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## SU hosts open forum with students

BY SALEH EL AZAB  
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The Student Union (SU) organized a coliseum last Monday at the American University in Cairo (AUC) to give the student body a chance to communicate directly with SU high board members.

This was the first coliseum organized by the SU to give them a chance to evaluate the satisfaction and dissatisfaction of the student body. But there were different reactions to the coliseum.

It was attended by SU president Walid El-Sallab, vice-president Mohamed Fathi, and Student Judicial Board chairman Mohamed El Taweel, as well as the SU treasurer and the chairs of the academic, public relations, services and activities committees.

The members of the high board started with a short speech about their accomplishments to date and future plans for this semester before opening a discussion forum with the students.

Some of the students attending were not impressed with the coliseum, as the SU chairs were unable to properly respond to many of the students' inquiries, such as when Fathi took the floor to answer a question originally directed to El-Sallab about his not representing the majority of AUC students.

Mass communication junior Dina El-

Sayed described the event as "unprofessional," saying that she "was not convinced."

"I didn't pay attention to what was said; I thought it was useless," said Ramy Radwan, a mass communication senior.

Other students found the coliseum a good opportunity to discuss the academic problems they were facing regarding credits and the repeat policy. Bassem Raaouf, the SU academic committee chairperson, addressed the issue of the number of credits a student is eligible to repeat, and further added that many students believe the difference in credits needed to graduate between non-science and science majors is unfair.

Hatem Alaa, the SU activities committee chairperson, was asked about the upcoming Carnival, an annual SU activity, and why singers such as Elissa and Nancy Agram are not considered as performers. Some stars raise controversy, said Alaa, adding that they want to sign contracts with singers who appeal to everyone.

Some students thought that the idea of the coliseum was beneficial for both the students and the SU, but with the abundance of promises and plans given in their speeches, students wonder whether or not the SU will live up to their word. "It's a good strategy [organizing a coliseum], but there is something [fishy] behind it," said Hani Selim, a business administration senior.

## New dean chosen for BEC

BY YASMEEN EL MALLAH  
Caravan Editor

Former AUC professor Dennis O'Connor takes over as the new dean of the school of business, economics and communication (BEC) on August 29, said Provost Tim Sullivan, who announced the appointment last week.

"There were a lot of candidates and that in itself was encouraging, but O'Connor stood out from the rest," said Sullivan. "This will be the third dean in the history of the school."

Amr Mortagy, the current dean of the BEC, has built on the foundation of the dean before him and O'Connor will continue, added Sullivan.

"Mortagy has done some great accomplishments for the BEC and I am sure O'Connor will continue," said Sullivan. "O'Connor is extremely enthusiastic."

"It is nice to be able to do important work in an important and unique university," O'Connor told the Caravan.

Even though O'Connor has been semi-retired since 2001, he is a professor emeritus

at the California State University, Fullerton, where he taught for 27 years.

This will be O'Connor's third position at AUC. He was a visiting professor of economics from 1969 to 1970 and a visiting professor in the management department from 1998 to 2001.

Besides teaching at AUC, O'Connor was an assistant professor of economics at Arizona State University from 1963 to 1970 and then an associate professor of finance at the University of San Francisco from 1970 to 1971. He moved to California State University at Fullerton as a professor of finance from 1971 to 1998.

O'Connor graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1960. He received his master's and Ph.D. in economics from the New School for Social Research in New York in 1963 and 1967 respectively.

Although Sullivan made the final decision, a search committee of six faculty members from the BEC and the chairs of its three departments recommended O'Connor to the Provost.

O'Connor will arrive in Egypt in mid-August to prepare for the new academic year.

## ISLC helps out in Toshka project

BY NADINE EL SAYED  
Caravan Reporter

The International Student Leadership Council (ISLC) organized a trip for 22 members to the Toshka project in Egypt's Southern Valley to change negative misconceptions about the project, particularly that it was a waste of time and money, said ISLC president Ahmed Sobhy.

The visit took place on March 3 and also aimed to show youth the progress that the project has achieved, said Sobhy.

"It was interesting because we hear about Toshka all the time and we didn't know if it was a failed project or if it has potential. I was actually impressed," said ISLC member Yusra Elimam.

"We found that Toshka was a project that can help Egypt and that needed youth involvement for its success," said Sobhy.

The Toshka project is a government venture that sets up projects for youth by building small agricultural communities in the Nile valley, said Hady Fahmy, the chief executive officer of the Egyptian Trade Holding Company, the government representative responsible for the venture.

Students were shown the dam irrigating the project and the greenhouses, and were given the opportunity to sample vegetables grown on the land. "We even ate cucumber and pepper from the land," said Yusra Elimam, an ISLC member. They then attended a seminar giving them the background of the project and headed to Abu Simbel for a sound and light show at the famous temple.

The project was inaugurated in 1998 and was based on reclamation of fertile, undeveloped land in the South Valley of the Nile. "Toshka is about bringing life to the desert," said Fahmy.

The visit promoted this year's ISLC theme, which deals with the challenges of Egypt's new reform era. ISLC helps students develop individual skills to benefit them as well as their society.

Organic agriculture techniques are used on the land, with no added chemicals or pesticides. "We want to make it an export area



Photo provided by Radwa Bahgat

FOR A BETTER EGYPT: Members of ISLC recently traveled to Toshka in order to become more involved in developing parts of Egypt.

for vegetables and fruits. Our first objective is to create an integral agricultural community using modern systems," said Fahmy, adding that their second objective is to add 90,000 feddans (378,000 kilometers) to be planted with crops like wheat as well as vegetables and fruits. Fahmy explained that another important objective for the company is to export 70 percent of all vegetables and fruits cultivated.

Many students were pleased with the results of the project, and were surprised by the cleanliness of the weather and greenery of the valley. "When we went there we found that what is being said is being done and we felt that there is hope," said Karim El Nagdy, the financial coordinator for ISLC.

"The weather there is so nice and pure and the Nile is actually blue," said Elimam.

## Girls included in soccer league

BY MAHMOUD HAFIZ  
Caravan Reporter

For the first time, the Entrepreneurs' Society (ES) has organized its annual soccer tournament, The League, to include female players as well.

A total of 38 teams, six of girls and 32 of boys, both including international students and graduates, will participate in the tournament from March 9 until the end of April at the American University in Cairo (AUC).

According to Ali Bouchellih, head of the society's organizing committee (OC), the third annual tournament is a joint project between the fundraising committee and the reception and entertainment committee. Bouchellih said that ES plans to invite the Egyptian national soccer team to the closing ceremony.

The OC has divided the teams into two groups, which will be eliminated according to the points they score in their matches.

"We distributed brochures and provided information to all students who were interested in participating in this tournament at our booth in the Greek Campus two weeks ago," said Bouchellih.

Nataly Sirkedjian, a mass communication sophomore and player on the "Bird Flu" team, said she found out about the tournament through a friend. "I found it to be a great idea to form a team and to get to know other students from different majors within university," she added.

A study-abroad student and member in "Chicitias" team, Reagan Miller, said that she plays for the university's soccer team

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## HIGH FIVE



Photo provided by the Student Housing Office

Student

## Al-Quds Club impeaches president

BY KARIM HIGAZY  
Caravan Reporter

Al-Quds Club is still in turmoil after Ahmed Sabri, the previous president, was impeached and replaced with philosophy senior Farah Channaa approximately three weeks ago.

Arguments continue over what happened to warrant the impeachment and the new elections.

The Al-Quds Club was closed until this semester, when it was reopened by Sabri, who put his name down as president and listed Mahmoud Bizarri as vice-president. According to the club's constitution, the president must be elected by members of the club who attend at least 33 percent of the meetings.

According to Channaa, he never organized the elections, leaving "half the club members unhappy." Eventually, a petition for his

impeachment was circulated and new elections took place, which Sabri lost 20 to three.

"I didn't like the way he [conducted business], so I wrote a petition," said Channaa, who admitted that she did it to oust him from power. During the petition process, "23 out of 28 people showed up, [and] 17 agreed to sign" she said.

According to Channaa, Sabri did not even know that the constitution existed nor did he notify members of the club prior to any large events. Apparently, he also said he would remain part of the club if he was removed, but he didn't follow through once elections took place.

"We aren't affiliated but we offer any help...because we believe in the cause, not the club," said Sabri, who along with Bizarri, was forced to leave when the elections took place. Sabri argued that the

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## Workshops improve students' language skills

BY NANCY KAMAL  
Caravan Reporter

The writing center is organizing workshops every month for both graduate and undergraduate students to improve their skills in writing, computer technology, oral presentations and grammar, according to Nastasha Gast, the writing center coordinator.

"We realized that many students in different departments need help in their communication, writing and grammar skills," said Gast.

The latest workshop was held by Gast on March 8 and focused on in-class writing and essay exams.

The session was divided into three parts. In the first part, students got strategies and tips on how to prepare an essay in class, and then followed up by writing an essay in the second part. Finally, they discussed their problems and how to improve in the third part.

