

GJU times

Liberate your
mind... unlock
your heart... and
unleash your
creativity

New beginnings

Dear reader,

This is the first edition of the German Jordanian University magazine. The team decided to call it “GJU Times”. It’s a fresh start in a university that is youthful, vibrant and fresh.

It gives me pleasure to write these few lines to you. I don’t want to get philosophical or sentimental but being part of GJU; part of a colorful, cheerful team is one of the things I enjoy the most. In GJU there is something new every day. As the university is moving to its new campus soon, I thought of dedicating these few lines to new beginnings.

We are blessed with lots of opportunities for new beginnings and fresh starts at GJU. Although we miss the students that leave us every semester, we also love having the new ones. Seeing our students back in the university’s corridors and halls after finishing their studies and internships in Germany, with shiny eyes filled with hope and looking forward to all the challenges to come are just a few samples of new beginnings.

Royce Addington, a contemporary writer, once wrote: “The most sacred place dwells within our heart, where dreams are born and secrets sleep, a mystical refuge of darkness and light, fear and conquest, adventure and discovery, challenge and transformation. Our heart speaks for our soul every moment while we are alive. Listen... as the whispering beat repeats: be...gin, be...gin, be...gin. It's really that simple. Just begin... again. “

The Journey has just begun...
Hope that you’ll enjoy this edition

Eman Abida-Alasker





GJU's permanent campus, a stat of the art, distinguished scientific shrine

About thirty kilometers from the capital Amman towards the city of Madaba, in Al Mushaqqar – Naour, stands the buildings of GJU's permanent campus, a beacon of science and innovation in the space of Higher Education in Jordan.

The university new campus is of 162,000 sq meters large, it was designed according latest techniques as an integrated and modern space including the presidency building, colleges, library, computer center, health center, civil defense center, and the German cultural center, in addition to the university mosque, shops, gyms and car parks.

The aim was to design a proper environment that fits the intellectual, cultural and philosophical role that the German Jordanian University plays in shaping the new generations that will form the decision makers of the future.

The first phase of construction started in 2008, and moving to the new campus is expected to start in the coming three months, the new campus location is characterized by its quietness and openness, where you can enjoy the purity and beauty of nature, such a campus will provide an incentive for workers and students to work as one team toward achieving the mission of the university and its noble goals in providing education,



GJU Alumni

الجامعة الألمانية الأردنية

German Jordanian University

GJU Alumni

GJU Alumni is the university's network for its graduates. It is dedicated to keeping Alumni in touch with GJU through programs, activities, communications, networking, and other services.

It focuses on staying connected with local and international communities. GJU is home to Jordanian and international students, many of the university's graduates are further pursuing their studies in different countries, where they are sharing their experience and the knowledge they attained at GJU with other international institutions around the world. The activities and events held by GJU Alumni are predominantly sponsored by local and international institutions.

The Alumni Association provides quality programs and services to Alumni members and acts as a resource for extending the university's presence worldwide. Our chapters are a big part of our outreach programs and initiatives. GJU Alumni helps foster a sense of community - both on and off campus - by cultivating lasting relationships and enriching positive support and loyalty to GJU.

GJU Alumni strives to incorporate five major principles:

1. Service: To make a positive impact on the community by doing community service projects.
2. Student Recruitment: This is a great place for alumni to meet the next generation of alumni and to share their experiences with them. Making that personal connection truly makes a difference.
3. Scholarships: To raise money to provide scholarships for local students who wish to attend GJU.
4. Social: A way to relive the past, network with fellow alumni or just catch up on what is happening in the University.
5. Mentoring/Career Networking: GJU Alumni and its members offer advice, guidance and support to other alumni and students. In addition, it provides networking opportunities for new graduates and fellow alumni.

To know how to become a member please visit the Alumni page on GJU's website www.gju.edu.jo



Yousef Wadi

Interview with an Alumni Member

Yousef was the first student to register at the German Jordanian University when it was first established in 2005. GJU Alumni asked Yousef the following question after 6 months of his graduation

Alumni: Yousef, when you first wanted to choose a university to study in, why did you pick GJU?

Yousef: I didn't start at GJU by the way, I was studying medicine in another university for 3 years, although I wanted to study Computer Engineering but I wasn't convinced with the courses offered in Computer Engineering Majors in Universities around Jordan, and when GJU opened and I saw the curriculum I knew that I wanted to leave medicine and start again as a freshmen studying Computer Engineering.

