

Open letter to the AUB community

After censoring the Human Rights Club's last exhibition entitled "No to sectarianism", another black point marks itself in AUB's history : the Outlook censorship. The student political parties debate was censored by the "acting" dean of student affairs because "the Board of Deans does not recognize the political affiliations of AUB students and publications". Aren't we citizens of this country?? Aren't we supposed to have political opinions?? Shouldn't we, as youth, be the pioneers in political change?? Do you think that political parties are ghosts, and that their name should be omitted?? Do you know that the last publication to be censored prior to printing was under the Ottoman Empire?? It seems that we are teaching the American University of Beirut, lessons in democracy... It seems that Dean F. H. days are back ! A final word to the Board of Deans in Constantinople, and the Dean Basha in Wilayat Beirut: We are FREE students, we are FREE to have political opinions, we are FREE to have political affiliations. As long as OUTLOOK, the students' magazine, is abiding by the LEBANESE law, it is FREE to publish what it wants, and does not need other supervision from democracy pretenders.

Democratically yours

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