Your teacher punishes the whole class because one student misbehaved. How do you feel about this? Think about reasons you feel this way. Unfair Punishment Will Durant said, "Education is a progressive discovery of our ignorance." The attitude of a student differs from one to another; therefore, it's unfair that the whole class will be treated the same. As such, it will drastically reflect on the well-behaved students for several reasons. First and foremost, highly-mannered students will turn into ill-mannered ones when they feel that they are unfairly treated; the attitude of the well-behaved students will be influenced by the unfairness of the teacher. The whole class will be considered as a misbehaved one, so the class reputation will be jeopardized in the whole university; therefore, the grades of the whole class will be noticeably low whenever the teacher is treating his/her students unjustly. For instance, a study conducted in 2013 has indicated that the students who get exposed to verbal and unfair treatment will encounter prospective problems which will cause them major damages. Another study has revealed that the students who are subjects for discrimination will tend to be discriminatory people later on. Trouble making students shouldn’t be addressed on the same grounds of the behaved ones. Students' issues can’t be weighed on tantamount basis; therefore, professional teacher should always differentiate between the behaved students and misbehaved ones. For example, students' characters determine people's responses and reactions towards them, and this has been clearly shown in many recent studies. Another important example is my friend who has lost interest in school after being mistreated by his teacher. In conclusion, misbehaved students should be exposed to disciplinary procedures in order to be an example to others. More importantly, who can say that punishment should be a means to an end? Who can say that punishment is the only remedy to a disciplinary problem?

Dear Beloved UPP
By Remy Rhayem

Dear Beloved UPP,
The 4th of September, 2013 the first semester at AUB began. It was a big challenge for me. I left my family, my town, my friends, and I came alone to Beirut to continue my studies. At the beginning of the semester I was very confused and afraid of
AUB because I am a French educated student who doesn’t know a lot about English skills; for this reason I am now a UPP student. I recognize that UPP is not only a program that teaches me English rules and grammar, but it improves my critical thinking and advances my culture in different domains. The critical reading course was one of my best sessions during this semester. Before, I used to read only for spending time, and I was passing quickly on anything my gaze falls upon. However, now I am able to understand the articles that I read and get the main idea of any text. I learned an endless list of vocabulary words that helped me in my writings and my speaking projects. In addition, the instructor gave us some cultural sessions, a lot of articles about different subjects, and I did many discussion questions that enhanced my level in both writing and critical thinking. Moving to the writing course, by comparing my first writings and my last ones, I can find the huge difference between them. I achieved important progress concerning the word choice, verb shifts and punctuation mistakes. I learned new types of essays which I didn’t know before, the idioms and the figurative language. I wrote journals that were extremely interesting because it was the spot where I dropped all my thoughts and feelings. Moreover, these writing sessions were very efficient and beneficial, and I learned a lot of vocabulary words too. The listening and speaking sessions were a combination of debates, discussions, listening practices and watching movies that improve my reading and speaking skills. My personality became stronger than before. Now, I feel more confident and more comfortable while speaking in front of an audience. In contrast, at the beginning I faced some problems with my pronunciation because I didn’t receive enough comments and reviews in order to enrich it, but now this problem had been solved. Furthermore, the structure is the basis of all the building of the English language, so two sessions per week weren’t enough to cover all the rules. Although I made an important progress in this course because I learned more about the tenses, modal auxiliaries, adjective clauses and other subjects that were very rich and beneficial. As for the science, the goal was to learn the chemistry and physics terms in English not only the theories. The instructor gave us a lot of exercises and his explanation was very clear. Likewise, the mathematics was very helpful for me because the lessons that I took will be very important and useful in my future major. With respect to the IT, the power point courses were useful to prepare my final oral presentation. In addition Microsoft Word and Excel were also supported in all what I have written during this semester. Finally, UPP isn’t a waste of time like some students think. It is a program that prepares student to adapt with the new situation of being in college. It gave me a chance to ameliorate my writing, reading and speaking skills. To sum up, I would like to thank all my instructors and I really appreciate the work that they did to improve my classmates and me.

