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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF NDU

Dear Alumni,

It is a true delight to address you all through the first issue of NDU's Alumni e-newsletter – just one of the initiatives of the NDU Alumni Affairs Office (AAO).



Here I am, already in the midst of the second year of my presidency of NDU, with a huge agenda that will be carried out before the eyes of our community; a community that is attentively watching and waiting NDU's latest initiatives. I am reminded of the words of Robert F. Kennedy, who said, "Some men see things as they are and say why? I dream of things that never were and say why not?"

We have embarked at the beginning of this academic year on the accreditation process. Many members of the NDU community are being involved in this process that brings them together in a state of commitment on how to consider potential paths of evolution for NDU. The accreditation of a university tells you that it has met a minimum standard of quality in its academic programs. Accrediting organizations such as NEASC are authorized by the US Department of Education to set these standards and then to evaluate whether a university program meets them or not. The accreditation process makes us understand that the decisions that will guide NDU's future are very much in our hands.

Jesus talked a lot about homebuilding. He said, "Build your houses on a rock and it will stand; do not build them on the sand, they'll fall."

This year NDU commemorates its 20th Anniversary as an independent university. This is a great occasion to echo on our past, face the present and forecast the future. It is an opportunity not only to celebrate but also to learn from the experiences and activities organized throughout 2007. I think this anniversary will also be a great opportunity for the alumni who can come back and see the

changes on campus and bear living witness to the progress we are making. I invite each of you to be part of, and contribute to, these celebrations.

Happy Reading!
Fr. Walid Moussa

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

Welcome to the first issue of NDU Alumni Affairs Office e-newsletter.

This newsletter grew naturally out of the mission and vision inspiring it: "To acquaint NDU Alumni with significant events, personalities, movements and developments at NDU."

This newsletter is for you and about you, so we hope that you take advantage of this opportunity to provide us with information on important milestones in your lives, information that you would like to share with your fellow alumni.

This newsletter is designed by our Office to "stay in touch" with NDU Alumni and "talk stories" about important happenings within the NDU community.

This newsletter will be e-mailed to all alumni who have updated their e-mail addresses at the Alumni Affairs Office.

Now, Enjoy it!
Simon A. Abou Jaoude

NDU UPDATES

NDU 20th Anniversary

2007 will bring an air of pride and energy as we are celebrating the 20th Anniversary of NDU as an independent university. The inauguration of these celebrations was held on January 21, 2007 as a Press Release, organized by the



Public Relations Office and presided by Fr. Walid Moussa. The release was followed by lunch for representatives of written and electronic media. The official commemorative service will be held on the evening before Founders' Day. One of the hand-outs of the inaugural event was the "Prayer to mark the 20th Anniversary of Notre Dame University"

O Lord,

From the atmosphere of learning, numbers, and worrying questions, before Thee we stand and pray humbly.

From the evenings of temptations, trespasses and sins, to Thy wholesome face we return, to be baptized in Thy pure and clear water.

From the world of effort, labor and ambition, we have recourse to Thy protection, and present to Thee an account of the twenty years of our beloved University.

O Lord,

We have worked hard, all of us, Fathers and Brothers, those who went to meet Thee, and those who are still endeavoring on earth, for our talents to be doubled.

Sometimes, we have failed, O Lord, and sometimes we have succeeded.

We have stumbled, yet not fallen,

We grew tired, yet did not despair,

We were tormented by troubles, trials and wars, yet we never denied Thee.

We have arrived here, carrying the worries of our University, the dreams of its students, and the hopes of its employees, and imploring Thee to strengthen our will, reinforce our faith, and keep away from us the evils of corruption, ignorance and neglect.

Save the souls of those who have departed this life and contributed to the foundation of our University,

reward those who have sacrificed, served and never failed,

look with satisfaction and compassion upon those who have graduated and moved forth into life.

O Lord,

Help our University to grow in body and spirit and identity.

Give to us, family of NDU, and clarity of conscience and depth of knowledge and show us the beauty of giving.

