



BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

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STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT DETAINED



BZU Student Council with President, Jamal Salqan in centre

On January 5, two weeks after his election as President of the new Birzeit Student Council, Jamal Idris Salqan, a student from Balata refugee camp, was detained in the middle of the night and served a six-month administrative detention order.

In addition, student Nayef Ali Sweitat, Student Council President in 1982-83, was placed under six-months' administrative detention on December 25. A Student Council member from the 1984-85 Student Council, Ahmed Al Dik received six months' administrative detention on January 24. Another former Student Council member, Sayfeddin Al-Dik, was detained on December 3 and placed under six-months' administrative detention. A University employee, Tawfiq Barghouti, received a similar order on December 12.

As was reported in the last Newsletter, five Birzeit students were detained in the initial wave of administrative detention that began in late August. Of these, Marwan Barghouti, last year's Student Council President, remains in detention. Students Jibril Jahshan, Rif'at Sabbah, Mahmoud Jaber and Samir Sbeihat were released recently after administrative hearings reduced their periods of detention. All report difficult prison conditions for administrative detainees.

Students have been a particular target for administrative detention, which is quite simply imprisonment without charge or trial; they constitute at least one-third of the over 100 detainees currently in prison. All of the Birzeit students detained to date have been active in the Student Council, either as elected representatives or in its student committees.

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LETTER FROM BIRZEIT

Dear friends and colleagues,

I have been on administrative study leave for the last two months in the United States, so I reviewed the pages of this Newsletter as a new reader, rather than a participant.

I was struck by the two "poles" of University life. The first and most immediately striking is the growing harassments against our students, exemplified by administrative detention, checkpoints, and town arrests and restriction orders. I know well what burdens these harassments place on the student, his or her teacher, and the University as a whole.

At the same time, the other "pole" is the academic vitality of the University, whether through seminars, lectures, faculty publications, community development programs, or the everyday dialogue of students and faculty, which is at the heart of the academic process.

What commits all at Birzeit University - faculty, administration and students - is the dynamism of not only facing our problems but going beyond them to create something new. Whatever the obstacles faced - whether overt harassments or our current financial crisis, both of which are part and parcel of being a Palestinian University under occupation - all at Birzeit University are unwavering in their determination to preserve and develop the University. Thus, as we enter the new year of 1986, I feel confident Birzeit University will continue to find dynamic solutions to our many problems.

Sincerely,



G.A. Baramki
Vice-President



MRS. LINDA NASIR
1911-1986

Birzeit faculty and staff joined the thousands attending the January 20 funeral of Mrs. Linda Nasir, a woman whose open-hearted generosity, graciousness, and willingness to assist students, endeared her to generations of Birzeit students.

Linda Nasir's only son, Dr. Hanna Nasir, exiled President of Birzeit University, has been forbidden to enter the occupied territories since his deportation in 1974.

Linda Khoury Nasir was born in Jaffa in 1911, and married Musa Nasir in 1930, settling in Birzeit. She devoted a considerable part of her life, energies and resources to the development of Birzeit College, and, among other responsibilities, was the supervisor the women's dormitories and the kitchen from 1951-71.

Linda Nasir was a valued counsellor for women students; a quiet and constant source of assistance for impoverished students, and a tireless and efficient administrator of numerous Birzeit services and programs.

In the early 1970s, she helped found the Birzeit Women's Charitable Society. She was active in the Society until the end of her life, just as she never stopped the individual acts of generosity and concern for others that marked the life of this remarkable and much-loved woman.

INAUGURATION



INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM



Interior view of the Kamal Nasir Hall

Friends of the University gathered on October 25 to mark the inauguration of the Kamal Nasir Assembly Hall and the Administration Building on Birzeit's new campus.

Dr. Sa'di El Faqih, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the guests and described the ceremony as a "celebration" of the spirit of the Palestinian people, who continue to build their institutions in the most difficult circumstances. He eulogized Kamal Nasir, a poet and national leader born in the town of Birzeit, who was assassinated in an Israeli raid on Beirut in April 1973, as well as thanking Abdul Mohsin Al Qattan, who donated the funds for the Assembly Hall that bears at Al Qattan's request, Kamal Nasir's name. The donor's to the Administration Building, Walid Al Qattan and Zeineddin Miasi, were also warmly thanked.

Guests toured the two buildings, both designed by Rome architect Francesco Montana, and enjoyed songs and poetry in the auditorium of the Assembly Hall. An art exhibit and a photo display of the life of Kamal Nasir also marked the occasion.