"It was a nice and quick revision on the basics of writing in-class essays," said Joseph Zekry, a physics graduate student.

"Brainstorming all the ideas before starting to write an essay is the key point I'll always remember when attempting to write an essay in the future. I hope I can attend a similar workshop on writing technical reports and research papers," he added.

The students who apply for the workshops should be declared in a major. Students who are still in the

English Language Institute are not allowed to participate.

Eighteen students registered for the last workshop, but only 12 came to the session, said Gast, adding that she was pleased with the number of students who came. There were announcements about the workshops in the Channel, the online Daily Bulletin, the graduate student office, and in distributed flyers, she said.

Since many students react differently in exams due to pressure and limited time, "the goal of these workshops is mainly to let students communicate more effectively during essay exams...to avoid getting overwhelmed by time constraints and pressure," said Gast.

More than half of the participants agreed that the content met the objectives of the workshops and some said the practice exercises and the handouts were the most helpful parts of the workshop, said Gast.

"The most useful part for me [in this workshop] was the implementation part. It has illustrated for me my weak points and has added to my skills a lot," said Marc Alfred, a construction engineering graduate.

This workshop is helpful for both academic studies and work, said Christine Lotfy, a mass communication senior. "I decided to attend all the coming workshops because it was very beneficial for me," she added.

## A wave of art engulfs viewers

BY NERINE EZZELDIN  
Caravan Reporter

The Performing and Visual Arts department (PVA) at the American University in Cairo (AUC) is showing "The Motion of the Ocean," an exhibition done in collaboration with students in the U.S. and AUC alumna and artist Dina Danish.

"I work on an item and then send it abroad by mail for the other artists to complete it," said Danish, who currently works as the PVA art unit assistant.

She added that the exhibition is mainly based on her paintings in collaboration with Christopher White. The other two artists are Thomas Bates and McIntyre Parker, who both live in California.

The main idea of this exhibition was to carry out the "under the water" theme through self-portraits, photographs and installation pieces, according to Danish.

"It is extremely creative. It has many mediums. It is very fun and very lively," said Laila El-Sadr, a mass communication senior. "I have never seen something like this before."

People who attended the opening were given a bottle of bubbles to blow to add to the underwater atmosphere while enjoying the works of art.

"The Motion of the Ocean" will remain on display until March 23 in the New Falaki gallery.

## AUC sophomore redesigns restaurant

BY CHEREEN ZAKI  
Caravan Reporter

Imagine stepping into a revamped sushi restaurant with black and white walls and polished black wooden floors. Picture sitting on black sleek furniture with purple velvet cushions that set a "funky" atmosphere. Now imagine that all of what you see around you was designed by an American University in Cairo (AUC) art sophomore.

Karim Molyneux-Berry, 20, is the student displaying his talent in interior design at the re-opening of W, a sushi restaurant in Zamalek.

Besides their high quality sushi and strategic location, W, formerly known as Way Out Sushi, changed both its name and atmosphere with the help of Molyneux-Berry. "We were looking for a complete facelift," said Tamer Ahmed, the owner of W.

Before the renovation, the restaurant was dull and normal, but is now a "chic kind of sushi place, hip and modern," said Hadeel Alaini, a political science senior.

"Way Out was my first job," said Molyneux-Berry, who is the vice chairman of his mother's company Design Emporium, which imports fabrics, wallpaper, furniture and lighting from Europe, North America and Asia.

"What struck me most about Karim and Design Emporium was their non-conventional designs," said Ahmed, who plans on opening a couple of different branches of W in Cairo and hopes to keep working with Molyneux-Berry and Design Emporium as long as they

keep up with their "fresh designs," he added.

An acquaintance of Molyneux-Berry who works as a high level executive at Way Out contacted him looking for something "funky fresh, but still minimalist to keep the Japanese essence," said Molyneux-Berry.

Alaini, who attended the re-opening of W on February 23 said that she was "amazed that he made more people fit," which Molyneux-Berry said was his biggest obstacle. While previously seating only 10 to 15 people, W now seats more than 30, thanks to the re-design.

Alaini is also a client of Design Emporium, which is currently redecorating her apartment. "They have their own touch, a unique kind of style," she added.

Malicah Eissa, a business administration senior, also attended the re-opening and really liked the design calling it "funky and cozy," adding that it is an achievement that it was done by an AUC student.

Molyneux-Berry began working on the renovation in November 2005. Calling his style "minimalistic funk," Molyneux-Berry said, "I wanted to have as little color as possible" and avoid clutter in his design of W.

W is now open everyday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is famous for its W Roll, fried shrimp with Japanese mayonnaise and green caviar sprinkled on the top. It is also one of the only sushi places in Cairo that imports its fish from abroad, guaranteeing a better and fresher taste, said Ahmed.

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Tel. No.: 02-737-2996



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MINIMALIST: Molyneux-Berry's subdued colors and style, make W the new hot spot in Cairo.

## On The Wire

The 64-year-old former Yugoslavian president Slobodan Milosevic was found dead in his prison cell Saturday, March 11 at the Scheveningen Detention Center in The Hague.

The death of Milosevic is "a great pity for justice and makes it more urgent to bring down war crime fugitives," said the United Nations chief prosecutor in The Hague, according to CNN. Milosevic was being tried by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and faced 66 charges including genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes during the disintegration of Yugoslavia.

Milosevic served as president from 1990 until his overthrow in 2000; he was later transferred to The Hague in 2001 and went on trial in the following year.

According to the Associated Press, Milosevic died of natural causes. However, friends and family believe there was foul play in Milosevic's death, blaming the judicial assembly, and saying that Milosevic needed to travel to Russia for medical treatment but the tribunal refused to allow it.

Milosevic's chronic heart ailments and high blood pressure had caused numerous long recesses in the trial, which has been going on for more than four years.

Did you know that the Yugoslavian president died in prison?

YES | NO  
24% | 76%

"Oh, isn't he the guy from the football team who died?"

- Sarah El Guindy,  
JPMC sophomore

"He killed himself because he knew he would be killed for his crimes anyway."

- Mohammed Hammady,  
POLS senior

"I read about him in school. He should have been hanged. He used to make people suffer."

- Nagham Tharwat,  
JPMC junior

"He was supposed to be prosecuted for his war crimes in a week's time but then God's will intervened."

- Maged Fakhri,  
Economics junior

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first two meetings were not enough to judge him on.

Sabri claims he was fully aware of the constitution, saying that he would obviously be aware of a constitution that has existed for 21 years. "It's the oldest one on campus; it's older than the Egyptian state's one," said Sabri.

The impeachment took place after Channaa and other members of the Al-Quds Club evaluated the club's constitution and analyzed the various ways Sabri was violating it. They took their case to the Office of Student Development (OSD) who eventually agreed. "Meetings were a huge mess and not constructive," said head of logistics in the club, Isabella Manassarian.

Sabri also argued that during his control, there was no need to revert to the constitution because things were running smoothly, and using the constitution was only necessary when problems arose.

"I felt it was a betrayal," said Shareen

Alaa, a mass communication sophomore, who went on to describe how Sabri resurrected and built the club. This point was also made by Bizarri, who claimed that all that he and Sabri had time for was to take the initiative to start the club.

Three weeks into Channaa's presidency, the club has been able to carry out *dabka* (a cultural dance) training from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, with a Palestinian embroidery class planned for March 26, as a way to introduce people to Palestinian culture and in order to raise money. A Palestinian culture night has also been planned for the future, with food and a documentary.

A newsletter is in process, a book donation effort is being organized and charitable projects are being planned in coordination with the Palestinian Red Cross. "Al-Quds wants to introduce the AUC community to the Palestinian identity," said Channaa.

When asked about the incident, Sabri declined to comment, only stating that "I don't want to attack people."

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#### Senate to vote on hiring permanent medical professional

The discussion concerned whether faculty in the departments will be able to adjust to the modifications. The existing faculty will be able to adjust because it is just a modification of the degree, said Hatem Menshawy, a professor in the management department. However, additional faculty will be needed as the program is further developed.

Hill was the only member of the Senate who opposed the third proposal, accusing it of not having enough details.

"I've seen global enthusiasm surrounding this program with Columbia University, which includes the Ministry of Development in Egypt," added Menshawy.

The meeting ended with a motion for an Emergency Medical Policy, including hiring someone "trained and qualified" to be on duty at all times when the campus is open. But the position and details of the idea were postponed for discussion until the beginning of the next senate meeting.

The university's senate meets monthly throughout the academic year, and includes mostly full-time faculty members, as well as administration and representatives of the Student Union (SU). After senate resolutions are passed, they are submitted to the AUC president for consideration and appropriate action.

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#### Champions will win trip to El Gouna

and one of her colleagues told her about the tournament. "My expectation is that we might have hard matches, because the other teams are very strong, but we have good chance for winning," said Miller.

Students believe that the matches are more organized, with an atmosphere that is more fun and attracts a bigger audience this year.

Mohamed Khedr, operations head for the tournament, said that the idea came as a way to "connect the students in informal and athletic ways," he added, "What is special about The League is the technique we adopt that gives more opportunity for students to play more matches."

