاب والاساتذة، وبالأخص في اللقائات غير الرسمية في الملعب الأخضر والملعب البيضوي والكافيتيريا ومنامات الطلاب ونواديبهم.

ان الجامعات السكنية في هذا العالم توفر فسحة (جميلة في حالة جامعتنا) تتعلم فيها ونصبح حيوانات اجتماعية افضل. وهذا الامر غير محط له لكنه ليس من دون اطر. اللقائات ليست مسرة دائماً، لكن لا يمكن تقايدها. ان جزءاً من عطمة اية جامعة هو في توفيرها اطاراً نتعلم فيه عن انفسنا وعن زملائنا بشكل تلقائي.

وهكذا فان جامعة صحيحة هي اكثر من مجموعة ائنية والشجار. انها مجموعة متشابكة من النظم والممارسات؛ بعضها مكتوب في بنود ونظم، وبعضها غير مكتوب ومبني على تقاليد وعمائد وحس مدني. المكتوب وغير المكتوب يجب ان يمارسا دائماً. كل جيل، كل صف، كل كوكبة جديدة من الاساتذة يجب ان تتغمس في هذه الممارسات. يجب ان نكتشف دائماً ما هو الذي يبقينا أصحاء ومتنامين. باختصار، الجامعة يجب ان تُخترع تكراراً.

بهذا المعنى، فانا يجب ان نصيب دائماً الى الامام لا الى الخلف. لقد عرفت الجامعة الاميركية في بيروت اياماً رائعة وعصرًا ذهيباً. هذه تبقى في الذاكرة ولكننا لا يجب ان نبقي ندور في فلكها. ان تحديات القرن القادم هي من مرتبة مختلفة عما كانت عليه في الماضي. جامعتنا ليست الآن الا جامعة جيدة في حضم شديد التنافس يجب ان تتميز فيه كل يوم. نحن في منافسة لم نعرفها من قبل. يجب ان تكون مرين، رشيقين،

## فرجيه: رباح التغيير تهب

الف ومئة متخرج يجتمعون هنا، اغلب الظن للمرة الاخيرة. خلال ساعات قليلة، ستطير قبعات التخرج، سيُخلع الزي الاكاديمي، وسيسارع الف ومئة متخرج الى فرط الصفوف ومبارحة المكان، حتى من دون القاء نظرة على ما كان منزلهم الثاني خلال سنوات الدراسة الجامعية.

نحن متخرجو العام ١٩٩٨ نأتي من بلاد مختلفة، مناطق مختلفة، بيئات مختلفة. لكننا هنا شكنا عائلة، عائلة تعمل دائماً معاً، وان لم يلق اقرانها دائماً بالرأي. هذا الاختلاف بالضبط هو مصدر قوتنا. ولكن، ما ان تحق قبعات التخرج على الارض، حتى ليبسوك وأن هذه الروح التي حصداها في الجامعة



## حفل التخرج السنوي الـ ١٢٩ في الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت

خطب حفلة توزيع الشهادات

بحضور فخامة رئيس الجمهورية السيد الياس الهراوي وبرعايته، أقيم مساء الأربعاء ١٥ تموز ١٩٩٨ على الملعب الكبير في الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت حفل التخرج السنوي التاسع والعشرين بعد المئة، لمنح الدرجات العلمية وتوزيع الشهادات على ١٠٧٨ طالب وطالبة.

حضر الاحتفال عدد من الوزراء والنواب والسفراء والدبلوماسيين والمديرين العامين ورؤساء الجامعات وأعضاء مجلس الأمناء بالإضافة الى رئيس الجامعة الدكتور جون واتربوري ونواب الرئيس وعمداء الكليات وجمع غفير من اصدقاء الجامعة وخريجها والمتخرجين وذويهم.

والجدير بالذكر ان هذه هي المرة الاولى يشارك فيها الرئيس واتربوري في احتفال التخرج.

وقد بدأ الاحتفال بدخول موكب الاساتذة والمتخرجين بلباسهم التقليدي ثم عزف النشيد الوطني اللبناني. ثم تكلم الرئيس جون واتربوري، وتبعه الطالب المتخرج قبلان فرنجية نائب رئيس اللجنة الجامعية للطلاب والاساتذة. ثم كانت كلمة الرئيس الهراوي وبعدها جرى توزيع الشهادات ومنح الدرجات العلمية.

## واتربوري: بعض الانتباه لما هو مهم

لقد درجت العادة ان يطلب الرؤساء وكبار الخطباء من المتخرجين ان يحيوا حياتهم في خدمة البشرية من دون غاية، وان يضحوا من دون حدود، وان يخلصوا للجنس البشري. والحقيقة انني اتذكر ذلك اليوم الحار من شهر حزيران، قبل ٣٧ عاماً، حين تخرجت من جامعة برنستون. ذلك اليوم، ونحن نتلظى من القیظ، طلب منا ان نعیش كقديسين...

انا لن اطلب منكم ان تعيشوا كقديسين، ولو انني كنت اود ان يكون بيننا قديسون اكثر. انني كرئيس ملزم باعطاء بعض الوعظ وبعض الحث. اود فقط ان يكون ما اقله، مناسباً للبشر العاديين الذين يتزوجون ويرزقون باولاد ويقومون بوظائف لا يستسيغونها ويشكّون ويسأمون حتى الجنون ويواجهون ازمان ليست دائماً من صنعهم.

لم يسبق لي ان تكلمت عن والدي في مناسبة عامة.. كان رجلاً حكيماً وبسيطاً في الوقت ذاته، وذات قيم واضحة. كان يتكلم دائماً بأمثال وحكم سهلة. واتذكره في طفولتي يكرر على مسمعي: «جون، حاول ان تغادر اي مكان تلبث فيه وهو افضل مما كان لما وجدته». لم يقل لي افضل بكثير، ولم يقل حتى انني يجب ان انجح. قال فقط حاول. كان من الحكمة ومن الانسانية بحيث انه لم يطلب التضحية اللامتناهية. طلب فقط بعض الوعي، وبعض الانتباه لما هو مهم، وبعض الخروج من ما هو اهتمام مباشر وطموح وغيره.

هذا ما اطلبه من نفسي كرئيس للجامعة الأميركية في بيروت، وما اطلبه منكم. الامر ليس مهمة بطولية. انا ساسعي لتصبح الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت افضل مما كانت عليه حين ولجتها. اما انتم فاتمنى ان تعتبروا مهنتكم وعائلتكم واصدقائكم وجيرتكم ونواذكهم وطبعاً اوطانكم امكناً قد تحدثون فيها فرقاً وعلاقات ستغتني بكم.

ايها الطلاب والاهالي، ايها الاصدقاء والضيوف،

ان الجامعات كائنات ديناميكية، مجموعات قوانين وممارسات وعوائد وتقاليدها. انها تقوم على القيم، من مثل

سيدي الرئيس، حضرات السادة، حضرات النواب المحترمين، حضرات الزملاء الرؤساء، الاساتذة، الموظفين، المتخرجين الاحياء، الضيوف الكرام، وقبل الكل: الطلاب واهلهم.

الطلاب واهلهم، هذا اليوم هو يومكم. انه احتفال بعملكم الشاق وتضحيتكم. انتم المتخرجون، هذا التخرج هو بداية لكم. بداية لحياتكم كمواطنين ومحترفين وامهات وآباء. اننا نأمل بأن تكون هذه الجامعة قد منحتكم العلم والمهارات وما هو اهم من ذلك كله: القيم التي تجعل هذه البداية خيراً عليكم وخيراً للبشر.

هذا التخرج هو ايضا تكلمة. انتم حبات العقد الذي بدأ منذ ١٢٢ عاماً خلت، ويستمر الى اللانهاية في المستقبل. ما نحتفل به اليوم حصل بجهد آلاف المتخرجين والاهل الكادحين والاساتذة المخلصين والموظفين الاوفياء. ومتخرجو المستقبل سيدينون لكم، انتم المجتمعون هنا، بما كسبوه من هذه المؤسسة المحترمة، الملكة الشرقية كما يصفها نشيد الجامعة.

خلال تاريخها الطويل واجهت الجامعة اوقات عصبية، احياناً اوقات تحديات حياة او موت. في مواجهة هذه الاوقات العصبية، اعتمدت الجامعة على افضل ما في الشخصيتين اللبنانية والاميركية من مزايا: العمل الشاق، النبوغ، المرونة واعطاء كل ذي حق حقه.

حين استعيد تاريخ هذه الجامعة الطويل، اكاد اتفاجأ بان الجامعة بقيت رغم كل شيء. لكن المفاجأة تزول حين اقابل طلابنا، واهالي طلابنا، واسرة الجامعة التي تعتبر الجامعة اكثر من مكان للعمل كل يوم. ثم هنالك اصدقاءنا، المعروفون وغير المعروفين، الذين قد لا يكونون على علاقة مباشرة بالجامعة. انهم يفتخرون بها ويساهمون في حياتها الثقافية ويتذوقون روعة حرمتها ويشاركونها في افراحها واطرحتها وفي نشوة انتصاراتها. جيلاً بعد جيل، كل هؤلاء ابقوا الجامعة حية وبخير.



"Disturbing no one and just as he lived, Ziad tip-toed out of this life," Dr. Ayoub concluded.

On behalf of the Beydoun family, Dr. Muntaha Saghieh-Beydoun thanked participants in the ceremony, particularly President Waterbury, who curtailed his trip to London in order to attend.

She said Ziad's life was "nobly lived, colored with a touching modesty." It was a privilege to have known Ziad and to have married him, she said. "I have learned to love, admire and respect his world, for his was a different world; it was one of continuous dedication to almost every aspect of his life." She added: "I truly believe he was motivated by an inner force which is unique. How else can one explain his courage, resilience and determination in time of illness and extreme pain, sitting for hours in his study making sure that the Lexicon on Yemen Geology was finished."

"Ziad was a sensitive caring person... He was a loving and understanding husband who believed in equality and in sharing. It was a joy to go on holidays with him, or merely to merely to sit at



The Beydoun family, with former Premier Salim Hoss, during the ceremony.

home and discuss things or listen to music."

"Ziad, who learnt to play the violin as a child, developed a serious appreciation for music; he particularly liked listening to masses. I remember when we were in Austria during Christmas time, he insisted on attending midnight mass despite my pleas to the contrary."

"It was most touching to listen to him speaking to friends about his fatigue with a resigned sadness in his voice. He wanted to write his memoirs, which alas remained an unfulfilled dream." ■

## My Friend Ziad

Ziad Beydoun and I met when we were undergraduates at AUB. We liked the same kind of music, we spoke the same kind of language, we liked the same humorous stories, and we found it easy to communicate with one another. Both of us spent summers at Dhour Shweir, so we were together during our vacations as well.

Ziad was majoring in political science and history; this did not deter him from taking an elective course in geology--a turning point in his approach to future studies. After graduating (BA Honors) from AUB, he continued his studies at Oxford, not in political science but in geology, and in 1961 was awarded a D.Phil. in that discipline. The sixteen years between the BA and the D.Phil. were spent mainly in the field, where Ziad was carrying out research with oil companies in various parts of the Arabian Peninsula. This research culminated in his dissertation, which earned him recognition as an outstanding geologist.

On a sightseeing trip by train in Switzerland in 1958, I had occasion to talk to another tourist who happened to be an Englishman from Aden. I mentioned

that I had a geologist friend in Aden, and the man immediately said: "You don't mean Don Beydoun?" I said: "That's the man." the Englishman said. "Everybody knows Don, he's a great man." 'Don' was a nickname we had stuck on Ziad when we were undergraduates, and it stayed with him for many years.

I was in Aden a few years later, long after Ziad had left. Talking to an Adeni at a reception I mentioned my friend who had worked in the field of geology in South Arabia. "All of us are very proud of people like Ziad Beydoun," the man said, not bothering to ask who my friend was.

Ziad was soft-spoken, upright, straightforward, dedicated man, true to his family, to his friends, to his profession, and to his principles. With the passing of Ziad I lost more than a friend; he was more like a brother.

I shall miss Ziad; I cannot visualize not being able to sit with him and exchange ideas and anecdotes. The compensation is that the memory of Ziad remains vivid in my mind and heart. ■

*Nabeel G. Ashkar*

## Ziad R. Beydoun 1924-1998

Born in Beirut and brought up in Palestine, Dr. Beydoun received his BA in Political Science and History from AUB in 1945. He then studied at the University of Oxford, where he took another BA in Geology in 1948 and an MA in 1953. He was awarded a D. Philo. in Geology in 1961.

Between 1948 and 1964, Dr. Beydoun occupied several posts as senior geologist and geological expert with international petroleum companies in the Gulf and with the Ministry of National Economy of Lebanon.

He joined AUB as Assistant Professor and Chairman of the Geology Department in 1964, becoming Associate Professor in 1966. In the same year he left AUB to serve as senior geologist for Marathon International Oil Company, based in London. In 1970 he returned to AUB as Professor of Geology and Chairman of the Department, a position he retained until 1985 when he was seconded by AUB to the post of Scientific Director to the UNPD/World Bank Red Sea-Gulf of Aden Regional Hydrocarbons project.

Officially retired from AUB in 1990, he continued as Adjunct Professor before being appointed Professor Emeritus in 1992. Dr. Beydoun served as scientific advisor to several government and industrial institutions in Lebanon and abroad, and was a very active member on university, national, and international committees serving AUB and the scientific community at large.

Dr. Beydoun was also a successful fund-raiser for AUB and a generous personal donor to needy students. Many of his former students now hold key positions in oil companies and earth resource ministries across the ME..

Dr. Beydoun's outstanding book on The Middle East, Regional Geology and Petroleum Resources, published in 1988, highlights his status as an international geoscientist. His over forty publications, including several single-authored and co-authored books, reflect his distinguished achievements in the field of geology.

International respect for Dr. Beydoun's work was made clear when he was awarded the prestigious William Smith Medal of the Geological Society of London in 1994, and was presented with the rank of Chevalier of the National Order of the Cedars of Lebanon by Presidential Decree in 1995. ■

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## Professor Emeritus N. Ziadeh Honored



Henri Zogheib, at the podium, lauding Professor Ziadeh.

**O**n the occasion of his 90th birthday, historian Professor Emeritus Nicola Ziadeh was honored at a cultural festival at AUB. The festival attracted many of his life-long colleagues from Lebanon and the Arab world.

The event, at the Issam Fares Hall, was organized by the Odyssey Cultural Club and the Ministry of Culture on February 26. Intellectuals from Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Lebanon took turns paying tribute to the "90 year-old youth," as the organizers called him.

An AUB History professor for 24 years, by his retirement in 1973, he had written 47 books: six in English, and 41 in Arabic. His latest work is *Mashriqiat* (or *Orientalism*).

After introductions by Odyssey founders, poets Henri Zogheib and Dr. Salwa Khalil al-Amin, Ziadeh's former student and long-time friend, Syrian author Salma Haffar al-Kozbari, took the floor.

Al-Kozbari chronicled Ziadeh's journey in life from his birth in Damascus in 1907 through his teaching career in Palestine, his post-graduate work in Britain, and university tutoring after he settled in Lebanon 50 years ago.

An endowed scholarship fund was established by the children of Professor Nicola Ziadeh in honor of their father. Announcement of the scholarship, which is in Professor Ziadeh's name, was made on his 90th birthday.

The scholarship will go to a graduate student in the History Department. For more information please contact the office of the Dean of Students. ■

## Mai Ghossoub: Leaving Beirut

**I**n the first of a series of lectures organized by Mrs. Roseanne Khalaf, course director of Creative Writing, Mai Ghossoub spoke to Creative Writing students on April 21 on the subject of her new book, *Leaving Beirut*.

Ghossoub, who left Lebanon for London in 1977, continues to travel between the two cities. She is a writer, artist and owner of Saqi Books, a publishing house.

Ghossoub began by reading excerpts from her book. She then explained that although she had physically escaped the turmoil in Lebanon, what had compelled her to write this book was the realization that she could not escape emotionally.

As she wrote she clearly recalled events that had occurred. Through the blank pages before her she could see the faces of the characters and hear their voices. She felt the need to tell the story of each character, and to do justice to their lives.