Grant us, through the intercession of Our Mother the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Louaize, to pursue our path with love, joy and freedom, forever and never.

Amen.

I invite every NDU Alumnus to say this prayer at least one time for the intentions of NDU. As we all recite the same prayer, we form a great

spiritual chain that will help bless and strengthen our beloved university.

A new faculty at NDU – Faculty of Nursing

Most careers today make us sit in front of a computer for more than eight hours a day. There is one that has a different approach: Nursing. Why consider Nursing? Besides offering financial stability, the best recommendation for nursing as a career is the large employment opportunities it offers. "Nursing is integral to the health care system." says Fr. Boutros Tarabay, Acting Dean of the Faculty, "The program is geared toward educating nurses to work with individuals, families, groups, and communities in a variety of settings guided by a health promotion perspective with an ethic of caring." For more information, contact admission@ndu.edu.lb

NDU Alumni Sports' Reunion:

To mark NDU 20th anniversary and with the assistance of the Sports Office at SAO, a huge gathering was prepared for graduates, who were engaged in sports activities during their residency at NDU. Some of these athletes were able to make it in the world of national and international sports. To name but few; Mark Kozah (Basketball), Charles Bardawil (Basketball), Nathalie Saikaly (Track & Field), Reine Bejjani (Track & Field), Zaher El-Hajj (Snowboard), Lina Rahme (Cycling), Hoda & Hanadi Keyrouz (Skiing), and Paul Rostom (Football).

The event took place on Friday, March 9, 2007 in the Conference Hall – NDU Main Campus premises at 6:30 PM with more than 300 Alumni attending this gathering.

The hostess of the reunion was Lina Rahme, BA '04 & MA candidate in English Linguistics, Miss NDU 1999, national and international record holder in Cycling and part-time instructor of English at NDU.

In his address, Mr. Simon Abou Jaoude "welcomed home" the Alumni and stressed that "they represent the heritage of NDU and serve as a link between what was and what will be."

Fr. Walid Moussa called upon the Alumni to give their full support for NDU and to the Alumni Affairs Office. He reminded them that his presidency is for a certain period of time but their NDU alumni status is for a life time.

Three documentary movies were projected at the gathering: the first, on the NDU 20th Anniversary prepared by the Public Relations Office and the Audio-Visual Facilities at NDU; the second, on NDU's sports' activities - Circle

of Life - prepared by Samer and Mazen Naoum and the third, a tribute to Sports' Office realized by Naoum Abi Adam, Nicolas Khabbaz, Maria Zeinaty, Samer El Achy and Sam Lahoud (NDU Alumni.)

Mr. Georges Nader and Mr. Elias Boutros were the honor of the event and thanked the audience for their great appreciation.

In all, it was a great evening for NDU Alumni



athletes, as they celebrated both past and present accomplishments.

If anyone of you knows someone who was active in sports at NDU but has not been contacted to attend the event, kindly send us an e-mail on alumni.affairs@ndu.edu.lb . We will put you on our mailing list for future Alumni event and particularly Alumni Sports Events.

NDU ALUMNI WEBSITE

What are the goals of NDU Alumni Affairs Office web site? Who will be the target audience for the web site? These were the main questions we asked ourselves before embarking on the creation of our very own website.

When a pilot study was done on NDU Alumni concerning what they hoped for from the Alumni website. Here are few answers; "We want a web site that primarily reflects data, ideas, people or things" Wael said. "We want a website that is interactive, accessible, and career-promoting." Roland commented. Moussa who lives in Dubai said, "The web site must link us appropriately to the NDU campus."

All of these concerns were addressed to Mr. Marwan Saab and Mr. Mounir Sarkis from Data

Softener, NDU Alumni, BS '02, who volunteered willingly to set up the web site features and design for the NDU Alumni Affairs Office through their company: Data Softener. Several meetings were conducted between them and the NDU Computer Center personnel. Soon we will see the fruit of their collaboration. Allow us to acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Nazih Khalil, Mr. Fadi Eid and the leadership of Mr. Fawzi Baroud.