Alumni: Was the year you have to spend in one of the Germany speaking countries to study and work a push forward for you to pick GJU or was it something that made you think twice before applying?

Yousef: Actually it was a push forward, a new challenge that I looked forward to.

Alumni: What was the most that you liked in your experience abroad?

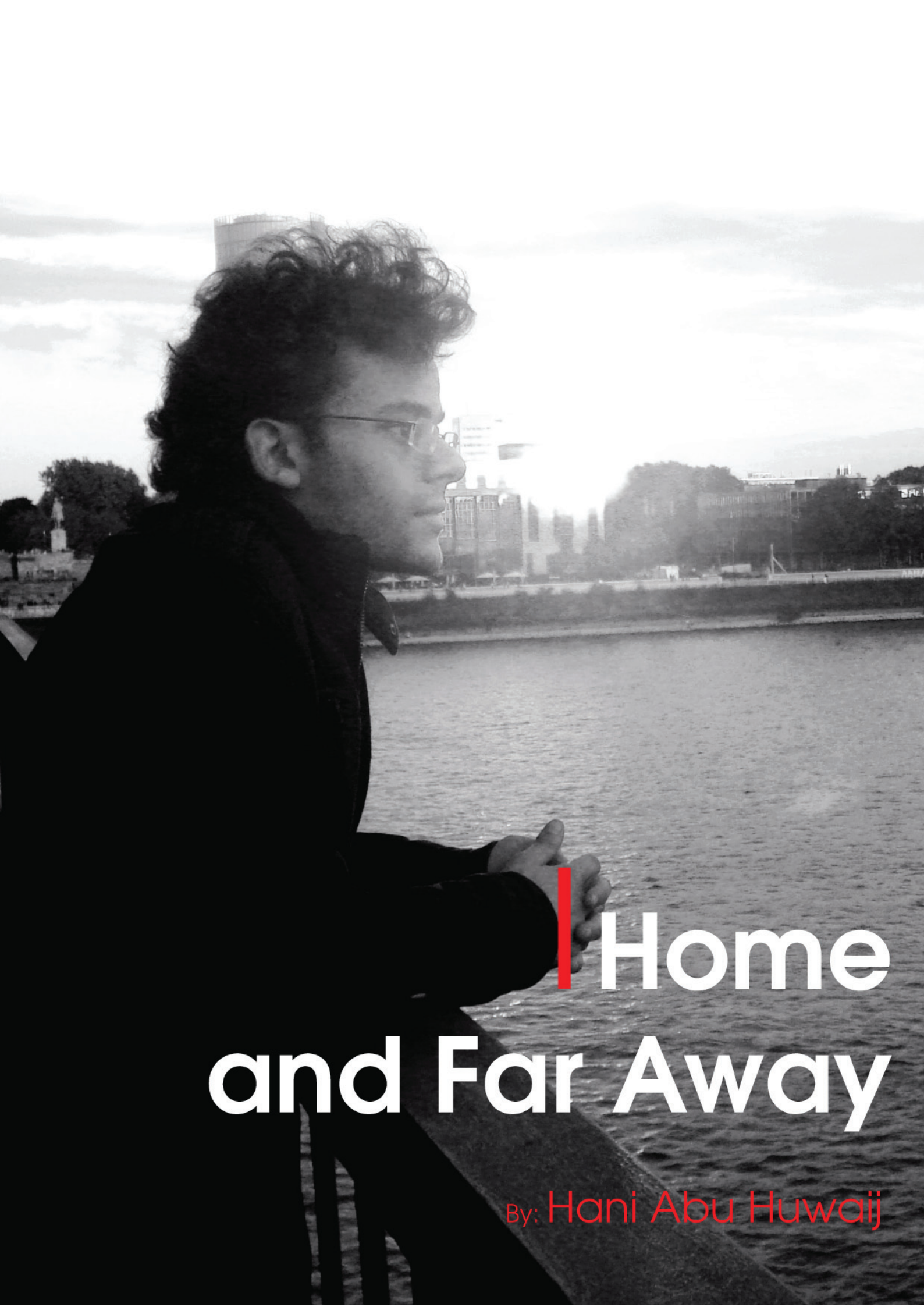
Yousef: I love learning new things and as I said it was a challenge that I looked forward to. I enjoyed meeting people from different countries and getting acquainted with different cultures. Also having an internship there, having to prepare my CV and look for a job made and all that I went through prepared me to be the person I am now, and most of GJU graduates are known for their skills and high quality of work wherever they go.