Ghossoub explained that the characters in her story were not all fictitious. In fact, she had lived with some of them and only changed their names to protect their privacy.

Mrs. Nomy, the character Ghossoub concentrates on most and the apparent connecting link in her somewhat confusing book, was one of those 'real' characters. She, according to Ghossoub, was different. Unlike the rest of her teachers, Mrs. Nomy remained a sign of normality in a world of abnormalities.

The writer attempts to prove nothing through her characters, only using them as a tool to seduce and draw her readers into their existing situations and dilemmas. She deals with the ongoing moral problems of violence, revenge, retaliation, and pardon, yet tries to refrain from being judgemental.

This, Ghossoub believes, is one of her biggest challenges in writing. She is "just telling a story" about the attitudes and actions of certain people.



Mai Ghossoub with Mrs. Roseanne Khalaf.

The characters are not meant to sway the reader's emotions. In other words, she believes that if we judge the characters as good or bad, rather than trying to understand the underlying events of their actions, then she has not achieved her goal as a writer.

Ghossoub says that she herself is a product of a multi-cultural society since she was brought up in Lebanon with a French education and lives in an Anglo-Saxon country. This, she thinks, is what led her to experiment with different genres. As she put it, her post-modern style reflects the rhythm of the life she is living--a life that encompasses creativity and confusion.

When asked why her subtitle was "Women and the Wars Within", Ghossoub's response was that there were two female narrators in her story. She felt that these women, and women in general, were always alone. Alone in their actions. Alone in their suffering.

*Leaving Beirut* deals with stories of the war. Those who have lived through such experiences can use her book as a reminder or as a way to reflect on the events of the past. For those who sheltered abroad, it allows them to feel with and question the ugly episodes that took place. No questions are answered, only proposed.

The lecture was followed by lively questions which contributed to the success of the session. Ghossoub ended by thanking Mrs. Khalaf and all those who attended her talk. ■

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## Elias Khoury: Literature, Different Levels of Reality

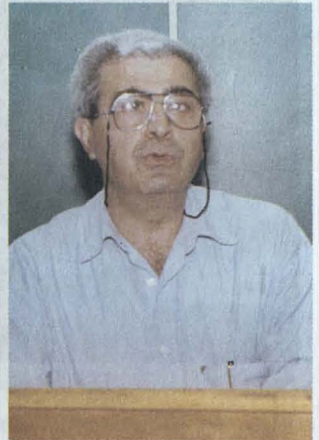
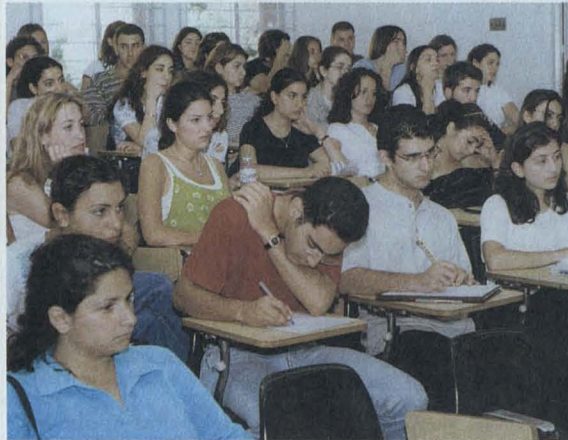
**O**n May 22, Elias Khoury gave a lecture to the Creative Writing class., the second in a series of lectures organized by Mrs. Roseanne Khalaf, course director. One of the leading novelists in the Arab world, Khoury is also a political activist, an active participant in the Beirut Theater, and editor of the literary supplement of the Al-Nahar newspaper. His writings are in Arabic although many of his books have been translated into English. Khoury said that it was difficult for him to lecture in English because he works on the Arabic language by creating new forms. This makes it paradoxical for him to attempt to explain himself in English.

Khoury elaborated on the opening of a story. He said the traditional opening of stories was, "It Happened Or It Did Not Happen" instead of "Once Upon A Time." To him, literature represents different levels of reality so that man can write about the human condition. The narrator, he stressed, is not interested in whether we believe the story or not. The important thing is that someone is either telling, writing or hearing the story. Thus, reality is not the issue. It's up to the reader to believe or not to believe the story.

The writer said that writing consists of a "Magic Realism." One should give details such as the time of day, the setting, etc. In this way, one's mind frame is put into a realistic setting and is more prone to believe the events as one reads.

Khoury asked "How is a story written and is there a story apart from what is actually written?" In answering, he used examples from the "Arabian Nights." He said that stories emerge from facts and are not just representations of life, but a way to live.

Therefore, writing brings out the relationship between life and historical



Elias Khoury and his audience, , the creative writing class.

realities. In writing, the ear is the voice, and the eye is the scene, which is injected into a literary work. Furthermore, "we have to lie in order to tell the truth." The most eloquent writing is that which lies the best. Realistic literature is structured to appear like reality.

Khoury then posed the question of "what is right or wrong?" He answered using the story of Jehaa, the judge who listens to a conflict between a married couple. Both the husband and wife tell their sides of the story, and Jehaa rules that both are right. Then a member of the audience asks how can they both be right, Jehaa answers that he too is right. Khoury believes this example is ideal in explaining the complexity of literature. There are different points of view and different layers of reality.

Khoury then went on to talk about his personal experience, especially during the war, and the effect it has had on his writing. He insisted that literature is not separate from personal experience. He experienced war, and thus felt the need to write about it. This, according to Khoury, justifies his fragmented style of writing. He tries to be as sincere as possible in his work by expressing what he is living and feeling.

Khoury also discussed the

relationship between the prophet and the writer. There was a tradition, he said, that related prophecy to writing, and thus it was difficult to separate literature from religion. But now, writers try to deal with writing as a secular phenomenon and thus they need a new language.

This is where he faced the problem of how to put spoken and written language together and produce a new way of narrating. Although the reader is reading in classical written Arabic, Khoury, in his writing, makes it seem like colloquial Arabic. In other words, he wanted to simplify the Arabic language, and so he did.

Khoury then asked himself what it meant to write in a society totally destroyed by war. He admitted that no writer is able to change the society or the political situation, but at least the writer must be true to himself by learning from his writing and allowing readers to explore new places and ideas.

When asked why he decided to be a writer, Khoury replied simply that it was amusing. He was also asked what he thought of civil wars. Since he himself had fought in the civil war, he admitted to feeling like he was fighting a mirror. "I was committing an act of auto-destruction" he said. ■

A. M. and B. B.



## C.S. Forum Activities for Academic Year 1997-1998



Dr. I. Harik with Dr. L. Shehadi, C.S. coordinator.

The C.S. Forum hosted several activities during the spring term of academic year 1997-98.

The first lecture was given by Dr. Elise Salem Manganaro on "The Culture Concept in Current General Education Programs." Dr. Manganaro is Associate Professor of English at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. She is on a six-month leave to continue work on her book, *Constructing Lebanon: A Century of Cultural and Political Change*. She has published on Renaissance, comparative, and Lebanese literature and edited a volume, *Bearing Witness: Recent Literature from Lebanon*. She has also written in the fields of popular culture and general education.

Dr. Manganaro started her lecture by noting the seeming importance of "culture" in the curricula of General Education across colleges and universities in the US. She maintained that most programs emphasize awareness and appreciation of other cultures as key objectives of the General Education curriculum. Terms such as "cultural diversity," "cross-cultural perspectives" and "multiculturalism" imply the need for "tolerance and respect for others."

Manganaro warned against the facile use of such terms as "culture," which have a history that suggests a wide spectrum of competing ideologies. Unless such discussions are prefaced with a definition of terms and a specification of appropriate discussion, General Education programs will be self-defeating.

The second speaker was Iliya Harik, who gave a scintillating lecture on "The Civil Consequences of the State's Role in Society." Dr. Harik is an alumnus of AUB and is professor of political science at Indiana University in the US. He has

written several articles and books on subjects pertaining to Lebanon. His latest book, however, discusses the concept of democracy in the Arab World.

Professor Harik began his lecture by emphasizing the impact of culture on national economic policy. He took as an example the economic policy of Egypt and the Egyptians' reaction to the supply and demand prompted by this policy. Harik maintained that the national economic policy itself generates new cultural attitudes.

This phenomenon is best manifested by Egypt's development policy from the time of Jamal Abdel Nasser until 1990. During this period the regime, rather than concentrating on the rate of growth which is the mainstay of development, addressed two issues: economic independence from the world economy and achievement of "social justice." This is best exemplified by the control of "crop and price" as a functional process.

Harik claimed that to maintain economic independence, Egypt was forced to produce all its needs, even when it lacked the competitive advantage. The government was consequently forced to use the surplus of one product to balance another, thus stultifying the process of growth. This lack of growth was compounded by what Harik calls "cultural complicity."

This comes about when individual citizens, instead of challenging the untenable economic policy, resort to violating the law, believing they are in the right. Thus, a new culture develops, encouraged implicitly by the state, whereby the individual outsmarts the system and create a new "uncivic culture".

Dr. Mona Amyuni gave a lecture on "The Literature of Wounded Beirut:

1993-1995." Amyuni, whose field of expertise is comparative literature, is Associate Professor at the C.S. Program. She has been internationally acclaimed as the authority on Tayib Saleh, although her latest interest has been critiquing the literature of "wounded Beirut".

Amyuni said her interest in this literature springs from "the tragic feeling of loss and disintegration," which hit the Lebanese during the seventeen-year war. She chose three novels, which she claims encapsulate the universal condition of despair and alienation that usually pervade times of crisis. The authors, Hoda Barakat, Abdo Wazen and Sabah al-Kharrat Zuweyn, according to Amyuni, transformed the historical moments of the last violent phase of the war into literary works, ushering in a new genre of writing and a sensibility unknown previously in Lebanon.

Amyuni describes the three texts, *Ahl lil-hawa* (Of Dust and Love), *Hadiqat al-Hawas* (Garden of the Senses) and *Al-Bayt al -ma'uk walwaqt, wal-jidran* (The Oblique House, and Time, and the Walls), as reflections of rupture: ruptures of geographical boundaries within the self, between the self and the other, and even with reality at large. Thus, "all points of reference disappear, the sense of orientation is lost, movement disintegrates, and feelings are pushed to the extreme frontiers of being."

Finally, Amyuni claimed that while the Lebanese as a whole may be at a loss to understand the causes of the war and its cessation, the three authors understood this perfectly. They poignantly expressed it in their dramatization of a situation, a condition that has no way out, thus introducing a new epoch of Lebanese literature "with radical demands and new languages."

The C.S. Forum concluded its activities with an illustrated lecture by Dr. Robert B. Betts of the C.S. Program, entitled "The Music of Phillippe de Monte (1521-1603) and the Art of the Parody Mass." Professor Betts, in addition to having served as Director of C.S. Program for three years, is the Director of the AUB Choir and University organist.

The musical examples were taken from the Madrigal "Cara la Vita mia" for five voices (AATTB) by Giaches de Wert (1535-1596) and the Parody Mass by de Monte, sung by Caroline Trevor, alto, Janjoost van Elburg, counter-tenor, Tom Phillips, tenor Robert Betts, tenor, and George Steel, baritone, directed by Peter Phillips. ■



# Don't Worry About Water

**A**UB's Center for Behavioral Research recently invited Tony Allan, a British water expert, to lecture at Nicely Hall. A Professor from the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University, Allan focused on theoretical approaches to water and what he calls 'virtual water.'

The lecture's chief objective was to change the misconception that conflict over water in the Middle East could cause a war in the coming century.

According to Professor Allan, any water crisis in the Middle East is more an illusion than a reality. Water scarcity, he argued, may be less severe than we think. He backed up his theory by saying that "1000 tons of water must be moved to grow one ton of grain, and moving one ton of grain is easy compared with moving one ton of water." Countries that feel they are running out of water can import agricultural products such as grain from countries where they are grown cheaply. Such products would then be a form of 'virtual water.'

Allan discussed how water could be analyzed according to its economic, political and scientific dimensions. His main concept, virtual water, is based on the amount of water lodged in "key water - intensive goods like wheat--in other words, the amount of water needed to grow wheat."

For a country to evaluate the proper use of its water, said Allan, it should employ the notion of 'virtual water'.



Water expert Tony Allan during his lecture.

Only then can it know how to deal with long-term water problems.

Farming uses lots of water, with food production requiring a thousand tons of water per person a year. Moreover, food costs \$200 a ton to produce and but it is sold at \$140 a ton.

Whatever its advantage, the notion of 'virtual water' is highly controversial because it renders the Middle East a net importer. And as Allan put it - the region ran out of water in about 1970. After that it bought virtual water from US.

He said that anxieties over the Litani River reflect the problem of the Israeli occupation rather than solid evidence. Finally, he suggested a more profitable long-term use of Litani waters than farming. In the future Lebanon might sell water to the Israelis at a better profit than would be gained from spraying water on crops. ■

*Dina Abou Salem*

## Dr. Majid Fakhri Contributes to Int'l Symposium

On February 16-22 the Cultural Foundation (Bait al-Hikmah), Tunisia held a joint international symposium with UNESCO in the ancient city of Carthage, Tunis.

The event was held in the context of world-wide celebrations of the 800th anniversary of Averroes (Ibn Rushd) of Cordova, the great Arab-Spanish philosopher and commentator of Aristotle.

Many scholars from the US, France, England, Lebanon, Iraq, Morocco and Tunisia contributed to the symposium, which was inaugurated by Tunisian President Zayn al-Abidin Ali.

Dr. Majid Fakhri, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, gave the opening lecture on 'Averroes and the Rise of Latin Scholasticism'.

In a similar context, Professor Fakhri gave the plenary session lecture on 'Averroes, Dante and the Rise of Modern Secularism' at the Second Annual History of Philosophy and Religion of New York City, held at Hunter College, May 1-3.

Last year, Professor Fakhri published a study entitled: Averroes, Aquinas and the Rediscovery of Aristotle in Western Europe, at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Professor Fakhri's other recent publication include A Short Introduction to Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Mysticism, published by Oneworld Publishers, Oxford, 1997 and The Qur'an, a Modern English Version, published by Garnet, Reading, England, 1997. ■

## GSBM Team Third in Int'l Advertising Competition

A team from the Business School recently captured third place for the Mideast and Africa Region in a worldwide advertising competition (InterAd III). Organized by the International Advertising Association (IAA), 98 teams from universities around the world participated in the competition.

The InterAd III involved preparing and delivering an advertising-related assignment. Each participating team had to present creative, media, and merchandising strategies and tactical recommendations in the form of a Plans Book and video presentation.

The GSBM team included undergraduate business students Norma Taki, Wissam Adib, Rafi Demirjian, Zahi Fathallah, Haitham Jamal, Ziad Salameh and Samer Sayegh. Dr. Imad Baalbaki, Director of GSBM, served as the formal advisor.

Dr. Baalbaki said that placing third in the Mideast and Africa Region was indeed an accomplishment. This was especially true since the team members had never taken an advertising course before and they had to do the project on a very tight schedule that partially overlapped with final exams. It was the School's first participation in such a competition.

In recognition of their performance, each team member will receive an individualized Certificate of Merit from IAA and GSBM will be given an InterAd III plaque in its name. ■

## Pauline Nadim Makdisi Memorial Scholarship

The Pauline Nadim Makdisi Memorial scholarship Committee met recently to approve awards to students who were recommended by the University Committee on Financial Aid during academic year 1997-98. Three students received the awards: Miss Rana Shehabeddine-Sophomore Archaeology, Mr. Antoine Yazbeck-Junior Economics and Miss Tania Abi Antoun-Senior Biology. All these students are first-time recipients of the Pauline Nadim Makdisi Memorial Scholarship. ■



# Lecture Series by Former President of the International Reading Association



Dr. Roger Farr.

**T**he Department of Education and the Science and Math Education Center (SMEC), Division of Education Programs, organized a series of lectures by Dr. Roger C. Farr. Dr. Farr is Chancellors' Professor of Education and Director of the Center for Reading and Language Studies, Indiana University.

The first lecture entitled "Assessing Problem Solving in Mathematics," was held February 14. The same morning, Dr. Farr gave a second lecture, "Performance Assessment in Science." On February 15 he spoke at the AUB Farm about "Promoting

Effective Reading and Writing."

