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Faris Named Chairman Of Centennial Fund Scholarship Campaign

Mr. Basim Amin Faris, of the class of 1925, was appointed General Chairman of the AUB Centennial Scholarship Fund Campaign.

Mr. Faris is Chairman of the Board of Arabia Insurance Company. He will direct the activities of the Centennial Scholarship Fund Campaign Committee which will appeal to AUB alumni and former faculty, and staff in Asia, Africa and Europe for support of AUB scholarship students.

Monday, May 18 Is AUB Holiday

Monday, May 18, 1970, Prophet's Birthday, will be a University Holiday, announced AUB's Director of Personnel.

Any employee or worker who is required to be on duty by reason of regular shift work or to perform essential services will be so advised by his supervisor and will be granted compensatory day off within a period of 45 days from the holiday. In case it is not possible to grant a person compensatory days off within a period of 45 days, he will be paid at the regular pay rate for working during this day.

On May 23

President Helou to Open Gibran Festival

H.E. President Charles Helou will officially open the Gibran International Festival next Saturday, May 23, at 11:00 a.m. at the Unesco auditorium. Speakers at the opening ceremony will include H.E. Sarwat Okasha, UAR minister of culture.

Among the distinguished overseas guests who will attend the Festival are John Moore of the USA, Frank T. Prince of England, Yvgeny Yvetushenko of the USSR, and A. Seydev of Unesco. Mr. Mikhail Naimy, the well-known Lebanese man of letters, will be the Festival's guest of honor.

May 23-30, 1970 has been designated Gibran International Festival week in Lebanon. The festival committee is coordinating the activities of an increasing number of sponsors and participants here and abroad, all designed to commemorate and honor the famous Lebanese poet-painter, Khalil Gibran (1883-1931).

Plans of the Festival week were announced on Friday, May 8, at a press conference attended by the Minister of Information, Mr. Othman Dana; Festival Director, Dr. George Hakim; Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Dr. John Munro; Secretary General of the Festival, Prof. Suhail Bushrui, and member of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Nabil Dajani.

In a brief statement, Minister Dana said that Lebanon is a country which gives full recognition to its men of letters, poets, writers, thinkers and scholars. He said that Lebanon takes pride in being the home of Gibran Khalil Gibran.

He called on all information media in the country to promote the festival in the service of Lebanon's image abroad.

The Secretary of the Festival, Dr. Bushrui told members of the press that the Festival will commemorate Gibran the poet and the painter, through study and analysis, and will attempt to make known his work to the people of the East and West.

He said that preparations are now being completed for a Festival which will be held under the patronage of the President of Lebanon, working in cooperation with the people of Bishreh, birthplace of the poet, and with the generous help of many Lebanese individuals, as well as governmental and national organizations.

In the course of the past year, during which the preparations for the festival have been made, the Executive Committee printed an attractive poster bearing a specially designed portrait of Gibran, which has become the Festival's symbol.

In addition, thousands of invitations have been distributed among friends of Gibran and of Lebanon in all parts of the world. As a result of this intensive publicity campaign, many enquiries have reached the Festival Secretary from various countries, near and far, asking for more information about Gibran.

Many international organizations have also shown their interest in this Lebanese poet who is at present read by millions of people of all nationalities. Among these organizations is the World Congress of Poets, which has made a posthumous award to honor Gibran to be presented at the opening of the festival by the President of the organization, Dr. Yuzon, cultural minister of the Philippines, and candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Festival Committee has attempted to give the program a scholarly and literary character. A number of Gibran scholars have been invited to give lectures and take part in symposia. Advantage will also be taken of the presence of a number of poets from East and

West. Several evenings have been set aside for discussions by these poets of their work, and the problems of poetry and poets today.

Among the Festival's outstanding events are two meetings: At the first, on May 25, Mikhail Naimy will be interviewed by Dr. Elie Salem on his relationship with Gibran and with modern literature, on another evening, on May 27, the English poet Frank Prince and the Lebanese poet Khalil Hawi will talk about contemporary poetry,

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Student Art Work To Receive Prizes From Mrs. A. Assi

An exhibition of recent works of paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, crafts and graphics by AUB students, entitled "Studio 70" opened at the Jafet Library on Monday, May 11. The event is sponsored by the Fine Arts Students Society and will last until May 18.