Alumni: If you are going to send a small message to the university and for the student what would it be?

For the university, the standard of teaching is amazing and I didn't know how lucky I am till I graduated and started working, please keep it the same, we have a great reputation and hopefully it will stay the same and even become greater in the future.

For the students: "Dream big and act upon it. Don't wait for a miracle, create it yourself".

GJU students are equipped with skills that not everyone has, we were lucky to have amazing professors and instructors, and we also have great clubs at the university and a lot of extracurricular activities that gave us an opportunity to be what we are now and excel in what we do. GJU students should appreciate what they have.



| Home and Far Away

By: Hani Abu Huwajj

It was around 10 pm when my friend and I decided to leave our favorite café in Amman and go home, after spending a couple of hours practically doing nothing. All I had in mind was the journey that starts the very next day; the journey that three years before seemed so distant yet intriguing. Everything that happened in the past three years was just paving the road for this trip to take place. For one whole year I will be away from home, away from everything and everyone that made it home, away in a place completely different from home.

Many thoughts and questions raced through my head, and the answer to them was the same as it was when I first thought about them three years ago: This should be interesting. Spending a semester in a foreign country, speaking a language we have been trying so hard to grasp, and later doing an internship somewhere in the country that produces some of the best products and technologies in the world. These were more like tasks on a To-Do list, with all the applications and papers that had to be prepared to find an internship and managing time well enough to do well in the courses at the university there. These tasks ought to make anyone nervous, taking into consideration the foreign language factor and the time frame available for these tasks. At that moment no one would be able to know, but could only hope for how this would turn out to be. Nevertheless, this should be interesting.

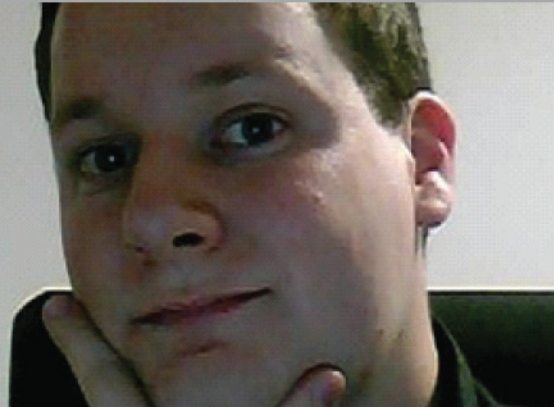
I took a last look at the café, and then at my friend and said "see you in a while". Soon enough, I was reading a sign that said "Welcome to Frankfurt Am Main Airport"; the start of the journey. This is not a journey like the one Frodo had to do with the ring, nor a movie that played music in the background or amazing cinematic effects through it; this was real life full of real challenges. As the days go on, one starts to really realize the things that have to be done, in addition to getting used to the differences between the educational systems and the cultures as a whole. There are even differences between universities at different cities, and some would seem like they originate from different continents, rather than different cities.

Differences between the two cultures vary from drastic to negligible. These changes can be better, but some could prove to be difficult to digest. In all cases, the only solution that can be adopted is to follow the saying "When in Rome, act like Romans". However, one should never lose his identity, nor forget that there is a place they call home. As fascinating these changes might turn out to be, it is not a lifetime that is being spent there; it is just one year, even if feels like a lifetime. Eventually, learning how to face problems that appear, and taking the right steps to solve them will be achieved, and the To-Do list that was set will be completed.

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In the end, here I am five months later, almost done with my studies at the university, getting ready to start a new life as an intern at a company in Germany, feeling that I have accepted much of the differences between the cultures, and even more importantly living by the ones I do not accept. It has been a nice journey so far, and even with all the difficult challenges I faced and will face, I can honestly say that I do like it here. It has been a magnificent experience so far, and I believe that the best part has yet to come. I am anxiously looking forward to doing my internship, and facing new challenges no matter what the outcome could be. I will soon be moving to a different city, calling that place home for the next six months, doing an internship and experiencing the life of real work, yet at the same time looking forward to going back home later on and going on with the rest of real life. This should be interesting.

How the Jordanian exchange students enriched my way of thinking



Johannes Scheufele.

I first made contact with Jordanian students when I started living in Steinertgasse, which is a student flat community apartment in Aalen. The most interesting thing was the openness and the charming friendliness that the Jordanian students showed.

