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School has finally started, most students and teachers have said goodbye to summer break, but as always, the majority still haven't 'completely' put summer break behind their backs—that's why we find most students sleepy or already asleep in class.

This year, not only is it the school welcoming you back, but it's also the school's newest magazine, "Why not?". We would like to welcome you to what could possibly be a bright and exquisite year as members of the MNS family. We expect this year to be different because this magazine is here for students to express their opinions for all to hear. I, as editor in-chief, of the magazine promise you, my faithful readers, to be there for you whenever needed and keep this magazine as bias-free as possibly could be. Because this year, the magazine is not just ours but also yours. Here I end my first article to you and hope that you are all there to read my next. Good luck with school and homework ;)

With love and devotion,

Nour Hany

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Dedicated to Ms. Hala Tewfik, the educator who inspired me to start this project!

-Osama Ashraf

Special thanks to Mrs. Monira El-Rashidy and Mrs. Diana El Attar for their contribution to School Council and Magazine.

Our Student Council Representative's Oath Of Honor!!

We, the representatives of Maadi Narmer School's honorable Student Council vow to make sure that all students' well being and rights are maintained within school borders. We hope you all share our core beliefs and work towards a better educational experience.

-Mohamed Serkeek
-Youssef Medhat
-Lobna Naguib



Exclusive Interview with Student Council Vice President, Youssef Medhat.

By Osama Ashraf

Unfortunately our Paparazzi were unable to catch Student Council President, Mohamed Serkeek, however, fate played our way when the hardworking editorial staff secured an interview with the Vice President, Youssef Medhat... His larger-than-life attitude and jubilant air got us out of the interview with a happy smile. He really has made our day!

Youssef, How nice to finally meet you...

Nice to meet you too.

Whose idea was it to start the student council?

The founder was Mohamed Serkeek, the current Student council President, because he felt he wants to make a contribution to Narmer since he is a senior and it's his final year here.

What got you to apply for this position?

Actually, I didn't apply. I was chatting with Serkeek. He told me that he was launching the council soon and I was enthusiastic about the idea. Two days later, he asked me to be the vice president. Surprisingly, most people do not know that the President, Vice and Secretary General, were not elected, as for this year, we decided to start the council first and then have elections for the upcoming years. However, the presidents, vice presidents of each class have been elected. We took votes from the honorable council members for us to proceed until next year.

How do you feel the student council will make amendments to the school's style of operation?

I am very optimistic about that as the administration and management have been very cooperative with us, especially Ms. Monira El-Rashidy or Ms. Diana ElAttar and also the members of the student council are hard workers and dedicated individuals.

What do you feel are the habits crucial for successfully filling your position, for future candidates?

Responsibility is a major factor. Hard work is also essential. Ambition is the key, however.

What do you think of Mohamed Serkeek, Student Council President?



(laughs) He's a great person. His determination to start the council makes him exceptional. As a politician, he is outstanding which is essential in his sensitive position.

Any Advice to fellow students?

Concentration in academic life, however, you should know, that academic life is just one aspect of life, not all of it. Immerse yourself in Extracurricular activities as well and always be third dimensional and think outside the box.

So, as a graduating senior, What do you intend on doing for the seniors?

Well, we have a committee formed called, "Senior Activities committee" and Sarah Ihab was assigned to be head of committee for organizing Prom, Graduation and all other 'senior related activities'

As a senior, What plans do you have for your future?

I intend on double majoring in Political Sciences and Economics and then do whatever possible to make the world a better place, starting with Egypt.

Well, we wish you luck and thank you for your time.

Wilting Flower

Ms. Anonymous

The answer to all of her troubles was right there, right in front of her. She took comfort in the fact that her misery would be over, but at the same time she was terrified of what she was going to do. She glanced down seeing how far the jump was, all she could think of was: what had lead her to such an awful conclusion? She could almost hear them screaming, shouting at her, telling her to go kill herself. Had they only known how hurtful their words were. She looked down again, could she do this? So many questions went through her mind: "Does it hurt to die?" "Will I be able to do this?" "Will anyone care about me doing this?" "Will they remember me?" A voice rang through her head, telling her to just get over with it. She was so confused and frustrated with herself. She tried to think of all the good things in her life, nothing came in mind. All the voices in her head got louder and louder. "Go on just do it" "Kill yourself" "You don't deserve to live". The volume kept escalating until it reached a peak, it was all noise, it hurt her head, it overwhelmed her, and it was too much.



