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DOWN TO YOU

The questions we asked for some HU students:

1. What movie do you wish you had a role in. What role?
2. What is your favorite book?
3. What's the quotation of your life?
4. What was your very first Hotmail address?
5. Civil marriage in Lebanon: Is it Evolution or Destruction?
6. Internship during university years: is it a must or an option?

(On various pages, you can find answers of different HU students)



Name: Sami Bouorm

1. Bruce Lee's Life, Bruce Lee
2. No book
3. Karma is a bi*ch
4. Eavy_weavy@hotmail.com
5. Destruction
6. Must



Name: Narineh Krikorian

1. Fast and Furious, Vin Diesel
2. Angels and Demons
3. Live each day as if it is your last, cause one day it will be!
4. Krikorian.93@hotmail.com
5. Destruction
6. Must



Name: Jasmin Tokko

1. Into The Wild
2. 11 Minutes
3. The greatest risk of all is the risk of risking living
4. spanishgirl@hotmail.com
5. Evolution
6. Must



Name: Tala Fadlallah

1. Harry Potter
2. Harry Potter
3. "Stay confident, stay strong, be happy"
4. loltala@hotmail.co.uk
5. Evolution
6. Must

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Haigazian:

Greetings! We are well into the Spring Semester and many good things are taking place in and around Haigazian University. Not only are students involved, but are excelling in the areas of involvement. These vary from our “passions”, developing new skills, primarily social, to engaging in activities related with hoped for professional careers.



I love the “can do” and “joyful” spirit that I experience in all these areas. I love that students “come through” when they assume responsibility. Thumb through the pages of The Herald; the images, events, and stories that you see and read will bear witness to this reality.

On to a very different topic, about the time you receive this we will either just have celebrated Easter or are about to celebrate Easter. As you know, Easter is the day when Christ rose from the dead and the tomb in which he was buried was found empty. Christians remember how “Darkness/Evil” covered the land on Good Friday, and one who was innocent was tortured and cruelly killed. Three days later on Easter, there was a surprise, an amazing one. The one who was killed was resurrected! A new age had dawned!

I repeat, Christians step back and remember the terror of Good Friday but then celebrate the joy of Resurrection. The Christian God is a God of new life and new beginnings! Christians know this power and new life is not limited to Jesus, but is a sign of our God’s nature. Thus Christians are called to be a hopeful people. When we see the forces of darkness at work in the land, we know that God has the power to bring new life. We also know that God intends to use us to make that happen.

This year four days after Easter, many throughout the world will be commemorating the Armenian genocide. There will be remembrance of how darkness covered the face of the land, and one group of people tried to exterminate another group of people. Darkness did not prevail. The Armenian community is very much alive, not only in this land but throughout the world.

We are living in a land where there are often rumors of war and evidence of things that are dark, may we be a people of the light—an Easter people bringing hope and life to not only Haigazian but also our respective communities and on into the world in which we reside.

Respectfully,

Rev. Bruce, Campus Minister



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Joy El-Hajj, a Spiritual Life participant writes these words that form the opening of a song she composed:

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
For great is His love that shines throughout our race
The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty
Our Lord is good, armed with strength, our mighty king.

Lord, we call out your name
The only one worthy of praise
Our Avenger, our Redeemer, our Friend
Our Love, our Hope, our Stronghold, my Strength



This sense of unity with the divine flows through the very fabric of Spiritual Life. We follow a God to whom we “joyfully” lift up praise, whose love is boundless, and whose spirit we see in the faces all around us. We follow a God who gives us strength, and who helps us rise to new levels of being. We follow a God who we meet face to face in Jesus.

This is at the very heart of Spiritual Life. It is no surprise then that when we go on a journey, whether to the South of Lebanon (Magdusha Grotto, Tebnine Fort, Qana) that we sing and laugh almost the whole way. Probably the most anticipated and celebrated time of chapel is singing with the praise band.

Haigazian Spiritual Life works together as a community. Special chapel services, like the Christmas and Easter chapels, are planned and implemented together, with always that question—“How do we lift up a loving God, who is with us, and in the people around us?” Such planning is work, fellowship, community, and an opportunity for laughter. Then we have the pleasure of sharing the “fruit” of our work with you. Remember Christmas Chapel, the Angel Gabriel, the beauty of the music, and your responses to questions posted in video.

As the semester drew to a close, much of HU focused on exams, that was precisely when Spiritual Life began planning a visit to Roumieh Prison. At the forefront of our thoughts was “How can we share a message of hope that communicates a loving God who has not forgotten the one in prison, but is with them?” Our plan—first food, something yummy. Next, what we do so joyfully—sing—a lot of music. We wanted to lift up a God who never forgets us and loves us no matter where we are or who we are. Next, we wanted to learn. Yes, the prisoners had something they could teach us. Finally, we wanted to leave something tangible—cleaning supplies (and hopefully the warmth of the Holy Spirit). What was best, we were not alone in this—not only was God with us, but we were supported by our Haigazian family.

Throughout each semester, every Wednesday chapel, and other activities like retreats, field trips, Easter Chapel, learning events. In all things, the same Heart and the same God who we meet and embrace in Jesus.