The referee, Ali Gad, a physics senior said, "no one objects to the calls and I had more fun refereeing the girls' games more than the guys."

The official sponsor for the tournament has offered four-days of accommodation at El Gouna for the winning team. The other prizes have not yet been decided.

## Not your average professor

BY REHAAM ROMERO  
Caravan Reporter

From his boyhood in the small country town of Bryan, Texas to a full-fledged university professor at the American University in Cairo (AUC), AbdAllah Talib Donald Cole's journey has been as ever-changing as the shades of blue in his friendly eyes.

Better known simply as AbdAllah Cole to his students and peers, Cole teaches anthropology at AUC. His students remember him not only for the knowledge he has given them or his soft spoken speech laden with *alhamdulillahs* (all praise is due to Allah) and *inshallahs* (if Allah wills), but simply for his demeanor.

"He's really really sweet," said Alia Zakaria, an anthropology senior, "I love him."

Cole's interest in languages led him to major in Spanish at the University of Texas in Austin and to explore Latin American culture. It was only when he went to graduate school at the University of California in Berkeley to study anthropology that he became interested in the Arab world.

"I was influenced by my professor, Laura Nader, Ralph Nader's sister, to focus on the Arab world with the idea of [doing] comparative research between the Arab world and Latin America," said Cole.

In 1968, Cole journeyed to the eastern province of Saudi Arabia to do field research for his PhD dissertation and it was there that he embraced Islam.

"I was surrounded by Islam in Saudi Arabia. When someone told me 'get up and pray,' it just seemed like the right thing to do... that was the beginning of my learning and one continues to learn throughout life," he said.

However, like many Muslims at the time, Cole strayed in his adherence to the Islamic practice. "I always believed, but became weak in my practice upon my return to Berkeley," said Cole.

Then AUC intervened, offering him a teaching position in 1971, back in the Arab world where he truly wanted to be. AUC offered him the position for two years and he's been here since.

"AUC and Egypt in the 1970s provided one of the few places where a person could live in the Arab world and be engaged in an academic career," said Cole. "This became my home."

It was only during his stay in Egypt that Cole returned to Islamic practices and officially declared his conversion to Al Azhar. "Returning to Islam has brought me a sense of meaning and calm, which I consider something given to me by Allah," said Cole with a gentle smile.

Cole said that his family did not understand his submission to Islam, but his parents accepted of the change in his life. "The reservation [they] had was that I was too far away. They weren't happy that I was gone," said Cole.

In Cole's eyes, the U.S. lacks many qualities that he values in the Arab culture. "Here I learned about honor and dignity, belief and values, the importance of family and especially the strong bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood," said Cole.

American culture, however, emphasizes the individual, according to Cole, and as important as that is, the right of society and the group should always be taken into account. "Society reflects religion and religion informs society. It's important to keep that in mind in a world where people have no ties to any place," said Cole.



Rehaam Romero / THE CARAVAN

ANTHROPOLOGIST: After converting to Islam, Cole decided to stay and teach in AUC where he felt at home in the Arab community.

## Perplexed on Mother's Day?

BY MOMEN MOHAMED  
Caravan Reporter

With Mother's Day only two days away, the endless gift choices available make it difficult to decide. You shouldn't despair, though, because your choices will now be wittled down to a good few, while still leaving you a variety to choose from.

For starters, if you're looking for a traditional and simple gift, look no further than Hope Flowers, a flower boutique in Heliopolis. The shop offers various types of flowers and bouquets. Prices range from around LE 5 to LE 50 and delivery is free to any location.

If your mother prefers something useful and decorative, check out Nuts @ Nuts, also in Heliopolis. Here they offer candles, frames, steel tea-sets and steel trays. Prices range from LE 50 to

LE 300, not including gift wrapping. Gift wrapping prices will set you back about LE 7 to LE 15 and several shapes and styles of cards are offered as well.

If you still want something decorative, but with more class, Tulype at City Stars offers just that. Fancy gifts such as Bohemian Czech crystal vases start at LE 35 and go to LE 450. You can also go for imported Chinese lamps that cost LE 150, or you can upgrade to the French lamps, which cost between LE 350 and LE 1,200.

If those types of gifts do not appeal to you, get your mother something every woman adores: perfume, accessories and make-up. These can be found in any of Mazaya's branches located in Mohandiseen, Nasr City and Heliopolis. Luckily for you, the store is offering a 10 percent discount on Mother's

Day for their customers. Gift packs containing perfumes and body creams start at LE 100 to LE 700. The store offers accessories and stationery as well, ranging from LE 400 to LE 20,000.

With the choices narrowed down, just keep in mind that your mother is worth any of them and she'll be grateful.

Hope Flowers:

57 El Horreya St., Heliopolis

Nuts @ Nuts:

82 El Thawra St., Heliopolis

Mazaya:

- City Stars, Nasr City

- Carrefour in Dandy Mall

Cairo Alexandria Desert Rd.

- Grand Store, Heliopolis

- 65 Shehab St., Mohandiseen

Tulype:

City Stars, Nasr City



Aly El Gammal / THE CARAVAN

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?: No Big Deal caters to those looking for a different place to work and relax. It offers smoking and non-smoking sections as well.

## Siami food one step away

BY KARIM HIGAZY  
Caravan Reporter

It is normal to walk around campus witnessing copious amounts of food being stuffed in the mouths of AUCians but this month Egyptian Coptic Christians won't be among the voracious eaters.

Coptic Christians fast for 55 days starting on February 27 and ending on Easter, to honor the fast of Jesus Christ. Foods that Copts refrain from eating include chicken, beef, fish and dairy products, specifically any living creature with a soul. Permitted foods are called *siami* or food for fasting.

The *foul* and *koshari* producers of Cairo should rejoice this month, as these culturally renowned dishes are big winners when it comes to *siami* consumption. Any Coptic AUC student needs to look no further than behind the Greek campus at Koshari Tahrir for good food.

While the seating and atmosphere might not be as posh and impressive as Cilantro, the food itself is rather impressive. With sauces, chili, pasta, lentils, rice and onions served with every bowl, you can sit down and enjoy a meal with various bottles and spices at your disposal, or order take away. "It fills me up and it's convenient because it's next to the university," said Christo Argyrro, a business administration senior. You can pay from LE 2 to five, depending on the size of the meal, and the sheer speed at which the waiters and cooks work is notable.

To fill your stomach at a very reasonable price while enjoying a truly Egyptian

meal, go down to Gad, also behind the Greek campus, where you can pick up a *foul* or *falafel* sandwich to go, or enjoy the atmosphere and eat in. While Gad is usually crowded with people, students seem to enjoy their juicy sandwiches, which do not cost more than LE 3. Such sandwiches include the *falafel* with aubergine or the simple french fries sandwich, made of *taheena*, salad, and fries, all in pita bread.

Yet another hidden place for food that qualifies as *siami* is the small *feteer* shop to the left of the CACE gate, which serves *feteer* with cheese, jam, or honey. Served to you wrapped in a piece of paper, this oily meal sets you back a mere 50 piasters, but is served fresh out of the bakers' oven and the juicy taste will make you want more.

On the opposite side of the street to the CACE gate lies another option for those seeking out the *siami* foods. While Beano's serves various dishes, including smoked salmon and melted cheese crepes, a Coptic Christian fasting will most likely appreciate their salads, including the Caesar salad. Although the food is rather pricey, it is served in generous portions.

Known around the world for its pizzas, Pizza Hut now offers a larger menu. Dishes that may appeal to those fasting include pasta dishes like fettuccini, the new veggie spring rolls, the salad bar and potatoes. McDonald's, although known for its juicy burgers, now also offers a veggie burger specifically for those fasting, which McDonald's fans seem to enjoy. "It tastes nice and is different," said Marina Nageeb, a mass communication freshman.

## RECOMMENDED: Kind of a big deal

BY ALY EL GAMMAL  
Caravan Reporter

With a cozy feeling accentuated by dark brown, yellow and green walls, and the privacy of closed shutters, No Big Deal is a café with a warm atmosphere and Wi-Fi availability for those looking for a place to both relax and work.

"I enjoy coming to work here in peace, and make use of the Wi-Fi," said May Kassem, a psychology alumna.

Slide open the door, choose between the smoking or non-smoking section and take your seat at one of the high or low tables made for two. No Big Deal is decorated with an ethnic touch, blending a modern Egyptian style with African masks and posters. The windows are covered by closed shutters that give a special indoor mood.

The café holds about 30 customers. To add to its uniqueness, two blackboards display the days' specials as well as a summarized version of the menu. Sources of entertainment include a large rack of magazines, two TVs and 104.2 Nile FM playing in the background.

The menu is self-explanatory and well-organized, offering a wide selection of hot and cold sandwiches, hot meals, pastas and salads. As for the beverages, coffee and

fresh juices are available along with an extra menu for flavored coffees from Nestlé. Desserts, cold beverages, as well as small sandwiches and salads are available from a closed refrigerator.