This annual activity by the AUB fine arts students includes prizes for the best items exhibited. A sum of LL. 1000 has been donated by Mrs. Albert Assi in recognition of the accomplishments of her late son, Antoine, as a craftsman.

Upon the decision of an independent jury and the approval of the chairman of the fine arts department winners this year include the following students:

Paintings, 1 — Jay Zerbe, 2 — Rima Hatum, and 3 — Suha Yusuf; Graphics, 1 — Nishan Kazazian, 2 — Jay Zerbe, and 3 — Afaf Zurayk; Design and Crafts, 1 — Suha Yusuf, 2 — Nicholas Lokidis, and 3 — Jay Zerbe; Sculpture, 1 — Nishan Kazazian, 2 — Shahda Rawi, and 3 — Pamela.

First prize winners will receive LL. 125, second prize winners will receive LL. 75 while third prize winner will get LL. 50.

Chapel Service

The Chapel Services will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. William Blakemore will be the speaker.

AUB Chaplain David Byers will be presiding.

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WEDNESDAY MAY 13

- Orchestral Concert (National Conservatoire) Assembly Hall, 8:30 p.m.
- "Studio 70," Fine Arts Student Society Exhibition, Jafet Library.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- Lecture, "Rural to Urban Migration in Two Suburbs of Beirut," by Prof. Fuad Khuri, the Middle East Area Program, Seminar Room 2D Nicely Hall, 12-1 p.m.
- Sigma Xi Club Lecture: "Some Problems of Bio-electricity," by Dr. Kyrala, Agriculture Lecture Hall, at 5:00 p.m.
- "The Taming of the Shrew" a play in English, in front of Jafet Library and College Hall, at 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- Philosophy Symposium "The Ultimate Distinction: Two Ways of Looking at Things," by Dr. Charles Malik, 320 Nicely Hall, at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- AUB Annual Athletic Field-day, Green field, at 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- Chapel Services, William Blackmore, speaker, AUB Chapel, 9:30 a.m.
- Orthodox Youth Movement (Meeting), Assembly Hall, AUB, 4:00 p.m. (by invitation).
- Student Concert (Piano Students of Sona Aharonian), West Hall Auditorium, 5:00 p.m. (by invitation).

TUESDAY, MAY 19

- Lecture on J.E. Flecker, in the series on "English Literature of the Middle East," by Prof. John Munro, West Hall Lecture Room, 7:00 p.m.

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referring to the psychological and social problems which the modern poet faces.

The program will also include readings from Gibran's writings, and musical programs in which a number of internationally known artists will take part, among them the well-known Indian poet and musician, Arun Chatterjee, who will perform sitar music with readings from Gibran and Tagore.

Since the theme of the festival is "A Poet and his Country," the Committee has planned a special visit, on Sunday, May 24, to Bishreh, the poet's birthplace, and the surrounding countryside, which Gibran depicted in his work.

To honor Gibran by propagating his art and his works, the Festival Committee will publish the following books on the occasion of the Festival:

An Introduction to Khalil Gibran: A survey of Gibran's work in both English and Arabic, a selection of Gibran criticism, a chronology of important dates, a bibliography of primary and secondary sources and a general introduction by the editor.

A Poet and His Country: Gibran's Lebanon: A pictorial essay including photographs of scenes described in Gibran's writings accompanied by appropriate extracts from Gibran's work, introduced by a general essay outlining the poet's debt to Lebanon and his Arab cultural heritage.

Khalil Gibran: A Collection of Critical Essays and Reviews, 1918-

Prof. Khuri to Speak On Urban Migration

Prof. Fuad Khuri will speak on "Rural to Urban Migration in Two Suburbs of Beirut," on Thursday May 14, from 12-1 p.m. in the Middle East Area Program (MEAP) conference Seminar Room (201 Nicely Hall).

Mr. Khuri's talk is one in a series of MEAP Research Presentations this year.



The Minister of Information, Mr. Othman Dana presents the Gibran International Festival at a press conference on Friday May 8, 1970 at the Lebanese Ministry of Information.

1968: An anthology of Gibran criticism in English with an introduction describing the historical development of Gibran's reception in Europe and the United States.