INTERVIEWS



Interview with Dr. Fadi Asrawi

To understand internships and the internship program in the Faculty of Business Administration & Economics in particular, I asked Dean Fadi Asrawi some questions.

As some of you might know, Dean Asrawi is responsible for the single credit Business Internship Program (BAD 299). He's responsible in guiding students through the process of applying to firms, and to ultimately collect and correct the internship reports that students are required to write after completing the internship; making him a credible source to approach for answers.

The interview began by discussing the importance of participating in an internship and the benefits students can gain from joining one. Dean Asrawi expressed how crucial it is for business students to gain experience and theoretical knowledge in their particular fields, "It is imperative for students to participate in an internship. The job market isn't wasting time and money to develop students' skills; they're hiring those that are already familiar with what's being asked. Internships help increase students' value as potential employees especially in their field of expertise."

He shared a valuable example, using accounting students, to help shed light on the matter. When students attend class they learn the material and obtain the theory of accounting; but once they go to the firms they witness the value of what they're learning and begin to appreciate what they're being taught. On the other hand, the students in class that are losing valuable experience are at a disadvantage in comparison to their peers.

When asked about the institutions that provide internship opportunities, both local and international, Dean Asrawi emphasized the importance of referring to one's area of expertise. "Economics and finance students usually go to the central banks, the Ministries of Economics or Finance, or the banks. They sit and view the operations of the banking system and deal with government operations and how they function. Accounting students go to Deloitte, KPMG, Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC), or Bdo accounting. Marketing students go to Impact or BBDO, and Hospitality Management students are applying to Phoenicia Intercontinental and the Four Seasons."

When applying to these institutions, Dean Asrawi mentioned several key elements that students should keep in mind during the interview process. To begin with, students should have their CV and cover letter ready. Secondly, students should sharpen their interview and communication skills, they must know background information of the company to which they are applying. As well as, knowing the job description of the position they're applying for in case they're asked about it.

At Haigazian applying for the BAD 229 internship is done two ways: students are first given the opportunity to seek out companies at which they wish to complete their internships. If students don't find an internship vacancy, the university gets them in touch with companies that have agreements with the university and that have definite slots open. When asked about the right timing to commit to an internship, the Dean replied: "Usually the students has to finish about 54 credits before they apply. This is because employers are asking for people who have some theoretical knowledge behind any job they give them. Ideally, it's better to complete the internship during the summer because there's much more flexibility. Banks, for example, require interns to be available from 8 to 3, a full working day. Hospitality students also have to complete a three month internship. This makes it difficult to fulfill during the Fall or Spring semesters."

Having managed the internship program for a while, the Dean looks at the reports with a very critical eye. The students' comments are taken into consideration while altering the curriculum or courses, such that the courses reflect the ever changing needs of the students.

We concluded our interview by discussing the Dean's internship experience, or lack of one. During Dean Asrawi's tenure at university an internship program wasn't provided. Reflecting on the past, the Dean mentioned how he would've benefited from one had it been available. It would've provided him with a better scope of the type of job he would've liked after graduation.

That's why students should participate in at least two internships so that it gives a better understanding of the type of careers available in the future. So start looking for those internship opportunities as soon as possible!

Rayan El Masri

INTERVIEWS

Interview with Dr. Nadim Hassoun

Chair, Natural Sciences Department



1. Do the Nutrition and the MLS students have an internship or not? How long does it take?

Yes, both the Nutrition and the MLS students have an internship program. The duration of the internship for the Nutrition students is at least 6-8 months and for the MLS students, 6 months.

2. When do the students usually take their internship course?

The MLS students spend 3 years on campus. In the 4th year they take their internship course. In that year, they spend 50% of the Fall semester on campus taking experimental courses and the other 50% of the same semester in the hospital. During the Spring semester of the 4th year they spend at least 4-5 days per week for 6 months in the hospital. The Nutrition students perform their internship after getting their BS degree in Nutrition from the university. They then spend 6-8 months fully in the hospital.

3. Usually where do the students perform their internships?

The MLS students perform their internship in Trad Hospital; whereas, the Nutrition students can perform their internship at any hospital of their own choosing but must first make an agreement with them.

4. In what ways does the internship benefit the MLS and Nutrition majors?

The internship has nothing to do with advantages as it is a requirement. The students of both the MLS and the Nutrition majors should go for training in order to be able to get the license to practice either in the MLS profession or to become a dietitian. The Nutrition students should make their training at any hospital which gives them a certificate that they have done their training in order to sit for the colloquium, which is an exam that must be passed to be licensed as a dietitian. The same applies for the MLS students who would like to continue their work in laboratories. They need to pass the colloquium after having a BS degree from a recognized university and spent 6 months training in the hospital.



Interview with Dr. Mohammad Ladan

Chair, CSC Department

1. Do the CSC and Math majors have an internship or not? How long does it take?

The CSC majors have an internship but the math majors don't. The duration of the internship for the CSC majors is minimum of 6 weeks.

2. When do students usually take their internship course?

Students take their internship course during their junior or senior years.

3. Usually where do students perform their internships?

Students can perform their internships in the IT field at any company. Most of our students end up doing their internship in software companies or in the IT department of banks and other institutions. After the students have completed their internship they have to write a report summarizing what they have done during the internship accompanied by a recommendation letter from the company.