NDU Alumni Faculty and Staff Reunion

Reunions are all about people and Alumni Reunions are a wonderful time to reunite together in an opportunity of fun .Our upcoming event at the Alumni Affairs Office is an in-house gathering where a group of special alumni; NDU Alumni Faculty and Staff will meet to exchange ideas and concerns and share the mission and vision of the Office. The delicious attraction of the event is "The Alumni Menu". The reunion is scheduled for **Monday April 30, 2007**. Official registration for the reunion is handled by Mrs. Rose Mady, Administrative Assistant of the Office. The key to a successful reunion is great attendance. Be there and Make your reservation! **Deadline for registration is Wednesday April 25, 2007.**

COVER STORY – NDU Alumni in London

Salutations from Fadi F. Faysal

And what a delight it is to be offered a chance to take a stroll down memory lane, except for this time accompanied, sharing an experience, a post NDU experience with you my fellow alumni members and teachers. Like most of you, I also have a story to narrate about the leap, together with its ventures, from being an imprudent unpredictable university student to becoming a somewhat foolish, sometimes erratic, yet hopefully productive member of society facing the various challenges thrown my way when living in the real world.



Four years ago I graduated from the NDU Faculty of Political Science, Public Administration and Diplomacy and soon thereafter headed off chasing an embedded dream by moving to London. Moreover, and borrowing a line from the movie "Good Will

Hunting", I had gone to see about a girl, my high school sweetheart; sadly a failed attempt! Four years on and in support of the notion that nothing really ever changes, I am still at heart imprudent, mad and unpredictable. I think the few who have met me and have grown to know me will second that perception.

Living on my own and fending for myself did not come cheap. With all its history, exquisite scenery and beautiful architecture, I found myself in a city as cold as a razor blade, as dry as a funeral drum; I found myself in a vast city where no one cared about anyone else or spoke to anyone; a city of human robots where each keeps to himself. I clearly remember the first few months pacing the streets of London handing out CV's left, right and centre desperately searching for employment; yet another failed attempt! The first eight months were quite horrible and I constantly toyed with the idea of giving up on that dream and playing it safe by resorting to a secure haven; by returning home. Things finally took a turn for the better; I have made a few good friends, found promising employment, holidayed in Finland, Canada and Ireland, visited Tallinn, Stockholm, Paris and Cardiff and regularly attend the wonderful London theatres, museums, exhibitions and concerts.

The beauty about memories is that they never disappear into thin air, are easily recalled and come handy on a rainy day. I shall never forget my days on campus at NDU, the various academic arguments with my faculty teachers, my association with the various clubs especially the Club of International Relations and the events we hosted, the tireless campaigning for the various causes and the Student Cabinet elections and Founder's Day. University life occupied a huge part of my life and has equipped me with the knowledge, strength and confidence to go out and face the world. Believe me when I say I enjoyed every moment.

I believe I have done exceptionally well and it goes without saying it is all credit to my family, friends, colleagues and teachers alike who at times went out of their way, had confidence in me, guided me and helped make me the person I am today. I thank you.

Fadi F. Faysal
Class of 2003, BA, Faculty of Political Science & Public Administration
currently living in London, United Kingdom and working for a company called Addison Bradley & Co. Ltd as a Reinsurance Broker.

INTERVIEWING NDU FACULTY / STAFF MEMBERS

For twenty-five years since Mr. Toni Khalil first arrived at NDU, and throughout his long teaching career, he has been known as Mr. Finance. "There are many moments I would never forget. "NDU marked me." he says. Despite his full-time schedule in different positions, he has managed to devote many hours to serving the NDU community.



When did you make your first visit to NDU?

In 1982, after I had returned from the U.S. and was looking for a teaching job. The first person I met was Dr. Nicolas Salha, who introduced me to the President, Fr. Bechara Rahi. At that time, NDU was still a joint venture with BUC.