Sincerely,
Remy Rhayem

Youth for Lebanon
By Roukaya Eid

Lebanon is the country of peace; this is the message that more than 36000 runners from more than 50 countries cooperate to send to the entire world in Beirut Marathon. For me this event created a new person inside each participant in this crucial running event. For instance, joining this marathon taught me some great principals such as the importance of cooperation in any successful work. In addition, this colorful event fortified me to
participate again to help reflecting the real images of Lebanon. Moreover, such event sustains the ideal look of Lebanese knowledge and civilization. On the other hand, I was so exhausted after running more than ten kilometers with the AUB Red Cross team while carrying some big letters to form our banner “Youth For Lebanon.” I was on my last legs and I felt pain in my entire body especially on my legs about three days after the marathon. But the prize worth the price; we were enjoying by taking photo with other participants who were attracted by the banner that hold the name of our country Lebanon. Furthermore, I enjoyed cheering the banner of Lebanon, the Red Cross, and the marathon one. As a result, my voice was concealing the next day, and I was really sick. However, I never stop sending the photo of the marathon to all my friend. Finally, Beirut marathon gave me a bunch of new kind friend who I appreciated working with them and I will never forget them.

**Time to Wake Up**  
**By Imad Abou Akar**

Jostein Gaarder said, “A state that does not educate and train women is like a man who only trains his right arm.” Anyone who does not live in Lebanon will think that women are treated fairly in this country. It is true that the Lebanese women have successfully gained more rights and moved steps towards emancipation, but they are still unfairly treated, suffering from problems of inequality with men; domestic violence and other gender discrimination issues. In 1953, the Lebanese women obtained their most important citizenship rights which are voting and participating in national elections. This allows them to participate in the presidential and parliamentary elections they want; therefore, they will be able to express their points of view and not to feel countless. Before 1960, the Lebanese women had to lose their Lebanese citizenship in case they desire to marry foreigners. After that date, the law granted the Lebanese women the right to choose their nationality after marriage. In addition, this was followed, in the year 1974 with the right of women to travel without the need of consent from their husbands. The year 2000 was an unforgettable year for Lebanese women concerning labor law. Major implementations in the labor law made the female employees equal in the rights and responsibilities with male employees and discrimination between genders has been eliminated. Above all, they protected the female worker to practice her natural rights as a mother. As a result, they extended the maternity leave right to the mother worker to become ten weeks. In the following year, more rights have been issued; female employees started to benefit from the system of retirement and pension. Regarding the concept of equality between men and women, they declared the right of Lebanese women to benefit from educational grant bestowed to her by the government. Nowadays, in 2014, Lebanese women continue demonstrating and using all the democratic ways to get all their rights. However, women still suffer from inequality concerning personal status. They are threatened by divorce, children’s custody and domestic violence. The nationality law still also forbids the Lebanese mother marriage to foreigners and the transfer of woman's nationality to her children. Moreover, working women do not profit from social security benefits and family compensation like men. In conclusion, the Lebanese government is asked to go for more equality and for a better treatment of women. This can result in more economic growth and social security as women are also creative and ambitious like men. While world is going toward globalization, we can’t continue arguing issues of
discrimination between genders instead of moving ahead.

**Goodbye but Welcome**  
**By Jinane Jouni**

Have you ever felt that this is the end of the world, and you're not going to be glad anymore due to an abruptly change in life? Actually I felt that, but Tupac Shakur said once, “for every dark night there is a brighter day.” My grandfather passed away on New Year eve, the evening we supposed to be celebrating. He was in hospital for few days before, but that night his health was excellent as the doctor said. However, his sudden death shocked all of us. We weren't expecting that. I didn't accept that incident at the beginning. It didn't seem true for me. It was like a joke. I believed that it was a dream. And I’ll wake in few moments to find everything OK. Unfortunately, it wasn't a nightmare. It was the cruel world. It takes what we love and what we want. We can't live content forever. Something should happen to stop the routine. I felt depressed and melancholic. I didn’t want to talk with anybody else. I putted myself in my room and I cried an ocean of tears. I cried my eyes out. I was down in the dumps. I was getting back all memories we had together, since I was born. I remembered all happy moments we shared together, all places we visit, and all gifts he bought to me. He was shrewd and wise. He thought me how to face life. He was the most influential person in my life. His lap was the only secure place when my parents made me mad. I used to watch some movies with him, sitting on big chair. We played in ball on the backyard, with my other cousins. My grandpa was warm and loving. As such I wasn’t able to overcome his death. It was like the end for me. Everything looks is black. One month later, everything came back to its balance. The world should continue. My grandpa will not be content if I am sad, so I shall smile. My grandpa will be proud of me if I’ll successes. He intends me to know he is in a safe place, and I pray for him. All the memories, I should treasure and keep them close to my heart. When our Lord calls us, we have to go. We shouldn’t stop when something happens, we have to move on. Life is just a game, an exam to check our patience and strength. Life isn’t easy as my grandpa taught me. But whatever happened, things will go better. Whatever the night gets along, the sun will rise again in the morning to send its sunbeam and warms the Earth.