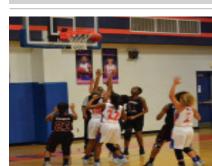
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Don't want to strike out this Valentine's Day? Turn to page 7 for some helpful hints. Photo by: Chandler Carter

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Fullbright Scholarship recipient Lynn Fuller teaching a sample lesson at Nour Al-Huda Secondary Girls School in Bitunia. Photo by:

MC's Fulbrighter in Palestine

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ach year, around eight thousand the control of the control students, participate in the Fulbright Exchange Program designed to expose participants to different linguistics, culture, and education. The program was introduced to Congress in 1945 by Senator J. William Fulbright. It was designed to unify countries after the division during World War II. With much success, the bill was signed by President Harry S. Truman in 1946 as the Fulbright Act. Ever since then, it has been providing opportunities for those seeking to further education and knowledge in different countries.

the Fulbright Distinguished writing and if there is anyhad the opportunity to travel to Palestine with her husband and two children to study the writing methodology of native Arabic speakers. Fuller noticed two very particular teaching method traditions in the classroom: "At the beginning of every class, they review. Their class is very short at 30-40 minutes, but they spend five to 10 minutes at the beginning of every class reviewing." She also noticed the students were more

This year, English as a Sec- lessons when reviewed on the in Palestine, Fuller was also ond Language (ESL) teacher topics. Another unique con-Lynn Fuller was recipient of cept at the schools included ture. She recalled that people "the students stay[ing] togeth-Award in teaching, a presti- er all day instead of changing friendly. During her trip, gious and historic grant. Full- classes. The teachers change people often reached out to teachers, artists, scientists, er's research goal was "to see classes and the students stay, help her any way they could." and professionals from over what methods [native Arabi- In that, students [are] very

present at district conferencwriting with interviewing as the base of it." The goal interview friends or family writing. Through this process, the students are, as Fuller said, "practicing speakalso the research part of it."

likely to incorporate previous about the education system with a "if I meet you, then I **Continued**

able to learn about the culwere very welcoming and

"I was telling the parents 160 countries are chosen to ans] use [for teaching English connected to each other." of my children's friends that As part of the grant, Fuller I had not been to any public thing we could do here." She has to create a final project to schools yet since I didn't know anyone. They said 'Oh, well es. She has decided to "cre- my sister works at the Min- know you, you are my friend, ate a curriculum unit about istry of Education, let me introduce you.' This lady, who of the unit is for students to know anything about me, set it all up and got me a meetmembers, write about it, and ing with one of the higher incorporate research in their ranking people. They ended up getting me a letter from the Minister himself giving ing, practicing writing, but school I wanted." Fuller stat-

Calendar of Events February:

2nd Progress Reports Issued

6th School Board Meeting

6th-10th Beauty and Beau

18th- Escalation: Relationship Abuse Free Community Workshop

20th Teacher Professional Development

27th-March 3rd Mystix Tryouts

March:

6-10 Cheer Tryouts

3rd-4th MCHS Speech and Debate Tournament

6th School Board Meeting

6th-10th Cheer Tryouts

13th-17th Spring Break

and I will help you" mantra. Fuller said her favorite didn't know me and didn't part of the trip, though very hard to pick, was seeing the things that she had never seen before. Jerusalem and Bethlehem are located about an hour from where they stayed in Ramallah, so the me permission to go to any historic and Biblical foundations were numerous. Fuller ed that the environment of the recollected the unexpected In addition to learning city was that of a small town places they were able to visit.

teen opens up about unhealthy relationship

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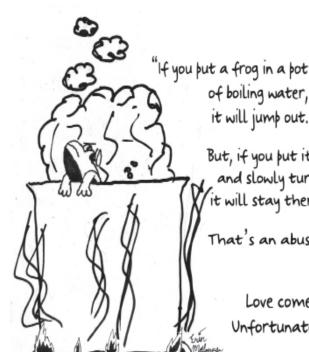
Tationwide, organizations are opening the discussion up about dating relationships and the lasting negative impacts of unhealthy relationships. Research shows that about one in three U.S. teens from ages 14 to 20 have been victims of dating violence. About the same number say they have committed relationship violence themselves, according to the U.S. Department of Education. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Teen dating violence is "patterns of emotional, physical or sexual acts of abuse threatened and/or perpetrated by an adolescent against a current

tion Against Domestic Vio- ingful healthy relationships. lence (mcadv.org) mission is to "bring about social change through advocacy, technical assistance and public awareness." MSCADV supports the thirteen member shelter programs that offer direct services throughout MS. According to Paula Granger, Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator at MS-CADV, the Coalition has set up teen focus groups to open up a conversation about modern teenage dating relationships. She shared that healthy relationships respect boundaries and have a strong sense

or former dating partner" ac- of honesty and trust. Granger cording to the Center for Dis-said teenagers hold the power ease Control. Dating violence to turn the conversation from includes emotional manipula- the media's popularization of tion and/or physical violence. "side chicks" and jealousy to The Mississippi Coali- raising awareness about mean-

Granger directed her words to teens: "You have the power to turn the tide."

When Madison Central students were asked about "deal makers" in relationships they said: respect, trust, honesty. communication. "Deal breakers" were: emotional abuse like hurtful or manipulative words, cheating, lying, and physical abuse. Read Brittany's story



of boiling water, it will jump out. But, if you put it in cold water

and slowly turn up the heat, it will stay there until it dies. That's an abusive relationship.

-Anonymou

Love comes in many forms Unfortunately so does ABUST know the sign:

Junior Erin Maloney's drawing depicts how abusive relationships often begin and end. Recognize the signs of unhealthy relationships to protect yourself and others. Illustration by: Erin Maloney