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Editors' Note

Dear AEL Chapter Members and Friends,

It is our pleasure to present you with the new edition of the AEL newsletter for fall. The main articles in this issue for your enjoyment include the Honorary Membership Award 2006, the featured Chapter at Clark University and a call for support from a St. Joseph's AEL chapter member, which we hope will receive your attention.

AEL is always striving for improvements to our newsletter and website. Our aim is to bring you improved utilities designed to aid application, ordering and communication for AEL Chapter members.

An AEL online database has been created and posted at <http://gradschools.org/?page=memquery>, which allows our Chapter Members to submit their queries and view details of their past orders along with the names of the past Chapter Members. This facility also lets them view the latest records of the Chapter Members' contact addresses.

The certificates ordering page at <http://gradschools.org/?page=certificate> has also been systematically improved and it has been made more convenient for our Chapters to process and submit their orders, allowing them to attach their files with Initiates' names as optional information.

Moreover, we have created a newsletter subscription page where our Chapter Members can subscribe and receive free Graduate Keynote newsletter issues.

We are continuously working on other improvements and setting up new plans for AEL, and consequently, need your considerable assistance in the realization of our unique aim of gaining full activism of AEL for its outstanding Members.

We believe you will be glad to take time out from your busy day to read through the articles presented for you in this issue, and hope you like the changes both to the Newsletter and to our web site, and as always, we welcome your comments.



We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to our Chapter Members who have been in constant coordination with us to improve our utilities, as well as contributing to the Graduate Keynote Newsletters by sending us information about their activities and achievements; your input is what makes these newsletters so don't forget to tell us what you are up to

Please send us your articles about your chapter activities, photos, ideas or quotes that you would like to appear in the next edition of the Graduate Keynote. You can send your information by e-mail or via our web page at <http://gradschools.org/?page=contactus&to=1> This is yet another new change to our web site, which allows you to send us your messages with attachments.

Just imagine, how much you could learn from each other staying in touch, sharing ideas and knowledge, and Graduate Keynote is the "Key that opens a door" to building a vast Graduate Students Exchange Network.

Sincerely,
AEL Editor

Alpha Epsilon Lambda

(AEL) is a non-profit organization with the specific objective of recognizing and promoting the academic excellence and leadership accomplishments of the graduate and professional school students.



Minimum requirements for membership in Alpha Epsilon Lambda include: 1) completion of at least 12 credit hours as a degree-seeking student in a graduate program, 2) a grade point average placing the student in the top 35% of campus graduate students, and 3) a record of leadership and service to graduate students or graduate student organizations.

For more information on how to apply for Membership or strat a Chapter see AEL web page at www.gradschools.org/?page=start



AEL Chapter Honorary Member Award 2006



There are few people who are completely devoted to the loving service of their students and who see satisfaction and happiness in the flourishing of humanity.

Dr. Max E. Hess is one of such people. This honored and respected professor has continued to provide his significant and very professional input as Assistant Dean, Director of Graduate Programs at Clark University/College of Professional and Continuing Education since 1994.

Dr. Max E. Hess

In spring 2006, **Dr. Hess** together with Professor Martin Breinlinger and Ms. Sharon Hanna worked intensively toward establishing a new AEL Chapter at Clark University. Their aim was to grant recognition and promote those graduate students who worked really hard, and who therefore, deserved to be acknowledged as the best-qualified students campus-wide.

It was a high honor for AEL to select Dr. Hess to receive the AEL National Honorary Member nomination. The award recognizes Dr. Hess, as a leading professional in the field of Comparative Institutions; socio-linguistics, sociology and anthropology, who has made a great contribution to the Academic life of the Nation as well as to public affairs.

Dr. Max Hess completed his Ph.D. in Northeastern University, in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology in 1976.

From 1970 through 1974 Dr. Hess taught courses full time to University and College students in the areas of Anthropology, Sociology and Intercultural Communications.

Dr. Hess has also taught courses on Asia, Africa, Latin America, Intercultural Communications, Race and Ethnic Relations. He also taught graduate courses in Non-profit marketing, Intercultural Communications, Social

Change, hiring, marketing and recruitment for several graduate and non-credit programs.

Moreover, Dr. Hess is the developer and director of branch campus programs in Israel (300 students per year since 1994) and Poland (100 students per year since 2004.)

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Hess for all his hard work and dedication to the service of students, and congratulate him on his unique award of Honorary Member of AEL 2006 and wish him all the best in his personal and professional life.