Dr. Farr conducted a seminar on February 16 entitled "The Integration of Reading and Writing to Help Students Achieve Higher Level Thinking Skills." The final lecture was "The Effective Use of Classroom Portfolios as Tools for Teaching and Assessment." The lectures were attended by AUB faculty and students, as well as educators from universities and schools throughout Lebanon.

Dr. Roger C. Farr is former president of the International Reading Association (IRA) and has designed numerous assessment tools, including standardized tests and performance assessment tests. Among the standardized tests written or edited by Dr. Farr are the Iowa Silent Reading Tests and the Metropolitan Achievement Tests. He also developed the Language Arts Performance Assessments.

In 1984 the IRA honored Dr. Farr with the William S. Gray Citation for Outstanding Life-time Contribution to the IRA Reading Hall of Fame, and in 1988 he was selected for Outstanding Reading Teacher Education.

Dr. Farr received his BS in English Education and his MS in Reading and Educational Psychology from the State University of New York.

Dr. Farr's lectures and his visit to Lebanon were sponsored by Harcourt Brace International Group, an international publisher of textbooks. ■

## English Workshop for Public and Private School Teachers in Bekaa

Ms. Khadijah Lakkis, representing the AUB Alumni, Bekaa Branch organized an English Workshop for intermediate and elementary school teachers of the Bekaa area.

With the collaboration of the University Orientation Program and Oxford University Press, the workshop was held at AREC farm on May 9. Some 60 English teachers from public and private schools attended.

The presenters were: Mrs. Reem Shaaban (UOP Director), Ms. Khadijah Lakkis (UOP Instructor), Julie Till (Educational Representative of Oxford University Press), and Douglas Henderson (British Council Instructor).

Dr. M. Farra, Farm Director, and his staff were extremely cooperative and responsive to this activity. ■

## Four UOP Instructors Present Papers at TESOL Convention

Four Faculty members of the University Orientation Program presented papers at the 19th Annual Convention of TESOL Greece held in Athens on April 4-5.

Miss Katia Minas Peltekian (Coordinator) presented a paper entitled "Video: A Picture Worth a Thousand Words." She demonstrated how feature films, TV programs and commercials can be incorporated into the English as a Second Language (ESL) classroom. Miss Rabab Kodeih (Coordinator) presented a paper entitled "Creative Ideas for the ESL Creative Writing

Class," in which she demonstrated activities using material such as cartoon strips and short stories.

"Using the Novel in the Writing Class" was the title of the paper presented by Mrs. Suad Araj (Coordinator). She presented activities to motivate students to read books. Finally, Mrs. Rula Baalbaki's presentation was entitled "A Vocabulary-Based Writing Activity: Does it Work?" She also demonstrated activities to help students learn and use new vocabulary by writing. ■

## Practice Teaching Committee

The Practice Teaching Committee of the Department of Education held its annual activity on June 4 at the Faculty of Agriculture Auditorium.

Over 80 cooperating teachers, student teachers and faculty of the Division of Education Programs attended a lecture, - discussion on "Practice Teaching as Professional Development".

The speakers were Mrs. Eba El-Haj, Director of the ACS Elementary School and Dr. Saouma BouJaoude, Director of the Science and Math Education Center (SMEC) and Professor at the Department of Education.

Refreshments were served. ■



# Dean's Award for Creative Achievement



Dean Sabah at reception for 1998 FEA graduates.

In its meeting on July 7 the Faculty of Engineering & Architecture granted the Dean's Award for Creative Achievement for 1998 to the following graduating students in recognition of outstanding work for their final design projects.

## Department of Architecture and Design:

This award was granted to Mr. Francois Harik for his "Tiny World" project which combined creativity, humor, and technical skills. The layout and visual graphics were appealing, well studied and communicated his idea well, giving life to his "tiny" world. The project was achieved with passion and conviction.

## Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering:

This award went to students Imad Abou Jawdeh, Assem Abu Ibrahim, Ziad Khalifeh and Christian Manasseh, working under the supervision of Professor Salah Sadek. Their work demonstrated exceptional creativity and talent in handling many complex and challenging problems. The group designed and built a large scale shear box for geo-technical and geo-environmental testing applications. The end-product was a working, reliable, and unique testing machine.

## Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering:

Students Zeina Achi (EE), Zeina Barbir, and Samer Salam, CCE majors, supervised by Professors Karim Kabalan (FEA) and Maurice Khoury (FEM), were the recipients of this award. Their work was a variation of electrocardiograph recordings when non-standard electrode sites are used in lieu of the standard sites for the surface ECG. This variation leads to invalid diagnosis of cardiac disorders. The corrected ECG is used to provide a valid diagnosis of the location of the accessory pathway in Wolf-Parkinson-White patients by applying an appropriate algorithm.

Ralph Achkar, Mark Azar, and Joseph Samaha, EE majors, received the award for their work on the G3 project, under the supervision of Professor Ayman Kaysi (FEA). The G3 project is a complete object tracking system which can track any moving object or vehicle and trace its route in real time on a map that can be displayed on any web browser. In addition, by sending the track to a web server, any Internet user can track the object online using a web browser.

## Department of Mechanical Engineering:

This award was granted to Hussein Kalawi, Imad Karam, and Nadim

Soueid, who worked under the supervision of Professor Pierre Azoury (FEA) to produce a CAD solution for the mechanical design of modular robotics manipulators. The most useful applications of this software will be in producing robotics system designs and analyzing them for feasibility.

## The Distinguished Graduate Award

On July 15 Dean Sabah presented the Distinguished Graduate Award to the graduates recommended by their departments. They are: Mr. Christian Manasseh (CCE), Miss Rowayda Kanj (CCE) and Mr. Jihad Abbas (EE),

The ceremony took place at a reception held for the 1998 FEA graduates and their parents.

Chairmen of the Departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering were present for the occasion. ■

## Future Challenges for Scientific Simulation

On May 14 Professor John Rice, a distinguished professor at the Department of Computer Sciences, Purdue University, presented a seminar at FEA entitled "Future Challenges for Scientific Simulation."

The seminar, which drew a crowd of over 150 people, examined past and future trends in raw computing power and software productivity, and their impact on scientific simulation.

Five future challenges for scientific computations were discussed: multi-physics phenomena, multi-scale phenomena, control, validation of simulation, and improved algorithms. This event was very well received by both students and faculty. ■



# Cornerstone for Raymond S. Ghosn Building



Premier Hariri laying cornerstone.. Behind him are Dean Sabah, Mr. al-Kassem, and President Waterbury

In a ceremony on May 4 the cornerstone was laid for a building dedicated to the memory of Raymond S. Ghosn, the late Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

Organized by FEA and the Steering Committee for the Raymond S. Ghosn Memorial Fund, the event was held under the patronage of Prime Minister Rafic Hariri.

Numerous local and foreign officials attended the event, including Prime Minister Hariri, head of Syria's National Security Abdel Raouf al-Kassem, Ministers Bshara Mirhij and Fuad

Siniora, Minister of Public Works in Bahrain Dr. Majed Al-Jashi, and a number of Lebanese deputies.

AUB officials included President John Waterbury, Vice Presidents and Deans of Faculties. Faculty members, students and other local dignitaries were present as well.

Engineer George Azar served as master of ceremonies and Professor George Ayoub, Chairman of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, organized the event.

FEA Dean Nassir H. Sabah welcomed the participants, noting that this was a special occasion in memory

of a very special man: Raymond Salim Ghosn, late Dean of FEA. Dean Ghosn was shot on the fateful morning of February 17, 1976 as he entered the Bechtel Engineering Building.

Dean Sabah added that in recognition of the late Dean Ghosn's valuable services to the University, the AUB Board of Trustees had approved the creation, in principle, of an autonomous Raymond S. Ghosn School of Architecture, Urban Planning and Design within the FEA.

A Raymond S. Ghosn Endowment Fund has been established to raise a \$5 million endowment for the School.

Because of difficulties encountered in raising funds, the Visiting Council of the Endowment Fund re-allocated the available money to the Raymond S. Ghosn Wing of the Architecture Building and to the Raymond S. Ghosn Building. This four-floor building will house faculty offices, computer and information technology laboratories for research and development, as well as the electric power laboratories that previously occupied the site.

A Raymond S. Ghosn Memorial Fund was therefore established to fund the balance of the \$1 million cost of the building and to partly meet the urgent needs of the FEA.

Raymond Ghosn served FEA with devotion and distinction for 25 years, first as a faculty member who participated in FEA's founding in 1951,

## Order of Engineers Holds Memorial Ceremony

The Order of Engineers held a memorial ceremony for the late Dean Raymond S. Ghosn on May 5. Among the speakers were Dean Sabah, whose subject was Ray Ghosn's achievements, and President of the Order of Engineers, Mr. Assem Salam, who talked about commemorating Ghosn's works and educational accomplishments.

This was followed by brief speeches from architects Samir Khairallah and Nabil Azar in remembrance of the late Dean. A short discussion period concluded the ceremony. ■



Model of the completed building.



and then as dean for the last 11 years of his life.

In closing, Dean Sabah said that 22 years after Ray's tragic and untimely death, his memory remains with us. His vision, his dedication to FEA and AUB, his gentleness, kindness, character, professionalism, and quiet determination all continue to inspire us.

The program continued with Mr. Fawzi Maalouf, President of the Commemoration Committee, who spoke about Ray Ghosn's accomplishments and services to Lebanon and AUB.

President Waterbury described Ghosn as "a great professor and educator who was snatched away from the University and from his students when he had much left to do. The long period of strife that came after his death might well have discouraged him, but think of how he might have contributed today to the rebuilding of Beirut and Lebanon."

Bahraini Minister Majed Al-Jashi spoke about Ray Ghosn, the professor and teacher who integrated civil engineering and architecture with such great ability.

The head of Syria's National Council, Mr. Abdel-Raouf al-Kassem, highlighted Ghosn's great love for his colleagues and students, noting that he sacrificed his life for the betterment of others.

## Dr. Isam Kaysi at Transport Conference

Dr. Isam Kaysi, Associate Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, attended the 8th World Conference on Transport Research in Antwerp, Belgium, July 12 - 17. The conference brought together more than 800 researchers from nearly 50 countries.

Professor Kaysi presented two papers. One was entitled "Characterizing Traffic Conditions in Urban Networks with Minimal Control: A Case Study of Post-War Beirut", co-authored with former graduate student Ghassan Alam. The other paper, "Frequency Setting Decisions in Mixed Public/Private Operations over Transit Routes," was co-authored with former graduate student Ali Anouti. Professor Kaysi also chaired a session on "Demand Responsive Travel Services."

Prime Minister Hariri spoke of Dean Ghosn's accomplishments, concluding: "As we lay the cornerstone for the Ghosn Building, we declare that strife has gone forever, and that the construction undertaken by the Lebanese people over the past years will be the platform for new horizons."

In closing, Dr. Riad Saadeh, the son of Ray Ghosn's sister and representative of his family, thanked the audience for their participation. He said that the sacrifice of his family was in the service of peace, integrity, and liberty.

Finally, Prime Minister Hariri placed the cornerstone for the Raymond S. Ghosn Building. ■

## AUB Buildings

1873	College Hall (destroyed 1991)
1873	Business and Management (Original School of Medicine)
1874	Lee Observatory
1879	Marquand House
1883	Jessup Hall
1885	Ada Dodge Hall
1891	Chapel
1893	Pharmacy Building
1900	Bliss Hall
1902	Fisk Hall
1902	Main Gate
1902	Post Hall
1914	West Hall
1930	Architecture Building (Original Chemistry Building)
1930	Extension Programs (Original OPD)
1931	Van Dyck Hall
1949	Gulbenkian Memorial Infirmary Building 56
1951	Jafet Memorial Library
1952	Bechtel Engineering Building
1953	Agriculture Building
1956	Corporation Yard (Building & Grounds)
1956	Emile Bustani Hall (Physics)
1958	Jewett Hall
1958	Murex Hall
1960	Mary Dodge Hall
1960	Penrose Hall
1961	Nicely Hall
1962	Biology
1962	Laura Bustani Hall
1963	Kerr Hall
1967	Medical Center - OPD
1968	Chemistry Building
1970	Medical Center - Hospital
1973	Diana Tamari Sabbagh Building
1992	Hariri Building

## Miss Rana Salam: Visiting Assistant Professor

Miss Rana Salam served as Visiting Assistant Professor at the Department of Architecture and Design for the 1997-98 Spring Semester. She earned her BA in Graphic Design from Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, London and her MA in Graphic Design and Art Direction from the Royal College of Art, London in 1992. She taught on a part-time basis at Richmond College, Central Saint Martins School of Art and at Camberwell School of Art.

Professionally, Miss Salam has participated in exhibitions, designed posters, advertisement catalogs, corporate identity material, illustrations, and an acclaimed shop front window display for the Harvey Nichols Department Stores in London. ■

## The War Years: Painting Exhibition by Mouna Sehnaoui

The Department of Architecture and Design recently hosted an exhibition by Mouna Bassili Sehnaoui entitled "Painting: The War Years." Organized by Assistant Professor Dr. Al-Harithy, the exhibition was held in the department's newly inaugurated Exhibition Hall between March 31 and April 8.

The opening was preceded by an illustrated presentation by the artist, who discussed her works and ideas.

Mrs. Sehnaoui received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Arizona in 1966 and since then she has participated in many exhibitions in Lebanon, France and some Arab countries. She has been awarded three prizes. First prize in 1966 in Arizona; Mention Special, 28th International Grand Prix in Painting and the Œuvre Sélectionnée, 41st International Grand Prix in 1990 in France. ■



# Architecture Workshop

Following the opening of the Public Lecture Series in the Department of Architecture & Design, the Department hosted its first design workshop in December 1997.

The workshop was conceived and supervised by Rassem Badran an internationally acclaimed architect. Mr. Badran has made many contributions to the profession, including the project for city development and mosque in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) for which he was awarded the prestigious Agha Khan prize.

On the first day of his visit, Mr. Badran presented a lecture introducing the objectives of the workshop and giving his view of the profession in the region.

The workshop consisted of a two-day design exercise in which students produced schematic proposals for a Lebanese pavilion at the Hanover Exposition in the year 2000.

Mr. Badran discussed the context of the project, including size and location of the site with respect to other pavilions. He also talked about the general theme of the exposition (Health, Environment, Man and the Future of Work, Mobility and Education).

Examples from the 1992 exposition at Seville helped define the framework into which the pavilion will be placed. The presentation was accompanied by slides that explored spatial interpretation of images which Mr. Badran took from a variety of contexts. Following the lecture, an exhibition of two of Mr. Badran's latest works was officially opened.

The Department showed great enthusiasm for the workshop. Students organized into groups of 3 to 6, combining all 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th year studios. They then set off to produce their projects over the weekend.

The experiment produced an intense

atmosphere of academic and design exchange, with most of the activity at the Architecture Building (open 24 hours a day during the event).

On Monday morning Mr. Badran pinned the work up for review prior to the afternoon's jury, when the academic body joined him in discussing each project. The jury addressed issues of "Representation and Identity," the question of how the design proposals represented Lebanon, or how they addressed the notion of cultural identity in Lebanon.

As the event came to an end, students noted improved skills in teamwork, brainstorming exercises, and in experimentation with 'on-line' presentation techniques. They also learned how to respond critically to a well-founded, if controversial, architectural ideology. ■

## ASHRAE Lecture

The ASHRAE Lebanese Chapter invited Professor Fadl Moukalled, Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department, to present a lecture entitled "Natural Convection Heat Transfer in Partially Divided Attics".

The lecture, presented on May 14, was attended by members of the chapter, FEA alumni, FEA faculty members, educators, researchers from universities in Lebanon, and practitioners in the field.

Professor Moukalled reported on numerical results obtained for heat transfer in attic spaces for summer-like and winter-like conditions. Results presented included new formulae that are of practical use in estimating the cooling and heating loads for an attic space in addition to suggested means of reducing these loads.

Following the presentation, Professor Moukalled answered many questions and inquiries raised by the audience. ■

## FEA Seminars

The FEA Research Committee, chaired by Professor Isam Kaysi, organized a series of seminars in the fall and spring of 1997-98. The aim of the seminars was to inform engineers and engineering students about the local and regional engineering situation.