What do you remember from teaching?

The thing I remember is the sense of accomplishment that the students feel at the end of each semester after they have taken their final exam in my course. I feel proud I have helped them achieve an added-value in their goals.

How would you like your students to remember you?

I would like students to remember me as a serious and demanding instructor; a teacher they can look back on and say they really learned finance from Mr. Toni Khalil. At the same time, they will say that I was firm and fair enough to understand, and help them solve their problems.

Do you still keep in touch with your students? Name a few of them.

I keep in touch with many of my students. I am proud to say quite a few of them have attained very important positions in the finance world.

To name just a few:

- Antoine Zarifeh, Executive position in the Credit Industry.
- Ziad Zoghbi, Executive position in the Banking Industry.

- Youssef Khalil, Managerial position in Cash Management.
- Nathalie Eid, Financial position in International Project Management and college teaching.
- Mario Salameh, Executive position in International Investment Banking.
- Steve Khayat, Executive position in International Corporate Finance.

What do you think are the major strengths of NDU?

One of the major strengths of NDU is its faculty members who strive to provide excellent curricula in all of its departments especially in business. At the same time, they have remained personal enough to allow students to interact closely with them.

Do you have a particular memory or anecdote from your years of teaching?

My fondest memory is when I meet with alumni, and the first thing they say to me "Mr. Cash is King," one of the three important principles of finance which they never forgot.

What positions did you occupy at NDU?

I started as a full-time faculty member, and then I was appointed as the chairperson of the Business division of BUC-LCHE. When NDU was given the decree in 1987 as an independent university, I occupied several academic and administrative positions: Dean of the Business School, Director of NDU-NLC, Director of SAO and chairperson of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics.

Tell us what are you doing currently?

Currently I am assisting the FBAE Department through its "Outcome Assessment Committee" (OAC), to set standards and introduce continuing improvements in the finance, accounting and economics curricula. In addition, I am assisting the Business Graduate Division in my capacity as a member of the Ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee and the Coordinator for finance and accounting graduate disciplines.

What advice do you have for graduates to become more involved NDU Alumni?

"Stay in contact with NDU. The University would like to track your accomplishments and achievements." In return, the Alumni Affairs Office should be able to connect them with our freshly graduated students to assist them in their job search.

Mrs. Lea Eid, Registrar, whose name is best known to all NDU graduates, considers that the best moments of her career occur when NDU graduates express their appreciation, recognizing her as "Mama Lea".



When did you start at NDU? Tell us about those early years.

In 1982, I was called forth by LCHE, to join a newly established joint venture – BUC-LCHE. At the time, I was working in the Registrar's Office at BUC now LAU. I was delighted to take part in this challenge with the Maronite Mariamite Order, the Sponsoring Society of NDU. I miss those good early days of family spirit.

What impact did NDU have on your life?

NDU was there with me all the way, especially after my husband passed away in 1986. The love and support that the NDU community has given me throughout these years are immeasurable. My eldest son Rodney graduated from NDU with a BS degree in Business Computing and my youngest son is currently a biology student at NDU.

How important is team work and collaboration in achieving your goals?

Fostering teamwork is creating a work culture that values collaboration. At the Registrar's Office, we believe that thinking over decisions and planning actions are better when done cooperatively. I read somewhere, "None of us is as good as all of us"

What are the major changes you have noticed throughout these years?

NDU has indeed grown and developed into one of the top three universities in Lebanon.

I can stroll back over NDU's 20 years. The campus was first a tiny cluster of the newly constructed buildings and the very first garage held a total of 10 cars. We had barely a glimmer of what NDU might become.

What do you like the general public to say about NDU?

I would like the general public to say that NDU is an academic institution that is simultaneously anchored in tradition and on

course for excellence. There are few universities that can claim that they have quality education, affordable fees and a solid Catholic character. I really want NDU to become internationally recognized.

What advice do you have for graduates to become more involved in the NDU Alumni?