4. In what ways does the internship benefit CSC majors?

Internships are very beneficial for them and there are some opinions given by the CSC students about their value. For example, a student had written in his report that "the internship was a great experience for me because it combined my university knowledge with a whole new field I haven't had any idea about". Also another student had stated that the internship had brought him "a step closer to working life". A third student had written that, "the experience I had throughout the internship program will always be of great help to me, whether in my everyday life or in my future career".

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DANCE CLUB

You may not see them often on campus, or hear any updates about them, other than the small announcement board. But that's only because they like to go BIG!

The HU Dance Club is always active. The members are always running around trying not to be late for their classes, dance classes, and for some, their jobs. The restless club doesn't have a weekly meeting, but an everyday schedule for its 60 dancers to follow, which makes it the biggest club in HU.

The low profile they keep through the whole year is filled with workshops, gatherings, and trainings that bring them all together, and let them grow closer to each other. The club is much more than perfecting moves, but goes into a personal level for each dancer. It teaches us responsibility towards our routines, self confidence on stage, group work, partners work and self discipline... which positively effects mental, psychological, and emotional growth! But that also comes with lots of sore muscles, painful joints, and the need for concentration and dedication. All this is a part of the preparation for the big event!



Having to practice all year for one big performance puts more pressure on the club to give the best each year, and to always be on the top, offering new dances and ideas, always moving forward in its own STEPS. This year's performance will be different! With more than 18 dancers, coaches Shahe Demirjian and Mher Kndoyan will be joining us. As a second year member of the dance club, I can easily say that my experience in the club will be my most memorable college life memory. "I had to be under stress, practice every day, practice

with a partner, have a hard time learning certain steps, and succeed in others". But these 8 months of practice, will be rewarded in that one moment on stage when you finish your routine, and you see all your friends and family in the audience cheering for you. The rush of the performance in that one night makes you forget all the previous practice sessions, and gives you enough energy to start again for the next year.

The wait will not be much longer, and the big day will soon be here; so have your jazzy clappy hands ready, and prepare to be amazed by the student dancers in this year's performance. It is only a few STEPS away!

DOWN TO YOU...



Name: Omar Halime

1. The Wolf Of Wall Street
2. The 7 Habits
3. Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a play, play it. Life is a challenge, meet it.
4. Omarhalime455@hotmail.com
5. Evolution
6. Must



Name: Njteh Bodroumian

1. Silence of the Lambs.
Hannibal Lecter
2. Bram Stoker's Dracula
3. Go With The Flow
4. Nejteh_b15@hotmail.com
5. Evolution
6. Option

CS3 EVENTS

Microsoft Day Event: The Computer Science Student Society hosted Microsoft at HU on the 26th of November. The event required a lot of preparation and work where the CS3 team was able to finish everything according to schedule. CS3 chose this event because Microsoft has launched a lot of new projects this year where the society decided that it would be fun to be presented on campus. The representatives had a schedule that they followed during the event.



The schedule was as follows: Overview of Windows 8.1, Microsoft Student Partners Programme, DevCamp/Imagine Cup, Overview of Windows Phone, and Introduction to Windows Phone. Each of the following topics was explained by different individuals. The event didn't only include information. Several videos were played during the presentation to add a fun spirit. The event became even more fun when Windows 8 tablet and Windows 8 phones were presented to the audience. The spectators had the chance to experience how Windows 8 is dealt with on portable devices. This made students and Instructors more curious about the features in them. The event included recruitment especially in the Students Partners Programme and the Imagine Cup. Some students were interested in these opportunities and started asking more questions which led to an interactive conversation. At the end of the event, all the attendees received free Software access Cards which provides them with free access to professional software from Microsoft.

Finally, the society was happy to succeed in its first big event for this year. On the other hand, this was only the being for something even better. The Computer Science Student Society would like to thank the Computer Science Department, Dr. Mohamad Ladan, Mr. Shant Estepan, Microsoft and Haigazian students for supporting us.

LG G2 Event: What is better than smart phones nowadays? It is very obvious that people are crazy about these portable devices! For that particular reason, CS3 decided to invite LG to Haigazian University to present LG G2. The event took place on campus at the 14th of January, 2013.

The auditorium was flooded with people, each wanting to know more about G2. The students were very enthusiastic to meet the new G2 because it was ranked the number one smartphone in the year 2013.

The event was full of videos, not any videos, but experimental ones. The videos showed the audiences how smart and powerful the G2 phone was. They explained how G2 understood what humans needed because they were designed to meet the human senses, and that idea was said repetitively during the event.

Moreover, the representatives brought with them a sample G2 device where the students had the chance to interact with the phone. The event was full of amusements!

Yet, the event was hiding a surprise for HU students. When meeting with LG, CS3 discussed the possibility of discounts on the LG G2 phones, and that was the surprise for the students.

LG agreed on providing HU students with special discounts which encouraged several students to register their names to buy one.

To sum up, the event was very good, and the students enjoyed it a lot. CS3 would like to thank Dr. Mohamad Ladan, Mr. Shant Estepan, LG, and the students of Haigazian for their support.