For those early-birds, the place opens for breakfast at 7 a.m. serving a variety of omelets and baked goods. If you are a cheesecake lover, it is a must-try. Prices are relatively moderate and nothing on the menu exceeds LE 20.

The quality of the food is good and well presented, and they even heat your dessert for you. Their service is quick, pleasant and patient. "I ordered a cheesecake and changed my order three times and the waiter kept his smile the whole time," said Kassem.

If you are a non-smoker, no big deal, you can sit in their smoke-free room that also doubles as a gift shop. There, you can choose from a big selection of household accessories and gifts as you enjoy your meal or pick them up on your way out.

Zamalek:  
1A Sayed el Bakry St.  
Tel. No.: 7360502  
Heliopolis:  
70 Merghany St.  
Tel. No.: 2919828

## Q & A

### QUESTION:

How does the choice of the SU president affect you?



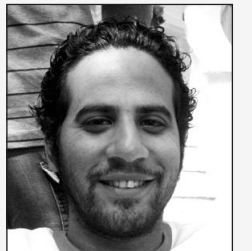
"Members of the Student Union affect me more than the president."

- Hatem Alaa  
BADM senior



"It doesn't affect me, like the fountain up on the platform doesn't."

- Wael Fateen  
EENG senior



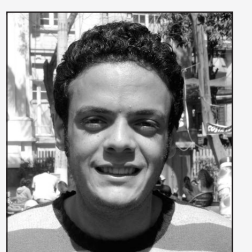
"It's just a position that they fill, there is no use for him."

- Karim Karam  
Political science senior



"It affects me that his opinion and decisions should represent the majority of students, not the minority."

- Hala Serry  
BADM sophomore



"It affects me when the one I vote for wins."

- Mohamed El-Khouly  
Accounting sophomore

# The Voice

If a student faints in one of the bathrooms or has an epileptic seizure in the middle of Greek campus, other students in the vicinity are often at a loss about how to act.

When someone collapses on campus, the typical reaction of students is to crowd them and panic. But there is a lot that they can do to be useful, and the first step is to remain calm and give that person space. The university clinic is suitably equipped to deal with emergencies, but surprisingly few students know the number to call. Students who can administer first aid should be the only ones taking action.

It is also extremely important that students be aware of illnesses such as epilepsy and schizophrenia so that in situations such as these they are able to act responsibly, instead of acting like most students do, staring from a distance, pointing and talking.

AUC is well known for its students' helpful nature towards those in need. However, they should keep in mind that charity begins at home and that sometimes their peers and even their professors may need a helping hand.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### On ridicule

All hail the wisdom-maker: ridicule. Ridicule arrives and crisis walks right in. Being the object of ridicule breeds health and humility. It deepens, or destroys, one's principles. Either way one gains more truth about oneself.

Faced with such promises, who wouldn't welcome the crisis of ridicule? There are four categories of humans: those who don't welcome challenge; those who prefer immutability to mutability; those who don't yet know, and don't want to know, how big and various the world is; and anyone new to being ridiculed.

Teens know ridicule. Adults pretend it never happened, especially to them. Adults prefer to forget the shoe tip acting like a carnival sledge hammer against the tailbone, a moment suffered on the school bus in front of everyone – gales of laughter, your bitten-back tears. Such kicks don't threaten life; they just simply and effectively translate pain and ridicule simultaneously.

Adults forget the spiritual ridiculing, as well: 'fathead,' 'rail-tail,' 'monkey-ears.' Is there any end to the meanness and novelty, the sheer creativity and pain of teen ridicule? I have never told my wife my high school nickname, because I never chose it. Every time it was intoned by an older, larger boy, I felt a withering self-consciousness. Later, when opening my suitcase for the first time at a college hundreds of miles removed from this nickname, I felt enormous release. Free at last!

If teens succeed in overcoming ridicule's shame and humiliation, they learn a two-fold truth. First, one cannot stop ridicule. One can only rise above it and let it live out its inevitable half-life. Second, if ridicule survives, perhaps it's time to give some thought to whether the ridicule does not have some basis in fact.

Ridicule comes in many shapes, many sizes. No need to try to find it. It finds you. Adults ridicule by evasive innuendo, by subtle gradations of voice, by the roll of an eye, the pinching of a brow. The first moment of ridicule takes your breath away. In America, I was parking my car one night beneath a third story, outdoor college pizzeria when I heard, quite clearly, sung into the pristine night air of the deep Louisiana spring, 'Hey, look at that old man down there.'

I was 29 (I'm now double that age). Looking up, I caught the disappearing face of a coed – 18? – horrified that I'd heard her. Her own hand clamped over her mouth. But laughing too. In fact, reeling with hysterical fits of laughter because she'd been caught by the very object of her ridicule. I remember her eyes, huge, connected possibly to a cylinder of nitrous oxide.

Later that night, alone at home, I confronted the fact that my balding head, seen from high above, radiated something other than everlasting youth.

Thanks, Dad, for the male-pattern baldness.

John Verlenden

Writing Program Instructor

### Unwanted majors

This semester is my eighth at AUC and I've enjoyed it a lot since I have been through most majors in this university. I've been an engineering, computer science, math, economics and political science student. This experience allows me to advise my fellow students on deciding their major. From my personal point of view and that of some graduates, there are some unnecessary majors that won't help you in your life. Whether it's math, physics, anthropology or sociology, you'll need more than luck to find an appropriate job unless you minor in one of the more "important" fields such as computer science, business administration, economics, etc.

Egypt is still a developing country, making these fields not well-represented or even found in the Egyptian working society. Perhaps the only available job for you if you graduate from them is to teach them yourself.

In my case, I used to jump from one major to the other for several reasons. At first, it was the all-famous "declaration" problem, which I'm sure most of us have suffered from, and the dramatic decline of my GPA.

But when I look back at my own experience, I find the fact that I was a math student something unrealistic; I had my head up in the clouds. I adore math. It has always been my favorite subject through all my school years. And when I joined AUC, my math classes were the best. But when I declared math and started advancing in its courses, things changed. I realized that I have absolutely no future if I graduate from math and the only respectable job that I could get is to teach math at a university, which led me to change my major.

As important as math is for all specializations of engineering and computer science and those who study it for the mere sake that they love the major, this is regretfully not how Egypt regards it.

Mahmoud Assem

Political science senior

### SU president defends himself

"But honestly, I feel that if I were to see the Danish Prime Minister, I might kill him myself without thinking." WOW! What nice words! They would attract your attention the moment you read them. Only an idiot might say these words, and not a Student Union (SU) president! I don't like to be put in a defensive situation but I'll address in the next sentences people who respect me and people who have the brains to think.

On a sunny day, the SU decided to organize a peaceful rally in the Greek campus to raise students' awareness about the Denmark issue and how we as AUCians should react in a peaceful manner because "Islam [is a] word [that] comes from peace." On the same day, a Time magazine reporter named Lindsay Wise asked me if she could have an interview. It lasted for half an hour (you can imagine how much can be said in half an hour), in which I kept talking about Islam and how the prophet Mohammed taught us to deal in such situations and how we, the SU, plan to respond. Suddenly, two sentences were published in the next issue in an article written by a different reporter. Not only that, but the sentences weren't even uttered by me. It seems that she wasn't convinced by what I said so she decided to change it and to present me as the AUC terrorist who contradicts himself in two consecutive sentences, as the respectful professor Richard Hoath called me in his very thoughtful letter "AUC professor reprimands SU president," in the March 5 issue of the Caravan.

I am now suing Time magazine and I swear that justice will be reached because God doesn't forget his believers. As for Hoath, whom I still respect, I would like to send him a few messages. First, I would have appreciated it if you had called me to your office to discuss the issue instead of insulting me in public. Anyone can tell someone you are a donkey, but my self-respect and my religion prevents me from insulting anyone back. And as for the ferry incident, which you accused me of not giving attention to, I would like to point out for you, sir, that we initiated a donations campaign for its victims but you didn't give it enough attention. It seems that we always like to look at the glass as half empty.

The SU is now organizing its biggest campaign ever, "The Dialogue" to bridge the gap between the Muslim world and the West by enlightening them about our prophet and our religion.

Walid El-Sallab

SU president

## In these times

### On your special day

YASMEEN EL MALLAH  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The boy stared in bewilderment at the crowd. He had no idea what was going on. Everything had passed by so quickly. In a matter of seconds, the one thing that meant everything to him had slipped away.

The thought of her being gone forever made him hyperventilate all over again. There was no way that this could happen to him. She was too young and he never got the chance to say goodbye. All those nights he kept her up worrying, all those times he needed someone to hold him, all the times he needed someone to confide in, all taken away from him with no return.

He recalled the countless arguments he had had with her because of the way he drove and all the broken promises that he never made up. If only he had listened. If only he understood and knew that she was doing it for his own good. Too many if onlys.

She was the first to congratulate him when he passed his driving test and the first to cry when he moved out. She was his all. She was his world and now it all came tumbling over him.

There would no longer be dirty socks to pick up from underneath the bed. No more bickering over what to watch on TV. No more yelling for leaving the empty milk carton in the fridge. No more arguing over who gets to use the bathroom first.