So she chose to be free and jumped .

We Killed Peace!

By Raya Masoud



You know humans haven't exactly been what you call peaceful creatures, I mean we have GOT to be the only species who not only kill ourselves,

but we also kill each other! Murder! We are also the only ones Who kill members of another species for personal gain... Or pleasure -sometimes it's just fun. That's us, interesting people, murderers!

So you see, we're not exactly rooting for the good side; in fact, we killed anyone who told us to live in peace: Gandhi, Jesus, Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, the late president, Anwar el Sadat, John Lennon, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, They all said try and live together in harmony, BANG! Right in the head! Apparently that's too advanced for us; we're too busy trying to come up with more efficient weapons so we can win more wars and kill even more people- all in the name of freedom of course.

Here's another example of an entire generation whose cries for peace fell upon deaf ears: the 60's. It was the height of humanity, love and compassion and what did the government do? What any other sensible government would do: beat the living daylight out of those people, start using capitalism and of course the magic ingredient; more pointless wars!

And in case you're wondering why I have such fascination with murder and wars and beheadings and so on, is



because each of them reminds me over and over again of what monsters we humans really are. When you get right down to it; we're no different than ordinary jungle beasts.

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Did You know?

Numbers games like Sudoku, as well as word games, can be addictive but, unlike most addictions, they are actually good for your brain. Playing them helps to stimulate your mind; it improves your

"Exercise your mind and you will become happier and smarter."

Results will be published next issue

Mazen Dawoud

This months caricature !

Lucy fell in front of the train, she screamed out for help "HELP ME! I DON'T WANT TO DIE THIS WAY" so luke came running over and cut her throat instead.

Nice work luke.



OMG FACTS

- Sugar cures the hiccups 95% of the time!
- French Fries were actually invented in Belgium
- You can't hum while holding your nose closed
- If you touch your tongue while yawning, it can stop the yawn.
- Women speak about 7000 words a day while the average is just about 2000.
- On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.
- No word in the English language rhymes with purple, orange, month or silver.
- Grapes EXPLODE when you put them in the microwave!

WWE in
Egypt !!!



The event awaited by millions of people. It was announced that for the first time, the WWE World Tour available in Egypt for three nights from Thursday, October 18 through Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Cairo Stadium Complex. Tickets were on sale starting September 8 and can be purchased from Ticketsmarche.com Tickets hot-line: +2 01008425387 (+2 0100tickets).

Halloween Time!

By Osama Ashraf



My intention for this part of the magazine was to make it a Graduate section for people who wishing to visit their glory days back in Narmer, however, since they all seemed to busy, we're discussing a major event in our Calendar as a Compensation... Halloween! Halloween is fast approaching and while loads of people find this event very controversial, inappropriate for Egyptian culture and many other excuses which I personally never seem to understand. I believe that even if you do not believe in the concept, there's always the choice to just celebrate it for the sake of having fun. Fortunately, with Halloween comes Avant Garde cutting edge fashion and CANDY (not compulsory if you're on Atkins :D).

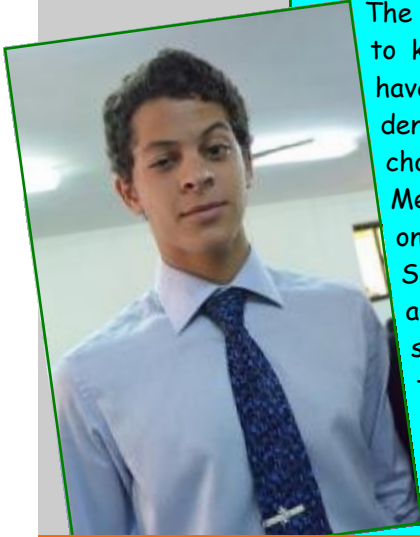
Firstly, the easiest way to enjoy a new Halloween outfit in Cairo is to simply create it yourself. Options are endless when you're creative. Some of your old clothes can be played around with to create one of the famous movie/TV characters you like, and--with the right attitude--you can pull that off easily.

Another option would be to go around Downtown Cairo in the cheap shops there and look for a funky shirt, some baggy jeans, and--with the right sunglasses--you're off to create a great 70s character!