By Mohamad Zebib

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Reflection Competition: A competition among the Photography Club member's took place under the title of "Reflection". Below are the three of the many pictures submitted.



Photo Competition: Pictures of 15 different prizes ranging from pens to phone recharge cards and cinema tickets were combined in a video of 0.01 second transition speed. The objective was to capture a clear picture of one of the prizes with your phone camera. If successfully, it was yours. Out of the 70 HU students who participated in the competition; 24 won pens, donuts, snickers, Nutella jars, sandwiches, soft drinks and phone recharge cards.



"Diverse Recall": Latest photo exhibition of HU Photography Club: Under the title "Diverse Recall", the HU Photography Club organized a collective photo exhibition, on February 20, 2014.

The exhibition featured 27 photos taken by the 10 students of the Photography Club; Krikor Melkonian, Sandy Fahed, Meriane Mohamad, Garin Haidostian, Ismail Abdul Fatah, John Charbetjian, Sherine Rahal, Mona Ramadan, Zeinab Maloum, Omar El Zahed.

The photos reflected the diversity among the University's students, and the diverse locations and perspectives of each captured photo.

In his welcoming address, Student Life Coordinator, Mr. Chukri Charbetji thanked all the guests for supporting the Photography Club with their presence, stating that the idea of this exhibition was a result of the creativity of the students.

He further pointed out that the students have chosen the most common and simple sceneries and structures and have exposed them from intricate angles, showing a deeper aspect with several dimensions.



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Book Exchange Event On Campus



“Ready...Set...Recycle”! On October 12, 2013 the Haigazian University Environmental Club participated in an event entitled “Ready... Set... Recycle!” organized by “The Students of The Goguikian Foundation”. The Environmental Club members presented a live demonstration on the stages of paper recycling, and an exhibition of up-cycled products made by the members themselves during previous workshops. In addition, the members presented to the crowd a demo on how to up-cycle a can into an ash tray. Those present were invited to do their own up-cycled ash trays. Furthermore, the club showed a documentary about recycling. People’s positive interaction and comments motivated the members to raise more awareness towards the importance of recycling and up-cycling and their benefits.



Animals Lebanon On Campus: Animals Lebanon, an organization that works to protect animals through legislation, education, campaigns and rescue was on campus.



Recycle Bins By Sukleen: Hard effort combined with the determination of the Environmental Club members in collaboration with Sukleen led to a new project called “RED & BLUE”. Blue is for your papers, magazines, books, copybooks... Red is for your plastic & glass bottles, plastic containers, plastic bags, drink cans, biscuit tins, aluminum foils and aerosol cans. All HU Buildings are now equipped with the recycle bins.



Waste Management Presentation: On November 21, 2013 in collaboration with Mr. Joseph Moudabber, an instructor in hospitality management at Haigazian University, the Environmental Club members offered a presentation for his class about waste management (Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle & Up-cycle).

Up-cycled Christmas Decoration: The Environmental Club met, researched, and planned so that they could create some up-cycled Christmas decorations. The result was 3 ornaments which were easy and fun to make. These decorations have added to the Christmas mood at HU.



X-TREME CLUB



Survival Camp: This year the X-treme Team Survival Camp was in Nahr Ibrahim. Around 14 participants pushed their physical and mental abilities to the extreme where they faced tough challenges that were prepared for them. In addition, there was a 4 hour hike. All returned safe with unforgettable memories.



Food Competition: The X-Treme Team organized a food competition. The champ was the student who finished his spaghetti plate first. Two rounds were played and two champs, Mohammad-Omar Al Rayess and Raffi Keshian. The HU band played several enthusiastic songs during the event.



X-Treme's Workshop: "How to be an Effective and Efficient Team" is the title of the workshop that the X-treme Team members attended during the vacation. The workshop included several videos, experiential learning games and practical ways to implement what they learned.



X-Treme Team's Hiking: The X-treme team along with several HU students and our guard Mardig challenged themselves and hiked 23 km from Tannourine Army camp to Arz Bechary Army camp. Tough winds, showers of rain & snow and muddy track didn't keep our students from achieving their goal and reaching the finish line.



Founder's Day Wall Climbing



Biking from HU to Byblos: The distance from Haigazian University to Byblos is 38.7km, a 55 minutes car drive. The X-tremers with 3 HU students and Rev. Bruce biked the route HU-Byblos-HU, 77.4 km in 7 hours. Pain, determination and team spirit were present throughout the trip.



Indoor Wall Climbing Workshop: Repelling & climbing equipment were introduced to the X-Treme Team members. Afterwards, they practiced climbing and abseiling techniques that they learned.

HU SPORTS



Women's Basketball: The team currently is on top of the league with 5 WINS and 1 loss.



Table-tennis: The team is currently on top of the league with 4 WINS and 1 loss.



Men's Futsal: The team is in 4th place with 4 WINS, 1 draw and 2 losses.



Women's Futsal: The team occupies the 4th place with 3 WINS, 1 draw and 2 losses.