What he would give now for one more of those fights.

There was nothing he could do to freeze time and apologize for everything. All he could do was savor all the memories he had of her. He vowed to change, if not for himself, then for her. To make her proud with each passing day.

He'll be courteous and treat women with respect. He'll quit smoking and lead a healthy life. He'll stop playing the field and leading women on. He'll go to work every day with the same passion and enthusiasm that she brought to her life. He promised to make something of himself and no longer hide in the shadows. He would truly appreciate the people he loves dearly with every passing moment and no longer spend time arguing over the petty things.

He slowly walked into her room and plopped himself onto her bed. He buried his face into the pillow and quietly cried. He then looked at the picture of the two of them at his graduation from university and whispered: "Happy Mother's Day, mommy, every single day."



## Shareen says:

### Overlord of brewing women

SHAREEN NASR-EL-DIN  
*Senior Features Editor*

I have lost all faith in that useless body, popularly known as the Student Union. It all happened early last week, when I was shocked by the results of the live band auditions that occurred the previous weekend.

I know talent when I see it, we all do, but none of us have the authority to say who does not have enough talent. Well none of us, except those power-ridden students in the union, who believe that it's their prerogative, like the one and only judge who arrived 45 minutes late.

I witnessed students in bands practice for hours to perfection and perform with charisma, class, and true talent – and those same students were denied the opportunity to perform in the Student Union hosted "talent show."

It was these same bands who were requested at the last minute to play only one track, instead of two. They were promised 10 minutes of performing time when in reality the allotted time was cut in half. The reason? Because one of the bands before them took up roughly 45 minutes of everyone else's time. That same band made the cut. Several talented bands left Ewart Hall empty-handed.

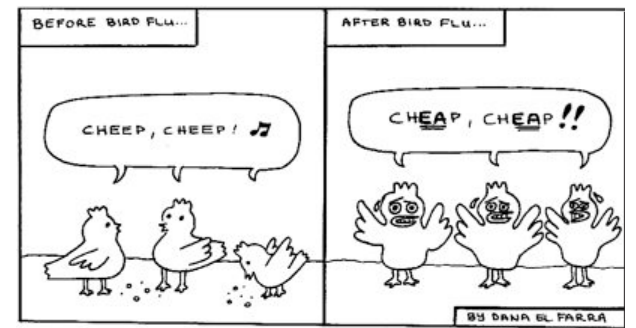
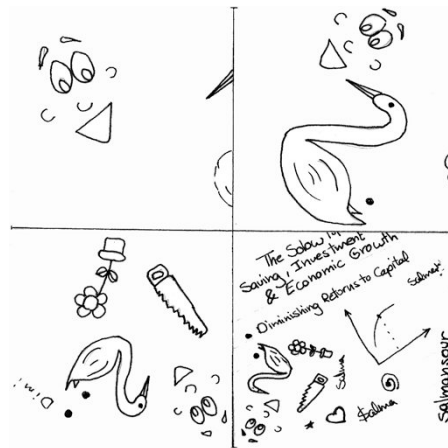
Now here's the ironic part. No band had fans stand up and chant near the stage except one: Overlords of the Brewing Women. That same band did not make the cut. The one band that actually had people moved by their talent was measured not good enough by the judge. Now, was this fair? Needless to say, only five bands made it.

I was there at both audition sessions. I saw many of these bands practice and sweat for hours in rented studios so they could share their talent with anyone who would listen. It seems to me that the union needs to work on its own "talent" in creating a show.





How to survive class...



Word Search: For all the men



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|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Binky the doormat | Calling Elvis  | Hey Jude          | Popeye the sailor man |
| Black Jesus       | Clint Eastwood | Hey Mickey        | Simon                 |
| Bobby Dazzler     | Cotton Eye Joe | Hit the road Jack | Stan                  |
| Brian Wilson      | Danny Boy      | Jeremy            | Tom's Diner           |
| Buddy Holly       | Fernando       | Mr. Jones         | Vincent               |

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## بريد القافلة

## نعيب زماننا والعيب فينا

الورق ده تبجي تاخده زي النهاردة) مع العلم أن كل ما كنا نحتاجه هو بعض الإمضاءات والأختام دون تقديم أي مقابل مادي فنظر لنا عامل المصعد ثم توجه للموظف بالكلام (يابيه ده طلب مستعجل) فنظر الينا ودخل إلى مدير المكتب وبعد ثلاث دقائق كل شيء كان منتهى وطبعا الفيلم ده كان لإستنفاد مواردنا الماليه وطالب كل من الموظف وعامل المصعد نصيبهما من (الهرش) أقصد المال . وبعد مغادرتنا (المهرشة) أقصد المصلحه حمدنا الله على أننا لازلنا نرتدي ملابسنا وخرجنا من هذا الكابوس دون مشاكل ولكن كم يجني هولاء المرتزقة من أموال في أماكنهم هذه غير رواتبهم. كم عدد الضحايا الذين يقعون تحت رحمتهم وأين يكون الخطأ ومن أين يبدأ الإصلاح. ضاع الضمير ولم يستدل على مكانه داخل قلوب البشر فهل من باحث يستطيع ان ينقذ الضمير ويعيده الى أهله وقبل (الهرش) ما يغلى .

أحمد يوسف  
مركز التعليم المستمر والكبار

## عربي أنا... الله أعلم

العربية) نسبة إلى الوهن أو الضعف الذي يعاني منه الوطن العربي من حل للأزمة الفلسطينية، أو فض للشباك العراقي، أو حل للخلاف السوري اللبناني أو لأي مشكلة تواجه (الشرخ) الأوسط، الذي يعاني هو الآخر من (زلازل) تزيد الشرخ اتساعاً وضعفاً. رابعاً وأخيراً: فإن اسم العامل الذي يباشر كل أعمال (القهوة) هو: (مظلوم) وهو بوضوح شديد حال الأمة العربية بأكملها. للأسف لم يبق من العروبة سوى اسمها أو بعض من الأغاني التي تُندد بها. ولكن أين يا ترى تلك العروبة؟ إختفت مع إختفاء الشهامة التي كانت في القدم الصفة الأولى للعرب. لا نجد بلادنا - في الوقت الراهن - تتحد لا تحت المسمى المزيّف للوحدة العربية، ولا حتى تحت أي من المسميات الأخرى، فالجميع ينتهج مبدأ (نفسى نفسى) أو (إنت في حالك وأنا في حالي) مستنكرين المثل القائل: (ما يحمل همك إلا اللي من دمك). وربنا يستر على حالنا! ...  
هاشم لاري  
ثالثة إدارة أعمال

ذهبت مع أحد أصدقائي لإنهاء بعض الأوراق الخاصة به في أحد المصالح الحكومية ووصلنا إليها بعد البحث عن مقرها لمدة ساعتين وبدأت المأساة.

توجهنا إلى أحد موظفي الإستعلامات وسألناه عن المكتب الذي قصدناه. فقال لنا أنه يقع بالدور الثامن وأضاف (الأسانسير عطلان يا بهوات ولازم تستخدم السلم فى الصعود) فرد عليه صديقي (يعنى مفيش حل تاني؟) فرد عليه وقال (أهرش) ! فلم نفهم ما يقصده ولكن سرعان ما أوضح لنا ما يعنيه (بالهرش) وطبعا أخذ اللي فيه النصيب ونادى أحد عمال المصعد ليصطحبنا إلى المكتب عن طريق المصعد المعطل (للناس اللي مبتدفعش). وصلنا إلى المكتب ولكن ليس بالدور الثامن كما كان في بداية الأمر ولكن بالدور الرابع ولا يزال عامل المصعد معنا ودخلنا المكتب ووجدنا عدد من الموظفين بالمكتب فقال لنا عامل المصعد (أستاذ فلان اللي إنتوا جاين عشانه؟) وطبعا بعد التحيات والسلامات ألقى الموظف نظرة على الأوراق التي معنا وقال (كده

استوقفني - باستعجاب شديد - اسم (القهوة البلدي) التي تقع أمام جامعتنا، وبالتحديد أمام المبنى الرئيسي، حيث أن اسم هذه (القهوة) هو: نادي الوحدة العربية. وقفت بذهول لبعض الوقت أمام (اللافتة) محاولاً ربط اسم (النادي) بحقيقة الوحدة العربية أو بما يقدم من أنشطة تدعم ذلك المسمى الفريد.

فوجدت أولاً: إن حجم (النادي) صغير جداً لدرجة أن (الأعضاء) يجلسون خارجه، وهو ما يعكس - بطريقة غير مباشرة - حجم معرفة الشعوب العربية بوحدهم.