For More information, log on to <http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/halloween-cairo-outfits-outlets-and-outings> and you will know about the very fashionable Halloween party scenes, costumes and style that are suitable for you.



Review!!!!



The most beneficial thing I got to know in JCIMAL is that we have a Student Council President who's got over the top choreography skills.

Message from everyone in Narmer to Serkeek, Can we get a bit more of that swagger in a theater performance or something? Hats off

-Osama Ashraf



From my own experience, JCIMAL was the best experience I have ever gone through. We got to meet different people and socialize. I've acquired lots of beneficial political information. I really wish to do it all over again.

-Farah Ashraf



Looking for healthy friendships? Good self-esteem? Confidence? JCIMAL is definitely the choicest decision, as for me, JCIMAL was an everlasting life experience.

-Noura Hussein



JCIMAL was the best educational experience in my life. I really can't find words to express how I miss being there with the best secretariats and the best conference I ever attended

- Omar Rifky



At first, I thought JCIMAL was a useless bore. Eventually, I realized it was fun and beneficial. I learnt a lot and made friendship. I will miss them and hope to be there next year

-Mariam El Sayed



JCIMAL was a liberating experience that I'll never forget! I simply loved everything about it. "A Change for the better"

-Mahinour Yasser



BEST EXPERIENCE EVER!!!! WITH ENDLESS MEMORIES!

-Carine Wadid



Shank: A Game Of Violence

By Nadeem Sallam

Greetings fellow gamers, don't fool yourself. If you're reading this then you are in fact a gamer, no need to be ashamed. The gaming world has many fans, myself included. The purpose of these articles is simple, I review a game, one that I have personally tried, and tell you what I think. The games could be computer, console, MMO, RPG, RTS, or any else. Enough small talk. This time it's a massacre of a game named "SHANK". Yes, all caps,. I'll be rating games like this one on 4 categories:

- GAMEPLAY: how fun it is to play and how user friendly the controls are, out of 10

- GRAPHICS: that's how well the game is made, this includes glitches bugs and stuff that makes a fun game look stupid, out of 10

- CHALLENGE: too easy, a bit too hard, anti-climactic, etc. This too is out of 10

-LORE: last but not least, the story, the idea behind the game, if it's stupid and childish, if it's exciting, suspenseful, if the ending is lacking, etc. ranking is...take a guess....10 you say? WRONG!!! It's out of 5 this time.

So to our game, "SHANK" is one of my own favorite games, an old school side stroller with cartoon based graphics, it includes a single player and co-op campaign, great to play with a controller, consoles, and available on both computer. Now to ratings:

1-GAMEPLAY: 9 of 10, great game play and wonderful controls when you get used to them,. The co-

op also has several great co-op combo moves; the only fault is that it has a few moves that are too complex to implement in a crowded situation

2- GRAPHICS: 8 of 10, yeah it's good, but I've seen better. I understand the intentionally cartoony graphics, but it doesn't suit the game that much, however as a sidescroller and a game it seems to flow nicely. I like the graphics enough to give it an 8, but could have been better.

3- CHALLENGE: 9 of 10, just great, the standard enemies are hard enough to make it exciting and easy enough to prevent rage quitting, very good job on that aspect. The bosses are also very well made in difficulty but I only have one comment that cost them a point: the last two bosses are unbelievably anti-climactic, that lost them one point. Otherwise fantastic.

4- LORE: full mark, just perfect, the story is wonderful and exciting, with a few themes maybe unsuitable for those below 13 , but as if you guys

c a r e .
Alright, that's SHANK, I recommend you try it If you have any

suggestions for upcoming game reviews, or you'd like to get a copy of the PC game I got it, talk to me or text me at: 01015856610, or hit me up in class 10B, and I'll give you a SHANK. Also call if you need gaming help, I'm free at m o s t t i m e s . That's all for this now fellow gamers, until next time good luck and happy gaming!

You can also call if you're having problems passing a certain level, or need any gaming advice, I'm free at most given times.

That's all for this now fellow gamers, until next time good luck and happy gaming!



The Newcomer

By Osama Ashraf

If you're a glee junkie-like me-you've probably heard the quote, "Being a part of something special makes you special". Upon hearing the quote, I immediately assumed I knew what it was all about. Interestingly, I could not have been more wrong.