HU's Kick Boxing Team: HU's Kick Boxing team is back, fresh and ready for competition. The Sports Department kicked off the fall semester of 2013-2014 with an event introducing the Kick Boxing team to Haigazian students in the Auditorium. The event had a guest of honor, coach Abdul Rahman El Rayess, President of the Lebanese Federation of Kick Boxing – Savate explained to the students what Kick Boxing is all about and its history. At the end of the event it was announced that for the first time there will be beginner classes given by the captain of the Kick Boxing team, Najah Saoud. This being said, Najah Saoud also received a certificate for attaining

the rank of brown belt to become the first HU Kick Boxer since 2010 to reach this level. Last but not least, the performance of the Kick Boxing team that is improving through the hard work of its members. These fighters have great hope, spirit, energy, power, discipline, and dreams wanting to put their hands on the title of championship. On March 9, 2014 during the Adel Nsouli Cup which was held at Taadod Club the HU's Women's team was the Champion of the 19th Nsouli Cup: Marina Saad (GOLD), Sara Wehbe (GOLD), Noor Kabbara (SILVER), Roudaina Bou Shahine (SILVER), Mohammad Hallak Fakhra (SILVER), Najah Saoud (BRONZE).



MUSIC CLUB

Christmas Music Event: On December 20, 2013, at 12:00 noon, Haigazian University's auditorium was filled with Haigazian students and faculty members who were eagerly waiting what Haigazian University's Music Club members had prepared for them.

Haigazian University's Music Club consists of 9 musically talented students: Nanor Madjarian, Sora Chhaitli, Nour Al Hassaniyya, Arda Kerbajian, Garine Haidostian, Maria Lena Kissoyan, Laury Bilalian, Merry Abdel Ahad, and John Hatem. These musicians entertained the audience by performing successively a mixture of classical, modern and oriental music, utilizing different kinds of instruments like the piano, violin, oud and flute. The members ended the concert with a Christmassy mood by playing some famous Christmas carols which were sung by those present.

At the end of the one hour musical concert, the members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year and thanked their supervisor Mrs. Roubina Artinian for guiding their practices, providing them with some helpful musical tips, and for her constant support.

The audience left the auditorium with a smile on their faces and amazed by the quality of music which Haigazian University's Music Club members were able to present.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CLUB

2013-2014 fall semester proved to be yet another productive and great semester for the HU Social Activities Club. Hard working SAC members organized 3 extremely successful events; "Munchies Monday How Smart Can You Go" and the highlight of the semester the "Christmas Fiesta."

Right on the doors of Christmas vacation on December 19 a loud tornado siren filled the air of the HU campus. It was followed by a flood of Christmas themed characters invading the main campus, elves and Santas on tricycles, Indian Christmas dancers, cute ladies with Christmas sweets.... SAC even threw Mr. and Mrs. Clause a Lebanese wedding. To top it off, a 4 meter cake was cut. Everybody had a taste of the delicious Christmas cake by Hi Food.

SAC members are here to enhance the social experiences of Haigazian students and they excel at it. Spring semester is a hectic time for the student life department and SAC promises bigger and wilder events and guarantees to never stop amazing the HU staff, faculty, and students.



SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES SOCIETY

Book Sale on Campus: For two consecutive days, on the 2nd and 3rd of December 2013, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Society (SBSS) of Haigazian University held its first activity for the academic year 2013-2014. It was an unprecedented and special book-fair exhibiting old, even rare, books, manuals, textbooks and scientific journals in psychology, sociology, education and social work. All exhibited materials were donated by the SBS Department as well as by some faculty members within the Department. The event, which was held in the open air, below the Student Life Office building, attracted many students from all majors and departments within the university. By the evening of the first day, more than half of the exhibited books were sold. The aim of the event was to promote the SBS Society on campus and to foster a team spirit among all SBS students. An additional aim was to enable all book lovers and collectors to purchase, at affordable prices, extremely valuable reading resources for their own personal libraries with books from the social and behavioral sciences.



The Social & Behavioral Sciences Society (SBSS) at Haigazian University organized two events in February-March 2014:

On February 28, 2014, SBSS received Ms. Leen Hashem, a social worker and activist in gender issues, who gave a very inspiring talk on Sexual Harassment. Ms. Hashem's presentation attracted a big audience of both sexes in HU Auditorium and was received with much appreciation from all the attendees. The talk highlighted the definition and different types of harassment with clear examples, delineated the dynamics that enable sexual harassment to happen and go unaddressed, ranging from the "patriarchal" concept of unquestionable authority to the absence of laws and policies to protect women against such practices. A short DVD-track followed, illustrating with much humor different sexual harassment scenarios to which women are often exposed in their daily lives. Questions and interventions from the audience clearly reflected the importance of discussing such a "taboo" topic in our society. At the end of the talk, small symbolic "self-defense" kits were offered to attendees, containing special brochures on how to handle harassment situations.



On March 8, 2014, SBSS, in cooperation with other students' clubs and societies at Haigazian, namely the Social Activities' club, the English Society and the Political Science Society, actively participated in the "Say No to Violence" march that was organized by KAFA Organization to lobby for a law protecting women from domestic abuse in Lebanon. Many posters with powerful messages were carefully designed by the students who marched, alongside hundreds and hundreds of concerned citizens, to assert their position against domestic violence.