Birzeit University's 1986 International Summer Program will offer courses in standard Arabic, colloquial Arabic (Palestinian dialect), Inter-Arab Relations, Modernization in the Arab World, and a social-science based course on Problems of Development Under Occupation.

The international summer session will run from July 1-August 15. All courses are 3-credit courses and will be taught in English. The University will provide accommodation for interested students for an additional fee. Summer school for Birzeit students will run concurrently, and a number of student activities will thus be available to international students, as well as special excursions to sites of interest in the area.

For course descriptions, fee schedules, and an application form, please write to:

Director, International Summer Program
Birzeit University
Birzeit, West Bank
Via Israel

Please indicate in your letter in which courses you might enroll, and level of Arabic, if relevant.

DEAN OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS

Dr. Suheil Abboushi, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, has been appointed the new Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Economics. Dr. Abboushi began teaching at Birzeit in 1976. In 1979 he left for the United States to continue his research. He received his Ph.D from the University of Pittsburgh in 1984, when he returned to the West Bank to recommence teaching at Birzeit.

FINANCIAL CRISIS HITS UNIVERSITY

A severe financial crisis has resulted in emergency deferment of part of the salary for most Birzeit University faculty and employees.

The crisis evolved as the Council for Higher Education, the coordinating body for Palestinian universities in the Occupied Territories, was forced to reduce its annual contribution to the operating budgets of local institutions by 40%, commencing in the last academic year, 1984-85. The reduction was due to dwindling contributions to the Association of Arab Universities' fund earmarked for support of Palestinian universities.

Birzeit University was the hardest hit because of its larger number of personnel, and ended the 1984-85 fiscal year with a very large deficit in the operating budget, although building funds for the expansion of the new campus remained secure.

In the past ten years, Birzeit University has expanded rapidly in facilities, staffing and student body. The need for expansion was due to the community demand and the special situation generated by military occupation, which prevented students from seeking education abroad, while it also meant there was no state structure to support higher education. The University, succeeded in this period in expanding according to plan, despite many obstacles. It remained, however, without any endowment, and thus was forced to rely on annual pledges and fundraising to meet its budget.

The University was unable to secure additional funds to cover the deficit in the operating budget. Thus, in November,

faculty and employees received a memo from the Board of Trustees informing them that, with the exception of the lowest paid employees, payments would be reduced by 40% due to a severe crisis in the University's operating budget. The memo noted that the reduction would continue until the current crisis was solved.

Birzeit's Union of Faculty and Employees held a series of meetings to discuss the situation. With no resolution in sight, they launched a series of strikes for several hours a day to underline the Union's demand that full payment of salaries be immediately restored. Meetings between the Board of Trustees, the University administration and the Union resulted in an agreement to pay full December salaries.

In a meeting with the faculty on January 18, Dr. Gabi Baramki announced that the Council of Higher Education had agreed to forward a loan to Birzeit University and thus a number of employees would receive full salaries, with higher-paid faculty and staff receiving 75-80% of their salaries. The University administration noted its commitment to pay back faculty and employees by the end of the fiscal year. As of this writing, the Union remains unsatisfied with the Administration's proposal.

Both the Board of Trustees and the faculty and employees, however, agree on one fundamental issue: Birzeit University is an independent, Palestinian University with a high academic standard and with exceptional responsibilities towards its community. On this basis it is hoped a solution will be found in the next weeks to the immediate crisis, with long-range planning for a secure financial and academic future.

FACULTY SEMINARS



REGISTRATION AT 2429

The University's first semester student enrollment reached 2429, with the freshman class totalling 940 students. Increased facilities in the new campus have permitted the University to accept more first-year students; about one of four qualified applicants is now accepted.

The Faculty of Arts remains the largest Faculty, with about 40% of students enrolled in Arts. 19% are in the Faculty of Commerce; 22% in Science; 18% in Engineering and 1% special students.

Females constitute 32% of the students, about 39% of Arts students, 31% of Science students, 31% Commerce students and 11% of Engineering students.

Following is the regional distribution of students:

- * Ramallah -- 29%
- * Gaza -- 18%
- * Jerusalem -- 13%
- * Tulkarem -- 11%
- * Nablus -- 10%
- * Jenin -- 8%
- * Hebron -- 6%
- * Bethelam -- 3%
- * Other -- 2%

(This 2% includes students from other West Bank districts, from Nazareth and from abroad).

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

"Changes in Glutamine Metabolism During Insulin-induced Convulsions," Dr. Abdul Salam Abdul-Ghani, November 5.