I didn't have that much experience with Arabic culture back then, this all changed when I met my friend Rashed, who lived on my floor, he was the one who gave me my first impressions about the Arabic way of life and culture. He even taught me to count in Arabic by playing table-tennis.

The Jordanian students integrated me into their group and I was really impressed how different they were from what most people think of them. All stereotypes proved wrong. The days flew by and soon all the Jordanian people, who all became friends of mine, moved away to work in the Internship. We are still in contact although they all returned to Jordan and I am planning to visit Jordan in the next summer to meet them again and visit famous Jordanian places like Petra and the Dead Sea.

Since this summer some new students from Jordan came to Aalen. They proved that the friendliness the first Jordanian group showed was not an exception but normal. Dana, who is a really a good friend of mine, spent the Christmas celebration with me and my family and we really enjoyed her company.

I am really looking forward to see everyone again in Jordan and to visit this great country.

Baladna

Mujib

Das Mujib Reservat erstreckt sich vom Toten Meer nach Kerak bis hin zu den Bergen von Madaba. Der Höhenunterschied, verbunden mit ständigem Wasserfluss, ergeben eine ideale Umwelt für eine große Vielfalt an Pflanzen und Tieren. Das Reservat ist außerdem der Standort, an dem das Zuchtungsprogramm des bedrohten Nuberischen Steinbocks durchgeführt wird, um ihn später in die Wildbahn zurückzuführen.

Azraq Oase Reservant

Das Azraq Sumpfgebiet liegt gegenüber der Stelle, wo die Straße von Amman in Richtung Südazraq führt. Wie auch Shumari, hat das Sumpfland unter Wassermangel gelitten. Früher verzeichnete man 300 verschiedene Vogelarten, die in Schwärmen in dem Reservat des Sumpfgebiets Rast machten. Hier gab es ungefähr 160 Wasserbüffel und über 200 wilde Pferde die tragischerweise zum größten Teil verschwunden sind. Es bestand eine große Gefahr, dass man das ganze Wildtierleben verliert, aber es wurden drastische Maßnahmen unternommen, um Wasser und somit das Tierleben zurückzubringen. Das Wasser ist zurück, so wird hoffentlich auch bald das Tierleben zurückkehren.

Um El-Jimal

Umm El-Jimal ist anders als Jerash. Hier gibt es keine Kaiserlichen Monumente, aber es hat immer noch eine große Bedeutung. Während Jerash als Symbol des Ruhmes Roms gilt, ist Umm El-Jimal gewöhnlich und ein Merkmal des wirklichen Lebens der Untertanen Roms. Umm El-Jimal gibt uns einen Einblick in das Leben der ansässigen Menschen, Arabern, Nabatäern und Syrern. In Umm El-Jimal stehen gewöhnliche Häuser, die zeigen, dass ihre Bewohner Bauern, Hirten und Händler waren. Man findet Ställe und Scheunen im Erdgeschoss. Die Funktion von Um El-Jimal war nicht Besucher aus Rom zu beeindrucken, sondern Menschen und Tiere miteinander bequem unterzubringen.



GJU facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/GJUniversity>

Rusul Al Hasani ▸ Notes

+ Write a Note

الشبكات الإجتماعية نجت بإصطيانا

بهذوء تمساح نيلي ، وحنكة عنكبوت
بالأحرى عرفت من أين يؤكل الضجر
مع ذلك ، هي ومضة
!.. في عين العالم الافتراضي

هذا الشهر يدخل الفيسبوك "السبوع" السنوي له .. وحيث أنه بحجم 600 مليون نسمة

مع "فراطة" أعداد تبادل مواقعها بجوار هذا الرقم ... يصعب على ساقين مودعتين لفائدة نسمة نجيلة مثلي أن تقفز عليه جيئة و ذهابا ، كما يفعل إخواننا المصريون !معانا في الفرحة بهذا المولود الإجتماعي الذي شغل الناس و كأنه إله التسلية الجديد ... الهارب لنا من الاساطير الاغريقية و في جعبته شبيس ليز و علبه بيبسي!