Coming from Dubai, the place where I spent more than a decade of my life, I assumed fitting in would be a hard, if not impossible, job.

“There is no 'nerd' and 'jock'. We're really all in this together”

The summer was a factor that instilled this belief within me even further. You see, I was always the quiet kid sitting in the back of the class -to anyone who's seen me for the past month, this is probably a jaw dropper.

Then September 2nd came, and I entered 10A... I didn't know that in that moment, my life was changed forever.

Flash forward, I am now contributing to the school and Narmer students have changed me greatly. The comprehensive teaching style gives me the opportunity to stand out and release my talents. In MNS, students are very kind and supportive in whatever aspects of life and there are wide spaces of opportunity for exploring and understanding yourself better. There is no 'nerd' and 'jock'. We're really all in this together.

To conclude, I would like to thank anyone who refers to themselves as 'Narmerian', whether you're a student, teacher or staff member. I really do understand what, "Being a part of something special, makes you special", means now.

The Review: *Les Misérables*

By Osama Ashraf



What is it that we, the generation of pop culture, like best? Movies? Fashion? Travel? And definitely, EATING?! Well, I'm betting all these things are very accurate. For this particular reason, I have decided to write this monthly reviews in which I will review on of these things. The Good

news is, for our first issue, we are reviewing the exceptionally brilliant *Les Misérables* (The Miserable) which was originally a novel by Victor Hugo in 1862.

It developed into a Broadway musical in 1987 after runs in Paris and the West Ends. The Classic has been also made into numerous movie editions over the

years. What I'm really gonna be talking about though today is the 2012 Version that hits movie theaters on Christmas.

The Classic tells the story of Prisoner 24601, known as Jean Valjean, who is released from prison and breaks parole to create a new life for himself while evading the grip of the persistent Inspector Javert. Set in early revolutionary France, the story reaches resolution against the background of the June Rebellion.

Unlike in the 1998 Version, we will be lucky to have the movie turned into a musical with the dream like voices of Hugh Jackman (Don't worry, Auto tuning can do wonders) and Amanda Seyfried (If Mamma Mia was any proof, it's gonna be good). Other Actors who will also be playing major roles include Helena Bonham Carter (brings back memories of Harry Potter) and the amazing Russell Crowe.

The Novel is available in Most Bookstores in Maadi (Alef, Book Spot, Diwan) if you would like to read it before watching the movie.



Youssef Moemen: “A Story Of Transition”

Youssef Moemen... A student who recently had a curriculum transfer from the National Division, a very successful one. He has now won Student of The Month Award in Class 10A. He has shown a thirst for knowledge and obvious interest all along which we can see in his academic distinction.

Moreover, he has a unique style of writing which I believe inspires most of us. He shows decency and a disciplined conduct which is crucial in the classroom environment. I believe we should all take him as a role model. Here is an interview with the Star...

Good Morning Youssef... I hope you are doing well.

You too... It's a pleasure to meet you

What Changes do you see between the national and British curriculum?

In the National Curriculum, I used to feel it's all about memorizing. You memorize before the exam and you toss what you have memorized into the exam paper. However, in the British curriculum, I feel it is different. It is no longer a case of memorizing, more of knowledge and understanding.

What was your first month like this year?

(With a shrug of his shoulder) Good, I hope!

What do you think are the main elements to your Academic distinction?

An Ounce of Hard work along with a spoonful of commitment and having the courage to clarify misunderstandings is, I believe, the magic recipe!

What are your hobbies and how do you spend your average day?

Half of my day is for studying and revising. The rest is for my perspective of fun, which is soccer, tennis and surfing the net.

Any Advice to fellow students?

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

Thank You, It has been a pleasure speaking to you!



Why Not?! Column

“Why Not be what you want, instead what is expected?”

-Ms. Rania Adel, Librarian

“Why Not keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions? Great People make you feel that you can become great.”

-Ms. Marwa Mansour, Librarian

“It is a challenge to stay positive in a world of negativity but, why not?! Let's try, Maybe Our positive Vibes can change the world one day :)”

-Naveen Abd El Salam, English Teacher

“Why Confine yourself to the box? Why Not Smash it? Just get rid of it altogether! “

-Laila El Gaeretty, English Teacher

“There are those who look at things the way they are... I dream of things that never were and ask, Why Not? “

-Robert Kennedy, JFK's younger brother