Dr. Hess (on the very left) at the Alpha Omicron Chapter Installation ceremony

Featured Chapter – Clark University, Alpha Omicron Chapter



Charter Members of Alpha Omicron Chapter in a group

Founded in 1887, **Clark University** - Teaching and Research Institution is considered to be one of the oldest Graduate Institutions in the United States. Ever since its foundation, Clark University has been undertaking a unique mission of educating both undergraduate and graduate students to be the most caring, imaginative and contributing citizens of the world, and to extend the frontiers of the knowledge and science by facilitating rigorous scholarship and making creative efforts.

On March 10, 2006, the new AEL Chapter at Clark University was officially established under the leadership of **Professor Martin E. Breinlinger, Dr. Max E. Hess** and **Ms. Sharon Hanna**, who intensively communicated with the AEL National Office to establish a new AEL Chapter at Clark. The Chapter was approved by AEL Board, and recorded as Alpha Omicron Chapter, the 38th chapter of the AEL Honor Society.

The idea of starting a new AEL Chapter at Clark was initially proposed by Professor Breinlinger, who then selected Ms. Hanna to serve as a Founding President of the Chapter.

Then Dr. Hess took the responsibility of the Chapter Founding Advisor. He worked unceasingly to realize the new AEL Omicron Chapter at Clark, and together with Ms. Hanna, organized the Chapter Installation Ceremony for the Charter Members on May 10, 2006.

Approximately 80 persons attended the banquet, including the President of Clark University, Dr. John Bassett, the Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Nancy Budwig and the Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Education, Dr. Thomas Massey. And Dr. Hess himself personally presided over the event. Many campus students, professors and friends, who were attending the ceremony were impressed, and with admiration witnessed the installation of the 17 new AEL Charter Members –

Anneke Mueller, Kathryn Spencer, Peter Lukes, Rebecca B. Schultzberg, Jocelyn Clark, Patricia J. Hassett, Albert Gardner, Grace A. Brown, Barbara Conti, Mary M. Piecewicz, Oscar Moreno, Elizabeth Giangrande, Stephanie LaCroix, Suzanne Campbell-Lambert, Jodi Ross, Pusha Karim and Sharon E. Hanna taking the oath in loyal service of the Society.

During the Ceremony, each student was paid an individual tribute describing his or her unique, personal contribution to the campus community and social activities.

The graduate students then received their AEL membership certificates. An atmosphere of conviviality enhanced by recognition of service and dedication characterized the whole ceremony.

We congratulate Dr. Max Hess, Sharon Hanna and Clark University's Alpha Omicron Chapter on their unique achievement, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

We would also like to convey our special thanks to Professor Martin Breinlinger, who initially coordinated with AEL toward starting a new AEL Chapter at Clark.



Sharon and her AEL Charter fellows being presented AEL Membership dues

Call for support from St. Joseph's AEL Chapter



Eiman during her studies at St. Joseph's University



Eiman on the day of her Graduation Ceremony

On a hot day in June the AEL National Office staff were very pleased to receive an electronic mail from Eiman Heji an AEL Member from St. Joseph's University's Omega Chapter. The reason why the message delighted us so much is that we appreciate our Members' taking time to write to us so as to keep us updated on what they have been up to so far, or what they would like to share with their AEL fellows.

Eiman Khalil Heji was inducted into AEL through **Omega Chapter at St. Joseph's University** on May 11, 2005. The same year, she obtained her Master's degree from this school in Supervision of Special Education. And after her successful graduation, Eiman went back home to Qatar, where she has been upholding with loyalty and dedication the covenant to support and contribute widely to society.

At present time, Eiman is working as a supervisor of the Inclusion Mainstreaming Program at **Al-Noor Institute in Qatar**. The Institute specializes in educating students with visual impairments.

By supporting, aiding and educating the visually impaired, one of the main objectives of the Al-Noor Institute is to lead it students into working opportunities. Today, Al-Noor Institute has a vast number of visually impaired students of different ages for whom the school has implemented various special educational programs. It strives toward maintaining good conditions and providing every possible opportunity for its students to gain knowledge, and also seeks for cooperation and support for providing newcomers with special books and other needed educational tools.

AEL Chapters seeking an international community service project are invited to support Al-Noor Institute to further uphold its unique mission of educating visually impaired children.



A visually impaired student reading his enlarged book

If you want to learn more, contact Eiman at eiman_khalil@hotmail.com to see in which way you and your Chapter could support Al-Noor Institute.

Your Chapter's every donation, small or big, can make a difference in the life of blind children giving them an opportunity to learn to survive in life.



In the science laboratory



A blind student practicing writing in brails

A PPT file presentation about Al-Noor Institute is accessible on our web site at

http://gradschools.org/newslet_cont/al-noor_present.ppt

A paper "Mainstreaming Students with Blindness in Qatar, (Past, Present and Future)" written and presented by Eiman Khalil Heji is available at

http://gradschools.org/newslet_cont/al-noor_paper.doc

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