ACTORS CLUB

Script, character, setting, makeup, raise your voice, let's do it again ... Words and phrases that you hear at the practice sessions of the HU Actors Club. Aiming to improve our actor's talents, a Colombian actor and trainer, Jair Ramirez, was invited to give the members a workshop. Meanwhile, the actors and the director, Zeinab Assaf, are working hard to come up with a stunning play.



HERITAGE CLUB

November 21: The Heritage Club invited General Hisham Jaber to lecture about the 70th anniversary of the Lebanese Independence.



PEACE BUILDING COMMITTEE

On December 21st, 2013 the feeling of anxiety and stress was on. Questions of doubt were raised “are we ready?” That is why the Peace Building committee stormed Haigazian University like the early birds to finalize and “gut” their very first workshop about Physical Education and make it a success, and so it was. Students from several schools from all over Lebanon arrived to Haigazian University as early as 8 am with a goal of building a better society through this workshop. After all the students received their name tags, we all settled in the Mehagian Auditorium ready for the workshop to start. The workshop started with inspiring words from the chairman of The Peace Building Committee, Sevag Ketenjian. Later, an ice-breaking event was organized to allow the students to mingle in a chaotic yet fun manner. After the students got to know each other, we had guest speakers Mrs. Rita Merhej, who discussed about a healthy mind in a healthy body; Dr. Richard Daou, who explained about injuries and the best way to prevent them, and two committee members Elie Bahhadi and Yasmine Abdallah, who educated the students about First Aid. At the end of the workshop, as certificates were being handed to the brilliant, delightful students, we, The Peace Building Committee, observed the students with hopefulness that a change “For A Better Society” was certain.



DOWN TO YOU...



Name: Sezar Bou Ghanem

1. Gladiator, Maximus
2. Who Moved My Cheese
3. Before sex you help each other get naked, after sex you only dress yourself.
- Moral of the story: No one helps you when you are f***ed
4. Sezar_119@hotmail.com
5. Evolution
6. Must



Name: Ezar Helal

1. P.S: I love you, Hillary Swank
2. The Giver
3. "Eat, Pray, Love"
4. Ezar.h@hotmail.com
5. Evolution
6. Must



Name: Varanth Boyadjian

1. The Lord of the Rings, Aragorn
2. Financial institutions and market
3. Fin the best team
4. V.b92@hotmail.com
5. Evolution
6. Option



Name: George Abdoyan

1. Flight, the captain
2. Bible
3. If you obey all the rules, you will miss all the fans
4. Juniorgorg123@hotmail.com
5. Destruction
6. Must



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1. Troy, Achilles
2. None
3. Karma is a bi*ch
4. Still is
5. Neither
6. Shouldn't be



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2. Les Liaison Dangerous
3. ivarty, iparty
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5. Evolution
6. Must



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2. Fire Proof- Veronica decides to die
3. Always keep smiling
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5. Evolution
6. Must



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1. Batman, The Joker
2. No book
3. "Potato Yo"
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5. Evolution
6. Must



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2. Buyology
3. Be a lifelong learner
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5. Evolution
6. Must



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2. I don't read books
3. Don't try to search for justice, instead create your own
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5. Evolution
6. Must

CREATIVITY

A Strange Happening in H.U.

There were holes in the soles of my shoes, and black clouds in the sky. I was on my way to campus when it started to rain. Since I had no jacket on my shoulders, I quickened pace; almost running. My socks got wet and my feet got cold, but moments later they were warm again – wet but warm, indeed.

Finally, on campus, I went to look for my friends who usually hung out in the garden. But on that particular Tuesday morning, I found no one – maybe because it rained. A couple of pseudo-intellectuals were in the smoking area discussing politics, but it was too cold for me to stay outside and have a cigarette with them. So I headed for the library, where it was warm.

There, people talked in whispers. But... my shoes squeaked with every step I took. Squeak, squeak! (As if I stepped on a mouse). And they all looked at me and frowned, but I managed to fake a smile. A few more steps: squeak, squeak, squeak and squeak. And another squeaaaaak.

That was when the librarian came and told me that I was not allowed to squeak in the library. She confiscated my shoes and I was left in my wet, white socks. My feet were cold again.

Now, back in the garden, I was having a cigarette in the smoking area. Drops of rain fell almost silently, without the ticks and the ticks and the ticks. One of the pseudo-intellectuals asked me why I had no shoes on.

“Don’t you know?” I lied. “It’s Wet Socks day! It’s all over Facebook and Twitter.”

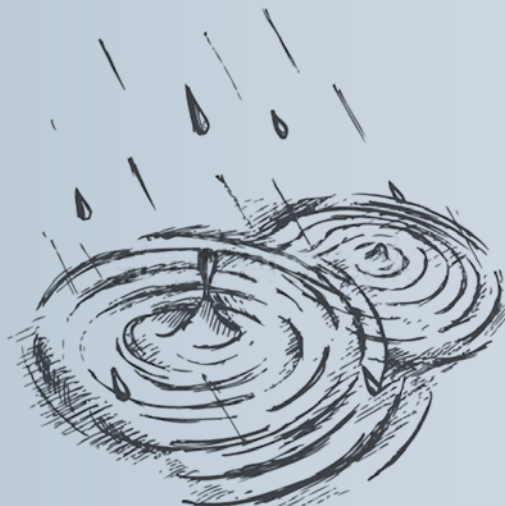
“Right,” he said, thinking that I would think he’s stupid if he didn’t know. “I saw a post early in the morning but forgot about it.”