There is something special, something unique about NDU. There are a number of ways for Alumni to become involved. I believe that the establishment of the Alumni Affairs Office has a clear mission. NDU wants to stay connected with its Alumni and asks them to be engaged in the development of their Alma Mater. Alumni can get involved in an activity, support with a financial engagement, join a career network, host an event, etc.

NDU is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, and you have been there from the beginning, what would like to say to the NDU Community?

This is a defining time in the history of NDU. Twenty years ago NDU began a journey to change the key aspects of what University should be; Let us celebrate today and together how far and how well we have traveled. I am firmly aware that we have made it this far because of our shared commitment to the mission and vision of NDU."

I offer heartfelt congratulations to every member of the NDU community.

FRESH TO THE TEST

"When the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be challenged to change." (Fr. P.H. Kolvenbach, SJ).

There are many remarkable students graduating every semester, and we have profiled a few in this issue. Fall graduating students of NDU-NLC and NDU-Shouf say how their experience at NDU has changed their life.

Samer Jaber, NDU/NLC, fall 2006 graduate in Business Management.

Tell us about yourself and include any interesting information you would like to share with us?



My name is Samer Jaber, I'm 23 years old. I lived all my life until high school in Tripoli and attended the International School El-Koura. Then I decided to leave for Canada seeking post-secondary education. I enrolled at Grant McEwen College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. After studying two semesters in Canada I decided to come back to Lebanon.

How did you learn about NDU and why did you choose NDU?

I was a student at Grant MacEwan College in Canada (2004). When I decided that I wanted to continue my studies in Lebanon, I started surfing the internet for universities in North Lebanon. While surfing the internet I realized that NDU had a campus in Barsa North Lebanon. From my previous knowledge, NDU had a good reputation in Lebanon and the Arab countries. A few days later, I contacted the Admission Office by email to gather information. After they replied, I was motivated from Canada to apply to NDU.

I chose NDU because of its location that is close to my home. Second, because I heard that NDU was the highly competitive in business.

What was your biggest challenge at NDU?

My biggest challenge at NDU was the competition taking place between the students in the class. Students enjoyed working, studying, attending classes, and doing extra work, which drove me to work harder in order to achieve better results.

Do you think your education at NDU prepared you for life after graduation?

If yes, how?

Yes, because we had a variety of professors and each shared with us his or her unique experience. Our professors used to explain to us about these obstacles and give us solutions to overcome them. Because NDU's system of instruction is similar to that of North America; I can now overcome any difficulties in continuing my education in that part of the world.

What are your future plans after NDU?

After graduating this fall semester from NDU, I'm planning to continue my master's degree in Canada. The University of British Columbia is my destination, and I'm seeking a Masters of Management in Operations Research.

Sara Rachid, NDU-Shouf, fall 2006, graduated with a BS - Mathematics.

Tell us about yourself and include any interesting information you would like to share with us?

I am proud to be one of the early generations of graduates of NDU-Shouf. The four years I spent here always be one of the most important chapters in the book of my life.



How did you learn about NDU and why did you choose NDU?

I can still remember the "decision-making" period which paved my way to NDU. Many factors had to be considered and many details to be settled but it soon became clear that NDU would be the most appropriate choice, a reputable university known for its high academic standards and bright history, situated in the heart of the Shouf region.

What was your biggest challenge at NDU?

How can I sum up four years of totally different experiences? Each of these years held within it new lessons to be learned, new tasks to be fulfilled and new potentials to be earned. The most difficult challenge was to keep my GPA high to maintain a 75% scholarship. In this way I was able to pursue my master's degree at AUB with a graduate assistantship.

Do you think your education at NDU prepared you for life after graduation? If yes, how?

Of course, not only did I acquire the necessary knowledge in Mathematics, the major I registered in, but I also built up my knowledge in other fields such as psychology, nutrition, religion and many others which are indispensable in our modern world.

What are your plans for the future after NDU?