The well-attended seminars, which were related to major projects and undertakings, covered topics on issues related to LINORD, Public Housing, ISO Certification, IDAL, the Year 2000 Bug, and Municipal Affairs.

The seminars included presentations by Mr. Fadi Fawaz (Government Representative, LINORD) on "Development of the Northern Seacoast of Beirut (LINORD) - Prospects, Obstacles, and the Role of Engineers," Mr. Antoine Chamoun (General Manager, Public Housing Corporation) on "Housing Policies and Initiatives in Lebanon: The Role of the Public Housing Corporation," Mr. Samir Tabbal (Manager, Debbas Industries) on "Lessons from Applying ISO 9002 in an Industrial Company: The Experience of Debbas Industries," Dr. Youssef Choucair (General Director, Investment Development Authority in Lebanon - IDAL) on "IDAL": Role, Projects, and Prospects," Mr. Salim Ghalayini (Professional Services Manager, IBM/SBM - Saudi Arabia) on "The Millennium Challenge: Year 2000 Bug," and Dr. Sati' Arnaout (Environmental and Infrastructure Consultant, Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs) on "Municipal Sector Development in Lebanon: Future Challenges." ■

## IEEE Student Chapter Elections

The IEEE Student Chapter met on June 1998 to elect a new committee. The results were :

- President: Mr. Hani Diya (CCE 1999)
- Vice President: Mr. Ihab Khalil (CCE 2000)
- Treasurer: Mr. Gergi Abboud (CCE 2000)
- Secretary: Miss Rania Iwaza (CCE 1999).

The new Committee will assume responsibilities on October 1, 1998.

The current Committee includes:

- President: Miss Zeina Achi (EE 1998)
- Vice President: Mr. Pierre Khoury (EE 1998)
- Treasurer: Mr. Maged Itani (EE 1998)
- Secretary: Samer Salam (CCE 1998).

Chapter activities in 1997-1998 included: seminars and social activities as well as creating a web page for the Chapter and attracting 70 new members. ■



# 1978 AREC Grads Repay AUB With Scholarship Endowment

**G**iving back to FAFS and AUB what we feel we owe" was the sentiment motivating a group of 1978 FAFS alumni who recently met on the AUB campus. The seven Agriculture graduates, all of whom attended AREC in 1978, met to officially initiate a scholarship fund that they and other classmates had worked on for several years.

The FAFS alumni included Dr. Nadim Khoury and his wife Nada Haddad, Ms. Lina Cortas, Mr. Imad Saab, Mr. Joe Tohme, Mr. Najj Gebran and Dr. Riad Baalbaki. Their families also came along for the meeting.

Originally named: "Class of AREC '78 Scholarship," the scholarship was awarded annually to "a needy Agriculture student who best



The 1978 AREC graduates with Deputy President Makdisi and Dean Dagher.

appreciated and participated in farm life during his or her stay at AREC."

It was initiated by a group of students before they even graduated, "in honor of that part of the Agriculture program that we thought was the most useful and unique in our training," Dr. Nadim Khoury explained.

After graduating, the group continued to contribute, and between 1979 and the mid-1980's, six students benefited from the scholarship. Students were selected for their "leadership roles" during their training at AREC.

In 1994 the committee changed the status of the scholarship fund from annual to endowment and named it "AREC '78 and Friends Endowed Scholarship." The group launched a three-year campaign to raise \$10,000 or more, which was to be invested and the income used for awards.

Meeting with the group at his

office, Deputy President Dr. Samir Makdisi thanked the FAFS alumni for their efforts. Other officials present were Dr. Nuhad Dagher, Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs and Mr. Sadik Al-Assa'd, Assistant Director of Development.

Thanks to the efforts of these devoted alumni, today the principal of the endowment stands at over \$19,000. Although their intention is to provide financial assistance to needy and qualified Agriculture students, the group's foremost consideration is helping their alma mater. The group invites friends to continue supporting the endowment in order to make it "an even more significant token of appreciation" for their AUB education. ■

## Dr. M. Nimah Honored by the Irrigation Association (USA)

Dr. Musa Nimah, Chairperson of the FAFS Soils, Irrigation and Mechanization Department, was recently given the 1998 Crawford Reid Memorial Award of the Irrigation Association in the USA.

The award is presented to those who have promoted proper irrigation techniques and procedures and have brought about major advancement of the industry outside the United States.

Informing Dr. Nimah of his award, the Association described his work as a credit to the industry of irrigation.

Dr. Nimah earned both his BS (1963) and MS (1969) from AUB and his Ph.D. (1972) from Utah State University. He has been teaching at AUB since 1977.

Dr. Nimah has been very active in research, with more than 40 publications in international journals, over 20 papers in international conferences and some 11 chapters and books in the field of irrigation. He has also advised 40 MS students in irrigation.

Dr. Nimah is a consultant with the World Bank, FAO, UNDP and many Arab governments and was involved in irrigation projects in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt, UAE, Morocco and Vietnam. ■

## FTN Department Becomes Associated Institution of UN University

Dr. Raja Tannous, Chairman of the Department of Food Technology and Nutrition (FTN) at FAFS, reported that the FTN Department has been formally established as an Associated Institution of the United Nations University's Food and Nutrition Program for Human and Social Development.

This was established after several years of consideration by UNU Program Director Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw, and a site visit by Dr. Barbara Burlingame to AUB in December 1997. Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw, now senior advisor to the program, explained that this development has two main implications:

First, the FTN Department will become a focal point in the region for participation in multicenter research projects, hosting of

workshops and meetings, a center for regional training, and a coordinating center for a national food composition program.

Second, the FTN Department can use the UNU logo and identification as an Associated Institution of UNU.

Starting in 1998, the UNU Food and Nutrition Program will be directed by Dr. Cutberto Garza, Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Dean Dagher of FAFS said that the association of the FTN Department with the UNU indicates that FAFS is recognized as a prominent center of research and training in the Middle East. This association will contribute to a greater regional role for AUB, he added. ■



# President John Waterbury Visits Several Countries in the Gulf

**A**fter the successful visit to the Gulf by former President David S. Dodge and Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for alumni Affairs in December 1997, President John Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan visited the Gulf region in April and May. The purpose was to introduce the new AUB President to Alumni, friends and government officials in the region, to attend alumni functions and to solicit funds for the AUB program.

The first visit was to Sharjah and Dubai. In Sharjah Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan had an audience with HH Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, the Ruler of Sharjah. The purpose of the meeting was to thank His Highness for his generous support of the University and to assure him that AUB is ready to cooperate with the American University of Sharjah in the fields which would benefit both institutions. They also met with the president of the American University of Sharjah, Dr. Frederick French, and a number of deans and officials to discuss ways and means for the two institutions to cooperate. In the evening Mr. Hameed Jaafar held a dinner party to which a selected group was invited.

In Dubai Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan met the President of the Alumni Chapter in Dubai, along with a number of alumni and friends who donated scholarship funds to the University. Later that evening Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan were guests at the annual Dubai alumni dinner which was attended by about 400 people. Proceeds from that function met the target set by AUB alumni in Dubai (Dubai for Ten), i.e. to raise ten full AUB student scholarships for this coming year.

Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan next went to Muscat and Doha. In Muscat they met a number of alumni and friends. They also met with teachers, school masters and parents who were interested in AUB.

They attended the annual alumni gala dinner, where about 400 guests gathered, including the Lebanese Ambassador and the US Chargé d'Affaires. Dr. Waterbury addressed the audience on the latest developments at AUB. The second day they met with the President of Sultan Qabous University and discussed possible cooperation between the two institutions.

In Doha Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan met with the alumni committee and in the evening they attended the alumni gala dinner with around 400 alumni and friends. Dr. Waterbury urged the audience to continue supporting their alma mater, particularly with much-needed student aid funds..

On Saturday morning Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan met with the Minister of Education, HE Dr. Mohamed Abdul Raheem Kafoud and his undersecretary. The gist of the discussion was: 1) To encourage Qatari students to return to the University --an idea the Minister promised promote. 2) To consider allowing students to do graduate work at AUB. 3) To consider accepting Qatari MD graduates for Residency Training at AUH.

A visit was made to the University of Qatar where the two officials met the President, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naimi and his senior officers. Again, discussions centered around exchange of faculty and students, providing the opportunity for Qatar University undergraduates to pursue their graduate work at AUB, and to have residency training for their Medical doctors at AUB.

They also met with Dr. Hajar Hajar, Chairman of the Board and Managing Director of Hamad Medical Corporation, who showed keen interest in cooperation between his organization and AUB. This would involve training their MD's at AUB hospital and arranging for consultative help from AUB medical doctors to their various hospitals; and possible exchange visits between their medical staff and AUB's.

In the evening, a reception was held for alumni who had not had the chance to talk to the AUB president the previous night. In the evening Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan called on HH Sheikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Thani, a well known and highly respected person in Qatar. They thanked him for the recent scholarship donation to the University and requested his good offices in encouraging students to come to AUB.

On the third visit Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan left Beirut for Abu Dhabi on May 13, accompanied by HE Mr. Fouad Siniora, Lebanese Minister of Finance, and his wife who were invited by the alumni Chapter in Abu Dhabi. On Thursday morning they called on HH Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Acting Minister of Information. It was a courtesy and introductory visit for Dr. Waterbury. At noon, Mr. Ramzi Kteily, President of the Alumni Branch in Abu Dhabi, held an alumni lunch at the Beach Hotel for 70 selected people.

The 11th annual alumni ball was held in the evening, with about 350 people attending. Dr. Waterbury and Minister Siniora addressed the audience. Dr. Waterbury stressed the role of alumni support and promised that bureaucratic problems at the University would be addressed.

On May 15th, Sheikh Nahyan invited Dr. Waterbury



and Mr. Zeidan to lunch at his house, along with a number of other guests. In the afternoon, they were guests of Mr. Samir Rached, who, although not an AUB graduate, has been a strong supporter of AUB and a generous donor whenever the University has asked for help. On Friday evening Mr. Albert Matta (BCE 62), held a dinner at his Restaurant Al-Birki for over 100 people. Dr. Waterbury and Minister Siniora addressed the audience.

In Bahrain, Dr. Waterbury, Dr. George Najjar (who joined the AUB delegation), and Mr. Zeidan had an audience with HH the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa and with HH the Prime Minister, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa. Afterwards they met with the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, HE Abdul Rahman Bu-Ali. Mr. Bu-Ali is a graduate of AUB (BA 69) and a strong supporter of the University. Then they met with HH Sheikh Salman Bin Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa, Undersecretary of Defence and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research. He expressed interest in a joint research venture.

In the afternoon Dr. Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan visited Beit AlQuran, founded and run by Dr. Abdul-Latif Kanoo. Later they met with the local press in Bahrain. In the evening the alumni held a reception and a buffet dinner at the Sheraton Hotel where Dr. Alumran and Dr. Waterbury addressed the audience.

On Sunday the AUB delegation met with Minister of Education, HE Abdulaziz Mohammed Al-Fadhel. Again, a number of areas of cooperation were discussed and will be followed up with a draft agreement between the Ministry and AUB. At 11:00 a.m. they met with the president of the University of Bahrain and the senior university officials. After a tour in the university they had lunch on the university premises. The President of the University of Bahrain, who is well acquainted with AUB, has been to the campus several times and has a number of friends there.

Later in the day they met Mr. Hassan Al-Husseini, who represented the Alumni Branch of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. Mr. Al-Husseini had a number of suggestions on how to get better support to the University, and these will be considered ■

## Gulf Tour Cements Relations with Alumni



In November and December 1998, former President David S. Dodge and Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, visited the Gulf region. The tour included Jeddah, Riyadh, Dhahran, Bahrain, Doha, Abu Dhabi and Dubai and has had a positive effect on relations between the University and AUB alumni and friends.

The two snapshots, above and right, were taken during the tour. In the photo above, left to right, standing are: Serhan Kayal, Daad Haweela Rodgers, Noha Shibly Abi Akar, Ahmad Assaf, Tawfik Zein, Shadia Alauddin, David Dodge, Nada Shuja Najjar, Michael Mansour, Amal Ayache, Nazih Zeidan. Kneeling: Salim Jreissati, Ziad Najjar, Hassan Husseini, Balkis Kiblawi.

Photo at right, left to right, first row: Nicolas Ghanem, Lina Salloum, David Dodge, Nazih Zeidan, Nazih Abdul Kader. Second row: Ilyas Chalouhi, Salem Watfa, Zuhair Boulos. Third row: Ilyas Francis, Bassem Keblawi, Nizar Nas.





# Alumni Association: New Council Elected



Mr. Mohammad Mashnouk, center, with members of his list which won the Alumni Association elections.

On May 17 the Alumni Club was crowded with enthusiastic AUB alumni who came to elect a President, Vice President and ten members of the new Council. Some 2,300 Alumni Club members participated, a significant event since there had been no election campaigns for well over 30 years.

During those years, candidates for Council membership were automatically elected by virtue of being the sole candidates for each post. The only comparable election fever was seen in 1952 when two giants, Sheikh Said Takieddine and Mr. Emile Bustani vied for the post of president, each with his own team.

Emile Bustani and his team won the day in an election pageant still recalled by many alumni. This year's elections will be remembered by an even larger number.

Soon after the election date was announced in January there was a welcome rush to participate. Three lists competed for the various posts. One was headed by Mr. Samir Abu Jawdeh, (President) and Mr. Ramzi Alamudin (Vice President). The

second list was headed by Mr. Mohammad Mashnouk (President) and Mr. Amal Jaber (Vice President). The final list was headed by Dr. Melhem Samara (President) and Mr. Ahmad Dabbous (Vice President).

On election day Mr. Mohammad Mashnouk and his list carried the banner of victory thanks to excellent organization and management.

According to the Association's Constitution, in addition to elected members, the new Council will include representatives of the Branches, within and outside Lebanon and of the Professional Chapters, thus making the Council a truly representative global body.

In conclusion, kudos and appreciation go to the Nominations and Election Committee chaired by Mr. Fawzi Maalouf with Messrs. Amin Abdel Malak, Uthman Arakji, Jamil Iskandar, and Nasser Safieddine as members. The Committee worked devotedly to achieve an efficiently organized and democratic election worthy of AUB graduates. All who participated were proud of their Association and of an election process that was

exemplary and somewhat rare in Lebanon these days.

Newly elected Council members are:

- Mr. Mohammad Mashnouk, *President*
- Mr. Amal Jaber, *Vice President*
- Ms. Lamia Osseiran, *Representative of BA graduates*
- Mr. Fawaz Merehby, *Representative of BBA graduates*
- Mr. Elie Malouf, *Representative of BS graduates*
- Dr. Abbas Farhat, *Representative-Post-Graduate degrees*
- Dr. Bassam Shab, *Representative-Faculty of Medicine*
- Mrs. Leila Karamah, *Representative-School of Pharmacy*
- Mrs. Nouhad Azoury, *Representative-School of Nursing*
- Mr. Akram Saab, *Representative, FEA.*
- Mr. Suhail Sourour, *Representative-Faculty of Agriculture*
- Mrs. Mona Nassar, *Representative of members who do not hold a degree.* ■

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# The AUB Alumni Association in 1997

The year 1997 was a momentous one for the AUB Alumni Association, with the Council of the Association tackling a number of vital issues.

Foremost among these was drafting a new constitution. Over several years unsuccessful attempts had been made to formulate a more representative constitution so that alumni throughout the world could participate in electing the Council, the Association's main administrative authority.

In 1997 the Council resolved to finalize the matter, taking into account both the opinions of various Branches and Chapters and at the same time satisfying legal and other considerations.

Since the Association is registered with the Lebanese Ministry of the Interior, it is subject to the Ministry's laws which specify that only members present in Lebanon during the election can participate in the election process. Voting by ballot or by proxy is not acceptable. This regulation was a major setback. Finally the Council formulated a Constitution creating an International Board composed of the duly elected Presidents of all Branches in and outside Lebanon and of the Professional Chapters. In this way the International Board would be truly representative of Alumni all over the world.

Council elections were first attempted at the Alumni Club on Sunday May 3 1998. There was no quorum on that date so a second election meeting took place on Sunday May 17, 1998 with any number of members present constituting a quorum.