In addition the following volumes will be available during 1971:

Gibran Festival Lectures, 1970: A collection of the lectures delivered during the 1970 Gibran International Festival.

Images of a Poet: A pictorial essay based on the Exhibition held during the 1970 Gibran International Festival, illustrating the

growth and development of Gibran's life and work.

The painter Gibran will also not be forgotten. Since this part of his work has not in the past received enough attention, the Committee has planned an exhibit of his paintings and drawings in the Maison de l'Artisan at which locally made artifacts will add to the atmosphere of the three hundred-photograph exhibit. The exhibition will be opened by the Chairman of the National Council of Tourism, Sheikh Michel Khuri, at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25.

AUB Summer Hours to Begin June 29

Summer hours at AUB will begin on June 29 and end on September 19, 1970, according to a directive issued this week by the AUB Personnel Office. The summer hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The following arrangement will be followed for the non-academic employees:

1. Faculties and Administrative Offices at the University that followed a summer schedule during the summer of 1969 will have summer hours during the summer of 1970.

2. The Hospital including the Private Clinics and the University Health Service will continue to work on the regular hours schedule during the summer of 1970.

3. All offices with summer hours are required to follow the regular summer hours, unless other hours are specifically set by the Dean or the Administrative Department Head with the concurrence of the Personnel Department for particular individuals because of essential services or of special shifts.

Wages personnel, however, will continue to follow the regular hours schedule.

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Gibran Festival Highlights AUB Activities this Week

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Other speakers at the opening ceremony included Mr. Youssef I. Yazbek reading from Gibran; Mr. Mansour Challita, secretary general of the World Lebanese Union; Prof. John M. Munro, chairman of the Festival Organizing Committee, and Prof. Suheil B. Bushru, Festival secretary.

The Festival's guest of honor, Mr. Mikhail Naimy also spoke at the opening ceremony.

Vice President George Hakim, Festival director, was the Chairman of the opening session.

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At Faculty Meeting

Kirkwood Views AUB's Future

"A university's faculty and students and staff have all the rights and privileges of individuals to adhere in their own thinking and actions to their own beliefs," AUB President Samuel B. Kirkwood told members of the University community at a general meeting held at the Assembly Hall on Friday, May 22.

"They have every right to make known these beliefs. They do not in these expressions have any right as *individuals* to speak for the university as an *institution*. That remains the responsibility of those appointed to do so," he explained.

Addressing the faculty on the broad outlines of AUB's policy President Kirkwood reviewed quickly the past year saying that it has been a productive one but that it had its failures too. He said that AUB has five general goals.

"First, that we provide a university higher education of high standard and internationally recognized as such, and of a type that meets the need of the people we serve both in general basic subjects and in specialties with local application. Second, that we serve primarily the Arab world... Third, that we provide also an opportunity

for many cultures, East and West, to meet... Fourth, that a spirit of freedom be afforded our activities... Fifth, ... to seek development of a spiritual concept of living and serving with one's fellow man."

Commenting on the fourth goal Dr. Kirkwood said that "freedom on campus or off does not mean liberty to do wholly as you, as an individual, may wish to do, without regard for the rights of others or of the University as a body and an institution. This is licence, which by its nature is self-destructive."

President Kirkwood defined AUB's baseline as "level of tolerance and respect, of dignity and natural recognition of rights, of an appreciation of serious work and of genuine play, of honest trial and error, of a sincere willingness to live and work together as men of good will."

He concluded by saying that more detailed statements on AUB's policy are being developed and will be issued as soon as possible "Every effort will be made to see that these are the result of wide consultation before they are issued and of full distribution afterward. But I believe most important of all is the belief in the purpose of this University and of its goals that must lie deeply in the conviction of its faculty and students and staff," he said. (Full text of Dr. Kirkwood appears in a supplement to this issue.)

New Chaplain Named

Rev. Arthur Mason Brown, of Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, will serve as AUB Chaplain for the academic year 1970-71, announced AUB Provost, Dr. E. Terry Prothro.

Rev. Brown will be on a sabbatical leave from Bates College where he is Professor of Religion.

He is well acquainted with AUB, for he was born in Beirut. His father, Julius Arthur Brown joined the Syrian Protestant College (AUB) in 1909 and was for a time Dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences.