“Ah!” I said and smiled. There was an awkward moment of silence. But then, to my surprise, he took his shoes off and turned to his friend.

“Don’t you know?” The first pseudo-intellectual said to the second. “It’s Wet Socks day!” And the second pseudo-intellectual took his shoes off, and Tweeted it. It was nine-thirty in the morning.

By noon, all students without exception were shoeless – even some of the professors had joined the cause – and we were all dancing in wet socks in the rain.

Lalala... and trallala
Lalala... and trallala



CHRIS KHATACHADOURIAN

The Three Maidens: Fire, Sky and Sea

Under the dark spell of a charming night, the magic curve of the diamond moon vowed
I rest my head on my velvet cushion, lying bare in my silky shroud.
A glimpse of fantasy, my heart's melancholy perpetrates my longings endowed.

Dear diary, as the dusk fathoms over the stifling awake bodies,
Engulfing the scowl of the whimpered souls
I confess my love to the fire, the sky and the sea.

The fire, daringly engorged to fornicate my clenching shield
Devouring ashes, potent crimson blaze earthly wield
Seductive red flames, cracking coal, hungry for my twisted soul
A lustful cannibal, horrifying bruises on my tender heart, it brags for tore.

The sky, high above in the Heavens buried, boasting to lavish my repentance,
An undying blessing, the touch of God's creation, my furtive malignance
An immortalized vision, I gulp the chant of celestials' groan
A demure kiss, a mellow bane, I weep alone.

The sea, defiant for what is dug under the crystal vigorous waves, I twitch for flee
Like a lost mermaid swallowed in the ruins beneath, terrified from rigidity
Passionate and vulgar in making love, I tremble in the trickling gore.
A destination unknown, waves ripple me in the deep kingdom of the yore.

Dear diary, I am lost in the wicked love of the fire, the sky and the sea
I lust them every once a while, they elapse in my vexing deed
Free to all, caressing none, dreadfully duped, loneliness is all I feed
A novice, in love with the three maiden, I curse the fire, the sky and the sea.

Waiting for the unveiling dawn, I engrave my love to the three maiden
My century's Eurydice, an eternal siren, a lustful hymn, I fall laden
Tipsy for the wine, my only appealing pleasure, I quell my imaginary.
Another glimpse of fantasy, a cherry tasting love, I drink to my tormented obscurity.

NATHALINE DEUVLETIAN



BOOK REVIEW

A New Earth: Create A Better Life

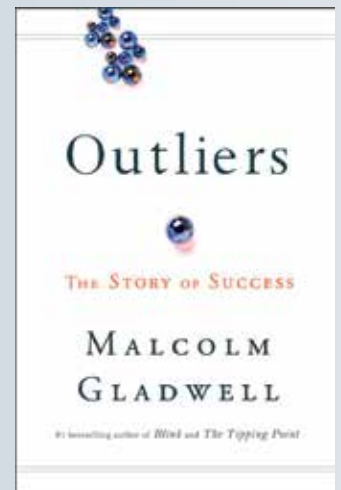
For most of us, happiness is a distant dream – a treasure buried in the depths of an uncertain future that we're all eager to reach. It is a longing of the heart that we desperately seek to appease. So we work harder, hoping to find it in the possessions we earn, the actions we perform, or the choices we make. Before we know it, we find ourselves caught in the rush of life, consumed by the countless hassles each day brings. We become slaves to the incessant thoughts our minds compulsively generate: "I'm not worthy", "I'm not trying hard enough", "I should be a better person before I can deserve to be happy".... But what if happiness is closer than we think? What if it is not something we can achieve tomorrow, but rather something we can be in this very instant?

Patricia Prudhomme



Outliers: The Story of Success

Through countless media elements, people are sold the idea that success is the outcome of hard work, intelligence, personal struggle and originality. Students believe that they will rise to the top as a result of their determination and effort. Malcolm Gladwell challenges this notion by studying the logic behind success. He does this by shedding light on all the opportunities, legacies, and hidden advantages that makes success a group effort and not a product of natural talent. In his book "Outliers: The Story of Success," Malcolm Gladwell focuses on the people in society that aren't within the scope of the ordinary, the outliers. The author analyzes and questions their backgrounds trying to find a common strand between them, because their stories have the most to teach us. By studying these outliers, Gladwell gives us a better understanding about the process of success. The book is divided into two parts, the first studies the opportunities associated with success and the second examines the legacies. In the first half of the book, Gladwell discusses several key characteristics that can increase one's chances for success. Gladwell shows how being born in a certain month or decade that coincides with having a specific talent, a sort of "demographic jackpot," is a rare opportunity that grants a lucky few a great advantage due to exceptional timing. The second half of the book discusses the effect of legacies and the influences families and upbringing have on children.