ثانياً: لون المكان من الداخل يغلب عليه اللون الأبيض، وهو ما يفسر (ببياض) عقولنا بما يسمى بالعروبة التي نكاد لا نعرف عنها شيء سوى أنها اسم لشارع متفرع من شارع صلاح سالم. ثالثاً: يقوم (النادي) بأنشطة عدة منها تقديم شراب الينسون غالباً لكي يجعل (الأعضاء) (ينسون) ما يدعى بالوحدة العربية، وكذلك فإن النشاط الأهم هو تقديم شيشة الزغلول لكي (يزغلل) أعين الأعضاء عن رؤية اسم ناديتهم لكي يُقرأ ب: (نادي الوهنة

## الحقيقت

## لما لا يتحقق الحلم؟؟؟

إيثار شلبي  
محررة



أهم عوامل النجاح، فإذا استطعنا أن نطبق التنظيم في كافة أمور حياتنا، لنجتننا في تحقيق الكثير من الآمال و الطموحات التي مازلتنا نحلم بها. والشرط الثالث بسيط ويتكون من كلمة واحدة: (الصبر). كن صبورا حتى تحقق أحلامك على نطاق واسع. بالصبر تستطيع ضبط النفس الحالمة. نحلم أحيانا بأحلام واقعية ونخطط جيدا ولكن نستعجل الأمور ولا نطبق التحمل والصبر حتى نرى الحلم يخرج من عالم الخيال إلى دنيا الواقع.

الحلم يأتي على رأس ثلاثة كلمات هامة: الواقعية وحسن التخطيط والصبر. فكر للحظات في هذه الشروط وحاول تطبيقها في حلم بسيط من أحلامك وإن لم يتحقق هذا الحلم، فالمشكلة إذن لا تكمن فيك أنت كإنسان حالم ولكن ستظهر في خطايا حلم خيالي حلمت به يوم ما.

في وقت من الأوقات، وهو في الواقع موظف عادي طبيعي لا يشغله أمر سوى توفير مصروف بيته شهرا بعد شهر. لا أقول أنه حلم خيالي، ولكن لا يمكنني أن أصفه بواقعي، بمعنى أنه لا يمكن تحقيق مثل هذا الحلم غير الواقعي.

وهذه هي رسالتي الأولى: من أهم شروط تحقيق الحلم، هو أن تحلم به وأنت تعيش واقعا. ففي المثال السابق، من الواقعي أن يحلم هذا الموظف بأن يحسن من مستواه المادي أولاً، فينمو طموحه ويبدأ بالإجتهاد الملحوظ في عمله والتقرب إلى الله عز وجل - والتخطيط الجيد للارتقاء في هذا العمل وتدريباً يرتفع عائدته المادي بشكل ملحوظ. أما الشرط الثاني فهو حسن التخطيط. فحسن التخطيط يساعد كثيرا على تحقيق الأحلام. والتخطيط عموما من

لاشك في أن الطموح من أهم صفات النجاح. ولكن ليس كل من له طموحات ينجح في تحقيقها، غير أن الطموح في حد ذاته بشكل نوع من أنواع الأحلام التي قد ينجح معظمنا في تحقيق ولو جزء منها. ولكن هل هناك فرقا بين الحلم والطموح. وهل ما نطمح إليه هو نفس ما نحلم به؟ هل الحلم كالطموح يغرز فينا نفس الرغبة الشرسة في النجاح؟؟ بغض النظر عن إجابة الأسئلة السابقة، فكلنا نحلم وكلنا لنا طموح. ولكن كيف نحلم وكيف نحقق طموحاتنا؟ أعتقد أن هذا هو السؤال الذي لا يجب أن نغمض أعيننا عن إيجاد إجابته له.

كيفية الحلم تعد من أهم العوامل التي تحدد إن كان هذا الحلم سيرى نور الواقع أم لا. فعلى سبيل المثال، موظف لا يزيد دخله عن ٣٥٠ جنيهه يحلم بأن يصبح مليونيرا أو أحد الأثرياء المشهورين

## بصراحة

## من أجل حياة تسودها الحرية

عمار نوح  
محرر



الذي بالطبع يتمتع بحب جماهير الشعب. بمعنى آخر ستكون هناك حرية سياسية حقيقية في البلد. رد الفعل الحكومي كان وسيظل عنيفا لمنع تمرير مشروع هذا القانون لأنه يمثل تهديدا حقيقيا لتواجد الحزب الحاكم وأغلبيته الوهمية في البرلمان. نعم هي أغلبية وهمية لأنه لم ينجح من مثليه في البرلمان سوى ٣٢ في المائة وحصل المنشقين عن الحزب على ٤٠ في المائة.

عدد الناخبين في الأصل لم يتعدى حاجز ٢٣ في المائة من أصل الذين لهم حق الانتخاب في مصر وهذا يدل على مدى الثقة الشديدة التي يتمتع بها الحزب الحاكم من قبل رجل الشارع. إن معركة القضاة من أجل تمرير المشروع الخاص بهم في رأيي هي أهم الخطوات من أجل إصلاح دستوري وحرية سياسية وتعددية حزبية حقيقية. دورنا نحن كمواطنين هو أن ننصر القضاة في مطالبهم وأن نقف بجانبهم حتى يحصلوا على حقهم ونحصل نحن أيضا على حقنا في حياة تسودها الحرية.

الخاص بهم. بداية سيكون أعضاء مجلس الشعب أعضاء منتخبيين بحق يمثلون المواطنين تمثيلا حقيقيا لا يشوبه أي تزوير يعكس ما حدث في الانتخابات الماضية من تزوير فاضح وإعلان نتائج مخالفة للحقيقة بعد أن أحس الحزب الحاكم أن الأغلبية التي ستمكنه من تمرير مشروع أي قانون ستخرج من يده خصوصا بعد المرحلة الأولى من الانتخابات.

كذلك سيخرج من هذا المجلس المنتخب مجموعة من القوانين والتشريعات المحترمة بدلا من تلك القوانين العرجاء والتي يتم تفصيلها لحساب أشخاص بعينهم في هذا البلد. سيتم أيضا إلغاء وتعديل تلك القوانين العجيبة والغريبة التي تعاني منها البلد منذ زمن مثل قانون الطوارئ، قانون الأحزاب، قانون حرية الصحافة والقانون العجيب الخاص بتعديل المادة ٧٦ بالإضافة لتعديل المادة ٧٧ الخاصة بعدد المرات التي يتولى فيها رئيس الجمهورية منصبه. أهم ما سيحدث في رأيي هو فتح الباب أمام مرشح غير حكومي لمنصب رئيس الجمهورية على غير رغبة الحزب الحاكم

تدور الآن معركة بين قضاة مصر ممثلين بنادي القضاة (نادي منتخب) وبين مجلس القضاء الأعلى والحكومة (هيئات غير منتخبة) وذلك من أجل إستقلال القضاء المصري. قام نادي القضاة بإعداد مشروع لإستقلال القضاء وطرح المشروع للمناقشة بين قضاة مصر بمختلف انتماءاتهم وإتجاهاتهم وتوصل في النهاية إلى مشروع قانون أجمع عليه معظم القضاة. يهدف هذا القانون إلى فصل السلطة القضائية عن السلطتين التنفيذية والتشريعية وأن تكون أحكام القضاء ملزمة لكائن من كان في هذا البلد بداية من قمة السلطة إلى أسفلها وأن يكون إشراف القضاء على الانتخابات البرلمانية وإنتخابات رئاسة الجمهورية إشرافا كاملا بداية من كشوف الناخبين مرورا بسير العملية الإنتخابية حتى لحظة إعلان النتائج. بالإضافة إلى مطالبتهم بالإشراف على إنتخابات المحليات.

تعالوا نتخيل سيناريو الأحداث في مصر في حال نجح القضاء في الضغط على الحكومة لتمرير مشروع القانون

ترحب القافلة بإسهاماتكم وأرائكم في حدود ٣٠٠ كلمة والتي سننشرها تباعا أرسل الرسائل إلى :

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## شباب العرب يعيشون في هوس ستار أكاديمي



من اليمين إلى اليسار: بشار الشطي ومحمد عطية. تصوير - منة زكي

هل أنت من هواة ستار أكاديمي؟ هل تجلس في الساعة كل مساء لتتابع يومياته وتخصص موبايكك للتصويت لنجمك المفضل؟ إذا كانت الإجابات بالإيجاب، فأنت من الآلاف (المهوسين) ببرنامج ستار أكاديمي.

ستار أكاديمي هو أحد أشكال تلفزيون الواقع وهو ظاهرة تلفزيونية فريدة في العالم العربي إقتحمت بقوة بيوت الكثير من الأسر المصرية والعربية.

قالت هبة مصطفى - أولى إدارة أعمال - أنها تتابع ستار أكاديمي دائما مع أهلها وأخوتها الصغار وخاصة عندما بدأ الموسم الأول. وأوضحت منة زكي -ثانية إعلام- أن ما يميز ستار أكاديمي هو وجود طلاب من جميع الجنسيات العربية كالجنسيات التونسية والمغربية والجزائرية والمصرية والفلسطينية والعراقية واللبنانية، الأمر الذي يجعل المشاهدين يتعرفون على عادات وتقاليد ولغات هذه البلاد.