Rev. Brown holds a Ph.D. degree from Columbia University and has taught at the Union Theological Seminary, Converse College, and the American University at Cairo (1951-56).

800 Students Expected To Receive Degrees During Commencement

About 800 diplomas and degrees will be awarded at the 1970 AUB commencement exercises on Monday June 22. It is expected that two Ph.D.s may also be awarded. This 101st ceremony of the distribution of diplomas will include graduates of October 1969 and February and June 1970.

Prof. Jibrail Jabbur, the Margaret Weyerhaeuser Jewett Professor of Arabic will be the speaker at the commencement exercises which will be held on the University Athletic field at 6.30 p.m.

President Samuel B. Kirkwood will deliver the address at the Baccalaureate Service to be held on Sunday June 21 at 7:00 p.m. on the athletic field.

The University commencement exercises will be attended by members of the AUB Board of Trustees who will be holding their Spring Board meeting in Beirut.

Invitations to attend Commencement have been sent to all AUB faculty and staff, members of the government and diplomatic corps as well as to AUB Alumni.

The planning for the commencement has been going on for the past two months by the University Commencement Committee.

The 1970 Commencement Committee is composed of Prof. Lutfi Diab, chairman; Mr. Nabeel Ashkar, executive secretary; Vice President George Hakim; Mr. Jibrail Bikhazi; Mr. Farid Fuleihan; Mr. John Gill; Prof. Jibrail Jabbour; Mr. Aziz Nahhas; Dr. Gabriel Rifka; Prof. Abdul-Rahman Saghir, and Prof. Robert Sloane.

V-P Rice Here On AUB Business

AUB Vice President William Rice is presently in Beirut on a routine business trip to the campus.

Mr. Rice arrived here on May 13. He will return to New York early this week.

Ph.D. Dissertation To be Defended, May 27

The first doctorate dissertation in the AUB Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages will be publicly defended next Wednesday, May 27, at 3.30 p.m. in the Marquand House faculty room.

The first candidate is Mr. Albert Habib Mutlak. His dissertation subject is "A Linguistic Study of Professional Terms used by Fishermen on the Lebanese Coast." The examining committee is composed of Profs. Mahmoud Ghol, Nicola Ziadeh, Anis Frayha, Ihsan Abbas, Fuad Khuri, and Mohammad Najm.

Gibran International Festival Program

TODAY,

- 11:00 a.m. Opening of the Gibran Photographic Exhibition by His Excellency Sheikh Michel al-Khoury, Chairman, National Council of Tourism, at the National Handicrafts Center, 'Ain el-Mraisse.
- 5:00 p.m. An evening with Mikhail Naimy, the Festival's Guest of Honor, intimate friend and biographer of Gibran at UNESCO Palace, Beirut.
- 8:30 p.m. Tagore and Gibran.
A program of song and sitar music presented by the Indian musician Aroun Chatterjee at Assembly Hall, American University of Beirut.

TUESDAY, 26 MAY

- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Visit to Ameen Rihani Museum. (Visitors will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rihani and the Cultural Council of North Metn).
- 5:00 p.m. Public Lecture: Arab - American Literature, 1900-1930 by Dr. Irfan Kaway Shahid, Professor of Arabic and Semitic languages, Georgetown University, Washington, USA at West Hall Auditorium, American University of Beirut.

Dr. Rifka Lectures On Health Development

Dr. Gabriel E. Rifka, associate professor of public health administration, May 13, delivered a presentation on the "Health Development of the City of Beirut," in a Conference held by the Development Studies Association at the School of Law, Lebanese University.

Dr. Rifka described the present health conditions in Beirut and made suggestions to remedy the situation. Among these were long-term health planning, evaluation of present health services on scientific grounds, encouragement of scientific research and appropriate budgeting for health.

Auditorium, American University of Beirut.

- 8:30 p.m. Public Lecture: The Mind and Thought of Khalil Gibran by Dr. N. Naimy, Associate Professor of Arabic, American University of Beirut, at West Hall Auditorium, American University of Beirut.