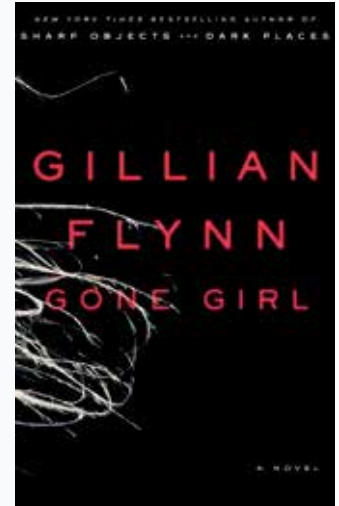
The main point that's discussed throughout the book isn't necessarily a new idea. It's commonly known that the opportunities that we're given are a result of our place in history. Incidentally, there aren't any tips for practical application, so don't expect to read this book and suddenly be on your way to a successful future!

Malcolm Gladwell's writing is characterized by his use of interesting anecdotes to really drive his point across. They're written in such a way that draws the reader into the book. His passion for the subject matter is evident, resulting in a lot of 'gee, that was interesting...' moments. So while this book doesn't really provide any practical solutions to achieve individual success it does shine light on an alternate understanding of success.

Rayan El Masri

Gone Girl

“Treasure hunt, sex, cheating husband, psycho wife”, Gillian Flynn reveals the darkest side of a twisted corrosive marriage of two viperish couples. Nick Dunne finds his wife missing on the 5th anniversary of his marriage. The blood on the kitchen floor tells that Amy was unmercifully murdered and dragged into the ugly fate. Nick feels guilty, Nick is murky, did he murder his wife? The masterful psychological thriller novel alerts the reader to question about Amy: What happened to the poor wife. The second half of the book discloses the sadist wife, the lost diary and the unbearable complex personalities of the couple. Blood, orgasm, violence in its utmost means that will make the reader grip the pillow, sight at the end of each page and come closer to the bloody truth. Sweat soaking from the beginning till the last page, Flynn combines her childhood sadistic life in both of the characters of the gloomy novel. If you enjoy a merciless entertainment then you have knocked at the right door! Gone Girl film is scheduled to be released at the end of 2014, where Gillian Flynn states that the movie deviates from the original script of the New York Best Seller book.



Nathaline Deuvletian

HUBS

The HU Business Society Launches the “Small Tycoons” Competition: On Saturday, November 23, 2013, the Haigazian University Business Society (HUBS), organized a workshop entitled, “Small Tycoons Competition”, as part of the Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW).

In collaboration with E club, Morgan International, Altcity, Bader and Kafalat, and with the full support of the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics at Haigazian University, this five-hour workshop took place in Beirut Souks’ E club, as part of the Start Up weekend. There were over 200 participants. This free open entrepreneurship workshop gave students a chance to improve their entrepreneurial skills, the ability to form their ideas properly into a business startup, and to learn how to market and finance it. The audience benefited from the rich experience, and entrepreneurial tools and skills of leaders in the market; Mr. Gilbert Doumit - Managing Partner, Beyond RDI Group, Ms. Maria Frangieh - DBA candidate and lecturer at Haigazian University, Mr. Munir Nabti - CEO of Altcity Mr. Abdallah Absy - CEO of Zoomal, Ali Chehade - CEO of Dream Matcher, Mr. Ralph Estephan - Technology Department Officer and Mr. Fadi Bizri- Managing Director of Bader.

Towards the end of the event, the HUBS announced the Small Tycoons Competition, where students had the opportunity to submit a business idea in a proper business format. The winning idea got the chance to win \$10,000 in cash and prizes. Prizes included two courses provided by Morgan International and office work space disposed by Altcity.

The deadline for submitting ideas was on December 23rd, 2013. Many applied and sent their ideas, beholders of the top five ideas attended a second workshop, to help them improve and finalize their final pitch. As a final step, the winner of the “Small Tycoons Competition 2013” was chosen from a committee of judges at Haigazian University that consisted of several instructors and the Dean Fadi Asrawi.



DESERT STREAMS

The Ants: Suddenly I realized they were working like ants. Day and night. Once they decided on something it happened: Blood drive, Clothes Drive, Toy drive. One after the other, silently and persistently they made them happen. A group of people with motivation, drive and enthusiasm. I realized they were the best example of a great youth. From different backgrounds they gathered on a common mission. Helping others. The blood drive happened to be scheduled when the storm hit the country. A lot of people expected that no one will show up, especially in Haigazian. We all know and it's not a secret that people do not read posters, and are rarely interested in going out of their ways to participate in an event or an activity, but... The blood drive was an amazing success. "Donner Sang Compter" were on campus on time and the day started with many sweet souls joining in to donate blood and in order to save lives. The clothe drive was an event to make one proud of. More than 40 boxes of sweaters, pants, and jackets were gathered and donated to the refugees who were suffering from the cold. The clothes were part of the biggest clothe drive in Lebanon, which took place in Biel. A few volunteers from Haigazian were there not only to donate the clothes but also to help hand pick, categorize and pack them with the organizing foundations. The Toy drive was a creative and amazing idea. Toys were on campus. All students and staff had to do was buy them. The Streamers did the rest for them. Just like ants: Persistent, Silent, and organized. The Desert Streamers are ANTS.



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