"Preparation of Plant Tissues for Electron Microscopy," Dr. Sumaya Nasser, November 13.

"Detection of Soluble Antigen Using Staphylococcus Aureus Cowan 1 by Coagulation Method," Dr. Tamer Issawi.

"Metabolism of Biotin and Biotin-dependent Enzymes in Cultured Human Cells," Dr. Hazem Ghneim, November 14.

"Dispersion Strategies of Attached Micro-organisms in Nature," Dr. Ali Fattoum, December 5.

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

"Positions of Palestinians in Israel on Arab-Israeli Coexistence," Dr. Mahmoud Mi'ari, November 11.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

"Policies of the Caliph Uthman and the First Civil War in Islam," Dr. Mahmoud Ibrahim, November 9.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

"Intermediate Energy Heavy-ion Collisions," Dr. Henry Jaqaman, November 13.

"Construction of a 10-Watt CO₂ Laser," Abdul Aziz Shawabkeh, November 20.



INTERVIEW: DR. SHADI GHADBAN

The Faculty of Engineering, established in 1979, is Birzeit University's newest faculty. With a current enrollment of 431, the Faculty is expanding rapidly. The Newsletter spoke to Dr. Shadi Ghadban, Dean of Engineering, on the plans of the Faculty and on the pressing problem of employment for graduates.

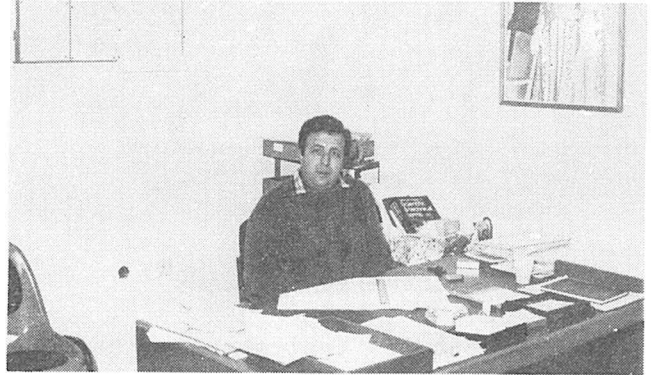
Q: Let us begin with one of the West Bank's most pressing problems: employment for University graduates. It is estimated that from 10,000-15,000 University graduates are currently unemployed in the West Bank and Gaza. Are our Engineering graduates—the first engineers graduating from a West Bank university—finding employment, and if so where?

A: The initial classes in the Faculty of Engineering were small, deliberately so, as we were developing our curriculum and faculty. Thus, we have 37 recent graduates. Of these, only four are unemployed. One is abroad pursuing a higher degree; five are working in countries in the Gulf, and the rest employed in the occupied territories, almost all in jobs related to their engineering skills. I should point out that five are employed in the University itself as research, academic or technical assistants.

Q: But with the rapid growth in the number of engineering students - 431 currently enrolled in the University - one can hardly expect, for example, that the University will continue to employ 20% of its graduates. What problems do you anticipate in the future?

A: First let me say in general, that if we in Birzeit University were educating students for the current job market in the occupied territories, we should close the University. In the situation of occupation, without a national

government, we must see our role as training manpower for the future, and giving the students the opportunity to study in their own environment, which will hopefully help to shape the national personality.



Dr. Shadi Ghadban

To give one small example, take the situation of the municipalities. Normally, a number of trained engineers would be employed to plan, oversee and implement municipal projects, whether for sewage, construction, electrical services, or whatever. At present, in the towns of Ramallah and Al Bireh, with a population of 60,000, only two engineers are employed. I would say at least 25 would be employed in a "normal" operating situation. I could go on: Tulkarem has one engineer; Salfit none.

We know our graduates will face tremendous challenges finding employment. We will do our best to help them.

Q: What plans or studies are underway towards this goal?

A: At present, our students graduate with a B.Sc. in Engineering, without specialization, although they major in either Mechanical, Electrical or Civil Engineering. We are, at present working on a proposal to the Academic Council of the University, to further define these majors, thereby giving the students more specialized skills. In Civil Engineering, students could major in either Structural or Building; In

Mechanical Engineering, Industrial or Power, and in Electrical, Light Current or Heavy Current. We have been studying the curriculum of universities in our area - Jordan, Yarmouk, Kuwait, the U.A.E. - to evaluate the proper balance of various University, faculty and departmental requirements. The aim of all this is to give our students more specialized skills, without sacrificing the benefits of a general University education. In addition, we will try to develop programs which are socially relevant, thus increasing our graduates' chances in competing for jobs with those from other countries; and also try to promote engineering projects between the Faculty and other public and social organisations in the community.