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY

- 11:00 a.m. Public Lecture: *Images and Symbols in Gibran's Works* by Dr. Antoine G. Karam, Professor of Arabic, American University of Beirut and Lebanese University at West Hall Auditorium, American University of Beirut.
- 5:00 p.m. Public Lecture: *Nietzsche and Gibran* by Dr. Stephan Wild, Director, German Oriental Institute, Beirut, at West Hall Auditorium, American University of Beirut.
- 8:00 p.m. *The Poet in Today's World*, an interview with Professor Frank T. Prince, British Poet and Professor of English at the University of Southampton (England) and Dr. Khalil Hawi, Lebanese Poet and Associate Professor of Arabic at the American University of Beirut at West Hall Auditorium, American University of Beirut.

THURSDAY, 28 MAY

- 11:00 a.m. Public Lecture (in Arabic): *Gibran in the Arab World* by Dr. Sarwat Oka-sha, Egyptian author and Minister of Culture, UAR, at West Hall Auditorium, American University of Beirut.
- 5:00 p.m. Panel Discussion (in Arabic) at Madrasah al Hikma (Gibran's School). Members: Miss Rose Ghurayyeb, Associate Professor, Beirut College for Women; Mr. Yousif al-Khal, Lebanese Poet; Mr. Halim Kan'an, Director, UNESCO Palace; Dr. Irfan Shahid, Georgetown University.

- 8:30 p.m. Public Lecture (in French): *Souffrances, Luttres et Triomphe, l'Homme dans la Vie et l'Oeuvre de Gibran*, by Mr. Mansur Challita, Director, Lebanese World Union, at West Hall Auditorium, American University of Beirut.

FRIDAY, 29 MAY

- 11:00 a.m. Public Lecture: *Gibran as Painter and Illustrator* by Mrs. Annie Salem Otto, American author and artist, at the National Handicrafts Center, 'Ain el-Mraisse.
- 5:00 p.m. Public Lecture: *Gibran in America* by Dr. John Moore, Professor of English, Hollins College, Virginia, USA, at West Hall Auditorium, American University of Beirut.
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. An evening with the Festival's Overseas Guests at the Alumni Club, Beirut.
Followed by a reception in honor of the Festival's Guests given by Dr. George Hakim, Vice President, American University of Beirut.

SATURDAY, 30 MAY

- Visits to Ba'albeck, Sidon and Tyre to be arranged on request.
- 8:30 p.m. Banquet at the Cadmos Hotel, Beirut.
Speaker: Dr. Samuel B. Kirkwood, President, American University of Beirut.
The Banquet will be followed by a Lebanese Folk Music and Folk Dancing entertainment.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

"A POET AND HIS COUNTRY"

A Gibran Exhibition will be on view in the National Handicrafts Center, 'Ain el-Mraisse from May 23-30.

GIBRAN TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMES.

RADIO LEBANON and C.L.T., nightly from May 23-30 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Salameh Discusses Plans for Centennial Fund in Kuwait

Dr. Ahmad Salameh, AUB, MD 34, visited the campus on May 5 to discuss plans for the Centennial Fund Campaign in Kuwait with Vice President George Hakim and Director of Development Arthur Whitman. A Kuwaiti citizen, Dr. Salameh is a member of the Centennial Fund Committee in Kuwait.

Dr. Salameh has been associated with health programs in Kuwait since 1950. He went there to build and direct a sanatorium for the Kuwaiti Government. In 1964 he became Director of Curative Services and remained in that position until he retired earlier this year.

Dr. Salameh is married to an AUB alumnae, Zagarka Stoyanova, nursing graduate of '38. His son, Marwan, graduated from AUB last year with a BA in economics.

Last Chance for GRE Exams

The last chance for 1970 graduates to sit for the Undergraduate Record Examinations, which is a requirement for all Arts and Sciences degrees, is Wednesday, June 17th.

Students who have not taken this exam (or the Graduate Record Examination) at some time, should be sure to register for it now at the Office of Tests and Measurements.

Phil. Symposium To Hold Meeting

The fourth meeting of the Thirteenth Annual Philosophy Symposium will be held today, Monday, May 25, at 4:00 p.m. in 320 Nicely Hall.

Dr. David Makinson, associate professor of philosophy, will present a paper on "Some Ideas in the Theory of Definability."

All members of the University community are cordially invited to attend.

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