All alumni who had paid their 1997 membership fees by 2:00 pm February 16, 1998 and their 1998 membership fees by April 19, 1998 had the right to nominate themselves and to vote.

Life and Club 2000 members have the same right.

Another major decision made in

1997 was to organize an International Alumni Convention in conjunction with the Alumni Association of North America. The convention was held in Lebanon on June 25-28 1998.

In addition to celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Association, the highlight of the Convention was to have been the College Hall dedication ceremony. However, with the recent Board of Trustees decision to hold the dedication ceremony in 1999, the Association postponed the event until next year.

The Council also tackled the problem of the Alumni Club restaurant operation. For a number of years the restaurant had incurred losses, contributing to a deficit in the Association's finances. The Council decided to lease, under favorable terms, the restaurant and bar operation to the Restaurant and

Tourism Development Co., whose Manager Mr. Armen Hadjinian is experienced in restaurant management.

The new management completely renovated the kitchen and installed modern equipment. At the same time the restaurant and bar were attractively refurbished. Thanks to this major achievement, the Association's finances will get a major boost. At the same time an efficient and attractive restaurant/bar is available to Alumni Club members (who receive a 20% discount.). The restaurant and bar are already a major attraction in Ras Beirut.

This has been a successful year for the Association and the newly elected Council will no doubt achieve even greater success. ■

*Jacob Thaddeus, MD.*  
General Secretary

## New Swiss Committee



Swiss Alumni Annual Gala Dinner. Left to right: Mrs. Najwa Chehabi, Mr. Saad Azhari, Mr. Ala'a Khannak (Treasurer), Mr. Nazih Zeidan (Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs), Mr. Akram Saadeh (President), Mr. Subhi Tabbarah, Mrs. Hanan Istanbuli and Mr. Ziad Rasamny.

In December 1997, the general assembly of the Alumni Association in Switzerland elected its new committee in Geneva. Members elected were Mr. Akram Saadeh (president), Mr. Ala'a Khannak (treasurer), Mrs. Hanan Istanbuli, Mrs. Najwa Chehabi, Mr. Ziad Rasamny, Mr. Saad Azhari and Mr. Subhi Tabbarah.

At the invitation of the Swiss Alumni, Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, visited Geneva May 7-10, 1998. There he met a number of alumni and friends at their homes or in their offices to follow up

on previous visits. Among these were Messrs. Salim Lawi, Abdel Rahman Tabbara and Ala' Khannak. Some of those visited expressed readiness to establish scholarships in their names at AUB.

An alumni function, attended by about 200 people, was held on Saturday evening May 9th. Mr. Zeidan addressed the audience bringing them up-to-date on what is happening at AUB. Mr. Akram Saadeh, President of the Alumni Swiss Branch welcomed those present. He emphasized that funds raised will go to support students at AUB. ■



## AUB Alumni Association-Oman Holds Annual Function



Oman alumni committee members with President Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan.

**A**lthough AUB alumni in the Sultanate of Oman are few in number, they have been very active in supporting their alma mater.

For the past several years, they have held numerous activities to raise funds for the University--all earmarked for College Hall, a high priority on AUB's fundraising agenda. Gifts from Oman alumni to AUB will give them the opportunity to name the Conference Room on the presidential fifth floor after the Oman branch.

At the end of April, President John Waterbury and Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, visited the Sultanate and met with alumni and friends.

On April 29 President Waterbury and Mr. Zeidan represented AUB at the Annual Gala Dinner given by the Oman Branch of the AUB Alumni Committee. Over 400 alumni, friends and guests attended the event, which took place at the Afrah Ballroom- Hyatt Regency Muscat.

Among the distinguished guests were Mr. Adib Alamuddine, Ambassador of Lebanon to Oman, and Mr. Gerald M. Feierstein, Deputy Chief of Mission and Counselor, representing the US Ambassador.

Speakers included Ambassador Alamuddine followed by Mr. Feierstein. The keynote address was delivered by President John Waterbury, who spoke

about AUB and its future plans.

A twenty-minute video show entitled: "The Classroom on Campus Teaching the Unteachable" was presented by alumnus Nabil Boulos. A Raffle draw followed and valuable prizes, donated by generous alumni and friends of the University, were distributed.

The proceeds of this successful event were forwarded to AUB to support its

scholarship program. Miss Katy Mansour, active member of the committee, presented a check for \$24,163 to Mr. Zeidan on behalf of AUB alumni in Oman. The amount will be deposited in an endowed scholarship fund and income generated from this endowment will be awarded as scholarships to needy and qualified students. ■

### Annual Dinner for Paris Alumni



At Paris Alumni dinner. From left: President Waterbury, Mr. Mahmoud Kokache, Mr. Sami Kronfol and Mr. Haytham Hamidi.

On June 7, the AUB Alumni Association-Paris Branch held its annual alumni dinner at LA VERANDA Restaurant.

Among those attending were Dr. John Waterbury and other dignitaries, as well as over 100 alumni and friends.

Dr. Waterbury addressed the audience, bringing them up to date on issues related to AUB and its future.

During the event Mrs. Iman Kammourieh, former President of the Paris Branch, handed over her responsibilities to the newly elected committee.

The new committee is composed of the following members:

Mr. Haytham Hamidi, President  
Miss Rola El-Husseini, Vice President  
Mr. Nabil Bizri, Treasurer  
Mrs. Oula Shaaban Farra, Secretary



## UK Alumni Host Annual Dinner



Above: UK Alumni Board of Directors with President Waterbury. From left: Rima Fattah, Kamal Milki, Raya Saadi, Hisham El-Solh, Dr. Waterbury, Samia Haddad, Randa Osseiran, Sani Aweida, Hala Mattar and Maysoun Adel.

Below, from left: Afif Safieh (Ambassador of Palestine), Easa Al-Gurg (Ambassador of UAE), Dr. Mahmoud Hammoud (Ambassador of Lebanon and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps), Hussein Bin Abdul-Latif (Ambassador of Oman).

On June 3 the UK Alumni Association gave its annual dinner at the Dorchester Hotel in London. It was attended by a number of British dignitaries, including the Mayor of Westminster David Harvey, Lord Steele, Lord Dunman, Lord Swinven, Baroness Nicholson and former Minister Tom Sackville.

AUB President John Waterbury, Director of Alumni Affairs Nimr Ibrahim and UK Alumni President Hisham Solh were present for the occasion. In all some 220 friends and alumni of AUB attended the event.

In his speech, President Waterbury reviewed fundraising successes, noting that UK alumni contributions now total an impressive \$405 million.

Mr. Yusef Abu Khadra, on behalf of Investcorp, donated \$50,000 to AUB's scholarship fund during the dinner. ■



## Saudi Eastern Province Alumni Scholarship

The recently elected alumni committee in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia was very prompt in responding to AUB's request for donations to its scholarship program. Since the University launched its first appeal at the end of January, many alumni in the Middle East and Europe have come forward with generous gifts.

On April 6, a delegation of alumni came from Dhahran to visit AUB. The group included Dr. Tewfik Zein, Chairperson of the Alumni Committee in the Eastern Province, Dr. Michel Mansour, Vice Chairperson and his wife, alumna Iffat Habr, and Mr. Ziad Najjar, Vice Chairperson,

Meeting with Deputy President Samir Makdisi, they presented a check for \$15,000 from the AUB alumni in the Eastern Province. The group requested that an endowed scholarship fund with a capital of \$10,000 be set up. The income from this capital will be used to provide financial assistance to needy and qualified students. The remaining \$5,000 will be used as outright grants during academic year 1998-99.

Mr. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs was also present for the occasion.

Deputy President Makdisi thanked Drs. Zein and Mansour and Mr. Najjar, as well as all the alumni in the Eastern Province, for supporting AUB activities, particularly the scholarship program. ■

## UK Alumni Hold Phoenician Exhibition in London

On February 24 the AUB Alumni Association in the UK and Olympia London inaugurated "Phoenicia, its Art and Influence." The exhibition was made possible by the enthusiasm and professionalism of individuals and groups in both the UK and in Lebanon.

Among the organizations supporting the exhibition were UNESCO, the International Association to Save Tyre, the Palestinian Exploration Fund, the

British Tunisian Society and Burlington Magazine. The occasion also benefited from the personal interest of Prime Minister Rafic Hariri, Minister of Culture Fawzi Hobeish and Lebanese ambassador to London Mahmoud Hammoud.

As part of the program, Dr. Leila Badre, curator of the AUB Archeological Museum, lectured to a large audience on February 26. Her subject, "Phoenician Beirut Finally Discovered," discussed Phoenicia and

its influence on Greek and Roman cultures. She also described the new excavations in central Beirut, which prove that it was an important Phoenician city. Among those present at the lecture was president of the UK Alumni Association Mr. Hisham Solh.

The exhibition was made up of more than 300 pieces on loan from 17 international museums, including the AUB Museum, Oxford Museum and Cambridge Museum. ■

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## President Waterbury at Alumni Club Dinner: Technique Alone is Like One Hand Clapping

**M**r. Nazih Zeidan, Director of Development and Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, and his wife Hala hosted a dinner at the AUB Alumni Club on April 20 in honor of President John Waterbury.

Among those attending were over 90 AUB alumni officials who hold high ranking positions in the Lebanese Government, as well as alumni and friends of AUB and their spouses who serve on various fundraising committees for the University.

The dinner was held so the new AUB President could meet these officials and volunteers and acquaint himself with alumni and friends of the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeidan greeted the guests at the door with President Waterbury. After everyone was seated in the large dining room at the Alumni Club, Mr. Zeidan welcomed the guests.

Addressing the audience, Dr. Waterbury said:

Your Excellencies, Honorable Deputies, cherished alumni, Friends of the AUB

My remarks will be brief so that I can respond to your concerns.

There is either a very simple message to convey to you, or a very complex one. The complex message has to do with budgets, resources, organization and re-organization, the setting of goals and targets, and the mobilization of the human and financial resources to achieve those goals.

The simple message is the more important one. The AUB is part of a great venture, helping a country and a region meet the challenges of a new century and a new millennium. It brings a long history and great traditions to the task; but, never, it seems to me, have these strengths been as relevant and important as they are today.

Until the last twenty years or so, societies could compete and develop without paying the attention now needed to educate and train their human resources. Muscle and hard work, wheat and steel, a few good brains and a lot of sweat could keep one competitive. No longer. To master and benefit from the promise of the 21st century requires that the broad base of society, all girls and boys, all men and women, share in the intellectual revolutions sweeping the world.

Much of the challenge lies in technique—computer programming, financial management, plant breeding, by-pass surgery, physical therapy, surfing the internet, graphic design, living in space. But I am convinced that technique alone is like one

hand clapping; worse it is like giving a blind man a sharp knife. And that is where Lebanon and AUB enter the picture.

Lebanon, despite its many troubles, has always struggled to attain the goals of democracy, tolerance, if not respect, among its many sects and regions, and economic life that gives its citizens the right and ability to develop their skills to the fullest. Lebanon's struggle is becoming the struggle of the entire region as political and economic systems dominated by the state give way to more liberal politics and more private sector oriented economies. The techniques of the 21st century will be most useful and fulfilling in liberal economic and political systems. Both from its mistakes and its successes Lebanon has much to teach, much to give.

The AUB brings to the region a philosophy and set of values without which technique can become dangerous. The philosophy and values are well known but that in no way diminishes their importance. What are they?

Academic freedom: the right and duty to ask hard, even unpleasant questions without fear of punishment or retribution.

The right and necessity to debate, to put one's ideas in public and suffer the criticism of others.

The right and necessity to think critically; to question convention, to ask why, even when, or above all when, the answer seems obvious. Behind every obvious answer there are a hundred bothersome questions.

Tolerance and respect: a colleague of mine at Princeton once said that over the gates of every university, a simple question should be set in stone: what did you ever learn from those who agree with you? To learn from those who disagree with you requires that you respect them enough to listen; that you speak after thinking carefully so that they will listen to you; to never forget that what you want is greater understanding, not to win the debate (although if you can do both it is wonderful).

Finally that we are the inheritors of a great store of historical knowledge that we may simply call human creativity. That to go through life without tapping into that inherited wealth, into all that creativity, will leave us impoverished. That is what I see as the premise of a liberal arts education.

If we are no greater than our professional training, no broader than our techniques, then we will go through our lives as tools, simple instruments.

At best we will be bored, seeking escape from professional competence in whatever ways we can. At worst, we will use our techniques destructively, because without a system of values to guide their use, without the knowledge of how we fit in the greater scheme of human creativity, we will use our techniques to assert our power and to dominate others. People do it, and nations do it.

The challenge to the AUB is to combine our fine professional training with an unabashed dispensing of our values; the constant search for mutual tolerance, open debate and critical thinking; the constant rebuilding of our links to our creative legacy; in short, the development of a keen sense of where we are.

Not all of our students, not all of our faculty, not all of our alumni will share in this mission nor care much about these values. I have no illusions about that. A university, like a democracy, must constantly be re-invented, not merely generation by generation, but year by year. Only practise keeps the values alive.

So those of us responsible for the university must constantly look to practice. If we get lazy, the process will slow and atrophy. We will dispense technique without values and without self awareness. But it is important that our alumni and friends keep up their interest in and concern for the University.

It may be that what establishes your link to the AUB is three or four years of formal education, but what maintains it must be a constant interaction with the institution, with the faculty, and with the students. My sense is that interaction has not been all that it could be. It is my hope that during my tenure as president we can make the community of friends and alumni of the AUB a true community, alive and concerned, participating in the challenges facing the University, and serving as a reservoir of experience and counsel.

Let me conclude by saying that I believe that the kind of education we offer at the AUB is vital for this and all regions. I sense that in parts of the Middle East there is a slow awakening to the fact that large, state-dominated institutions of higher education that concern themselves almost solely with technique cannot meet the challenges their societies are confronting. If the AUB can serve as a model, however flawed, that others seek to emulate, then we will have truly fulfilled our mission. ■



## Farewell to Adel Osseiran



Minister Bshara Mirhij, left, and former House Speaker Adel Osseiran during a ceremony in honor of Mr. Osseiran at the Assembly Hall, only a month before he passed away.

**V**eteran Lebanese statesman Adel Osseiran, the last surviving pillar of the country's independence, died on June 18, 1998 in his native city of Sidon. He was 93.

A former president of the Alumni

Association, Osseiran earned his BA in political sciences from AUB in 1922 and an MA ten years later.

About a month before his death, Mr. Osseiran was honored at the Assembly Hall in a ceremony attended by dignitaries and

diplomatic figures. A message from President Waterbury, who was away, was read on his behalf by Vice President Haddadin. The President said that he considered Mr. Osseiran an example of the alumni that Daniel Bliss hoped the university would produce.

Others who spoke at the ceremony were Minister for Administrative Reform Bshara Mirhij, who represented President Hraoui, former Association president Fawzi Maalouf, South Lebanon Chapter president Hala Badreddine, and Dr. Farid Haddad, MD.

At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Osseiran was presented the Alumni Association shield as a token of love and appreciation by Alumni Association President, Ambassador Nadim Dimechkieh. ■

## Bassem Adib Haddad 1925-1998

**B**assem Adib Haddad passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 30 in Limassol, Cyprus. He was 73. His illness, a very rare malignancy of the muscle and soft tissue, was mercifully short.

Bassem was born in Palestine in 1925 to Dr. Adib Haddad and Linda Sima'an. His siblings are Hilda, the late Samir and Dr. Nadim. He graduated from AUB with a BS in engineering in 1945 and started his career in Palestine with the Department of Public Works. He then joined CAT company in Palestine and in the mid/late-1940's moved on to work for CAT in the Gulf area, known then as the Trucial States.

Bassem was one of CAT's pioneering engineers who were involved in putting up the infrastructure of today's Kuwait and the Gulf States. To his credit go the construction of Sabah Hospital and Kuwait's International Airport, work that took some 25 years. In the 1970's, Bassem started BETON in Beirut, the first pre-mixed concrete plant in the country and probably in the Middle East.



His last major professional involvement was with SOLICO in Saudi Arabia where major projects were completed: the Queen's Building (Jeddah), the King Faisal Specialists Hospital (Riyadh) and the Military compound (Kharj).