في غضون سنوات قليلة ، نسج الفيسبوك كغيره من المواقع الاجتماعية خوطه في الزوايا الرتيبة من حياتنا .. ليقتنص الوقت و الجهد ويمزجها في خليط مُسكر مع الفراغ و الملل .. أتملّجُ المُستخدمين

بعض إحصائيات الفيسبوك تشير الى ان 700 بليون دقيقة هي ما يمضيها المشتركون على الفيسبوك ، و تزداد وتيرة الاستخدام اذا كانت الوسيلة المستخدمة هي..الهاتف

!.. هل تستطيعون تخيل حجم ال700 بليون دقيقة !! اي 19 ساعة في اليوم كمعدل لكل مستخدم قد تتساءل أين كنا سنذهب بهذه الساعات الرتيبة ، لو لم يكن هناك فيسبوك ؟ !... الى تويتر اكيد

! أقول: نحتاج الكثير من الخطط ، لجميع الغيث ، لا العرق فيه

فسيل التكنولوجيا الاجتماعية الذي جرفنا .. استغل بذكاء بعض النقاط في شخصية أي فرد .. لاسيما العربي يمكن ايجازها بـ

!.. أن الانسان بطبيعته يهوى التواصل و يطر للتعارف ، لا يكفيه من حوله-

.. الفراغ الممسك بخناق أغلب الشباب ، لغياب السبل الممنهجة لملته-

هروب من الواقع الى الافتراضية بما توفره من خيال ، و تشكيلة واسعة من- الأقتعة المطاطة التي قد تتسع للاسم و الوجه "الصورة" المهنة و الدولة...الخ ، ! و نادرا ما تتمزق لتظهر ما خلفها

مهلاً ، قد تعتقدون أنني سأترككم و أبتعد على "أطراف أصابعي" نحو المثالية و التنظير

: بعض الحقائق قد تخدش هذا الاعتقاد.. منها

أني عارقة حتى ذقني بالفيسبوك ..حتى لا أذكر أنني خرجت منه طواعية أو أن خيار لوع أوت مازال موجود في مكانه أو لا ! ... و يستفعل إستخدامي له تحديداً ! .. أيام الدوام .. معانا في إهانة الكتب والواجبات .. و إظهارا لعدم إكتراني لها المصيبة ليست هنا ... فالأعظم من ذلك ..أنني لا أشعر بالذنب ، بل أدوسه بكل ما لللامبالاة من أرجل

!.. وهي شبيهة إدمان ، أحاول أن أنفيها

.. استدرأكا... وعلى الضفة الأخرى

! ، Safeway موقع كهذا ..يمتاز بشمولية

"و ستكتمل الفائدة لو أننا نعمنا "بغيته" لا جرفنا "بسيله

Likesكنتُ أتساءل لولا الفيسبوك و تلك التعابير المجانية التي نرسمها و ال

و الرسائل السهلة الانطلاق هل ستكون تلك الحميمية موجودة في الواقع و إن !! .. كانت مزيفة غالبا

أم أنني سأحصى من صديقاتي على مسح متلعم ، كطفل يكره السلام على صديقة والدته يقدم حرفا و يؤخر حرف ، ثم يصفعها ويهرب .. أو قد تصلني رنة فلتت بالعلط من هواتفهم سرعان ما يسكتوها بالمخدة .. و الكلام ينطبق علي .. على إعتبار أن الهاتف نسي ملمس يدي

الأجمل هم أصدقاء الطفولة ... ظننت أنني طويتهم في صناديق صغيرة ، و

!.. أرسلتهم لما وراء الذاكرة ... ها هم يطلون من جديد

رؤيتهم حققت فضولي بال

!..Growth Hormones



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Rana Hey! How are you?!

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And you?!

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Keep Online Friends Window Open

Show Only Names in Online Friends

Salma Oumran

Rana Saeed

Chat (5)



BMW ist der Beste

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Wussten Sie, dass das Unternehmen 1913 gegründet wurde? BMW hat am Anfang Motoren für Flugzeuge hergestellt und die Firma hat es sehr gut gemacht, weil sie einen super Motor entwickelt hat.

Die Front des BMW symbolisiert einen Flieger im weissen Himmel. BMW ist die Abkürzung für "Bayerische Motorenwerke" welche seit dem Beginn Autos mit hervorragender Leistung und atemberaubender Form sowie extravaganten Designs bevorzugt. Es ist das Wunschauto eines Jeden und insbesondere jeden jungen Menschens. Die äußere Form ist schön und auch andere Spezifikationen sind selten zu finden, deswegen gewinnt BMW jeden Wettbewerb.

BMW ist der Traum vieler junger Jordanier, trotz des hohen Preises. Dies kann man an der University of Jordan sehen.