قالت علياء سعيد-أولي علوم- أن الطلبة المشاركون بالبرنامج يتصفون بخفة الدم كما أنهم يقومون بأنشطة مختلفة مثل دراسة الموسيقى والرقص والتمثيل والمسرح، وهي أنشطة مسلية على عكس البرامج الأخرى التي تغلبها الرتابة والتكرار. كما أن المفارقات الطريفة التي تحدث للطلاب بسبب إختلاف لغاتهم تجعل في البرنامج عفوية وصدق.

لم يحظى ستار أكاديمي بالإعجاب فقط بل ونال أيضا حفا وفيرا من النقد خاصة في الموسم الأول. فقد اعترض كثير من النقاد العرب على كون الطلاب جميعا، شباب وفتيات، يعيشون في بيت واحد مما ينافي (عادتنا وتقاليدنا) على حد قولهم. وتعليقا على ذلك، قال شادي عبد الملك -ثالثة إعلام- أنه لا يعتبر باختلاف الأعمار.



تصوير - شهرزاد الفأر

قدمت الفرقة الموسيقية حلاً موسيقياً بعنوان (أيوسيات) بساقية الصاوي بالزمالك يوم الجمعة الموافق العاشر من الشهر الجاري. قدمت الفرقة بعض الأغاني بلهجات مصرية وشامية بالإضافة إلى عدد من الأغاني الأجنبية وعزف ألحان موسيقية متنوعة. نظم هذا الحفل استعدادا لمسابقة وزارة الشباب بين الجامعات العامة والتي ستشارك فيها الجامعة الأمريكية يوم ٣١ إبريل القادم.

## توشكي سلة طعام للمصريين

كتب - مؤمن محمد

حتى عام ٢٠٠٧.

وأكد فهمي أن مشروع توشكي سيكون (سلة طعام المصريين). حيث أن مستوى الإنتاج هناك على أعلى مستوى من الجودة. أوضح فهمي أن وزارة الزراعة هي المسئولة الأولى عن المشروع وتعتبر الشركة المصرية القابضة للتجارة التي يرأسها شريك في هذا المشروع الضخم وأضاف فهمي بأن الشركة متخصصة في التجارة الداخلية والخارجية.

وفي مجال الزراعة أكد فهمي أن تكلفة المشروع حتى اليوم بلغت ١٧٠ مليون جنيه إضافة إلى ستة ملايين جنيه للبنية التحتية وأضاف بأن شركته تمتلك مائة وعشرون ألف فدان في المشروع هناك. وأوضح بأن ٧٠ في المائة من الفاكهة والخضار المزروعة هناك سوف تخصص للتصدير الخارجي.

وردا على سؤال عن السبب في إختيار منطقة جنوب الوادي (توشكي) لهذا المشروع، قال فهمي إن أي مشروع زراعي يحتاج إلى ماء، مناخ جيد وتربة خصبة وكل هذا متوافر هناك فلماذا لا نستفيد من هذه المنطقة.



من اليمين إلى اليسار: هادي فهمي - رئيس الشركة القابضة - و سلمى منصور و كريم أبو بكر مضيبي الندوة. تصوير - عمر رحيم

## الندوة الافتتاحية لمركز ...

## تتمة ص ١

يحملون أي مؤهلات تعليمية، فإذا قام الطلاب بمهمة تعليمهم سيشعرون بأنهم عنصر مفيد لهم ولمن حولهم. وأشاد مجدي نصر الله- أستاذ بقسم الكيمياء- بالندوة وقال أنها كانت مفيدة للغاية، فقد تبادل الحضور الأفكار حتى وصلوا في النهاية إلى أفضل الحلول.

وأعربت هناء القاضي- طبيبة بعيادة الجامعة- عن إعجابها الشديد بمركز جيرهارت والأنشطة التي يقدمها وقالت أن الندوة أصبحت أكثر إثارة حينما تناولت موضوع محو أمية عمال الجامعة.

ومن ناحية أخرى، طرحت مها البابلي مسئولة بمركز التعليم والعلوم التكنولوجية- قضية محو الأمية واقترحت مشروع لتعليم وتثقيف العاملين بالجامعة الذين لم يكملوا تعليمهم. وأوضحت أن تعليم العمال القراءة والكتابة باللغة العربية والإنجليزية يعد من أبسط الخدمات التي يمكن أن تقدم لهم والتي ستعود بالأثر الإيجابي على حياتهم العملية.

وقالت أماني الشيمي- أستاذة اللغة الإنجليزية- أن عدد العاملين بالجامعة حوالي ٣١٠ عامل وعاملة منهم ١٥٠ عاملا لا

## الجامعة تفتتح معملا جديدا بالمكتبة

كتبت - نهال صالح

أعلنت نيكول براون -أحد مسئولتي قسم المراجع بالمكتبة - عن افتتاح معمل جديد بمكتبة الجامعة يهدف إلى تسهيل عملية البحث في كتب ومراجع المكتبة بطريقة أكثر تعمقا من خلال توفير قاعدة بيانات عريضة تسهل البحث على الخريجين في دراستهم العليا. تم إنشاء المعمل الجديد في الطابق الرابع بمكتبة الجامعة ويعمل يوم الإثنين من كل أسبوع. تبدأ ساعات العمل فيه من الرابعة مساء حتى الساعة مساء. يعد هذا المعمل فريد من نوعه حيث يعمل من أجل خدمة ومساعدة الخريجين في البحث وتزويدهم ببعض وسائل البحث في مجالات كثيرة وموضوعات متنوعة. أشارت نيكول أن فكرة إنشاء هذا المعمل جاءت نتيجة لكثرة تدفق الخريجين على مكتب

الاستعلامات بالطابق الأول بالمكتبة وكثرة تساؤلهم بسبب نقص الخبرة وعدم توافر المعرفة الكافية لطرق البحث في المراجع والكتب، من هنا قررت نيكول بالتعاون مع إدارة المكتبة على إنشاء هذا المعمل المتخصص والذي تقوم هي شخصيا بالإشراف عليه وإدارته. من ناحية أخرى، قالت نيكول أنها ترغب في وضع نظام للتعامل بينها وبين

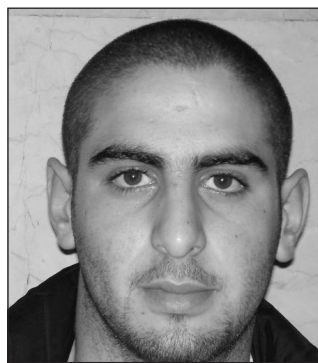
الطلبة حيث يرسل لها الطالب رسالة عبر البريد الإلكتروني عن المادة التي يرغب في البحث عنها حتي تتاح لها الفرصة الكافية للبحث عن المادة والكتب والمراجع المتصلة بها". وأشارت نيكول أنه حتى الآن لا يزال الإقبال قليل على المراجع والكتب المتوافرة بالمكتبة وهذا يرجع إلى بداية الفصل الدراسي، ولكن من المتوقع إزداد عدد الطلبة المقبلين على البحث في الفترة القادمة.

## رأيك إيه : في بيع المبنى اليوناني والفلكي القديم ومكتبة الكتب النادرة؟



ليث القلعي  
ثانية إدارة أعمال

أتمنى ألا يكون تاريخ هذه المباني صفقة من صفقات الجامعة.



عبد الرحمن خليل  
ثانية إقتصاد

خطوة مقدمة للتجديد.



عمر إسحاق  
رابعة هندسة ميكانيكية

أؤيد هذا، ولكن أرفض بيع مكتبة الكتب النادرة لقيمتها التاريخية



رنا مخامرة  
ثانية إقتصاد

لا أهم لأني لن أكون هنا، ولكن أعتقد أنها خطوة جيدة.



كريم النجدي  
رابعة حاسب آلي

إنها فكرة جيدة، حتى يتم تخفيض المصاريف في المبنى الجديد.



مي الشيخ  
أولى جامعة

من الصعب أن تتخلى الجامعة عن هذه المباني.



## دار النشر بالجامعة تحتفل بأول موسوعة عن المخرجات العربيات



من اليمين إلى اليسار ربيكا هيلوار ومارك لينز. تصوير - عمر رحيم  
لاتريد فقط معرفة الكاتب ولكنها تريد معرفة جميع جوانب حياة

كتب- خالد الضبيعي

إحتفلت دار نشر الجامعة الأمريكية بالقاهرة بإصدار أول موسوعة من نوعها عن مخرجات السينما العربية للكاتب الألمانية ربيكا هيلوار تحت عنوان (موسوعة المخرجات العربيات).  
بدأ الحفل الذي أقيم بالقاعة العامة في المجلس الأعلى للثقافة بدار الأوبرا المصرية بكلمة ألقاها مارك لينز -مدير دار النشر بالجامعة - مرحبا بالكاتبة الألمانية التي قدمت من برلين خصيصا لهذه المناسبة. وردا على سؤال عن كيفية جمع هذا الكم الكبير من المعلومات، قالت أنها أجرت على مدى سنين طويلة مقابلات مطولة مع أغلب المخرجات العربيات وأضافت أن الإنترنت ساعدها في جمع معلومات مفيدة عن المخرجات العربيات.  
أشارت ربيكا إلى أنه يوجد نسخة من الكتاب باللغة الألمانية وكذلك سوف تصدر نسخة باللغة الفرنسية قريبا مع إضافة بعض المعلومات الجديدة. وأشاد سمير فريد -رئيس لجنة السينما في المجلس الأعلى للثقافة في كلمته بأهمية هذا الكتاب في خدمة السينما العربية وبالدور الذي لعبته الجامعة الأمريكية في بدايات السينما المصرية، حيث قال أن الجامعة هي أول من عرض الأفلام السوفياتية في مصر في وقت كانت فيه هذه الأفلام ممنوعة من العرض.