As engineer and contractor, Bassem was straight forward, ingenious, visionary, and an over-achiever. A superb leader who was respected by the people who worked with and for him, he remained a modest and selfless person. He was one of the first life members of the Alumni Association of AUB.

In 1951 Bassem married Samia Saba Malak. Their children are: Fadia of Washington, DC. (MA in Graphic design, Pratt Institute, New York) married to Rakan Jawdat with two daughters, Lenna and Mayssa; Farid of San Francisco (BS in Electro-Mechanical Engineering and PhD in Controls from Sussex University, England), working with Sterling Software, a sub-contractor of NASA; Diala of Paris, France, a landscape architect (BA with honors in landscape architecture from Harriet Watt University, Edinburgh College of Art, Scotland).

When Bassem decided to retire he and Samia lived in Dubai and later moved to Limassol, Cyprus, a country and its people which he loved very much.

Bassem was a happy, self-contented man who lived a rich, yet simple life. He was recently asked what he would do if he could live his life over again. He said, "I would study engineering again, marry Samia and beget the same three children I have."

Bassem will be sorely missed. ■

*Samia Malak*



# UN Secretary General Kofi Anan Meets with Students



Secretary Kofi Anan addresses the students.



Mr. Anan enters Issam Fares Hall accompanied by Vice President Makhluf Haddadin.

**O**n March 21, UN Secretary General Kofi Anan met with students of nine Lebanese universities. The session, held at AUB, was conducted by former ambassador to the UN Riad Tabbarah and UN resident coordinator Ross Mountain.

Before answering the students' questions, Mr. Anan gave a speech stressing the importance of human rights. He also expressed his satisfaction at seeing young people involved in political matters. He encouraged them to take their responsibilities seriously, as they were the ones who could make a change.

Anan was asked various questions,

most of them concerning the execution of Resolutions 425 and 520 for the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Lebanese territory. Mr. Anan said that he would do his best to push the peace process forward, especially now that Israel wanted to withdraw from Lebanon.

When asked about UN movements to prevent Lebanon from being a lethal trash dump, Anan said this problem was unbearable and the different states should cooperate in order to stop this practice. He was also asked about the lack of funds allocated to Lebanon, a country which has stopped exporting drugs.

Bassam Kantar, a Lebanese University student whose brother is a detainee at Khiam prison camp, asked if the UN would send an international inspection committee to the camp to see the dreadful conditions there. Anan asserted that he would discuss this issue with the International Red Cross in Geneva and with the Israeli authorities on his next visit to Israel. During the meeting he tried to cool down hopes surrounding his visit to Lebanon following the success of his mission in Baghdad. "I'm not a magician," he said, but promised to do his best to solve the problems of the region. ■

*Marielle Sadek*

## Former UN Secretary General Butros Butros-Ghali Lectures at Issam Fares Hall

Former UN Secretary General Butros Butros-Ghali visited Lebanon last spring, and, on 29 April, gave a lecture for the Joseph and Laure Moghaizel Association at AUB's Issam Fares Hall.

Mr. Butros-Ghali was in Lebanon in his capacity as the secretary general of the Francophone Movement.

In his lecture, Mr. Butros-Ghali said that a global democracy was achievable, provided the UN was not governed by only the five member countries of the Security Council. He added that the main problem in achieving global democracy was that international decisions were subject to the authority of strong countries -- the Security Council's permanent members.



Mr. Butros Butros-Ghali at Issam Fares Hall.

In a discussion which followed the lecture, Mr. Butros-Ghali was asked why implementation of Resolution 425 was not imposed. He replied that "the Security Council is a political organization. Taking a decision and implementing it is based solely on political benefit and not justice."

Mr. Butros-Ghali pointed out that international companies' budget for 1997 was ten times the UN's budget for that year, which was \$260bn. This, he said, justified his suggestion to involve multi-national companies in

achieving global democracy. "The best way to achieve global democracy is through the participation of the greatest number of players." ■



## Hanan Ashrawi at AUB

On March 6 the Palestinian Cultural Club at AUB invited Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, then-Minister of Higher Education for the Palestinian Authority, to debate with both students and staff at West Hall auditorium. Dr. Ashrawi is a prominent figure in the Arab world.

About 300 people attended the event, including President John Waterbury, Dean of Student Affairs Fauzi Hajj, the Club's advisor Dr. Nabil Dajani and Director of Information Mr. Ibrahim Khoury.

Dr. Ashrawi was asked a wide range of questions dealing with matters such as the United Nations, Israel, the Oslo Agreement, refugees, women and issues related to the Palestinian cause in general.

According to Dr. Ashrawi, the Palestinian revolt is and will remain a continuous process whose aim is to alter current situations and to change the world. It is not an end in itself, but a means of reaching certain goals. She



Mrs. Hanan Ashrawi at West Hall.

wanted to calm the anxieties of Palestinians by reassuring them that the cause will survive because the Palestinians have always sorted out their problems even after contending with one another.

Concerning the Oslo Agreement, Ashrawi said that it is not a peace treaty but an agreement on certain principles that establish grounds for evacuation. It includes specific programs of negotiations on the Palestinian cause, refugees, Jerusalem and inhabitants. She made it clear that the agreement did not cede Palestinian territory, nor did it deprive Palestinians of their right of return to their lands. It can be used as a starting point or as a means to preserve Palestinian presence on Palestinian land. "In that way, it would be possible to implement our plans from within and not from the outside at the mercy of foreign governments."

Finally, Dr. Ashrawi asserted that the reputation of Palestine has been "dictated to us by other nations. People all over the world listened to other nations vilify our reputation, but never listened to us. We must decree our true history through cultural and political activities," she concluded. ■

Dina Abou Salem

## Abuse of Women in the Ads

On April 22 the Women's Rights Club at AUB held an exhibition at the West Hall Common Room entitled "Abuse of Women in the Ads." Linda Matar of the Lebanese Women's Council was present for the opening of the three-day event.

Ads that abuse women were exhibited along with comments and subtitles which added a touch of cynicism on the irrelevance of the advertisement to the product. Perfume ads, cigarettes, drinks, clothes, underwear, ads for maids, ads for makeup, ads for paints--and even ads for tires portraying nothing more than two girls wearing bikinis--were all presented at the fair.

The successful exhibit was attended by students, professors, UN delegates, feminists and journalists, all of whom were very much impressed.

The Women's Rights Club, represented by its new president Miss Maya Zayour, and club members, especially Dania Hashem, Wala'a Kadi,



Women's Rights Club President Maya Zayour briefing Linda Matar and Assistant Dean of Students Salma Dabbagh on the exhibition.

Fida Dankar, Lina El-Labban and Rania Tamraz, worked very hard to make possible a move against this kind of abuse. People from outside the club also contributed.

The fair aimed at promoting awareness and raised the question 'Who is to blame?' Are women to blame for

posing for such ads or are other factors involved? Everyone who attended signed petitions and the club plans to pursue this cause by presenting the collected signatures to the authorities concerned. ■



# Spring Concert Season Bespeaks Revival of the Performing Arts in Lebanon



AUB Choir and the Baroque Ensemble.. Conductor Peter Phillips is leading.

**T**he January-February 1998 issue of *Aramco World Magazine* carried as its cover article "Lebanon's Renaissance of the Arts", and certainly the second semester's musical offering in Assembly Hall confirmed this welcome phenomenon. For the first time since I came to AUB in 1992, local and regional groups and artists predominated, although foreign artists were also represented.

The season began in earnest on Friday, February 13 with the very welcome return of the Edinburgh Quartet. Scotland's only full-time string quartet, it has been playing to enthusiastic audiences and critics for over thirty years. Three years ago the founding leader of the group retired and was replaced by violinist Jane Murdoch, formerly of the Academy of St. Martin in the Field, London. She has taken the quartet on to even greater acclaim. Their program included familiar works by Purcell, Haydn, Beethoven and Grieg. It also gave us interesting and beautifully performed contemporary pieces by Ronald Duncan, James McMillan, (b.

1959) and Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988). The latter's seven variations on a single series of notes to commemorate the death of a friend's mother were particularly impressive and deeply moving.

The following day pianist Waleed Hourani made his annual appearance, demonstrating his usual enthusiasm and skill. On the 27th the Spanish cultural Institute presented the Flamenco guitarist Manuel Granados in a very polished performance. An organ recital by Wolfgang Rosenmuller of Leipzig University on March 6 was somewhat disappointing -- his unfamiliarity with the AUB Marcussen instrument was apparent on a number of occasions.

Rosenmuller's technique paled in comparison with the brilliant triumph of Russian organist Igor Nikitin, who appeared under the auspices of the Bustan Festival a week later (March 14). Nikitin accompanied the Helikon Opera Choir in a performance of Faure's REQUIEM and a selection of Russian songs.

Although he was not actually a soloist, he handled the organ part in

the Faure work, which is frequently very exposed, in a most impressive fashion.

The choir, too, was exceptionally good. Faure's REQUIEM is one of the best-known modern choral works (composed in 1900) and the University choir has performed it twice in the last three years. The selection of Russian songs, all of them taken from the Russian Orthodox Liturgy, was well-thought out and performed in perfect style with fine expertise and projection.

Contributions to the season by foreign groups ended on June 21 with a Jazz concert by the Steve Potts Quartet which I was unable to attend. From all reports, however, it was splendid in every respect.

Concerts by local artists began on February 21 with the singer Nida Abu Mrad, followed on March 6 by guitarists Ange and Eddy Dorlian, assisted on traditional Arab instruments by four other musicians from the Beirut Conservatory.

Violinist Ara Melkian appeared on March 9, and oudist Sahar Taha on the 11th. On April 4 the Choir of



Notre Dame de Louaize performed works by Mozart, Faure, Bach, Handel and others. On April 15 and 28 flautist Nabil Mroueh gave concerts, the first with pianist Shoushan Tatian and the second with bassoonist Sebouh Tekian and pianist Isabelle Kavayan.

On the 24th singers Yola Younes and Pierre Samia appeared with guitarists Andrea Tawil and Antoine Maalouf, and on the 30th the well-known pianist, Billy Eidi, presented an "Homage to Chopin."

On May 4 the Beirut Symphonic Band joined forces with its Jordanian counterpart in their second appearance at AUB this academic year, and finally on the 15th soprano Soumaya Deeb gave what has become an annual recital, attracting her usual packed hall of appreciative friends and admirers.

In two performances on May 27 and 28 which combined both local

and foreign performers, the AUB Choir sang Beethoven's "Mass in C" and the concluding "Hallelujah" chorus from his oratorio, "Christ on the Mount of Olives."

For the second time in three years, Peter Phillips, world-famous early music conductor and director of the Tallis Scholars, flew in from London as guest conductor of the 65-voice choir and the Barock Ensemble.

Assisting him were four professional soloists: Reem Deeb, a young Lebanese soprano presently completing her Ph.D. studies in music at Indiana University, the well-known English oratorio contralto, Caroline Trevor, the rising young English tenor, Tom Phillips, and the American baritone and counter-tenor, George Steel, from St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York.

The choir performed this difficult work from Beethoven's middle or

"heroic" period with commendable distinction, having been at work on it since January.

Also on May 29 before the second Beethoven concert, three of the visiting soloists, Trevor, Phillips and Steel, plus the Dutch conductor and soloist Janjoost van Elburg, assisted me in giving a lecture on the music of Philippe de Monte (1521-1603) and the Parody Mass. They sang sections of his five-part mass "Cara la Vita Mia" and the madrigal by Giatches de Wert (1535-1596) of the same name, on which the de Monte mass was modeled (or "parodied").

Choral music of the Renaissance is rarely performed in Lebanon, so it was particularly exciting to hear it sung live by professional artists, conducted by Peter Phillips, who is perhaps the world's leading authority on music of this genre. ■

Professor Robert B. Betts

## Helikon Opera Choir Brings a Taste of Russia to Assembly Hall

The Helikon Opera's third visit to Lebanon, for the 1998 Al Bustan Festival, fortunately included a performance at AUB's Assembly Hall on March 14. Under the direction of Dimitri Bertman, the opera choir's 60 musicians and soloists performed Faure's Requiem and Russian spiritual songs. Why did the world-renowned choir from Moscow choose Assembly Hall over the illustrious Al-Bustan Hotel for Saturday night's program?

"The organ," laughed Ms. Myrna Bustani. "If it weren't for the organ we would have found another excuse to come here," continued the festival's founder. The organist for the evening in question was Igor Nikitin who, as Ms. Bustani announced, "was one of the most talented, if not the best organist, in Russia."

Faure's Requiem, first performed by composer Gabriel Faure, a French choir master, was sung during the first half of the evening's program. The



The Helikon Opera Choir during its performance at Assembly Hall.

Requiem was enhanced by the voice of soprano soloist Natalia Zagorinskaya, who performed the lead part in "Carmen" two nights before.

On Saturday night she was joined on stage by baritone soloist, Igor Tarasov, who has been on tour in Bulgaria.

The Helikon Opera Choir also includes tenor Vadim Zapplechny, soloist and founder of the opera choir in 1989. Since then, the choir has

performed in many parts of the world including Germany, Switzerland and Great Britain.

The program concluded with an inspiring series of Russian spiritual songs. These were individually applauded by the audience, which included many Russian nationals who were appreciative of a nostalgic reminder of home. ■

Thamar Kechichian



## World Renowned Musicians Perform at Assembly Hall



Serouj Kradjian (piano) and Ara Malikian (violin).

**O**n March 9, a five-hundred-strong audience at AUB's Assembly hall enjoyed the world renowned Lebanese musician Ara Malikian (violin), accompanied by 24-year-old pianist, Serouj Kradjian.

Under the patronage of Minister of the Interior Mr. Michel Murr, and presented by the Armenian Association for Education and Culture ("Hamazkaine"), the 2-hour program was the first concert held by the association at Assembly Hall in 1998.

The program began with the lingering Adagio of Bach's 'Sonate pour Violon Seul en do majeur', played by Ara Malikian. His artistry gave the impression that there was more than one musician performing the work. Serouj Kradjian followed with a solo of Beethoven's 'Sonate op-81 a en mi bemol majeur'. Both musicians came on stage for duets by Rachmaninov, Ravel, and Kupkovic's 'Cinq Chansons Armeniennes de Garine (Erzeroum)', dedicated by the composer to the two performing musicians.

A surprising, yet pleasing, change

to the program was Mr. Kradjian's piano solo of 'Valley Odermann' by Franz Liszt, which garnered him three curtain calls. As a final encore the musicians rewarded the crowd's standing ovation with "Oror" composed by Alexander Menakian.

Both musicians established an early background in the field of music. Ara Malikian gave his first solo recital as a 12-year-old during Lebanon's civil war. His later musical career includes winning the first prize at the 1995 Pablo Sarasate international competition. His many global performances have taken him from Los Angeles to Zurich, where he played in the company of former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Serouj Kradjian was introduced to music at the early age of five. Among the prime moments of his musical career can be counted the Chalmers Performing Arts Grants of the Ontario Arts Council. Radio Suisse Romande and Radio Canada have broadcast Mr. Kradjian's work. He has also played with the University of Toronto's Symphony Orchestra and the Armenian Philharmonic. ■

## Hourani in Concert



Waleed Hourani

Waleed Hourani's ragtime music echoed through Assembly Hall on February 14, when he entertained a large audience including First Lady Mrs. Mona Hraoui. He presented a rich program, playing variations from Shubert, Bach, Albeniz, Shchedrin and many pieces dedicated to William Albright, his teacher.

Hourani studied in Moscow between the ages of 15 and 25 then went on to the States where he studied with William Albright, who had a great influence on his composition.

Hourani began ragtime on the piano in 1990, releasing some of his ragtime work on the Side By Side CD in 1989. Ragtime is a category of music that gives classical a more folk-like beat, and he confesses to enjoying it more because of the different message it sends.

Waleed Hourani gave an outstanding performance, deftly changing moods and keeping the audience very entertained. ■

Sara Taher



## Maurice Ravel or "The Love of Perfection"

In the third and final pre-Bustan presentation at AUB's Issam Fares Hall, Professor Pierre Azoury talked about the works of one of France's most original 20th century composers, Maurice Ravel. This year's Festival included six of this composer's orchestral and chamber music works.