Nichts ist vergleichbar mit diesem Auto denn Deutsche wissen genau, was sie tun: "BMW...ist der Beste!" hört man dann.





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The most famous plumber on earth

created by Japanese video game designer Shigeru Miyamoto

Mario debuted as "Jumpman" in the arcade game Donkey Kong in 1981

Mario Bros. was also released as an arcade game in 1983.

Mario and Luigi are originally from Brooklyn, New York.

Mario has appeared in over 200 video games since his creation

Mario games, as a whole, have sold more than 210 million units, making the Mario series the best-selling video game series of all time.

In the 1990s, a national survey found that Mario was more recognizable to American children than Mickey Mouse



GJU News



GJU celebrates the graduation of its first group of students

Patronizing for His Majesty King Abdullah the II, Dr. Waleed al Maani, Minister of higher education and scientific research, the German Jordanian University celebrated its first graduation ceremony, On Saturday the 13th of November 2010.



We believed...we volunteered...we changed

Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Dina Mired, King Hussein Cancer Foundation and SIWAR Volunteer Program organized a recognition event for volunteers who provided support to the Foundation and the Center's various campaigns and events, the celebration took place on December 12, 2010 at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel.



GJU and Rowaq Al Blaqa Launch Petra book

Under the Patronage of her Royal Highness Princess Rym Ali, The German Jordanian University and Rewaq Al-Balqa, organized the launching ceremony of the Petra Book: Petra in the eyes of artists, poets, architects, and musicians, on 12-12-2010. The book is published in six different languages: Arabic, English, German, French, Italian, and Spanish.



H.E. Zaid Al Rifai visits GJU

H.E. Zaid Al Rifai, former prime minister of Jordan, paid a visit to GJU to participate in the soft skills class on 28th of December; He discussed with the students the most prominent developments in the Kingdom in all fields, specially the field of education.



Sonbola Project launching, closing and awards distribution

"As spikes grow they produce new seeds that fly with the wind to new fields, so are ideas, a small idea can start the spark of continuous creativity, the spark of change, the hope for a better future"

The German Jordanian University and Al Jude organization launched Sonbola initiative on the 14th of Dec.

The closing ceremony was organized under the patronage of Prof. Labib Kahdra, President of the German Jordanian University, on the 4th of January 2011. Prizes included, 20 prizes 50 JDs each was distributed to students by a raffle draw, 1 prize of 200 JDs was given to the idea with highest votes, 3 prizes of 200 JDs and funding up to 10000 USD were given to the ideas that most match with the concept "More with Less"





Translating religious texts into Arabic & German: Difficulties and disputes

On Sunday the 2nd Of Jan 2011, the Translation Section of the School of Languages arranged for seminar entitled "Translating religious texts into Arabic & German: Difficulties and disputes", organized by Dr. Kerstin Wilsch, Head of the Translation Section, and by Dr. Khaireddin Abdulhadi, Assistant Professor in the section. The seminar was delivered by Prof. Dr. Ismail Amayreh, and Professor Frank Bubenheim / translator of the Holy Quran into German.



GJU blood donation campaign

GJU's Environment & Health Club organized a blood donation campaign in collaboration with the National Blood Bank on Wednesday, 22 Dec. 2010.



Exib.IT

Under the patronage of Prof. Labib Kahdra, President of the German Jordanian University, the School of Architecture and Built Environment held its yearly exhibition of student's projects.



Winter clothing collection campaign

As part of its community service, GJU hosted the winter clothing collection campaign for the benefit of Gaza refugee camp on the 29th and 30th of November 2010.



Winter sports tournaments

GJU participated in the winter sports tournament that took place in Aqaba between the 28th of Jan and the 3rd of Feb. 2011, The student Yara Al Sayegh won the first place in the table tennis competition in the winter sports tournament, Yara won all of her 9 games.



Evening of Excellence

Under the patronage of Prof. Labib Khadra, President of the university, GJU honored its major sponsors, distinguished students, faculty members and administrative staff in a first of its kind event on the 6th of Feb. 2011 in Bristol Hotel Amman



Vision Rehabilitation Diploma Program Graduation

Under the patronage of HRH Prince Ra'ad bin Zaid, GJU graduated the 4th group of students from the Diploma in Vision Rehabilitation Program, offered by the School of Applied Medical Sciences, on Thursday the 20th of Jan 2011