Q: What about expansion into other areas of Engineering?

A: We are currently preparing two feasibility studies. The first is for a Department of Architecture, plans for which have been underway for a number of years. In fact, this Department was planned to be established as early as 1982. Through Birzeit's Faculty Development Program, we have dispatched three students for post-graduate work in architecture. We have laid the groundwork for curriculum and staffing for this Department, which we believe will both accomodate students' interest and be an avenue for employment.

In addition, we are preparing a feasibility study to be submitted in September, 1986, for an Institute of Technology. This Institute would concentrate of training students in applied engineering, as associate engineers. We envision its program as "halfway" between a polytechnic and a University.

Q: If these new programs are approved and implemented, what is the projected student enrollment in the Faculty?

A: We are planning for about 900 students in the Faculty, including the Department of Architecture and the

Institute of Technology. The twenty-five faculty currently teaching, alongside 9 assistants and 12 technicians will be boosted by 11 faculty members currently abroad pursuing postgraduate work under our Faculty Development Program, with possible new positions opening as we expand.



Q: In developing these new programs, does the Faculty consult with other West Bank institutions or associations to assess needs and employment opportunities?

A: We are working with the Union of Engineers in the West Bank to develop solutions to unemployment. I believe we should extend this coordination to other public and social organizations, as the problem requires a coordinated and systematic approach. We are holding in-depth discussions with the Union on both the Department of Architecture and the Institute of Technology, as well as the various new majors we are developing.

Q: For several decades, the engineering profession, especially in the Arab World, has had an unusually high-status and been seen as a "passport" to a secure employment future. Is this changing?

A: The economic recession in the Gulf has certainly had immediate effects on the engineering profession, although I personally think the situation will improve. The overall problem is a lack of national and economic planning throughout the region. Skilled Arab manpower is simply not being utilized properly.

VISITORS

* The University welcomed on October 15 a delegation of students from the Youth Leadership Program of Mayor Marion Barry, Mayor of Washington, D.C. The students, accompanied by staff from Mayor Barry's office and Landrum Bolling, director of the Tantur Institute near Bethlehem, were joined by Ziad Abu 'Amer, of Birzeit's Cultural Studies Program, and Public Relations Office staff, for a lively discussion on the situation of Palestinians living under military occupation and the prospects for peace.

* A fact-finding mission from the German YWCA met on October 16 with Dr. Sumaya Nasser of the Biology Department to discuss the problems of Palestinian youth and students in the West Bank and Gaza.

* Professor Angelika Neuvert of the University of Munich and formerly of the Royal Institute for Islamic Studies in Amman, met with colleagues in the History Department and Research Center on October 16 to discuss research on the Arab and Islamic World.

* A delegation from the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, led by Professor V. Bruce Rigdon, visited the University on November 16 and met with Dr. Ahmed Bakr, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Kathy Hess, English Department, and Public Relations staff for a discussion on current problems of the University and the Palestinian community in general.

* Mr. Caillard, Director of CCFD (Catholic Committee for Development and Against Hunger), accompanied by Jean-Marie Lambert, met with staff in Birzeit's Community Health Unit and Center for Environmental Health and Occupational Safety to discuss issues of health and development in the occupied territories.

* Professor Phillipe Daumas of the University of Paul Valery in Montpellier, met with Dr. Sumaya Talhami of Birzeit's French program and University officials on November 26 to review academic cooperation exchange between the two universities. He was joined in his visit to Birzeit, by Robert Vial of the Association Franco-Arabe in Lyon, and Professor Jean-Paul Chagnollaud, who met with Birzeit faculty members.

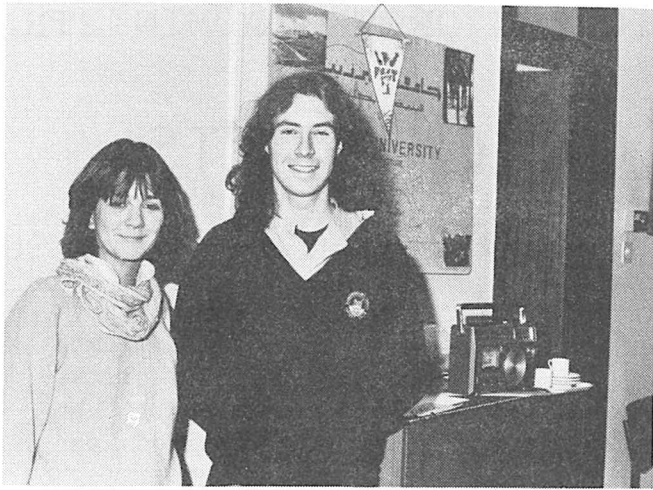
* The new Propst of the German Lutheran Church in Jerusalem, Hans Friedrich and his wife, paid a visit to Birzeit on December 5, toured the new campus and met with Acting Vice-President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis.