Using slides, Azoury reviewed Ravel's life, which would have been largely uneventful were it not for his total devotion to musical composition. His talent became apparent at an early age and almost all his works reveal an astonishing perfection of style and craftsmanship.

His five-time failure to secure the coveted Prix de Rome for composition was, in effect, a glaring admission of deficiency on the part of the Paris Conservatoire examining body to recognize the originality of his music.

Nevertheless, Ravel was confident that he was making a totally individual contribution to French music. He continued, unperturbed, to forge for himself a musical language which we now cherish and which bears the stamp of his



Professor Pierre Azoury.

personality as unmistakably as any work of Bach or Chopin.

Sadly, the five years of his life before his death in 1937 were clouded by aphasia, a malfunctioning of the language area in the cerebral cortex. However, and perhaps tragically, his musical imagination remained intact even though he could no longer talk or write a note of music.

Azoury introduced Ravel's music

through an early piano work, the "Sonatina," which already bears the hallmark of the composer's craftsmanship. The recording featured the Russian pianist Boris Berezovsky, who played at the Festival on February 28. The remaining illustrations were shown in video recordings. First, 'La Valse' was presented intermittently in its original setting as a choreographic poem with orchestra, and in its later piano transcription by the composer.

This was followed by Ravel's masterpiece for the piano, 'Gaspard de la nuit,' remarkably played by Martha Argerich. Next, the famous 'Bolero' was given in its original form as a ballet. In the festival it was performed on March 6, 7 and 8 by Sylvie Guillem, arguably the world's greatest ballerina.

In conclusion, rather outside the main theme of the presentation but as an additional sample of Berezovsky's dazzling piano technique, he was seen playing the last movement of Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto, the work that contributed to his winning the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in the summer of 1990 at the age of 21. ■

## Edinburgh Quartet at Assembly Hall

The Edinburgh String Quartet, one of Scotland's most celebrated fulltime string quartets, performed at Assembly Hall on February 13. The members of the group, who wed exceptional musical craftsmanship with an underlying compatibility, are leader Jane Murdoch on the violin, Peter Markham, violin, Michael Beeston, viola, and Mark Bailey, cello.

The quartet began with Mozart's Quartet K589 in B Flat." Then came James Mc Millan's "Momento," whose Scottish tunes conjured up images of wild moorlands. Next was Kenneth Leighton's "Seven Variations" that triumphed in conveying diverse moods



of irony, bitterness, protest and inscrutability.

Following intermission, the quartet reverted to classical mode, with an

early Beethoven Quartet - Opus 18 No. 4 in C Minor and Haydn's String Quartet in F Major No. 2. ■

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# Assembly Hall Activities 1997 - 1998

## 1997

### October

- 6: Opening Ceremony  
 21: Wissam Bustani (Flute) and Nigel Clayton (Piano)  
 23 and 24: Giovanni De Angeli (Oboe) and Daniele Roi (Piano)  
 31: Josep Bassal and Alexandra Jadirian (Cello)

### November

- 4: Ensemble Incanto: Liese Klahn (Piano), Ralph Manno (Clarinet), and Guido Schiefen (Violoncello)  
 5: Professor Robert Betts (Organ)  
 12: Shuku Iwasaki (Piano), and Junko Chira (Violin)  
 15: Inma Ceremony for distribution of awards Centennial of the Poet Charentz  
 16: Mrs. Marie Sultan's students' (piano recital)  
 18: Choir Concert by Komitas and Tigran Mansourian  
 20: European Union Chamber Orchestra  
 21: Sveltana Navasartian (Piano)  
 23: Ms. Marielle Abou Jaoude's students (piano recital)  
 27: Paul Mihaly (Piano)  
 28: José Miguel Moreno (Spanish Guitar)  
 29: Cyprien Katsaris (Piano recital in tribute to Walid Akl)

### December

- 3: Founders' Day Ceremony  
 4: Fermo Roscigno (Piano)  
 5: Edgar Aoun (Opera)  
 10 and 11: AUB Choir and Barock Ensemble - Christmas Concert  
 12: Abdul Rahman Al-Basha (Piano)  
 16: Beirut Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert  
 17: Syrian Orchestra - Classical Concert  
 18 and 19: AUB Choir - Christmas Carols  
 20: Hamaskaine Piano Contest  
 21: Beirut Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert

## 1998

### January

- 5: Ensemble Scaligero (Violin - Viola - Violoncello - Contrabass - Flute - Oboe - Horn - Clarinet - Bassoon - Saxophone - Piano)  
 10: Mrs. Tekelian students' (piano recital)  
 24: Choir of the American University of Cairo

### February

- 13: Edinburgh Quartet  
 14: Walid Hourani (piano)  
 21: Nida Abu Mrad  
 27: Manuel Granados (Flamenco Guitar)

### March

- 5: Wolfgang Rosenmuller (Organ)  
 6: Marie- Ange and Eddy Dorlian (Guitar), Walid Abu Serhal (Oud), Alice Farhat (Flute), Ralda Salem (Nay), Farid Abu Said (Percussion)  
 9: Ara Melikian (Violin), Serouj Khadjian (Piano)  
 14: Helikon Opera (Part of Al-Bustan Festival)  
 19: Ziad Rahbani Band



May 4: Jordanian concert.

### April

- 4: La Chorale Notre Dame de Louaize  
 15: Nabil Mroue (Flute) and Shoushan Tatian (Piano)  
 21: Oriental Arabic Ensemble (10 musicians)  
 22: Yuri Forontsov (Saxophone) and Vladimir Caralov (Piano)  
 23: Charbel Rouhana and his band.  
 24: Yola Nassif (Soprano), Andre Soueid (Flute), Antoine Maalouf and Andrea Tawil (Guitar), Natalia Cappustino (Piano).  
 25: Mrs. Georgette Saba's students ( piano recital)  
 26: Hiba Kawass  
 28: Nabil Mroue (Flute), Sebouh Tekian (Bassoon) and Isabelle Kayayan (Piano)  
 30: Billy Eidi (Piano) in Homage to Chopin

### May

- 3: Mrs. Sarkissian's students (piano recital)  
 4: Spring Concert by the Concert Band of the Jordanian National Music Conservatory, the Symphonic Band of Amman Baptist School, and Beirut Symphonic Band  
 7: Opening Ceremony of the 33rd Middle East Medical Assembly  
 15: Soumaya Deeb (Soprano) and Richard Hetherington (Piano)  
 16: Ceremony to honor Mr. Adel Osseiran  
 21: Chamber Orchestra 'Hayasdan' and the Choir 'Koussan'  
 22: Walid Mussalim (Piano)  
 27 and 28: AUB Choir and Barock Ensemble  
 29: Isabelle Kayanan and Narine Harsutounian (Piano)  
 30: Memorial Ceremony for Professor Emeritus Dr. Ziad Baydoun

### June

- 2: Modern Jazz by Christof Lauer (Saxophone), Wolfgang Haffner (Drums), and Dieter Ilg (Bass)  
 4: International College (I.C) Commencement Exercises  
 9: Ram Group (Jordanian)  
 12: Mrs. Tekelian's students (piano recital)  
 17: American Community School (ACS) Commencement Exercises  
 21: Steve Potts Quartet Potts (Alto and soprano sax), Michael Felberbaum (Guitar), Stephan Persiany (Bass), and Richard Portier (Drums)

Sana Murad



# 25th Folk Dance Festival

**T**he AUB Folk Dance Festival held its silver anniversary performance at the Green Field on May 17. This, the 25th Folk Dance Festival, witnessed the participation of 450 dancers representing 23 schools, universities and community organizations from throughout Lebanon.

Following the Grand Entrance Parade, the Festival began with the Lebanese National Anthem. The Anthem was presented for the first time by all participants in both song, and in sign language in respect to those Lebanese with impaired hearing.

After the AUB Alma Mater Dean of Students Fawzi Hajj spoke on behalf of President John Waterbury, welcoming the audience and the participants. Festival Coordinator Professor Patricia Nabti then spoke of the Festival as a symbolic expression of the richness, beauty and joy which can be achieved through the positive interplay of unity and variety.

The general dances, in which all groups participated, were from Mexico, Poland, France, the USA, Russia, China, Canada, Italy and, of course, Lebanon. In addition, individual groups performed exhibition dances from Russia, Armenia, Haiti, Scotland, Japan and Lebanon.

There was also a Sit Dance in which all the audience "danced" while seated, through clapping and other hand movements. The colorful festival closed with an invitation to audience and participants alike to join in a freestyle Dabkeh on the field.

A festival booklet, featuring participating groups and dances, as well as a history of the festival and reproductions of most of the program covers of the first 24 Festivals, was distributed to participants.

According to this booklet, interest in folk dancing at AUB goes back to 1942 when Betty Saleeby brought American folk dance to Beirut for the first time. Informal folk dance activities were held at West Hall to provide wholesome recreation for students and members of the AUB community. In time the activity expanded to include dances from around the world.

As groups and schools outside AUB became interested in participating, some organization was necessary. Mrs. Melda



The AUB Folk Dance group at this year's Folk Dance Festival. Photo by Super Color.

Wallace assumed leadership of the project, initially assisted by Munir Salibi. Then in 1950, the Folk Dance Festival Committee was established, paving the way for the first AUB Folk Dance Festival on May 1, 1951.

Mrs. Esther Kurani was initially co-chairman of the Festival with Mrs. Wallace, and later served as its chairman from 1957 until 1967.

From the beginning, weekly training sessions for leaders were held at West Hall. The leaders then taught the student groups in schools and colleges all over Lebanon.

As the program developed, a Folk Dance Center was established in West Hall to provide equipment and a folk dance library of records and literature. Among the many people who made the Festival a successful yearly event, special tribute should be given to two who worked behind the scenes: Mrs. Alice Khattar and Mr. Nedko Etinoff.

Others who worked for many years on the Festival include Najib Hubayka, Wadia Haddad Jarrar, Raif Milki, Said Nimeh, Suad Malik Rubeiz, and Vram Yegparian.

From 1951 through 1973, the Festival was held annually, except in 1958 and 1962, when it was canceled due to civil disturbances. In both 1974 and 1975, preparations were made for the Festival but both were canceled due to the prevailing situation. After that, even preparations for the Festival were impossible.

Patricia Mihaly, who had studied at AUB on a one-year exchange program with Stanford University in 1968-69, joined the AUB Folk Dance Club and danced in the 1969 Festival. In 1992, she returned to AUB as Professor Patricia Mihaly Nabti to teach Cultural Anthropology. A year later, she was asked to become the faculty advisor for the AUB Folk Dance Club which, at the time, only taught Lebanese Dabke.

She accepted, with the expressed hope of reviving both international folk dance and the AUB Folk Dance Festival. In April 1994 an ad hoc Festival Committee was established and in June the University authorized the revival of the Festival. Invitations were sent to previous participating groups in October 1994 and announcements were made in the media to encourage other groups to participate.

Weekly training sessions for group leaders began on October 21 with local practice for students starting soon afterwards. The 22nd Annual AUB Folk Dance Festival was held on May 14, 1995 with the theme "Revival of a Glorious Tradition."

Once the Festival was re-established, a number of interested people from outside AUB joined the committee.

The Folk Dance Festival is a cultural event whose aim is to develop an appreciation of the diversity of human cultures, their music, dance, clothing, and social traditions. It is one of AUB's ongoing and most colorful traditions. ■



## CS Program/Drama Club Production of Wild Honey

# Chekov Given a Chance to Improve His First Play



Act Two, Scene Two, from left: Sergey, the Colonel, Sacha, Sofia (with gun), Anna, the Doctor, Greckova and Platonov.

**M**ichael Frayn, one of Britain's most prominent playwrights, decided to give Anton Chekov a rare opportunity to polish and perfect his first play posthumously!

A manuscript without a title (Platonov, Don Juan in the Russian Manner, Without Fathers and A Country Scandal are only some of the titles that scholars have given this play) and one that would take six hours to perform, it fell into Frayn's hands.

Most probably this was Chekov's first play written while a university student under twenty years old. Frayn decided to treat it as a rough draft and proceeded to rework it accordingly. The result is *Wild Honey*, a two-hour play that was well received in London, New York and Los Angeles.

And in Beirut? The production itself was generally appreciated; the design, the acting, the direction received critical and popular acclaim. Dissatisfaction revolved around the script itself—not surprisingly when taken on its own. A consideration of the Chekovian context can shed some

light on this situation.

It is inappropriate to compare this text with Chekov's greatest works (*The Three Sisters*, *The Cherry Orchard*....). The interest here is precisely to experience the "first rumblings" of a creative genius and to witness the primordial treatment of themes and characters that later were to mature into a more sophisticated and polished product. There is a charm and a unique attraction in exploring origins which is one of the salient features of *Wild Honey*.

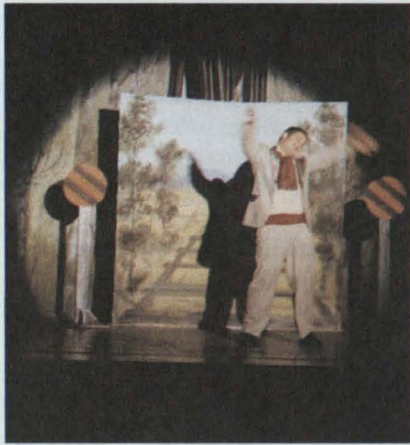
Beyond this, a more important aspect of the script is the admixture of comic and tragic sensibilities. A notorious exchange between Chekov and the great Russian dramatist Stanislavsky saw the latter declare *The Cherry Orchard* a tragedy. Chekov's impetuous reply was that he was willing to wager that Stanislavsky had never read the play carefully even once (for Chekov believed his work to be a comedy)!

From our superior (!) vantage point we can smugly inform these thespian giants that they are both right and

wrong. Many of Chekov's masterpieces may best be designated as tragicomedies, a genre that has become something of a hallmark of the twentieth century. Chekov set for himself the challenge of forging drama out of the undramatic: ordinary people, ordinary life, indecision, paralysis, failed dreams, ambiguous relationships, subtext... He could not foresee that his experimentation would strike a chord that would resonate well into this epoch (by 1950, Beckett would unhesitatingly call his *Waiting for Godot* "a tragicomedy in two acts").

On the production side, seventeen actors (with little or no past experience on stage) tackled thirteen substantial roles, with four major parts double-cast. Melina Mitri and Carine Tannous took on the very demanding role of Anna Petrovna and each in her own way did an outstanding job of portraying a considerably older and more sophisticated character than their youthful years could encompass. Mazen Faysal in his freshman year at AUB bore the heaviest burden, being assigned the task of representing





Final scene: Platonov and the approaching locomotive.

Platonov, the twenty-seven year old scholar who once showed brilliant potential but who has since gone to pot. Called upon to emanate seediness, corruption and cynicism and yet maintain the initial idealism that had defined Platonov's brilliance, Mazen very credibly proved himself able to meet the challenge.

Sirine Shebaya and Maya Barghout did an impressively mature job with the dynamic intellectual Sofya (Platonov's old flame from his idealistic days at the university now married to Sergey). around whom much of the action revolves.

Samar Kanafani and Lara Mateossian doubled the part of Sasha, Platonov's long-suffering and good-natured wife who is finally shocked into freeing herself from his diabolic grip. Again both of these young ladies showed considerable depth and maturity in living out their parts.

Nizar Farsakh acquitted himself admirably as Doctor Triletzky, and in particular gave much needed life and cohesion to the relatively lengthy first act. Youssef Khattar gave a memorable rendition of the horse thief Osip, as did Nawwaf Beydoun on alternate nights, each in his unique way. George Bellos as Vasily and Wissam Sarkis as Marko, in relatively smaller roles, treated their work with a high degree of seriousness which helped give this production an overall polished finish not often achieved in university theater.

Karim Bibi showed natural acting ability in the enjoyable role of Colonel Triletzky. Ahmad Amir Arayssi captured the ineptness and frustration of the youthful Sergey. Kamal Barakat as the rich moneylender merchant and Siraj Al-Attas as the wealthy octogenarian landowner combined efforts to provide the foil for Platonov's anti-commercial Socratic diatribes.

Special mention is due Marwa Shammam whose Grekova was a relaxed portrayal of the wallflower-cum-passion chemistry student, Platonov's favorite target of verbal abuse.