وأكد قائلا بأن الجامعة مازالت تقوم بهذا الدور حتى الوقت الحاضر وذلك بمساعدة الشباب الجدد في هذا المجال.

المبدع.  
وأشارت أسماء البكري- مخرجه سينمائية في كلمتها أن هناك معلومة خاطئة عنها في الكتاب وهي القول أن جدّها هو (سكاكينى باشا) رئيس الجالية اليهودية بينما هو أبو جدّها من ناحية الأم. وقالت أسماء أنها منزعجة بسبب هذا الخطأ وذلك لأن ربيكا جلست معها مرات عديدة ولم تتأكد من صحة تلك المعلومة منها شخصيا بل اكتفت بقولها أن هناك شائعات تقول أن جد أسماء البكري كان رئيس الجالية اليهودية في مصر آنذاك.

## الأيام مع رئيس الجامعة



الصورة إهداء من مكتب إسكان الجامعة

رئيس الجامعة دافيد أرنولد وحرره مع مجموعة من الأيتام من دار اليتام في أثناء الإحتفال الذي أقيم في بيت الطلبة في الزمالك يوم ١١ مارس.

## إدارة الموارد البشرية تنتهي من إنتخابات لجان العاملين بالجامعة

كتبت- نادين السيد

بدأت اللجان النقابية للعاملين بالجامعة أنشطتها الترفيهية والاجتماعية والتي تهدف إلى مزيد من الإلتقاء والتعارف خارج أسوار الجامعة. وكانت إدارة الموارد البشرية بالجامعة بالتعاون مع اللجنة النقابية إنتهت من إجراء إنتخابات لجنتى النشاط الإجتماعى والترفيهى للعاملين بالجامعة بداية من اليوم الثاني من الشهر الجارى. قالت مشيرة البرادعى - المديرية التنفيذية للموارد البشرية- أن هدف اللجنتين هو إتاحة الفرصة للعاملين بالجامعة للإلتقاء خارج نطاق العمل والتعارف على جانب شخصي بعيدا عن الرسمية. وأوضحت أن تلك اللجان تقدم خدمات ترفيهية للعاملين مدعمة من قبل الجامعة بنسبة ٣/١ من التكاليف كما تقوم بتنظيم رحلات إلى مناطق سياحية مثل سانت كاترين والقناطر الخيرية وأيضا تنظم مصيف سنوي وأحيانا تقدم حفلات أو تشارك في ترتيب الحفلات مثل حفلة عيد العمال.  
وأضاف محمد خطاب -المشرف على اللجان- أن الإنتخابات تتم كل ثلاث سنوات ويتم تحديد ميزانية اللجنة وفقا للخطة المقدمة من الأعضاء. وقالت مشيرة أن اللجان النقابية تنقسم إلى لجنة للعاملين المهنيين والإداريين والفنيين والأمن والأخرى للعاملين المهرة والخدمات. وأضاف خطاب أن كل لجنة تتكون من سبعة أشخاص يتم اختيارهم خلال إنتخابات يشارك فيها جميع العاملين. و قال أن مكتب الموارد البشرية يحرص على الإشراف ومعاونة تلك اللجان.  
وقالت مشيرة أن أى موظف بالجامعة له حق الترشيح بشرط أن يكون مدعما بعشرة أصوات. وبعد إنتخابات أعضاء اللجنة يتم تشكيل هيئة مكتب تتكون من رئيس ونائب رئيس وأمين صندوق وسكرتير وثلاث أعضاء.  
وأضاف خطاب أن اللجنة يجب أن تتعاون مع الأعضاء لمعرفة طلباتهم ومقترحاتهم. وقال عادل محمود أمين صندوق لجنة العاملين المهرة والخدمات- أن اللجنة تخطط الآن لحجز المصيف فى مرسى مطروح. وأضاف أن تأخر إنتخابات اللجنة هذا العام أدى إلى أزمة فى الوقت مما دفعهم إلى السفر لمرسى مطروح للحجز بعد أيام قليلة من تشكيل اللجنة.  
وقال سعد عثمان - رئيس اللجنة الأخرى - أنهم يواجهون مشكلة فى إيجاد مصيف يناسب موظفى الجامعة لأن الميزانية قليلة للغاية. وعن خطط التحسين للجنة، قال محمود أنهم يحاولون إيجاد حل لمشاكل مصيف العام الماضى وإيجاد مكان أفضل وأرخص. وقال محمود أن اللجنة أمامها مقترحات عديدة ولكن لن يتم مناقشتها قبل الإنتهاء من الإعداد للمصيف.

## الندوة الافتتاحية لمركز جيرهات تناقش محو أمية العاملين بالجامعة

كتبت- نانسي كمال

ناقشت الندوة الافتتاحية لمركز جيرهات الخيري يوم الإثنين الماضى مدى إرتباط الجامعة الأمريكية بالمجتمع والبيئة المحيطة بها بجانب مناقشة مشكلة الأمية المنتشرة بين عاملي الجامعة وكيفية العمل على حلها.  
قالت باربا إبراهيم -مديرة مركز جيرهات للأعمال الخيرية والمدنية- أنه يتعين على كل فرد في المجتمع إبداء أفكاره ومقترحاته ومشاركته المفيدة للمساهمة في حل مشاكل المجتمع حتى لو كانت هذه الأفكار تتضمن نوعا من المخاطرة، فلا يوجد عمل أو مشروع يخلو من المخاطرة .  
وأوضح صلاح عرفة- أستاذ بقسم الهندسة- أنه مهما كان المستوى التعليمي والثقافي للفرد، فمعضلنا يجعل قضايا المجتمع

تتمه ص ٢

## إدارة كافيتريا الجامعة تسبب مضايقات للرعاه الرسميين للأنشطة الطلابية

كتبت- منى عابدين

بالرغم من تأكيده على الإلتزام بهذه (الإجراءات الصحية الصارمة) الا أن شهود عيان أشاروا إلى أن العمال غير ملتزمين بارتداء القفاز أو القبعة، وأكد فكرى للقالفة أنه تم خصم ثلاث أيام لهؤلاء العاملين لعدم إلتزامهم بالزي الرسمي في ذلك اليوم.  
قال هيثم نونو- رابعة هندسة ونائب رئيس نادي رابطة المتطوعين - أن سبب هذه المشكلة هو أنه لم يتم التوقيع على العقد الخاص بالرعي من قبل مكتب المنشآت والمباني. وأشار إلى أنه يحترم تمسك فكرى بالشهادة الصحية وقال إنها إجراءات روتينية من الجامعة. وقال نونو للحفاظ على إحترام الراعي- لابد من وجود نص يشمل كل التعليمات في العقد وأن موافقة مدير المنشآت والمباني شفها ليس بكاف.  
قال هشام سلامة- صاحب بطاطس تشانكي- أنه مستاء لتعرض العاملين لمشاكل داخل الجامعة وأنه سيدعم موقفهم.  
على صعيد اخر، أكد أحمد عبد العظيم- العامل في خانة عرض البيئزا تحت إشراف مكتب تنمية الطلبة في المبنى اليوناني- أنهم لم يتعرضوا لأي مضايقات من الشركة المتحدة.

شكا موردوا الأغذية من سوء معاملة المسؤولين من قبل الشركة المتحدة للأغذية والمسؤولة عن جميع أكشاك الطعام الموجودة في الجامعة على الرغم من وجود ظاهرة الرعاه الرسميين من مختلف الأنشطة الطلابية لبيع شتى المنتجات في الجامعة وقالوا أنها مهينة ومعقدة.  
قال مصطفى فضل-عامل بجنح عرض (بطاطس تشانكي)- أنه تعرض إلى معاملة مهينة من مدير الأغذية في الجامعة يوم الأحد الماضى. واستمر في تعقيد وتأخير العمل بادعائه أنهم غير ملتزمين بتعليمات الجامعة.  
قال نبيل فكرى- المدير التنفيذي للشركة المتحدة للأغذية أن الراعي لم يلتزم بالإجراءات الصحية والمظهيرية التي تليق بالجامعة الأمريكية، مثل عدم الإلتزام بارتداء الزي الرسمي لشركة البطاطس وإرتداء القفاز الطبي وقبعة على الرأس. وأشار أنها من أهم وأكثر التعليمات صرامة التي يحرص عليها العاملين في شركته. وأضاف أنه يحرص على سلامة الطلبة وسمعة الشركة المتحدة.