* Clive Smith, Director of the Middle East and North Africa Department of the British Council and Mousa Sahhar, Director of the British Council in East Jerusalem, met with University officials on December 9 to discuss current programs and future cooperation between Birzeit and the Council.

* A fact-finding mission of 15 academics, journalists and individuals interested in the Middle East, sponsored by Americans for Middle East Understanding, met at Birzeit on December 12 for a wide-ranging discussion on Middle East history and politics, with special emphasis on the Palestinian question. Members of the Board of Trustees of AMEU, including Reverend Humphrey Waltz, a long-time friend of Birzeit University, were among the delegation.

GUEST LECTURE

Dr. Gillian Clark, Assistant Director of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem presented a seminar in the Department of Archaeology on January 16 on "Techniques of Faunal Analysis for the Archaeologist."



Members of the student delegation
from St. Mary's College

* Birzeit Student Council received a three-member student delegation from St. Mary's College in Twickenham, London, who visited the University December 13-17. Simon Butler, Richard Powell and Lee Parsell, representing the Student Council at St. Mary's, signed a twinning agreement with the Birzeit Student Council. The Friends of Birzeit Society at St. Mary's has been very active in the past on behalf of the University, and helped sponsor a successful tour to England and Scotland in 1982 of Sanabel, Birzeit's student folksong troupe.

* The newly-elected Birzeit Student Council met with members of a Youth Delegation sponsored by the Association of Arab-American University Graduates in the U.S. on January 6 to discuss the problems of students in the occupied territories, including the problems of administrative detention, restriction orders and detention without charge levelled against students. The group also met with Dr. Gabi Baramki, Vice-President of the University and a number of other faculty members and students.

* Prof. and Mrs. Hanna Safieh, both senior faculty members at the University of Natal in Brazil, visited Birzeit on January 14 to discuss developing ties between the University and the Arab academic communities in Latin America.

BIRZEIT ABROAD

* Dr. Ali Jarbawi (Political Science Program) attended the November meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arab Society of Political Science as an observer from the occupied territories. The meeting was held in Cairo.

* Drs. Abbas Abdul Haq, Hani Nijm, and Bishara Abu Ghannam (Faculty of Engineering) participated in a University of Jordan-sponsored conference on "The Teaching of Engineering and Appropriate Technology," held in Amman October 26-30.

* At the First Annual Literature Conference, held at Yarmouk University October 22-24, Dr. Leighton Pratt (English Department) delivered a paper on "The Nature of Conrad's Pessimism". Anna Pratt, also of the English Department, delivered a paper on "Polishness and Polonism in Conrad's Work: A Reassessment."

* Dr. Abdel-Latif Barghouti (Arabic) delivered a paper on "Teaching Folklore on a University Level" a December 14-18 regional conference on this topic held in Doha, Qatar and co-sponsored by Qatar University and UNESCO.

* Dr. Ramzi Sansur, Director of Birzeit's Center for Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, visited the Institute Nationale Scientifique et Recherches Medicales (INSERM) in France from November 24-December 8 at the invitation of the French Consulate in Jerusalem. Dr. Sansour and Dr. Henri Hoellinger from INSERM cooperated in research and analysis of the toxicity and biochemical effects of insecticides on cells. The two centers are planning a joint research project dealing with pesticide toxicology. Dr. Sansour also delivered a lecture on "Deteriorating Health Conditions in the Occupied Territories" at UNESCO, based on results obtained from the research being conducted at the Center.



RESTRICTIONS

GAZA STUDENTS BANNED FROM WEST BANK

With the University midway in the first semester, the studies of four Birzeit University students abruptly ended in late November when the military authorities imposed restriction orders on the students, all of whom are from Gaza, barring them from entering the West Bank.

Walid Zakut, a second-year sociology major, received a one-year restriction order barring him from the West Bank. Qassem Izzat, a fourth-year Middle East studies major, Nasser Izzat, a fourth-year sociology major, and Bassem El Sawalhi, a fourth-year engineering student, received six-month restriction orders.