Backstage, a dedicated team of forty-seven students under the Herculean supervision of designer/producer David Kurani had yet another epic encounter with the primitive ("technically challenged?") West Hall Stage. Yet again the result was impressive: the audiences were served a deliciously ethereal Forest that evoked the illusion of spaciousness well beyond the natural capabilities of a much put-upon theater. Four different locomotive effects were created which, along with a scintillating fireworks display gave West Hall a dynamism it does not often enjoy.

Space does not permit giving credit to all who worked very hard on this demanding production, but Sharif Abdunnur of the Sets Committee certainly deserves special mention for a highly professional job.

The play was presented six times between June 4 and June 13. It was directed by Peter Shebaya. ■

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Abitariq Benhalim**

*Note: This production marks the end of their 30th year at AUB for Kurani and Shebaya, who, along with Krikor Satamian gave AUB audiences some of their more memorable theater experiences from Twelfth Night in 1968 to Mother Courage in 1975. Wild Honey is the 7th consecutive spring event since major productions were resumed in 1992 with Hotel Paradiso.*

## Environment Club

A recycling campaign begun last November is regarded as a total failure by Environment Minister Akram Chehayeb. He blames a general lack of cooperation for the problem.

At a conference held by the Environment Club on March 2, the Minister said a number of obstacles resulted in the campaign's collapse, but it was mainly a result of "low awareness."

The campaign was launched in an area comprising eight streets, which reflected various socio-economic levels. According to Najib Saab, publisher of the Environment and Development Magazine, bins provided by Sukleen for organic material and recyclable rubbish were labeled in English and many people could not understand the directions. Another problem was the theft of the bins.

The only way for people to become aware of recycling is through nationwide campaigns, Saab said. Recycling campaigns in villages such as Choueifat and Aley were more successful than those in Beirut, perhaps because of the difference in population and the effectiveness of teamwork in smaller communities.

According to Chehayeb, one of the main problems is the deteriorating economic situation which encourages students and others to do paid work instead of volunteering. The "addiction of young people to activities like music, partying and sport" is also a problem, he said. The Minister urged students to be more concerned about the country's welfare. On a positive note, Lebanon's young people were hailed for their enthusiastic support for environmental improvement in Lebanon. Paul Abi Rashed, head of TERRE (Tentons Ensemble de Realiser un Rêve a nos Enfants), urged students to become involved in their country's environmental welfare. He pointed to members of AUB's Environment Club as a prime example of enthusiastic activists.

The Environment Club's March 28 outing to plant trees under harsh weather conditions was cited as another illustration of members' enthusiasm and dedication to a greener and cleaner environment. ■

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# Poems and Pictures Tell Story of Serene Rihani's Life



One of Serene's friends reads her poetry.

**L**ike many other 19-year-old dreamers of sensitive and private temperament, Serene Rihani kept a diary. On page after page, she recorded in prose and poetry the moving experiences of her young life. Then suddenly on April 11, 1995 she died--swept away by one treacherous wave of the sea she loved so much.

On May 28, wanting to hold fast the memory of her brief passage in their lives, the family and friends of Serene gathered at the American University of Beirut to remember her in the modest, yet passionate legacy of the paintings she left behind.

Held by the AUB Drama Club, the memorial event marked the publication (in English and Arabic) of *Silent Diary*, a book containing selections from Serene's notebooks and papers written between 1992 and 1995. It also includes selections of her paintings and drawings.

An extract from one of her poems:  
 "I'll have to learn slowly and live with how life leads my way...

Ask my heart, which is like thin glass that needs a wall to protect it...

I want to wash my eyes, I want to wear better lenses to see the world clearer to wipe out the vague (sic) I see in life, to erase the ugly part, to understand, to cope, communicate...

Black, yellow or white, I don't care

anymore the human being is so beautiful...

I'll spend my whole life learning...  
 I hate losing these few seconds of my life...

I wish there was no time so I could make the morning last longer...

How you feel is how good you do, how good you love, how good you seek, touch, scream, burn, move, dance, watch and look; see and tell me, do you feel good?

Is time a religion? Can you be comfortably sane without it? Or does it have to continue?

I don't like it alone, it's too much noise to be alone, the whole world gets into a war when I'm alone...

I went to wear my hat, I found holes in it...

I can see my shadow on the floor and my reflection in the glass. I wonder which one is I and which one is me...

We live by the meaning things have, and we react to the meanings we give birth to..."

Serene also wrote: "I'm not a good painter myself, but it still made me feel better. Suddenly the doodles on the canvas started screaming like a newborn baby". She became intensely involved in painting during her last two years. Repeatedly throughout her writings, she made reference to painting.

In theater, during her last performance in the AUB Drama Club's production of Bertoldt Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* just three months before she died, Serene assumed the guise of Hamlet and penned a poem to Ophelia.

Serene becomes Ophelia:

"Ophelia, beautiful Ophelia  
 Beautiful face of the air I breath

The reality of you has been swept away

All what's left of you is what I smell, what I Imagine...

My heart is buried with you underneath this earth...

Ophelia, let this name

Tattoo my arrival into the heavens." ■



Exhibition of Serene Rihani's art work.



# AIDS and HIV Positive Patients in Society

**O**n December 3, 1997 a panel discussion entitled "AIDS and the Position of HIV Positive Patients in Society" took place at West Hall under the sponsorship of the Department of Health Education and the Biology Students' Society.

Invited panelists were Dr. Jacques Mokhbat, MD infectious diseases; Dr. Elissar Rady, Director of the National AIDS Program; Miss Najwa Shuja'a, Head Nurse-AUH; Miss Nadia Badran, social health worker at SIDC; and Sister Odile, nurse and SIDC worker. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Sonia Nasr of the Biology Department at AUB.

Dr. Radi began by presenting statistics on HIV cases worldwide, modes of transmission--primarily through sexual contact, infected blood products, or from pregnant mother to fetus. He went on to summarize methods of HIV testing, using Western Blot, ELISA, or PCR. Statistics on HIV cases in Lebanon were alarming: we have 490 reported HIV positive cases, up 80 cases from last year. The number of infected women has nearly doubled, with 99% of women infected by their husbands. Some women transmitted the virus to their children during pregnancy or nursing. We currently have 17 HIV positive children.

Dr. Radi highlighted the importance of prevention through abstinence from casual sexual contacts, faithfulness to one uninfected partner, use of the condom and careful handling of body fluids.

Dr. Mokhbat highlighted the "Combination Therapy," i.e. the use of several antiretroviral drugs at one time. This therapy could spare the patient from hospitalization, however, it is very expensive (\$20,000 a year) and not all the drugs are available in Lebanon. The dealer price in Lebanon is 150% more than the USA.

Both Drs. Mokhbat and Rady emphasized the importance of community fundraising activities to make adequate and affordable health care available to HIV patients.

Miss Shuja'a described the first AIDS case admitted in AUH in 1984. The patient presented with tuberculosis, Kaposi's sarcoma, diarrhea and wasting. The hospital was very generous and took good care of the patient. Miss Shuja'a

emphasized the proper handling of body fluids, because one cannot tell whether a patient is HIV positive or not.

Miss Badran and Sister Odile tackled the social challenges faced by HIV patients. Both are social workers providing home care, awareness and support for patients and their families. These patients are of different ages, social backgrounds, and have acquired the virus in different ways. However, all share similar challenges. They tried to deny being infected and when finally admitted it, most tried to end their lives. The financial burden is heavy, and their need

for physical, psychological, and social support is mostly unfulfilled.

Miss Badran alluded to the mutual fear existing between HIV patients and society. Is society ready to remove the stigma from these patients? Can they hold a stable job and continue to be fruitful members of the community as well as educators about the disease?

Many questions and comments were raised by the audience. This interactive presentation was very helpful in improving awareness about the disease in Lebanon and the status of HIV patients in our society.

## Women's Auxiliary Toy Tea Party

On July 8 the Women's Auxiliary of AUBMC held its traditional Toy Tea Party in the gardens of Marquand House.

On this occasion five awards were presented to outstanding nursing students elected by the faculty of the School of Nursing. They were:

Lara Rizk: Mary Crawford Award.

Nathalie Kandalaft: Ann Smith Award.

Hera Artinian: Poppy Haddad Award.

Talar Manayan: Henriette Sabra Award.

Liza Nercessian: Hanneh Shahine Award.

After distribution of the awards, Professor Marina Adra, acting director of the School of Nursing, gave a short speech thanking the Women's Auxiliary.

Next came a new annual award for the Best Registered Nurse and the Best Practical Nurse, which was set up this year in cooperation with the



Mrs. Sinno, right, receiving her award from Mrs. Khalaf.

Nursing Department. The winners were: Mrs. Randa Sinno, Best Registered Nurse and Mr. Hassan Farhat, Best Practical Nurse.

After the presentation, Miss Chantal Madi spoke to the guests about the special qualities of the two nurses.

Entertainment followed, with the AUB Folk Dance Club giving a lively performance. Everyone was then invited to enjoy refreshments and cakes. ■

## Mrs. Annette Hajjar Passes Away

The Women's Auxiliary of AUBMC is very sorry to announce the passing away of a prominent member of the association, Mrs. Annette Hajjar.

Mrs. Hajjar was one of the founders of the Women's Auxiliary and continued her volunteer work nonstop for over thirty years.

Her devotion was incredible and her determination to make the Coffee Shop the perfect place for doctors and students was unparalleled. For years she was there from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, even during the war. She gave so much of herself to help the needy patients, an unknown soldier.

Annette Hajjar was a rare individual indeed and the Women's Auxiliary will miss her very much. May God rest her soul. ■



# Students Get the Better of Faculty in Joint Sports Contests



Students in tug-of-war struggle with faculty.

On May 7 and 8 the Student Representative Committee of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture organized a series of tournaments and races between faculty and students.

The tournaments, in which more than fifteen faculty members participated, included volleyball and basketball games (May 7), and a football game (May 8).

The students won the volleyball game in a hard fought and close match (2-1), and swept over the faculty in the basketball game (score: 35-19, with 16 out of the 19 points won by Professor Nabih Sinno). But the students were roundly defeated by the faculty in the football game (0-2, scored by star defender Toufic Mezher and playmaker Michael Piasecki).

The field day on May 8 featured a Tug of War (won by students, who put their heaviest weight lifters on the team), a sack race for faculty and their children, and a cake-eating race (won by students, since most faculty were on a diet).

The 4 x 100 meter relay race, in which one faculty team competed against two teams of students, turned out to be a disaster for an "aging" faculty, who placed a well-deserved last.

Prizes and medals were distributed to the participating faculty and organizers by FEA Dean Nassir Sabah. A party and buffet concluded the Field Day.

Although no immediate casualties were observed at the games, it was reported that during the following weekend many faculty members were forced to relax at home while they recovered from severe cramps, bruises and strains.

The successful activity provided students and faculty with an opportunity to interact in a relaxed atmosphere away from the pressures of classrooms and examinations. ■

## Nadim Khalaf Tennis Cup

On June 25 the AUB Athletics Department and the Tennis Subcommittee of the AUB Alumni Association held a one-day friendly competition between the tennis teams of AUB and the AUB Alumni Club for the 2nd Annual Nadim Khalaf Tennis Cup. The event included singles, doubles and exhibition matches with some of Lebanon's finest players participating. Final results were as follows:

### Men's Singles

Match one:

Hassan Daouk (Alumni) defeated Fahed Dannawi (AUB) 2/1

Match two:

Rabi Hassan AUB) defeated Faysal Taher (Alumni) 2/1

Match three:

Nicola Ayyash (Alumni) defeated Amer Maleh (AUB) 2/1

Men's Doubles

Maleh/Mheidly(AUB) defeated Ayyash/Taher (Alumni) 2/0

Dannawi/Hassan (AUB) defeated Daouk/Nassif (Alumni) 9/8

The AUB Tennis Team won the cup which will be kept at AUB for the next year. ■





## 98th Field Day: Final Results

<b>1500M (w)</b>	1st Place:	Rana El-Abed	A&S
<b>400M (m)</b>	1st Place:	Jihad Saad	FEA
	2nd Place:	Chawki Dardas	FEA
<b>400M (w):</b>	1st Place:	Sarah Kouzi	FHS
	2nd Place:	Rana el-Abed	A&S
<b>5000M (m):</b>	1st Place:	Rabih Abu-Daher	FEA
	2nd Place:	Ziad Fakhry	A&S
<b>Javelin (w):</b>	1st Place:	Nadine Khattan	A&S
<b>Javelin (m):</b>	1st Place:	Abed El-Kadri	A&S
	2nd Place:	Charvel Dabaghy	A&S
	3rd Place:	Ismail Cheik-Hassan	A&S
<b>Shot-Put (m):</b>	1st Place:	Albert Lorenzo	A&S
	2nd Place:	Abed El-Kadri	A&S
	3rd Place:	Charbel Dabaghy	A&S
<b>200M (m):</b>	1st Place:	Chawki Dardas	FEA
	2nd Place:	Wael Marachli	A&S
<b>100M (m):</b>	1st Place:	Jihad Saad	FEA
	2nd Place:	Ziad Sayyad	A&S
	3rd Place:	Walid Hajj	A&S
<b>100M (w):</b>	1st Place:	Sarah Kouzi	FHS
	2nd Place:	Sally Hamdan	A&S
	3rd Place:	Sarah Madi	A&S

## AUB Tennis Tournament: Final Results

<b>Singles (m):</b>	1st place:	Mike Maksodian
	2nd place:	Fahed Dinnawi
<b>Doubles (m):</b>	1st place:	Mike Maksoudian/Karim Mansour
	2nd place:	Rabih Hassan/Fahed Dinnawi
<b>Singles (w):</b>	1st place:	Layal Sawaya
	2nd place:	Diala Ammar

## AUB 1998 Most Valuable Players

ACTIVITY	NAME	FACULTY
1- Football (m)	Weame Qassab	A&S



2- Basketball (m)	Hassan Harajli	A&S
3- Basketball (w)	Martin Najem	FAFS
4- Volleyball (m)	Hassan Ali	A&S
5- Volleyball (w)	Safa Zouk	A&S
6- Handball (m)	Fawzi Melhem	FAFS
7- Tennis (m)	Mike Maksoudian	A&S
8- Tennis (w)	Layal Sawaya	A&S
9- Swimming (m)	Mark Daow	A&S
10- Swimming (w)	Elizabeth Saleh	A&S
11- Table-Tennis(m)	Wassef Shaka'	FEA
12- Table-Tennis(w)	Hiba Al Assad	FAFS
13- Karate	Michel Iskandar	A&S
14- Aikido	Hussein Qalawi	FEA
15- Track & Field (m)	Jihad Saad	FEA
16- Track & Field (w)	Rana Al-Abed	A&S

## Final Results of 1998 Intramural

### Football (m)

- 1st: FEA
- 2nd: Medicine
- 3rd: A&S

### Basketball (m)

- 1st: FEA
- 2nd: FAFS
- 3rd: Medical Sciences (Med. + FHS)

### Volleyball (m)

- 1st: A&S
- 2nd: Medicine
- 3rd: FAFS

### Handball

- 1st: FEA
- 2nd: FAFS
- 3rd: Medical Sciences (Med. + FHS)

## AUB 5th Annual Martial Arts Festival

On June 5 the AUB Athletic Department held its annual Martial Arts Festival with more than 300 athletes representing AUB and other martial arts clubs in Lebanon. The program included performances in:

- 1-Karate
- 2-Full-Contact
- 3-Aikido
- 4-Taek-won-Do
- 5-Fencing
- 6-Boxing

At the conclusion of the show the AUB Athletics Director distributed trophies to participants. ■



# Second Mechanical Design Contest: Amphibious Vehicles



The winning design.

**T**he second Mechanical Design Contest, organized by FEA and sponsored by local industries and businesses, took place on June 12 at the AUB Beach. Entered in the contest were amphibious vehicles designed and

built by third year AUB Mechanical Engineering students as well as one vehicle built by fourth year Mechanical Engineering students from NDU.

A jury composed of personnel from universities and governmental

agencies decided on the winner of the amphibious vehicle race. Awards were then distributed for various aspects of design including: speed, precision, weight and power.



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