I am leaving NDU as a productive member of society. I shall always come back, especially that I heard that there will be an Alumni gathering for us who graduated from NDU-Shouf. As I have already said, I have been accepted at AUB with a graduate assistantship.

CLASS NOTES

Keep up with your classmates professionally and personally. Send us your promotions, career changes, marriages, births, publications, travels, etc., and we will share your milestones with the NDU community. Send your Class Notes updates to the Alumni Affairs Office today!

**NDU AAO reserves the right to edit all Class Notes submissions.*

1990-1995

Fadia El-Hajj (BA '91, MA '96), one of the first alumna of NDU, and holder of a Masters degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy, has served in many executive administrative assistant positions at NDU.



She is currently working as the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Sponsored Research and Development Office and as Assistant to NDU's Research Centers.

Ghassan Beyrouthy (MBA '93), is currently a PhD Candidate in Economics of Tourism at UQAM University, Montreal. He is a full-time lecturer in the Faculty of Business and Economics at NDU, married with two boys, Michael and Gabriel. He is the owner of Bel Azur 4*A Beach Resort.



Hala Khair (BA '93, MA '95), graduated BA and MBA from NDU/NLC, and is currently pursuing her PhD in Human Resource Management at Leicester University, UK.



Hala is a full-time faculty member in the Faculty of Business at NDU/NLC. She is married to Antoine Yaacoub and has two children. Her brother Rami is also a graduate of NDU – Graphic Design.

Elie Diab (BA '94), graduated from NDU-NLC with a degree in Business Marketing. Since his graduation, he has been managing his

family business - Diab Design, specialized in Kitchen woods in Koura / Dar-El-Ain. In 1997 He married Pauline Bakhache (, NDU alumna, BA Interior Design) and has two boys, Raphael and Gabriel.

1996-2000

Lara S. Akkari (BA '96), graduated in Advertising & Marketing. She pursued her MBA at Saint Ambrose University, Iowa and is currently working as Account Director at LEO Burnett, Lebanon. She recently got engaged to the "love of her life," as she said.

Joseph Abbo (BA '97), graduated with a Marketing degree. He wrote to us, "I am doing great here in Canada, I moved here since 2000. I am married and have a baby boy "Chris". Canada is a nice place to live and raise a family but unfortunately the weather and social life are our biggest challenges. As for my work and education, I am currently working as Account Receivable / Credit Analyst. I was enrolled in an MBA program at the University of Phoenix, but due to family and work responsibilities I have not been able to finish my MBA yet. Currently I am looking for any job opportunity in Lebanon or the Middle East."

Waleed Nassif, (BA '97), graduated from NDU with a BA in Radio/TV. His first job was creative director in the Promotion Department at ART and LBCI. His initial independent program was viewed on Disney Channel Action Comedy series, the International Station of Disney. He is currently one of the top five directors of videoclips, tv commercials, and variety programs in the Arab World. Last October Waleed married Juliana Keyrouz.



Soula Chemaly, (BA '97), graduated with a degree in Adv/Mkt, and was recently promoted as Administrative Assistant in the Faculty of Humanities after serving for six years as the secretary of the Department of Mass Communication. In her new role, she provides executive-level support to the Dean of the Faculty.



Taline Yozgatian (BA '99), graduated from NDU in Graphic Design. She worked for a year at Solidere as free lancer and then she moved to Frankfurt, Germany, working in Jung Pfeiffer

as Art Director. Her work is highly recognized in Germany.

Paul Kiddissi, (BA '99, MBA '01), a familiar active face of NDU NLC, is currently working as Human Resources Manager at UNIPAK Nile, member of INDEVCO Group. Paul declares, "NDU gave me a very solid educational background that was a real foundation for my current profession."



Peter Taouk (BE '00), graduated from NDU in Civil Engineering. He was a familiar face at NDU since he served as President of the Student Cabinet (1998-1999). He started his own construction firm. His work can be mainly found in Beirut. Peter writes, "The best time of my life was the period I spent at NDU."