Restriction orders and town arrest are issued by the military commander under Military Order 378. The recipient is not tried in court, is under no formal charge, and is not informed of any evidence against him. In an October 1984 report on town arrest and restriction orders in the occupied territories, which featured a previous town arrest imposed on Walid Zakut, Amnesty International noted its concern that these orders were used to suppress individuals' "non-violent exercise of their right to freedom of opinion and expression."

CHECKPOINTS

On December 21, faculty and students attempting to travel to the University endured long delays at an army checkpoint on the Birzeit-Ramallah road, as soldiers checked identity cards and turned back some students. Up to 50 cars and buses were stalled on the road, and long delays considerably disrupted University work.

It was the fifth such army checkpoint in December alone; checkpoints on December 2, 3, 5 and 11 had already severely affected the University schedule and classes. A December 21 press release noted that "army checkpoints have disrupted one out of four days of classes and University work in December." No reason has been given for this major harassment of the University by the military authorities.

CHECKPOINT UPDATE: Checkpoints on the Ramallah-Birzeit road on January 4 and 6 returned students not carrying their University identity cards. On January 7, 8 and 9, checkpoints were erected between the two campuses. All students were forced to descend from buses and cars and identity cards were checked. Considerable delays were experienced.

STUDENT BARRED FROM CAMPUS

Adnan Abu Shamma, a second-year student in Commerce, received a restriction order on January 6 banning him from entering the campus of Birzeit University for six months and requiring him to sign in at the Tulkarem Police Station daily.

Adnan, a Student Council member last year, was responsible for coordinating Birzeit's Community Work Program on behalf of the Council.

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The law-abiding authors of this column have dutifully scoured the over 1500 military orders governing our existence here and have discovered a major omission: there is no order forbidding predictions, prophecies or future-gazing. Therefore, before the ever grim authorities pen yet another order, we hasten to given our predictions for 1986, as follows:

* The actions of the authorities will fully live up to the title of this column.

* In this spirit, the policy of administrative detention, which closed 1985 with over 1000 behind bars, will be replaced by suspended animation. In 1986, those that incur the displeasure of the rulers will be, with the invaluable assistance of high-technology imported from the U.S., deep-frozen in specially-constructed, highly-expensive vaults (and some say we don't benefit from the occupation). There will be a few spaces reserved for Americans who fuss unduly about their tax dollars being taken from employment and jobs programs in the U.S. for "repressive apparatus" in the occupied territories. Suspended animation orders will be renewable until the next Ice Age renders them irrelevant.

* Building permits for Birzeit's Fine Arts Building, Student Center and Faculty of Commerce will finally be granted - on condition said buildings are constructed on Uranus.

* The telephones at Birzeit University will work on the 32nd day of each month and on the birthdays of members of the Board of Trustees.

* Birzeit's 11th closure order, issued following an illegal exhibit of gardening tools on campus, will close all odd-numbered rooms on campus.

* Birzeit's 12th closure order will close all even-numbered rooms on campus.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



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PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Wafe' Abdullah, Chairman of the Arabic Department, opened the 1985-86 Birzeit University Public Lecture Series on December 2 with a lecture entitled "Intellectual Currents in Palestine in the First Half of the Twentieth Century."

The lecture series will focus on topics of general interest to the public in both arts and science and will be held in the newly-opened Kamal Nasir Hall. Dr. Aziz Heider from the Sociology Department delivered the second lecture of the series January 13 on "The Emergence of the Arab Bourgeoisie in Israel", followed by Dr. Mahmoud Ibrahim of the History Department on January 27, on the subject of "The Struggle for the Caliphate in Early Islam."

BIRZEIT RESEARCH REVIEW

The Birzeit Research Review, #2, Winter 1985/86, focusing on Palestinian historiography is now available. Topics include:

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SYMPOSIUM: IZZ AL-DIN AL-QASSEM

Several lecturers addressed a November 21 public symposium, sponsored by the History Department, on the life of Izzedin Al-Qassam, a noted leader of the 1936 Revolt in Palestine. The symposium, which coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Al-Qassam, featured two biographers of Al Qassam, Dr. Abdul Sattar Al Qassem, a faculty member at Al Najah University and Samih Hammoudeh, a recent graduate of Birzeit. Birzeit University historian, Dr. Adel Mana' also spoke at the symposium.

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Nidal Sabri (Business), "Auditing Standards in Jordan," Comparative International Auditing Association (American Accounting Association), Summer 1985.

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