

AUB mourns death of Professor Emeritus Nicola Ziadeh

BEIRUT: The American University of Beirut, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of History and Archaeology "regretfully" announced the death of Professor Emeritus Nicola Ziadeh, who died at the age of 99 on July 27.

Ziadeh taught history at AUB from 1949-73, during which time he also taught at many other campuses in the US and India as a visiting professor.

In a statement, the university said: "His love of teaching was so deep, that when he was first employed at a village school in Acre in 1924, he did not mind walking for hours to reach classrooms."

From these humble beginnings, Ziadeh went on to devote himself to education and schol-



Ziadeh devoted himself to education for more than 75 years.

arship for more than seventy-five years. A specialist in the history of Syria and North Africa, Ziadeh was lively and informal in the classroom, a teacher who made his subject live for his stu-

dents. "When we studied Libya," said one, "we traveled to North Africa with him."

Even after retirement, Ziadeh continued to teach, taking up posts in Nigeria, at Zaria and

Kano Universities in 1976 and in Lebanon at St. Joseph University from 1973 to 1977, and at the Lebanese University from 1974 to 1976 and from 1978 to 1981.

On the occasion of his 90th birthday in 1997, his children, one an AUB graduate and the other a former student, announced the establishment of the Nicola Ziadeh Endowed Scholarship Fund to be awarded annually to a graduate in the AUB History Department.

* Born in Damascus in 1907, Ziadeh is survived by his two sons, Raed and Bassem, who live in London.

A funeral service was held on Friday at noon at the Orthodox Church of Our Lady of Lament on Makhoul Street.

OBITUARY

Children Raid and Basim; grandchildren Kinda, Mariana, Ghida, Marwan, Neda and Nayla; and great grandchildren Noor and Samer, announce with deep regret the passing away on Saturday, July 27, 2006 at the age of 98, of:

ABDO NICOLA ZIADEH

Professor Emeritus American University of Beirut

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, in Beirut, Lebanon on Friday, July 28, 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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