Patricia El-Etel (BA '00), graduated in HTM, and pursued higher studies in MBA-International Hospitality Management at ESSEC University in France. Since she came back to Lebanon, Patricia has taught at NDU and AUST and worked for two years at Phoenicia International. One year ago, she joined the CLARIDEN Middle-East.

2001- 2006

Samar Chidiac (BA '01) graduated with a BA degree in Journalism, directly after her graduation, she started working as a news reporter at New TV. She became a familiar TV news reporter during the July War 2006.



Therese Chbat (BA '01, MA '04) graduated with Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in English Literature. In addition to a degree in Law, Therese pursued a Masters degree in Speculative Theology from Ave Maria University (A.M.U.), Florida, U.S.A.



She is currently the President of the "Inter-Church Ecumenical Association", Lebanon and a part-time instructor of English at USEK, Kaslik.

Elie Daou, (BE, ME '03) valedictorian of the Commencement 2003, BE Mechanical Engineering from NDU, Masters in Engineering Management. Elie worked for Petrofac International in UAE for two years as a graduate Project Engineer on Kauther Gas Plant Project. Soon he will be joining Shell International Exploration & Production. I have been seconded from Shell to work in South Rub Al Khali Company in Saudi Arabia as a Petroleum Engineer.

Roy Nawar (BS '03) graduated from NDU in Actuarial Science in July 2003 and then moved to Sydney, Australia where he finished his first master's degree in Actuarial Science at Macquarie University. Roy is currently pursuing another degree in Financial Mathematics at University of New South Wales.

Rock Chelala (BE '05), President of Student Cabinet (2004-2005), graduated from NDU in Civil Engineering. Rock started working in Iraq and now he is working as Chief Operations Officer, SSG OffShore, in Afghanistan. He got engaged to Miss Perla Hanna.

Nizar Ghanem (BA '05), a well-known face at NDU-Shouf Campus, graduated from NDU-Shouf in Accounting is currently a project officer in the Forum for Development Culture and Dialogue that works in "Conflict Resolution and Civil Society Capacity Building" in Iraq. He works as a freelance writer for the Swiss magazine "WOZ DIE OCHENZETUNG"

Pia Zeinoun, (BA '06), who graduated with highest distinction in Clinical Psychology, and a was a recipient of 2006 Fulbright Scholarship Award, is currently pursuing MS Clinical and Counseling Psychology at Illinois State University.

IN MEMORIAM /

Jad Roger Moukarzel

Jad Moukarzel (BA 2006), recently graduated in Banking and Finance, died unexpectedly in a car accident on November 16, 2006.

Jad was known by his classmates for his quick humor and for being able to handle complicated issues efficiently. He also distinguished himself as a daring thinker.

His friends were shocked when they got the news that evening. Jad's family was unable to believe what they heard. The loss was too much



to bear. "Dear God, I'm still searching for an answer, are you listening?" cried one of his best friends.

Funeral services were held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Kahale and another memorial service at NDU Chapel. There was a calling hour on Friday at noon.

His death is a great loss to his friends and teachers. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Jad is survived by his father Roger, his brother Emile and his sister Joanna.

A wise man once said: "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die"

LAST WORD

Mark Your Agenda!

- **NDU Alumni Faculty and Staff Reunion on Monday April 30, 2007 between 12:00 – 1:00PM.**
- **Honoring Class 1990-1991 on Friday June 8, 2007 at 6:30**

Now it's Time to Move Forward!

Our objective is to find new and exciting ways to better reach out to NDU alumni, who have become our eyes and ears in the larger community.

Fr. Walid Moussa, President of NDU once told me, "I believe that the more we can meaningfully involve our alumni in the life of the University, both the Alumni and NDU can benefit."

During my few months in Office, I have come to know how important Alumni can be in helping NDU become an even better university. During the coming period, we are going to gather more information and data and importantly much of your feedback.

I hope to have the opportunity to share my vision with each one of NDU Alumnus and invite you to join me on this journey.

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